

## Aviano High School

## Course Description Booklet

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2017-2018
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Dear Students and Parents,
Following are the graduation requirements, the list of possible course offerings at Aviano High School, and the professional technical studies certificate information for the 2017-2018school year. Please pay particularly close attention to the graduation requirements.

All students in DODEA schools are required to have a 6 -year plan. This plan identifies graduation requirements and the specific courses you have taken and intend to take in order to fulfill those requirements. Every year the counselors assist students in updating their plans during course selection sessions in the English classes. Students then have the opportunity to share these with their parents. Parents, if you have not seen this plan nor discussed it with your student, feel free to contact your student's counselor to set up an appointment. Students, if you are not sure if you have one, please see your counselor.

Aviano High School offers courses to meet all levels of challenge. If you are a student who consistently scores above the 90th percentile in standardized testing, consider the Honors and AP offerings. If you are a student who finds math and language arts courses challenging and who scores below the 50th percentile in standardized testing, pay attention to the support courses offered in math and reading.

We hope you find this catalog helpful and informative. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Graduation Requirements

| Curricular Area | Credits Required |
| :---: | :---: |
| Language Arts (English) | 4 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Mathematics students graduating 2017 or later need 4 | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| Foreign Language | 2 |
| Fine Arts | 1 |
| Physical Education Personal Fitness, Activity and Nutrition and Lifetime Sports | 1.5 |
| Health | 0.5 |
| Career Technical Ed | 2 |
| Electives | 5 |
| TOTAL | 26 |
| ** Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to graduate. |  |
| ${ }^{* * *}$ Honors Diploma is available with a minimum of 4 AP cou <br> - In the course descriptions, a " $G$ " following the curricular <br> satisfy graduation credit a ${ }^{\prime}$ 'ireng the | cumulative 3.8 GPA. <br> ation indicates that th | satisfy graduation credit requirements for that curricular area.

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## Courses by Curricular Area



## Course

## Descriptions

| Course Title | Curricular Area | Credit | Grade |
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Accounting I Career/PTS - G 10-12

Major Concepts/Content: Accounting I introduces students to accepted accounting principles and the complete basic accounting cycle, which includes financial statements for service and merchandising businesses. Additional topics covered are payroll, notes, depreciation, forms of ownership, and the importance of ethics.
Accounting II Career/PTS - G 11-12

Major Concepts/Content: Accounting II expands the accounting concepts learned in Accounting I. Students will be introduced to partnership and corporate accounting concepts, accounting procedures for manufacturing businesses, cost and managerial concepts, and analysis tools. Notes and depreciation will be studied in greater depth.
Advanced Band Fine Arts - G 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: The advanced band course is designed to acquaint students with advanced instrumental music skills. The content includes, but is not limited to, the following: the interpretation and analysis of musical scores; the application of musical nuances in playing from a score; independent performance of all major and minor scales; advanced rhythm patterns; performance as a soloist and in small and large group ensembles; a variety of music repertoire, including style, periods, forms, electronic music; intermediate to advanced level sight-reading exercises; and introduction to computer/synthesizer musical composition.

## Air Force JROTC I, II, III, IV Career/PTS - G <br> 1 <br> 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: The Air Force JROTC I course is designed to acquaint secondary school students with the historical development of flight and the role of the military in history. Over half of the available classroom hours are spent reviewing the development of flight from ancient legends to the space shuttle. Additionally, the role of the military throughout the history of the United States is identified. The second half of the course examines the make-up of the aerospace community and the United States Air Force. Many of the sixty hours directed to leadership studies relate directly to other school academic subjects, with cadets presenting both written and oral reports.
Algebra I Math - G 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: This course may be the most common entry level course for students who have had a rich and varied middle level mathematics program. It expands upon basic algebraic concepts previously acquired and integrates those principles with everyday life. The processes of problem solving, reasoning, communication and making connections are emphasized. Students will use formulas, functions, and equations to describe and clarify relationships, and will use geometry to represent algebraic relationships. Students will learn how to write and translate expressions into mathematical forms, solve first and second degree equations, and use the concept of a function to model real-world phenomena.

Algebra I Lab I ELECTIVE $\quad 1 \quad 9-12$
Major Concepts/Content: This class is designed to provide a developmental approach to the building of algebraic concepts, to expand upon basic algebraic concepts previously acquired, to integrate those principles with everyday life, and to assist all students in viewing algebra as a language of modeling the real world through problem solving. Learning will be through concrete activities and modeling, whenever possible, with less emphasis upon computational or symbol manipulating facility Students will use formulas, functions, and equations to Describe and clarify relation-ships, and will utilize geometry to represent algebraic relationships.

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| Algebraic Modeling | Math - G | 1 | $10-12$ |

Major Concepts/Content: Algebraic Modeling will help students understand the connection between math and their daily lives. Students will explore Algebra 1 topics such as linear, quadratic, exponential and piecewise functions by modeling real world situations. Students will identify key characteristics, represent problems algebraically and graphically, determine lines/curves of best fit and make predictions. Concepts and solutions are presented in non-threatening, easy-to-understand language with numerous examples to illustrate ideas. Whether the student will go on to study early childhood education, graphic arts, automotive technologies, criminal justice or something else, the student will discover that the practical applications of mathematical modeling will continue to be useful well after they have finished this course.

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\text { Algebra II } & \text { Math - G } & 1
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Major Concepts/Content: This course engages students in advanced algebraic concepts through the study of functions of functions, polynomials, complex matrices, and sequences and series. Students will make connections by integrating algebra into geometry, data analysis, and into other curricular areas. Student reasoning will involve linear equations and inequalities, systems of linear equations, matrices and determinants, quadratic equations and relations, functions and graphs, powers, roots, and radicals, exponential and logarithmic functions, polynomials and polynomial functions, rational expressions and functions, sequences and series, probability and statistics, and circular trigonometric functions.
AP Biology Laboratory Science - G 11-12 1

Major Concepts/Content: AP Biology (year-long) is an introductory college-level biology course. Students cultivate their understanding of biology through inquiry-based investigations as they explore the following topics: evolution, cellular processes â€" energy and communication, genetics, information transfer, ecology, and interactions. The Advanced Placement ProgramÂß enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies $\hat{\not} €$ " with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both â $€$ " while still in high school. AP Exams are given each year in May. This course requires that 25 percent of the instructional time will be spent in hands-on laboratory work.

AP Calculus BC-DL*(See your Counselor) Math - G 1 12

## AP Comp Sci A/AB-DL*

Computer/PTS - G
Major Concepts/Content: The course description for the advanced placement courses published by College Boards is to be used for the above course. The Advanced Placement Program offers two computer science courses: Computer Science A and Computer Science AB. The content of Computer Science A is a subset of the content of Computer Science AB. Computer Science A emphasizes programming methodology with a concentration on problem solving and algorithm development and is meant to be the equivalent of a first-semester course in Computer Science. It also includes the study of data structures and abstraction, but these topics are not covered to the extent that they are covered in Computer Science AB. Computer Science AB includes all the topics of Computer Science A, as well as a more formal and in-depth study of algorithms, data structures, and abstraction. For example, binary trees are studied in Computer Science AB but not in Computer Science A.
AP Chemistry-DL*
Laboratory Science - G
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11-12

Major Concepts/Content: AP Chemistry is a college-level on line course which differs from a high school Chemistry course in terms of depth of coverage, the type of laboratory work and time commitments for study. The topics in AP Chemistry are detailed in the AP Chemistry course description, which is available on AP Central (http://apcentral.collegeboard.com).

| Course Title | Curricular Area | Credit |
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| AP English Language* | Language Arts - G | 1 |

An AP course in English Language and Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts and in becoming skilled writers who com-pose for a variety of purposes. Both their writing and their reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer's purposes, audience expectations, and subjects as well as the way generic conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing.

| AP English Literature* ${ }^{*}$ Language Arts - G | $11-12$ |
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Through the close reading of selected texts, students should deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students should consider a work's structure, style, and themes as well as such smaller-scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone.

AP French-DL* Foreign Language-G 1

11-12
Major Content/Concepts: AP French Language is equivalent to fifth and sixth semester college work (3rd year college) such as found in university level French Composition and Conversation courses. The 5 domains of learning (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities) involve the skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and developing cultural awareness appropriate to this level of coursework. Students will gain strong proficiency and integrate their language skills. Authentic materials and resources are used along with the required text for AP French Language.

AP German-DL*
Foreign Language-G
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11-12
AP German Language, emphasizing use of the language for active communication, has as its objective the development of the following competencies: Having a strong command of vocabulary and structure; Understanding spoken German in various conversational situations; Reading newspaper and magazine articles, contemporary fiction, and non-technical writings without the use of a dictionary; and Fluently and accurately expressing ideas orally and in writing

AP Psychology Social Studies—G 11-12
AP Psychology is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice. This course is targeted to students who wish to complete studies in secondary school equivalent to an introductory college course in psychology; the learning experience emphasizes development of an understanding of psychology as the science and critical evaluation of "common sense" knowledge about how people function.
AP Physics Laboratory Science - G 11-12

The Physics B course provides a systematic introduction to the main principles of physics and emphasizes the development of problem-solving ability. It is assumed that the student is familiar with algebra and trigonometry; calculus is seldom used, although some theoretical developments may use basic concepts of calculus. In most colleges, this is a one-year terminal course and is not the usual preparation for more advanced physics and engineering courses. However, the B course provides a foundation in physics for students in the life sciences, pre-medicine, and some applied sciences, as well as other fields not directly related to science.
Course Title Curricular Area Credit Grade

Major Concepts/Content: The concepts and content for AP Statistics incorporate the syllabus of the College Board. The topics for AP Statistics are divided into four major themes: exploratory analysis, planning a study, probability, and statistical inference. Exploratory analysis of data makes use of graphical and numerical techniques to study patterns and departures from patterns. Data must be collected according to a well-developed plan if valid information on a conjecture is to be obtained. Statistical inference guides the selection of appropriate models.
App Arch Design Career/Computer/PTS - G Prereq 1 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: Applied Architectural Design Students will become proficient with AutoDesk Revit. Students will work on two advanced projects where they will develop a design solution for a client. They will design projects to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards for green building certification.

AP US Government-Politics Social Studies - G 1
Major Concepts/Content: A well-designed AP course in United States Government and Politics will give students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. government and politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. government and politics. While there is no single approach that an AP United States Government and Politics course must follow, students should become acquainted with the variety of theoretical perspectives and explanations for various behaviors and outcomes. Certain topics are usually covered in all college courses.
AP World History Social Studies—G 10-12 1

Major Concepts/Content: The purpose of the AP World History course is to develop greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts in different types of human societies. This understanding is advanced through a combination of selective factual knowledge and appropriate analytical skills. The course highlights the nature of changes in global frameworks and their causes and con sequences, as well as comparisons among major societies. It emphasizes relevant factual knowledge, leading interpretive issues, and skills in analyzing types of historical evidence. Periodization, explicitly discussed, forms an organizing principle to address change and continuity throughout the course. Specific themes provide fur ther organization to the course, along with consistent attention to contacts among societies that form the core of world history as a field of study.

Architectural Draw/CAD
Career/Computer/PTS- G
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9-12
Major Concepts/Content: Architectural Drawing/CAD provides students an opportunity to work with design software that professional architects and interior designers use. Students will learn to use Auto Desk Revit which is a leading edge design tool that was used in designing "Freedom Towers" the new skyscraper to replace the twin towers in New York City. Design projects include designing a design studio, vacation home and a group design project. Vacation Home Project: Students will find a client and design a vacation home to meet the client's needs and geographic location. They will need to develop an energy efficient design that fits the location and design style.

## Avid Tutor

## ELECTIVE

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11-12
Major Concepts/Content: The AVID Tutor program is designed to train students who excel in the academic areas and who have an interest in teaching to work in a collaborative setting with students enrolled in the AVID program. Tutors will undergo a training period in which they will learn to effectively use the three teaching methodologies used in AVID: writing as a tool for learning, the inquiry method, and collaborative grouping.

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| Beginning Band | Fine Art-G | 1 | $9-12$ |

Major Concepts/Content: The beginning band course is designed to introduce students to the following: basic instrumental music techniques such as tone production, articulation, breath control, pitch discrimination; melodic and rhythmic concepts and patterns; practice skills and habits; solo, ensemble, and full group rehearsals; a variety of instrumental repertoire; opportunities for private instruction; experiences in performing; and sound practice habits.

Major Concepts/Content: Biology is designed to provide students with an integrated approach to the study of living organisms, in addition to science as inquiry, science \& technology, science \& social perspectives, and the history \& nature of science. The course integrates unifying science concepts and processes of systems, order \& organization, evidence, models \& explanation, change, consistency \& equilibrium; and form \& function. Scientific inquiry and understanding about inquiry are emphasized through practical implications and meaningful applications.

Major Concepts/Content: Business Law provides the student with a survey of the American legal system. This course develops an understanding of law as applied to society and to the individual. Topics include the judicial system, contracts, warranties, guarantees, consumer protection, real property, landlord and tenant relationships, sole proprietorship, partnerships, and corporations.

Business and Personal Finances
Career/Computer/PTS - G
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9-12
Major Concepts/Contents: This course is designed to make students aware of the financial challenges confronting them in daily living. Included will be such topics as how to make intelligent decisions in spending and saving; how to maintain good financial records; how to avoid financial disasters that result from the unwise use of credit and credit cards; information about banking services, insurance choices, and investment choices; and how to prepare tax returns.

## Career Practicum

Career/Computer/PTS - G
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11-12
Major Concepts/Content: Career Practicum is designed to provide school-to-career experiences and training through a work practicum related to their career goal. Important aspects are to: Provide students an opportunity to acquire an understanding of actual employment settings utilizing their skills and aptitudes; apply problem solving skills in the work environment; and develop communication techniques.

Major Concepts/Content: Chemistry is designed to help students understand the major principles of chemistry. Information is acquired through an integrated approach, incorporating advanced topics with science as inquiry, science \& technology, science \& social perspectives, and the history \& nature of science. The course integrates unifying science concepts and processes of systems, order \& organization, evidence, models \& explanation, change, consistency \& equilibrium; and form \& function. Scientific inquiry and understanding about inquiry are emphasized through practical implications and meaningful applications. Topics students' study includes atomic theory and structure, chemical bonding, principles of chemical reactions, molecular structure, and how science and technology relate to chemistry.

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| Computer Animation | Career/Computer/PTS - G | 1 | $9-12$ |

Major Concepts/Content: Computer Animation is a project-based course designed to teach students how to create and edit computer animations. Students will use software to produce animation, audio, and video productions. Students will work with 3D Studio Max that is used primarily for video game development. Projects include designing an animated roller coaster and creating a news broadcast introduction.
Digital Imaging Career/Computer/PTS - G 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: Use imaging software to demonstrate a through understanding of file formats; using the work area and work spaces; importing, exporting and saving; working with sections; creating and using layers; using masks and channels; managing color, adjusting images; drawing and editing; painting; retouching; using actions; working with type; outputting to print; and outputting for the web. Other goals will be to Analyze and evaluate solutions, maintain files appropriately, demonstrate an understanding of security and risks, demonstrate basic knowledge of operating systems, demonstrate information literacy skills, and Understand the concepts of ethical issues as related to information systems (e.q. privacy, property, and access).
Digital Media Career/Computer/PTS - G 1 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: Digital Media Creation (DMC) provides students with the opportunity to develop professional-level skills in multimedia using Adobe Flash. This product-oriented course introduces the student to interactive multimedia presentations. Hands-on activities are used as students develop skills, master techniques, and prepare products for a client-based environment. Students learn to create professional digital media creations using animation, sound, and videos. The course also introduces students to document construction for publishing on the World Wide Web using authoring software. Units of instruction include design and layout, font selection, image editing, and digital cameras and images. Internet research and copyright laws are emphasized.


#### Abstract

Digital Publishing Career/Computer/PTS - G 1 9-12


Major Concepts/Content: Publication Software Applications is a course designed for students with an interest in desktop publishing. This course will provide training in the software for personal use and employment. Students completing this course may be eligible to take an Adobe certification exam.

## Discrete Mathematics

Math - G
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10-12
Major Concepts/Content: This discrete mathematics course by design shows a different view of mathematics than as seen in traditional mathematics courses. It is an applications driven course that is based upon the study of events that occur in small, or discrete, chunks. Discrete concepts are used extensively in business, industry, government, and the digital world. The major areas of study are counting and probability, graph theory, the mathematics of social choice (voting and fair division), and coding and encryption. Some of the questions investigated in discrete math are: What does a bar code mean? What is the most efficient way a delivery truck can visit ten destinations? Should you buy a lottery ticket?

## Drama-Theater

Fine Arts - G
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9-12
Major Concepts/Content: The drama course is designed to give the students opportunity to experience drama as a significant and rewarding activity and to enable students to demonstrate knowledge of the historical background of drama. The content includes, but is not limited to, recognition of the different genres of drama (tragedy, comedy, farce, melodrama, musical) and the elements of playwriting; knowledge of the different historical periods of drama and acting; understanding of the importance of drama as a reflection of society; recognition of drama as a self-rewarding activity that involves the

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identification of the unique worth of the individual, the motivation behind human behavior; and the dynamics of interpersonal relationships.
Economics Social Studies Elective - G 0.5 10-12

Major Concepts/Content: The economics course is a one-semester course designed to acquaint students with the major concepts in the study of economics. Students study how scarce resources are allocated among competing demands. The production, distribution, and accumulation of wealth are discussed and analyzed. Supply and demand, business organization, money and banking, the role of the federal government, and comparisons among economic systems are major topics of study. The course is offered to the secondary student, grades ten through twelve.

| Engineering Apps | Math - G | 0.5 |
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Major Concepts/Content: This course is to increase student preparedness in algebra and trigonometry skills as used in engineering. The objective is to increase student motivation and success in engineering through a hands-on introduction to engineering mathematics. This course does not introduce new concepts in mathematics. This course assumes that students have been previously exposed to all necessary mathematical concepts. These concepts will be mastered through application to engineering problems. Math topics will be reinforced within the context of engineering application.

Engineer Draw-CAD
Career/Computer/PTS - G 1

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Major Concepts/Content: Engineer Drawing/CAD Students will learn to use AutoDesk Inventor, which is used by 80-85\% of colleges training designers.
This course is strongly recommended for students aspiring to become engineers, architects, designers, CAD technicians and engineer technicians. Students will work on several design projects. With a partner you will design and build a mouse trap car. Students will also participate in the nationwide West Point Bridge Design Competition.
Environmental Science
Science - G
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9-12

Major Concepts/Content: Environmental Science is designed to be an elective course for students with a career or special interest and high motivation for an in-depth study of environmental science. Information is presented in an integrated approach with science as inquiry, science \& technology, science \& social perspectives, and the history \& nature of science. The course integrates unifying science concepts and processes of systems, order \& organization, evidence, models \& explanation, change, consistency \& equilibrium, and form \& function.

Fundamentals of Art
Fine Arts - G
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9-12
Major Concepts/Content: The fundamentals of art course is designed as the basic entry course for the art program. The course provides instruction in the use of the elements of line, Color texture, shape, and space arrangement in works of art. Students learn how to compose a balanced, rhythmic, unified design through a series of assignments that use a variety of two- and three-dimensional art media. Course emphasis is placed on basic techniques of drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, and sculpture that can be used throughout life for communication, expression, and enjoyment.

Gaming Technology I \& II
Career/Computer/PTS - G
Major Concepts/Content: The course Gaming Technology I \& II introduces students to the video game design industry. Students learn about computer modeling, animation and video game engines. Students will design two video games during the course of the year.

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| Geometry | Math - G | 1 | $9-12$ |

Major Concepts/Content: This course is designed to develop and promote student reasoning and problem solving involving geometric concepts and properties. Topics of study will include deductive reasoning using points, lines, and planes; segments, angles and triangles; quadriaterals; polygons; and three-dimensional figures. Algebraic concepts are integrated with the geometric concepts throughout the course. Applications to real life situations are prevalent throughout the course.
Geometry Lab I ELECTIVE 1 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: This class will support and reinforce the basic geometric concepts taught in the Geometry course. Students will have additional opportunities to develop two- and three-dimensional reasoning skills, to understand coordinate and transformational geometry, trigonometric relationships, and to use geometric models to solve problems. They will build on their problem solving experiences to further develop their deductive and inductive reasoning skills, and methods of justifications. A variety of applications and some general problem-solving techniques will be used, including algebraic skills.
Health Ed
Health - G
0.5
9-12

Major Concepts/Content: This required course is designed to help high school students extend their conceptualization of knowledge, attitudes, and skills related to health issues learned in middle school. The focus is on students dealing with the world today and preparing for adult living based on a health and wellness ethic. Developmentally appropriate concepts of personal and community health (PCH), safety (SFTY), mental health (MH), alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD), and family life and human sexuality (FLHS) are taught in this course. Students will utilize health education concepts when applying health information literacy skills, enhancing intrapersonal and interpersonal communications, analyzing internal and external influences, and applying thinking, self-management, and advocacy to promote wellness and reduce health risks.

Honors English 9
Language Arts - G
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This course is a demanding study of world literature as it ties in with world history to the 1500's. This course is taught in conjunction with Honors World History 9. The emphasis in the class will be on critical reading, analysis, and synthesis of information. Various forms of evaluation, such as in-depth written research projects and oral presentations to the class, will be used. This class is distinguished by a difference in the quality of work expected, not merely by an increase in quantity. Students taking this Honors class must also complete a summer reading and writing assignment.

Major Concepts/Content: This course begins with the study of world history from the beginning of civilization to the 1500 's. It is an interdisciplinary study that must be taken in conjunction with Honors English 10. The emphasis in the class is on the use of higher-level thinking skills that focus on critical reading, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. In both form and subject, the materials selected for study will be a challenge to the most able student.

## Humanities

Fine Arts - G
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Major Concepts/Content: The humanities course is designed to bean integrated study of history, literature, language, philosophy, the visual arts, theatre, dance, and music. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, creativity, and the rights and responsibilities of the individual in a society. Students explore aspects of human behavior and human ideals.

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Intermediate Band
Fine Arts- G
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Major Concepts/Content: The intermediate band course is designed to acquaint students with inter-mediate to advanced instrumental music skills which include, but will not be limited to, the following con- tent: intermediate to advanced level sight-reading skills; discrimination of pitch; absolute essentials for playing in tune; intermediate to advanced rhythm concepts and patterns; techniques for achieving the essentials of unity, balance, and contrast in performing instrumental music; the study of all major and minor scales; the opportunity of performing a variety of good musical repertoire; and listening skills development.

Italian I, II, III, IV AP
Foreign Language - G
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9-12
The foreign language courses are designed to teach students to pronounce and discriminate among the various vowel and consonant sounds and respond to and to imitate authentic patterns of intonation, rhythm, and pronunciation. Students learn to give simple oral and written information by using appropriate learned vocabulary, word order, and grammatical forms, and to read silently and aloud with comprehension. The major linguistic principles and language skills covered in Italian include the following: usage of singular and plural nouns and interrogative, definite, indefinite, demonstrative and possessive adjectives; identifying and using the active voice in the indicative mood; identifying and using the imperative, the future tense, all forms of the past tense, progressives, and the subjunctive mood; identifying and using subject pronouns, direct object pronouns, indirect object pronouns, and the emphatic, reflexive, interrogative, demonstrative, and relative pronouns; identifying and using the most common prepositions; identifying and using comparison of adjectives; and identifying and using the formation of adverbs. As students progress through the levels, fluency and independence in speaking and writing is emphasized.

Java I-DL Computers/Careers/PTS - G 0.5 9-12
Major Concepts/Content: Programming in Java is a one-semester course designed to teach students Java programming concepts using a structured approach. Students will develop Java applications and applets. Problem solving and program documentation will be emphasized.
Java II-DL Computers/Careers/PTS - G Prereq 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: Programming in Java II is a one-semester course designed to teach students Java programming concepts using a structured approach. Students will develop Java applications and applets. Problem solving and program documentation will be emphasized.

Language Arts 9
Language Arts - G
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Major Concepts/Content: The language Arts 9 course is designed to strengthen students' skills in listening, speaking, writing, literature, and language. The content includes, but is not limited to, preparing oral reports in various content areas; using appropriate pitch, stress, juncture and rate in formal and informal speech; using the dictionary and the thesaurus to develop an increasingly comprehensive and precise vocabulary in both speaking and writing; locating resources (magazines, reference sources, films, and microfiche) by using indexes, catalogs, and the Reader's Guide; practicing the process of composition, including prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading, and publishing; writing correspondence using appropriate forms (business, friendly); identifying with literary characters of the student's own age, and under-standing how the characters' actions and emotions reflect the student's own actions and emotions; under-standing that literature is written at different levels for different purposes and for different audiences; and reading selfselected books to help students learn to view reading as a useful and pleasurable activity.

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Language Arts 10
Language Arts - G
Major Concepts/Content: The Language Arts 10 course is designed to strengthen students' skills in listening, speaking, writing, literature, and language. The content includes, but is not limited to, outlining or mapping main ideas and details of information received aurally or through research; using vocabulary and sentence structure appropriate to the listener and the situation; understanding the importance of speech in influencing the course of events in a democratic society; using interviewing skills; using parliamentary procedure skills; using formal debating skills; refining test-taking skills to meet secondary and post-secondary demands; writing a paraphrase, summary, or precise; writing compositions for newspaper publication; writing a short paper using research techniques; selecting appropriate sources of information for the topic; understanding and explaining the type of conflict in a given literary selection (psychological, social, environmental); experiencing a wide range of literary forms (e.g., short stories, novels, non-fiction, poetry, drama); using the media center research facilities; and reading self-selected books to help students learn to view reading as a useful and pleasurable activity.

Major Concepts/Content: The Language Arts 11 course is designed to strengthen students' skills in listening, speaking, writing, literature, and language. The content includes, but is not limited to, developing an increasingly comprehensive vocabulary in conversation and discussion; developing small group and large group discussion skills; inferring conclusions from a series of oral statements; respecting the presence of dialects and regional variations in speech; writing essays responding to social, political, and literary concepts; writing resumes; writing compositions of more than one paragraph using narration, exposition, and/ or description; developing individual criteria for the aesthetic appreciation of literature; recognizing and understanding the use of literary and stylistic devices; dramatizing literature; experiencing a wide range of literary works written in the United States by writers from the major ethnic groups in the U.S. population, including both classic and modern works; using the media center research facilities; and reading selfselected books to help students learn to view reading as a useful and pleasurable activity.

## Language Arts 12

## Language Arts - G

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Major Concepts/Content: The Language Arts 12 course is designed to strengthen students' skills in listening, speaking, writing, literature, and language. The content includes, but is not limited to, recognizing how continued development of communication skills can enhance one's future career and leisure activities; using communication skills in preparing for career choices; using the research skills necessary to meet the demands of post-secondary classes; using computer technology, where hardware is available, as an aid in writing compositions; writing in a clear and personal style; responding to literary masterpieces which are the common heritage of all people; engaging in perceptive reading and critical analysis of English and world literature; engaging in discussions of philosophical questions as revealed in literary works; and using the media center research facilities.

Learning Strategies ELECTIVE—by qualification only 12
Major Concepts/Content: The learning strategies course is designed to introduce special education students to concepts that are necessary for them to function in a regular classroom environment. The content includes, but is not limited to, the following concepts: time management, decision-making strategies, following directions, time-on-task behaviors, use of visual aids, organization of work site, organization of information, textbook usage strategies, note taking, test-taking strategies, dictionary reference skills and researching and locating information.

Management International Business Career/PTS- G 1 9-12
Major Concepts/Content: This course provides an overview of business as well as the social and economic environments affecting business. Basic principles of organization and management as well as entrepreneurship and management skills and techniques are covered. Units of instructions include economics, finance, marketing, human resources, and global competitiveness. International Business introduces students to the basic concepts of
Course Title Curricular Area Credit Grade
world trade, the different world markets, and the methods used to import and export goods. Students are taught to think in terms of the different legal, cultural, economic, and political environments. The course will include workplace skills such as time management, money management, human resources management, listening skills, speaking skills, and accessing/ evaluating electronic resources.
Marine Biology—DL (only) Laboratory Science - G 10-12

Major Concepts/Content: Marine Biology is designed to be an elective, introductory course to the identification and classification of organisms most common to the region in which the course is offered. Information is presented in an integrated approach with science as inquiry, science $\&$ technology, science \& social perspectives, and the history \& nature of science. The course integrates unifying science concepts and processes of systems, order \& organization, evidence, models \& explanation, change, consistency \& equilibrium, and form \& function. Scientific inquiry and understanding about inquiry are emphasized through practical implications and meaningful applications. Topics students study include ecological concepts of the sandy beach, rocky shore and benthic communities, seaweeds, plank tonic forms, plankton and their relationship to marine life cycles, nekton, benthos, marine bacteriology, marine biological resources, and marine pollution. Additional special topics may be selected for study.
Math Analysis/Pre-Calculus Math - G 11-12

Major Concepts/Content: This course will involve students in units and topics of study of operations with functions and equations, circular functions, vectors, applications of matrices, complex and polar coordinates, recursion, advanced proof ideas, rates and areas, statistical interference, algebra and algorithms. Problem solving in real world applications involving these units of study will be the beginning and focal points of lessons. Connections will be made of graphs with equations with real world situations. Reasoning in trigonometry, probability, discrete math, mathematical structure, and the conceptual underpinnings of calculus is a major emphasis in this course.
Math Lab (Alg II)
ELECTIVE
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10-12

This class will support and reinforce upper level mathematics courses such as Algebra II. Students will have additional opportunities to build on their problem solving experiences to further develop their reasoning skills, and develop methods of justifications. A variety of applications and some general problem-solving techniques will be used.
PE-Activity and Nutrition
PE - G
0.5
9-12

Major Concepts/Content: This one semester physical activity and nutrition course is required for graduation. This course provides a variety of opportunities for students to experience alternative, non-competitive physical activities. It is designed to enable students in grades nine through twelve to develop the movement skills and conceptual knowledge necessary to implement a personal physical activity and nutrition plan. Students participate in noncompetitive physical activity and meal planning with pre and post physical activity and nutrition assessments.

PE-Lifetime Sports
PE-G
0.5

9-12
Major Concepts/Content: This semester course, which is required for graduation, is designed to enable students in grades nine through twelve to develop the movement skills, conceptual knowledge, and attitudes for enjoyable sports participation throughout life. The focus is on teaching and improving the specialized motor skills and tactical knowledge unique to a variety of selected lifetime sports activities.
PE-Personal Fitness
PE-G
0.5
9-12

Major Concepts/Content: This semester course, which is required for graduation, is designed to enable students in grades nine through twelve to develop the movement skills and conceptual knowledge and attitudes to make the personal physical fitness decisions of adolescent. Developmentally appro-
priate concepts of movement, physical fitness, and personal and social development are included in this course. Students apply appropriate information and problem solving that will help them achieve an individual, optimal level of fitness and help them stay fit for a lifetime. The course focuses on why fitness is important, what an individual's exercise and activity needs are and how to assess them, and how to exercise safely.

Major Concepts/Content: Physics presents basic concepts of physics in relation to world experiences. Information is presented in an integrated approach, linking physics with technology, social perspectives, and the history and nature of science. Physics is designed to provide an understanding of the physical laws fundamental to all sciences. Fundamental laws of mechanics are introduced, along with measurement and problem-solving techniques. Other topics included are wave theory, heat, sound, light, magnetism, electricity, atomic structure, nuclear reactions, and high energy physics.

## Physics Apps in Comm

Laboratory Science - G
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9-12
Major Concepts/Content: Introduction to Physics presents concepts of physics in relation to world experiences. Information is presented in an integrated approach, linking physics with technology, social perspectives, and the history and nature of science. The course presents a thematic approach to physics using explorations of topics. Kinematics and dynamics are introduced by studying the physics of sports and transportation systems. Communication and information technologies are used to examine wave theory, light, and sound. Electrical and thermal energy topics are studied within the context of the home, as well as on a global scale. Applications of physics to health and medicine provide opportunities to study x-rays, CT scans, and ultrasound. Scientific predictions, such as those associated with radioactive decay, Newton's first two laws, the Law of Universal Gravitation, and special relativity, are contrasted with non-scientific views in order to highlight the characteristics of good science.

Presentation Software Apps
Career/Computer/PTS - G
0.5

9-12
Major Concepts/Content: Presentations Software Applications provides students with the opportunity to develop professional level skills in presentations software. Microsoft PowerPoint Certification Course

| Psychology | Social Studies - G | 0.5 |
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Major Concepts/Content: The purpose of this course is to investigate why human beings think and act the way they do. This is an introductory course and will broadly cover several areas. Students will be expected to expand and go further into the topics. Theories and current research will be presented for the student to critically evaluate and understand. Each Module will present the terminology, theories and research that are critical to the understanding of the topic. Assignments and assessments will be included as well as tutorials and interactive drills.
Reading Lab 9, 10, 11, $12 \quad 1$

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9-12
Major Concept/Content: Improve reading achievement for students not reading at grade level through the use of a whole group instructional model with small group rotations.
Sociology-DL
Social Studies - G
0.5
10-12

Major Concepts/Content: Students study human social behavior from a group perspective, including recurring patterns of attitudes and actions and how these patterns vary across time, among cultures and in social groups. Students examine society, group behavior and social structures, as well as the impact of cultural change on society, through research methods using scientific inquiry.

| Course Title | Curricular Area | Credit | Grade |
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Spanish I, II, III, IV Foreign Language - G
The foreign language courses are designed to teach students to pronounce and discriminate among the various vowel and consonant sounds and respond to and to imitate authentic patterns of intonation, rhythm, and pronunciation. Students learn to give simple oral and written information by using appropriate learned vocabulary, word order, and grammatical forms, and to read silently and aloud with comprehension. The major linguistic principles and language skills covered in Spanish include the following: usage of singular and plural nouns and interrogative, definite, indefinite, demonstrative and possessive adjectives; identifying and using the active voice in the indicative mood; identifying and using the imperative, the future tense, all forms of the past tense, progressives, and the subjunctive mood; identifying and using subject pronouns, direct object pronouns, indirect object pronouns, and the emphatic, reflexive, interrogative, demonstrative, and relative pronouns; identifying and using the most common prepositions; identifying and using comparison of adjectives; and identifying and using the formation of adverbs. As students progress through the levels, fluency and independence in speaking and writing is emphasized.
Speech
ELECTIVE
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10-12

Major Concepts/Content: The speech course is designed to Prepare students to create speeches that reflect careful thought in planning, organization, and delivery. The content includes, but is not limited to, identifying the purpose and audience for the speech; selecting the general topic and refining to a specific topic; making a statement of the thesis; selecting appropriate resources and information; outlining; creating a bibliography; selecting main points and supporting information; preparing the appropriate visual aids; modifying information for a particular audience; writing introductions and conclusions; using appropriate delivery techniques; evaluating delivery, content, and pattern of organization using specified guidelines; delivering oral or written critiques; and evaluating a speech according to established criteria. When the school elects to offer the course for 36 weeks, the second semester will focus primarily on debate.
Spreadsheet Software Applications Computer/Career/PTS 0.5 9-12
Major Concepts/Content: Spreadsheet Software Applications provides students with the opportunity to develop professional level skills in spreadsheet software. of the selected application, students will be able to demonstrate the following essential objectives: Use spreadsheet software to demonstrate a thorough understanding of working with cells and cell data, managing workbooks, formatting and printing worksheets, modifying workbooks, creating and revising formulas, creating and modifying graphics, and workgroup collaboration; Analyze and evaluate solutions; Maintain files appropriately; Demonstrate an understanding of security and risks; Demonstrate basic knowledge of operating systems; Demonstrate information literacy skills; and Understand the concepts of ethical issues as related to information systems (e.g. privacy, property, and access). EXCEL

Major Concepts/Content: The studio art course is designed either as units of study in various media, or as an individualized course for advanced students. Students who would like to develop skill in several media would benefit from this course. Students can concentrate on selected media by choosing activities from a wide range of options such as drawing, watercolor painting, acrylic painting, oil painting, sculpture, ceramics, commercial art, creative crafts, lettering, printmaking, and mixed media.

Major Concepts/Content: The United States government course is a required one semester course designed to provide students with essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to the nation's government and its historical development. The students review the purpose and function of gov-
Course Title Curricular Area $\quad$ Credit $\quad$ Grade
ernment that they studied in eighth and eleventh grade. Major emphasis is on the structure of the federal government, political responsibility and participation, and state and local government. Some attention is given to economic systems and alternative political systems. Comparison with the host nation's government is encouraged as a part of the program.
US History
US History - G
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11-12

Major Concepts/Content: The United States history course at the eleventh grade level is designed to be a required one-year course, with emphasis on our nation's history from Reconstruction to the present. Both basic and advanced social studies skills receive emphasis. This course builds on the eighth grade U.S. history course that concentrated on the pre-Columbian period to reconstruction. The first quarter is used to review, reinforce, and expand the student's knowledge of pre-civil War United States. The remaining quarters concentrate on post-Reconstruction to the present, influences of and relations with the host nation during these periods are explored as part of the course.
VB Program I-DL
Computer/PTS - G Prereq
0.5
9-12

Major Concepts/Content: Programming in Visual BASIC I is a one-semester course that will use the Visual BASIC Language. The emphasis of this course is to write computer programs to solve complex problems.
VB Program II-DL
Computer/PTS - G Prereq
0.5
9-12

Major Concepts/Content: Programming in Visual BASIC II is a one-semester course designed to be a continuation of Visual BASIC I. The emphasis of this course is to write computer programs to solve complex problems.
Video Comm I
Career/Computer/PTS - G
1.0
9-12

Major Concepts/Content: The Video Communications I (year-long) course is designed to introduce students to the concepts and equipment related to video production. Topics include filming, composition, non-linear insert editing, lighting, storyboarding, audio, and computer graphics/effects.

| Web Design Career/Computer/PTS - G | 0.5 | $9-12$ |
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Major Concepts/Content: In Web Design, students will design, implement, and manage a web site. This is a hands-on laboratory course designed to teach students the concepts, skills and processes involved in web site development and management.
Word-processing Software Apps Career/Computer/PTS - G 0.5
0.5

9-12
Major Concepts/Content: Word Processing Software Applications provides students with the opportunity to develop professional level skills in word processing software. Microsoft Word Certification Course.
World History Social Studies Elective - G 9-12

Major Concepts/Content: The world history course is designed to build on the content in the seventh and ninth grade geographical and cultural studies by studying the historical development of these cultures. The course continues the chronological study of ancient world civilizations begun in grade six. After an overview of the Early Ages, the course emphasizes the period from the Middle Ages to the contemporary world. Using the multidisciplinary approach, world history is a balanced program, not just a history of Western Europe. Attention is given to Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. The host nation's history and culture are used for comparison.

## Yearbook Prod

ELECTIVE
Major Concepts/Content: The yearbook production course is a practical course designed to produce the official yearbook for the school. All phases of yearbook production, including photography, copy writing, page layout, and book and advertisement sales are included. The concept of accurate photojournalism is balanced with the need to present the events, activities, and personalities of the school year in a positive manner.

# AMHS <br> Career Technical Endorsement Programs 



## Career /Technical Studies Endorsements

Aviano High School offers certificates in the following programs. Students must complete four (4) Carnegie units (credits) in each pathway. Please refer to the list of required and recommended courses for each certificate on the following pages. Only these required and recommended courses count towards the certification credits.

## Architecture \& Construction

- Design/Pre-Construction

Arts, A.V Technology \& Communications

- Journalism \& Broadcasting

Business, Management \& Administration

- Business Financial Management \& Accounting
- Management
- Administration and Information Support

Government and Public Administration

- National Security (JROTC)

Information Technology

- Interactive Media
- Programming/Software Engineering

Science, Technology, Engineering \& Math

- Engineering \& Technology

| Cluster: Architecture \& Construction |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Pathway: Design/Pre-Construction |  |
| Required Courses | Potential Credit |
| Applied Architectural Design/CAD | 1.0 |
| Architectural Drawing | 1.0 |
| Recommended Courses |  |
| Engineering Design/Development | 1.0 |
| Computer Animation | 1.0 |
| Math Analysis | 1.0 |
| Physics | 1.0 |
| Green Technology Engineering | 1.0 |
| Career Practicum (Pathway related) | 1.0 |
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| Cluster: Arts, $A / V$ Technology \& Communications |  |
| Pathway: Journalism \& Broadcasting |  |
| Required Courses | Potential Credit |
| Video Communications I | 1.0 |
| Speech OR Journalism | 1.0 |
| Recommended Courses |  |
| Video Communications II | 1.0 |
| Video Communications III | 1.0 |
| Drama-Theater | 1.0 |
| Word Processing Software Applications | . 5 |
| Career Practicum | 1.0 |

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Cluster: Arts, A/V Technology \& Communications
Pathway: Journalism \& Broadcasting
Recommended Courses
Video Communications II ..... 1.0
Career Practicum ..... 1.0

## Cluster: Business, Management \& Administration

Pathway: Business Financial Management \& Accounting

| Required Courses | Potential Credit |
| :---: | :---: |
| Accounting I | 1.0 |
| Accounting II | 1.0 |
| Recommended Courses |  |
| Mgmt International Business | 1.0 |
| Business Law | 1.0 |
| Word Processing Software Applications | .5 |
| Presentations Software Applications | .5 |
| Spreadsheet Software Applications | .5 |
| Career Practicum (Pathway Related) | 1.0 |
| Database Software Applications DL | 1.0 |

Cluster: Business, Management \& Administration
Pathway: Management

| Required Courses | Potential Credit |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mgmt International Business | 1 |
| Marketing and Entrepreneurship | 0.5 |

Recommended Courses
Accounting I1.0
Database Software Applications DL ..... 1.0
Spreadsheet Software Applications ..... 1.0
Business Law ..... 1.0
Digital Publishing ..... 1.0
Career Practicum (Pathway Related) ..... 1.0
Marketing \& Entrepreneurship (Continuation) ..... 0.5
Cluster: Business, Management \& Administration
Pathway: Administrative \& Information Support

| Required Courses | Potential Credit |
| :---: | ---: |
| Word Processing Software Applications | 0.5 |
| Spreadsheet Software Applications | 0.5 |
| Presentation Software Applications | 0.5 |
| Recommended Courses |  |
| Database Software Applications | 1.0 |
| Accounting I | 1.0 |
| Mgmt International Business | 1.0 |
| Website Development/Management | 0.5 |
| Publication Software Applications | 1.0 |
| Digital Media | 1.0 |
| Spreadsheet Software Applications | 0.5 |
| Career Practicum (Pathway Related) | 1.0 |

## Cluster: Government and Public Administration <br> Pathway: National Security (JROTC)

| Required Courses | Potential Credit |
| :---: | :---: |
| JROTC I | 1.0 |
| JROTT II | 1.0 |
| JROTC III | 1.0 |
| Recommended Courses | 1.0 |
| JROTC IV | 0.5 |
| Psychology | 0.5 |
| Sociology | 1.0 |
| Speech | 1.0 |

Cluster: Science, Technology, Engineering \& Mathematics<br>(STEM)

Pathway: Engineering \& Technology

| Required Courses | Potential Credit |
| :--- | :---: |
| Engineering Drawing/CAD | 1.0 |
| Recommended Courses |  |
| Robotics Engineering | 1.0 |
| Gaming Technology I and II | 1.0 |
| Engineering Design /Development | 1.0 |
| Computer Animation | 1.0 |
| Applied Architectural Design/CAD | 1.0 |
| Java I \& II or VB I \& II or | 1.0 |
| AP Computer Science A or AB DL | 0.5 |
| Math Analysis | 1.0 |
| Physics | 1.0 |




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