

**Program of Studies Final  
Revisions - Board Update  
Grades 7-12**

**February 16, 2022**



# Program of Studies 2/2/22 Highlights

## Program of Studies Key Changes

- Consistency with course names (Honors, College Prep, CCP/AP)
- Adjustment of course weights
  - CP - 4.0 = A
  - Honors - 4.5 = A
  - CCP/AP - 5.0 = A
- Adjusted most courses from a semester course model to yearlong courses.
- Reviewed and changed prerequisites and course sequences within and between departments (i.e. science and math)
- Created new opportunities for students to receive makeup credit
- Identified intervention criteria
- Addition of elective options
- Rotation of A/B model for some courses
- Reviewed entire document with departments, administrator and counselors
- Updated information, format, and design of overall document

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## Math

- Consolidate Geometry into two levels
- Eliminate Mathematical Models course
- Co-seat algebra I for 8th graders and open up master schedule
- Creation of Introduction to Algebra course
  - Changed sequence of courses to: Intro. Algebra - Algebra I - Algebra II - Geometry
- Students that do not pass End of Course Assessment for Algebra will be scheduled for remediation support the following semester in Academic Enrichment using APEX tutorials for targeted support. Students will retake the assessment in December of their Sophomore year.
- Revised Prerequisites
- Rewriting of course descriptions

## Science:

- Honors Biology can be taken by 9th graders
- Physical Science options for HS credit in 8th grade
- Elimination of Honors Physical Science
- Added Automation and Robotics elective
- Adjusted math prerequisites for students taking upper level science courses
- Variety of grade levels have more access to upper level courses
- Course weights brought into alignment for upper level science courses
- Rewriting of course descriptions

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## Social Studies:

- Adjusted prerequisites for Honors and AP courses and rewriting of course descriptions
- Information Technology I offered as an elective to 8th graders
- US Studies has been changed to US History and is now a year-long course
- Elective courses removed from the program due to lack of interest and elective survey
  - Criminal justice
  - History through film
  - American presidents
  - World and cultural geography
- Elective courses offered on an A and B rotation cycle by year
  - Human Behavior
  - Sociology
  - Local history (Ohio, Cincinnati, reading)
  - Holocaust and genocide

## ELA:

- Consolidated freshman English to two levels
- Acceleration opportunities for 8th graders to qualify for 9th grade English
- Publications became a semester course
- Prerequisites for honors and AP courses revised

## World Languages

- Bring alignment between French/Spanish
- Offer non-leveled courses in French/Spanish to provide equity and improve master scheduling
- Offer third year as an honors level course in each language

# Program of Studies Final Revisions

- **General Program Updates**

- Weighted Courses and grading system calculated - College Prep, Honors, AP/CCP
- Schedule changes - providing flexibility for students to move within levels of a course after the first week of school supervised by counselors, teachers, and Department Chairs
- Updated high school testing requirements
- NWEA MAP testing further discussion with departments for sophomores

- **7th/8th Grade**

- Removal of Study Hall for 7th/8th grade students
- “Beginning Band” and “Band II” changed to “Junior High Band” to co-seat 7th and 8th grade students.
- Choir changed from year long course to a semester course to allow more flexibility for scheduling

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- **7th/8th Grade Updates Continued...**

- “Performance Choir” changed to “Select Choir” for high school credit
- French I and Spanish I updated GPA recommendations to 3.0
- “Concert Band” removed as a high school option

- **High School Updates**

- Adjusted student fees for CCP courses
- Adjusted waiver requirements for PE - including marching band, color guard, etc.
- Updated course codes for year long courses changed from semester courses
- Confirmed and adjusted graduation requirements for 2023 and beyond
- Spanish/French GPA requirements 2.5 for levels I/II and 3.0 for honors
  - Added French/Spanish IV to provide a transition support and co-seated.