



Electives



SMHS 2023-2024 Freshmen Elective Offerings Wheel Elective

COURSES TO BE PAIRED WITH HEALTH (required for all freshman)

Course	Description	Credits	A-G
*AHC Prod 301	This course is designed to help students foster academic success in their future careers and to aid in successfully reaching life goals set by the individual student. Students will be introduced to strategies for identifying possible career interests and researching those interests through creation of a career resource portfolio. The student's portfolio can remain with them throughout their career.	5	NO

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A-G APPROVED COURSES (recommended for college bound students and meet A-G requirements for college entrance)

Course	Description	Credits	A-G
*Ag Mechanics/AHC AG 155	Prepares students for employment in agricultural occupations including farm power, construction, machinery & equipment, welding and other areas.	10	G
*Ornamental Horticulture/AHC AG 156	Students learn skills in ornamental and production plant growing and tending. Floral design, greenhouse structures etc.	10	G
Ag Communication/Leadership	Leadership, communication skills, and work ethics are major contributing factors in today's successful work force. This course is designed to instruct and train students to meet the necessary leadership and communication skills needed for a career in the agriculture industry	10	G
Ag Floral Design	Introduces artistic and creative perception including aesthetic valuing through a series of projects in various media including plant, pencil, flowers, glass and a variety of papers.	10	F
Apparel Construction and Design	Provides instruction in garment construction involving fundamental sewing principles/techniques. Student becomes acquainted with use of sewing machine equipment.	10	F
Art 1	Art course in design and drawing taught as an introduction to visual arts. Focuses on the study of design-the language of art/learning the basics of visual and imaginative drawing	10	F
Beginning Marching/Symphony Band	Continuation of instrument knowledge from junior high school to further develop musicianship skills. Students participate in the concert and marching aspect of band and should already know how to play and read music.	10	F
Concert Choir	Intermediate to advance level choir. It offers experienced singers the opportunity to perform concerts and off-campus choral festivals. Music theory is explored. Requires extra rehearsals.	10	F
Culinary Arts 1	Provide students with competencies needed in the areas of food & nutrition. Will develop goals and decision-making skills relating to basic concepts of nutrition.	10	G
French 1	Introduces students to the French-speaking world and culture. Students will be able to communicate at a basic level.	10	E
Guitar	Designed for the student with little or no guitar experience. Covers basic to intermediate playing skills, fundamentals and historical information on musicians and music styles.	10	F
Journalism 1	Develop knowledge & skills in writing news, editorials, sports, advertising & feature writing. Edit copy, use computers to prepare articles for publication.	10	G
Leadership/ASB	Course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn the ways in which they can become successful leaders in their school and community.	10	G
Mariachi/Music of Mexico	Learning the history and theory of Mariachi Music to then apply to practicing and performing the music. Previous instrument/music knowledge is highly suggested but not required.	10	F
Photography 1	Students will study photographs from the entire range and history of the medium to use as starting points for their own creative work. A variety of photographic assignments will provide training and experience in the basic technical and artistic elements of black-and- white photography.	10	F
Spanish 1	Designed to enable students to communicate in Spanish at a basic level.	10	E
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1	Designed for students who are fluent in spoken, informal Spanish and need to improve writing, reading and grammar skills. Course is conducted entirely in Spanish.	10	E
Web Programming & Design	Learn programming skills using HTML/JavaScript; create, design & maintain a website using Dreamweaver web editing software)	10	G
Writing Games for Social Change	Intro to game/simulation development and creation through use of software, coding, literature, internet, and other applications.	10	B

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSES (fulfill the graduation requirements for SMHS but do not meet A-G requirements for college entrance)

Automotive Fundamentals	Covers the entire modern automobile. Emphasis is placed on shop safety, tools, proper use of equipment and procedures.	10	NO
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* Denotes AHC Courses: Allan Hancock courses count as college credit. Grades earned in these courses will permanently go on your AHC college transcript.

