



HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION PRESENTATION





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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Students travel from period to period independently. Teachers and staff supervise hallways during transition but it is the students' responsibility to get to class on time each period.

- Some classes (such as PE, Health, Business/Tech, Art, Music) may have students from other grade levels.

- Encourage students to engage in clubs, music, athletics and theater throughout the school year.

- Make the best of every moment...our students will never get this time back and adulthood is only a few years away!

SCHEDULING PROCESS

Students will meet with their counselor in February to request courses.

Parents can make an appointment with the counselor if desired to discuss course selection/requirements.







Things to know

Classes with low enrollment may be cancelled.

Schedule changes will only be allowed for extenuating circumstances.

Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors are required to carry a minimum of 6.5 credits.

Seniors and students taking AP courses 5.5 credits.

Bell Schedule

PER 1	**7:49 AM**	**8:33 AM**
PER 2	**8:37 AM**	**9:20 AM**
PER 3	**9:24 AM**	**10:07 AM**
PER 4	**10:11 AM**	**10:54 AM**

5th Lunch		
5 Lunch	10:58 AM	11:28 AM
Per 6-7	11:32 AM	12:15 PM
Per 8-9	12:19 PM	1:02 PM

7th Lunch		
Per 5-6	10:58 AM	11:41 AM
7 Lunch	11:45 AM	12:15 PM
Per 8-9	12:19 PM	1:02 PM

9th Lunch		
Per 5-6	10:58 AM	11:41 AM
Per 7-8	11:45 AM	12:28 PM
9 Lunch	12:32 PM	1:02 PM

PER 10	**1:06 PM**	**1:49 PM**
PER 11	**1:53 PM**	**2:36 PM**

REQUIRED COURSES



(Subject to change based on New York State Board of Regents approval)

Regents Diploma

English 4
Social Studies 4
Math** 3
Science** 3
Foreign Language* 1
Art/Music 1
Health 5
Physical Education..... 2
Sequence/Electives 3.5
Total 22

Five Required Exams
Passing score of a 65 and above
or one appeal of a score 60-64

- English Language Arts
- Algebra I or Geometry
- Global History & Geography II
- U.S. History & Government
- Regents Science

Advanced Regents Diploma

English 4
Social Studies 4
Math 3
Science..... 3
Foreign Language 3
Art/Music 1
Health 5
Physical Education..... 2
Sequence/Electives 1.5
Total 22

Nine Required Exams
(Passing score of 65 and above)

- English Language Arts
- Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- Global History & Geography II
- U.S. History & Government
- Two Regents Science Exams
- Regents Foreign Language***

Community Service

All high school students are required to complete 20 hours of community service before graduation. Forms will be available in the High School office and must be submitted to Mrs. Coppins in the Social Studies Wing to record and keep through senior year.



AP COURSES

OFFERED DURING THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- **AP English Literature and Composition**
- **AP Calculus AB**
- **AP Statistics**
- **AP Computer Science Principles**
- **AP Government & Politics**
- **AP United States History**
- **AP Drawing & Painting**
- **AP 2D Art**

Students may challenge any AP exam, even if they did not take the class. For more information, please see your counselor.

College Credit

College Credits are offered through Hilbert College, Bryant and Stratton College, NCCC and ECC. COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED:

SUNY ERIE

Accounting
Advanced Computer Applications
College Chemistry
College Success Skills

SUNY NIAGARA

Design & Drawing for Production/Engineering Design*
(*must complete both courses to receive credit)

BRYANT & STRATTON

English 12

HILBERT

French IV and V
Spanish IV and V

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All About Our Electives



Business Department

Business Track	Computer Tech Track
Intro to Business	**Word Processing**
Career & Financial Management	**Career & Financial Management**
Word Processing	**Computer Apps**
Accounting	**Video Game Design**
College Success Skills CCP / CEIP (Internships available)	**College Success Skills CCP / CEIP (Internships available)**

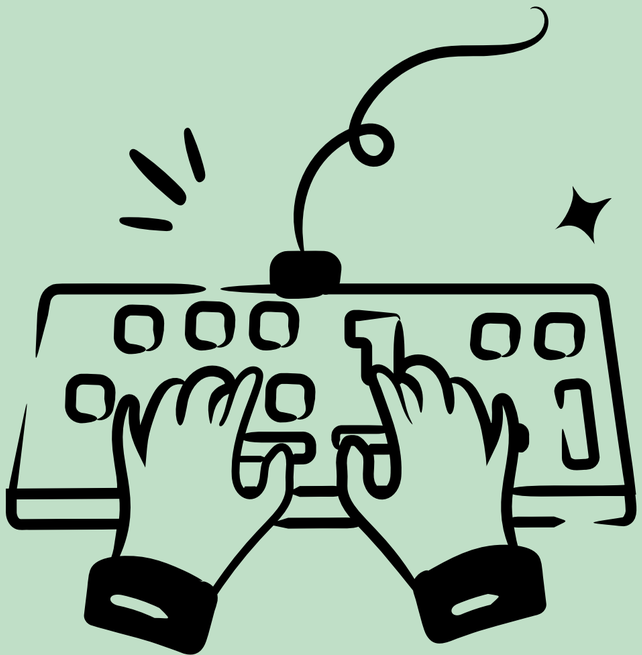
YEAR	CDOS Track
1	Essential Life Skills
2	Career and Financial Management
3	Word Processing
4	CEIP



Business Department continued...

Courses Available to Freshmen

Introduction to Business
Learn a little bit about all aspects of how a business functions



Career & Financial Management
What career is good for you? Once you get a job, how will you manage your finances?



Word Processing
Text & type with speed & accuracy

Business Department continued...

Courses Available to Freshmen

Computer Apps
Learn both Microsoft Office Suite, Google Docs,
Slides & Sheets, and Internet ‘Do’s & Don'ts’

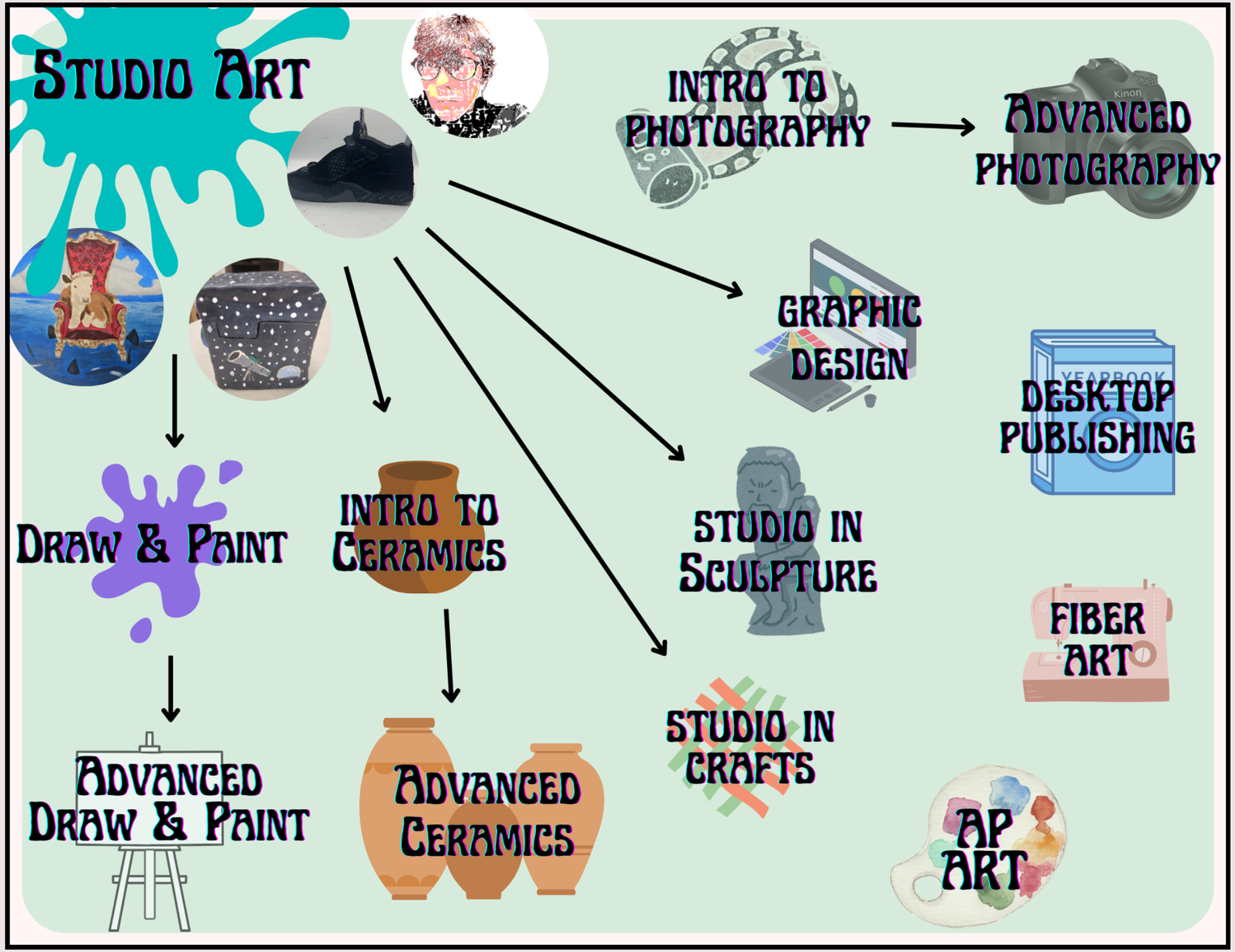


Video Game Design
Develop, program and play video games using Kodu and Minecraft



Essential Life Skills
Develop skills that enable you to be independent in real-life situations

ART Department



Interested in art?
Not sure what kind of art you like?

Take Studio Art in 9th grade to figure that out! This class is also a prerequisite for upper level art classes and it satisfies a graduation credit!

ART Department continued...







INDIVIDUAL ARTS ASSESSMENT PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS

IAAP 4+1 PATHWAY

- MATH
- SCIENCE
- ENGLISH
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- + ART PATHWAY

Why IAAP?

- Prepares students for future professional opportunities in the arts.
- Increasing engagement in the arts leads to growth in cognitive skills, empathy, and social engagement.
- Arts literacy fosters interdisciplinary connections, enabling meaningful engagement across various content areas.

FOR A REGENTS DIPLOMA ALL STUDENTS MUST PASS 4 ASSESSMENTS (ONE IN EACH DISCIPLINE) AND AN ART PORTFOLIO

Demonstration of growth over time

Based on student interests

Locally determined three-unit sequence in the arts

References: NYSED Individual Arts Assessment Pathway Site

NYS Diploma/Credential Requirements







After taking Studio Art you can take:

Drawing & painting

Progress in your drawing and painting techniques by learning new mediums and methods!











AP art

This program makes it possible for highly motivated students to do college-level work. Students will develop a portfolio of quality work which will be submitted for evaluation by the AP board in May





Advanced Drawing & painting

After you are proficient in Drawing and Painting, learn advanced techniques and learn to conceptualize your own artwork!







After taking Studio Art you can take:

PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn how to use a digital camera! This class will teach you the basics of photography and how to edit your photos!









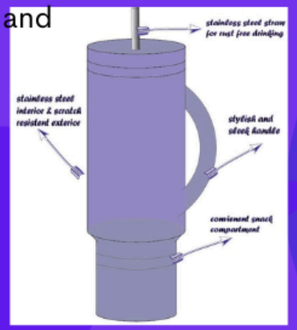


GRAPHIC DESIGN

Learn how to make digital artwork such as logos, your own shoe brand, illustrations, character design, and animation using programs such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Animate and InDesign.

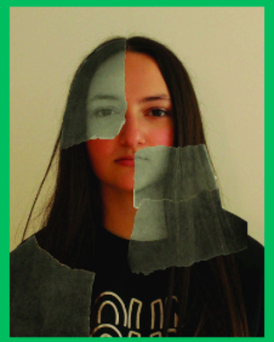


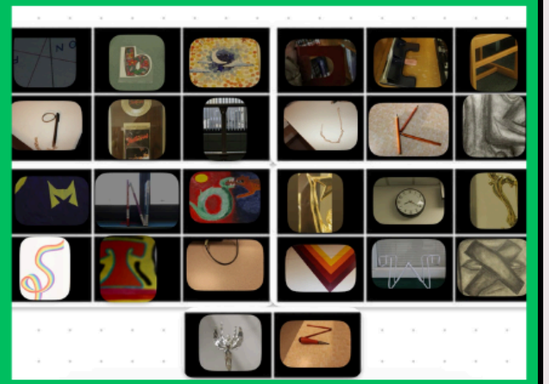




ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY

After you are proficient in Photography, learn advanced techniques! Get creative with your photos and editing skills!









After taking Studio Art you can take:

Ceramics

Learn methods and techniques of handbuilding with clay. Students produce a variety of products!





Advanced Ceramics

After you are proficient in Ceramics, learn advanced techniques and learn how to throw on a pottery wheel!



Studio in Crafts

Learn new skills with craft materials such as papermaking, weaving, and mosaics!







Studio in Sculpture

Learn new skills with 3-D materials such as plaster, cardboard, paper, metal, and wood!





ART Department continued...

Additional Courses:

No prerequisite needed!

Fiber Arts

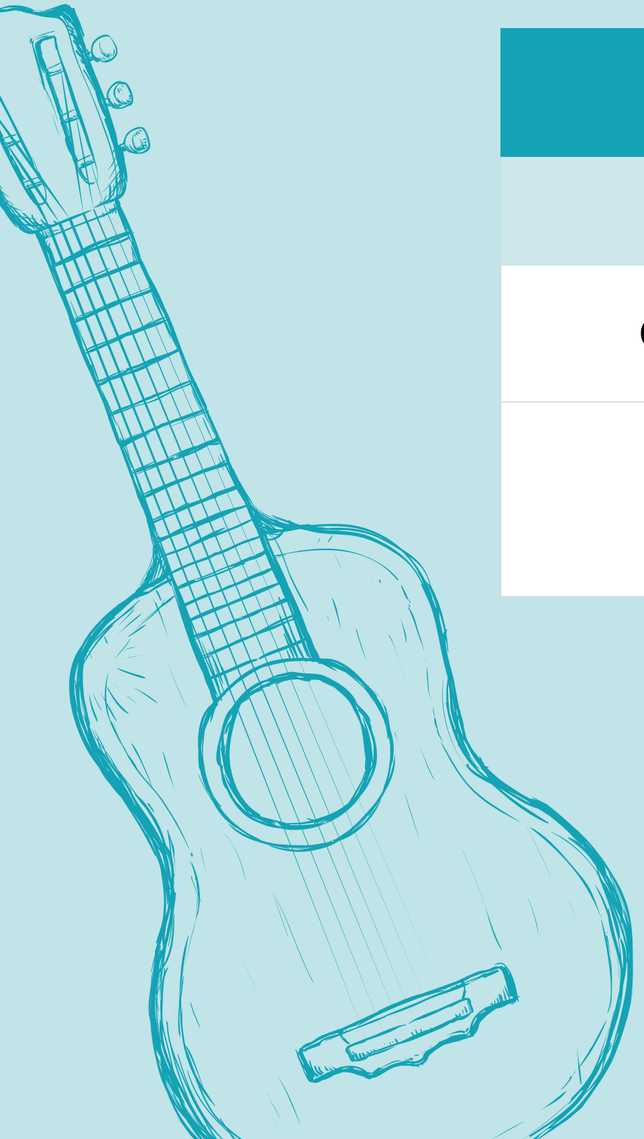
Explore the vibrant world of fiber arts! Develop techniques in embroidery, batik, weaving, and sewing!

Desktop Publishing

Collaborate on one of the most important documents of our school - the yearbook! This can be taken Junior and Senior year.

MUSIC Department

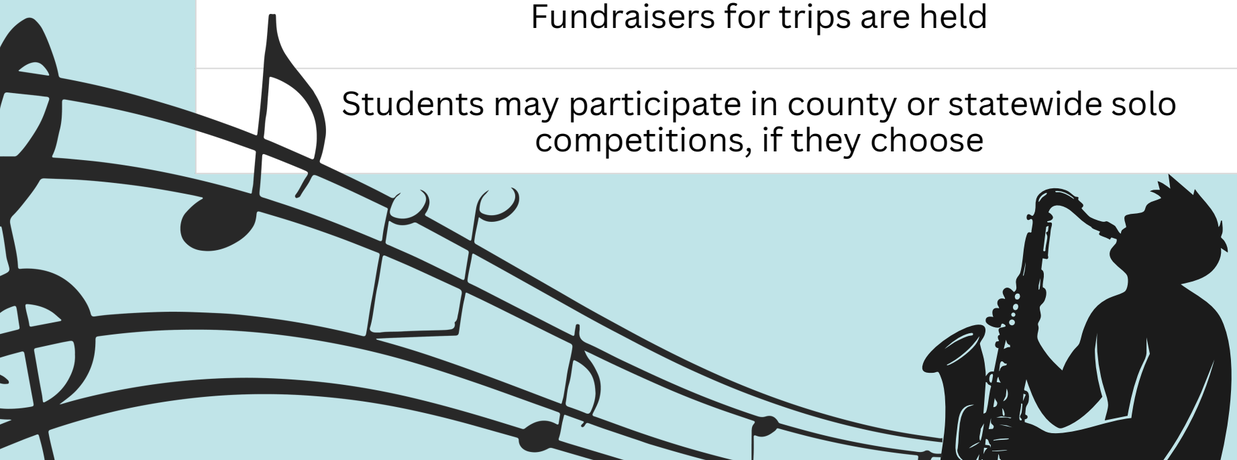
Instrumental	Vocal
Mr. Rudroff	**Mrs. Urbaniak**
Concert Band: Grades 9-12	**Mixed Chorus: Grades 9-12** All are invited
Jazz Band: **Grades 9-12**	**Concert Choir: Grades 10-12** Select Choir





MUSIC Department continued...

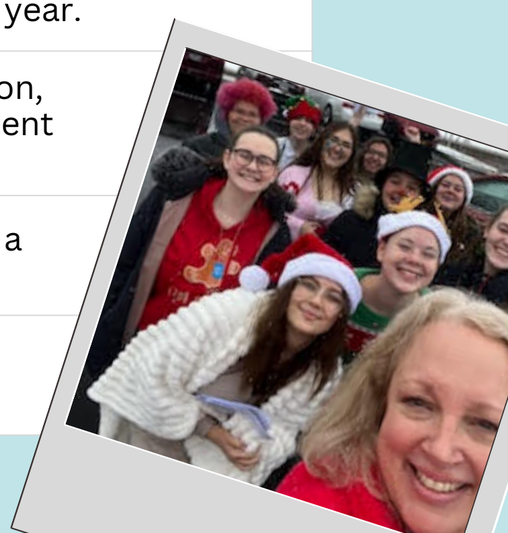
Concert Band	Jazz Band
Satisfies “arts” graduation requirement	This course is for 10-12 graders only
Student must have prior band experience coming from middle school	STUDENTS ARE CHOSEN BY AUDITION ONLY
Rehearsals are every day, full year	Rehearsals are every day, full year
Performs 2 in-school concerts each year, and a possible district wide concert every other year	In addition to the winter and spring concerts, members must participate in several out of school performances with the jazz band annually
Student must have a functioning instrument. School instruments can be provided, but are limited	Students can compete individually in county or statewide competition, if they choose
Fundraisers for trips are held	
Students may participate in county or statewide solo competitions, if they choose	





MUSIC Department continued...

Mixed Chorus	Concert Choir
Satisfies “arts” graduation requirement	Students in grades 10-12
Any student is welcome, in grades 9-12	Rehearsals are every day, full year
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NO AUDITION REQUIRED	Student commitment and musical achievement are important aspects of this group
Sing a variety of musical styles, including, jazz, pop, and musical theatre	Two concert performances each school year, and a possible district wide concert every other year.
Two concert performances each school year, and a possible district wide concert every other year	High school musical participation, All-County Chorus and department trips when offered
Optional: High school musical participation, All-County Chorus and department trips when offered	Small group vocal lessons are a part of students’ grade
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MUSIC Department continued...

Music Theory 1

Students in grades 9-12, who are new to HS ensembles

Half year course (.5 credits)

Prerequisite:

Students music be enrolled in a High School music ensemble to take theory

Course Description: This course helps you understand music better!

This more basic theory course teaches the basics of written music and why it's written the way that it is. Interval identification, chord structure, rhythms, pitch reading, musical terms, and definitions are all part of this course

Students will learn how to write a basic song, using skills taught throughout the course

Chorus and band students are encouraged to take this course!



MUSIC Department continued...

Music In Our Lives/Guitar/Keyboard 101

Students in grades 9-12 can take this course

Full year course (1.0 credit)

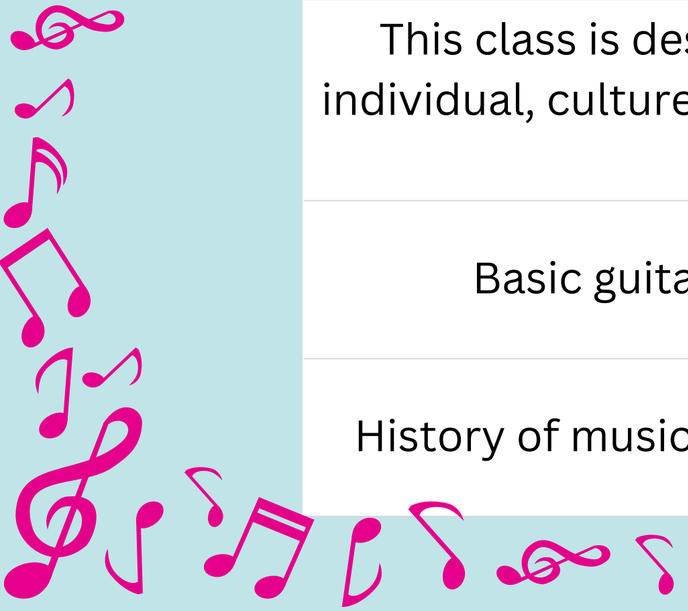
Course Description:

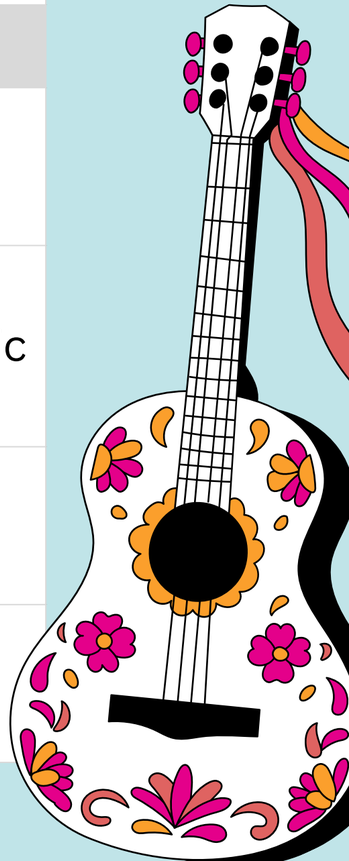
This is a high school general music course. If performing is not your thing but you still enjoy listening to and learning about music, this is the course for you

This class is designed to explore the role of music in our daily lives; music's effect on the individual, culture, society, marketing, political/current events, social groups, and therapeutic settings.

Basic guitar chords, beginner keyboard skills are taught as a part of this course.

History of music and the discussion of current pop music and industry trends are explored





TECHNOLOGY Department

DDP- DESIGN & DRAWING FOR PRODUCTION

9th Grade Class Offered

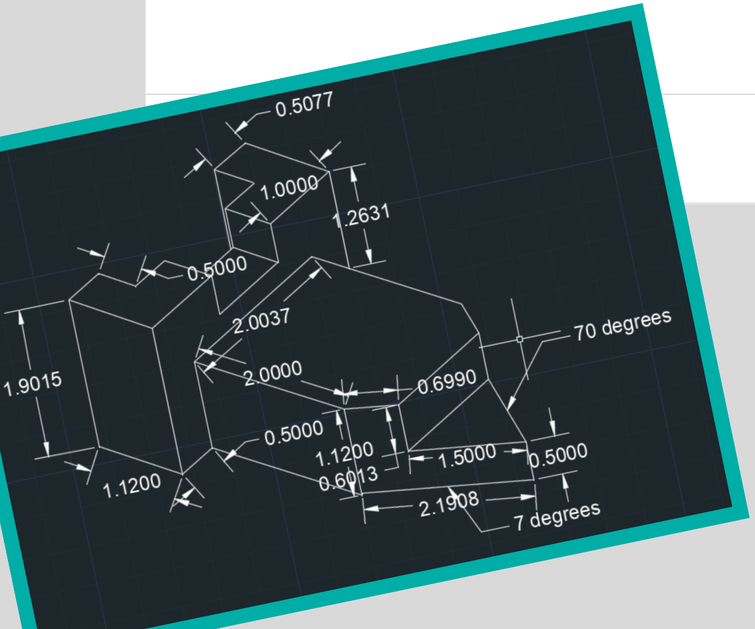
Computer based class where students create various types of drawings

Select students will compete at two different Technology Competitions (NCCC & ECC)

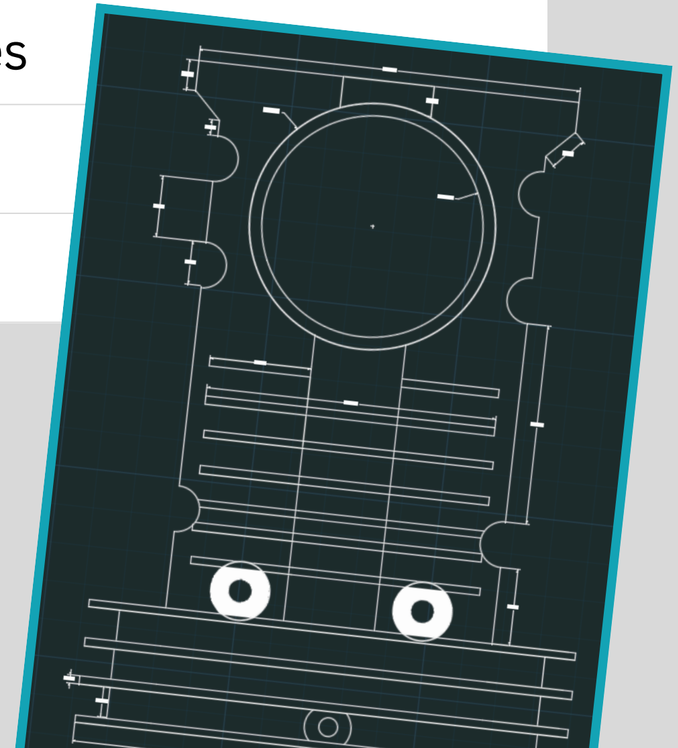
Prerequisite class for additional Technology classes

Satisfies a graduation credit

1st class towards a Technology Sequence







TECHNOLOGY Department

INTRO TO VIDEO PRODUCTION, VIDEO PRODUCTION WORKSHOP, & TV PRODUCTION

9th,10th,11th, & 12th Grade Classes Offered

Students will learn how to use cameras and video editing software to create entertaining videos.

Students will create videos to enter into two video competitions.

No prerequisite to join.

No skills required!





TECHNOLOGY Department

INTRO TO MACHINE & TOOL SAFETY

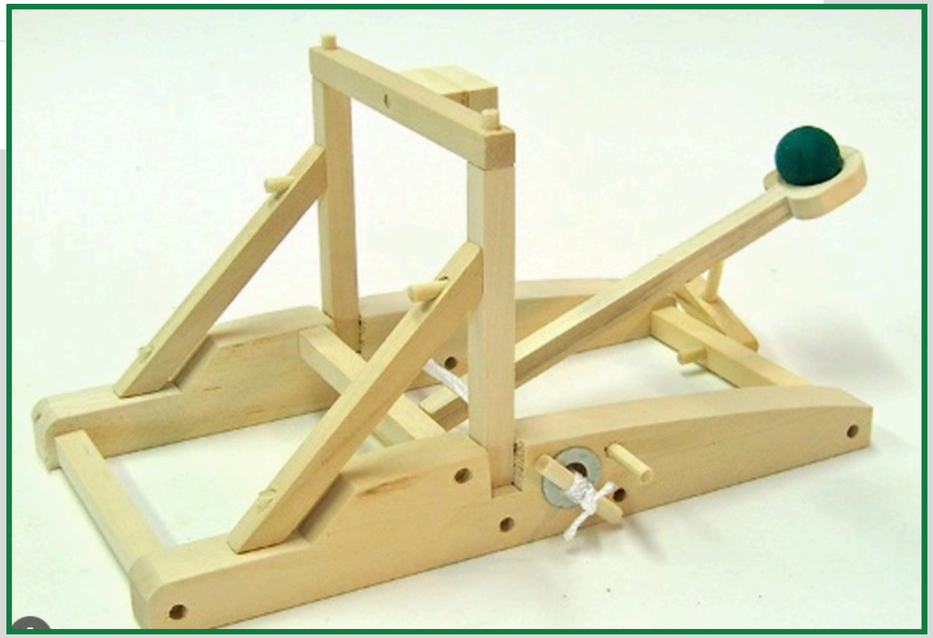
10th,11th, & 12th Grade Classes Offered

Students will learn how to use various tools and machines to create projects for Technology Competitions.

No prerequisite to join.

No skills required!



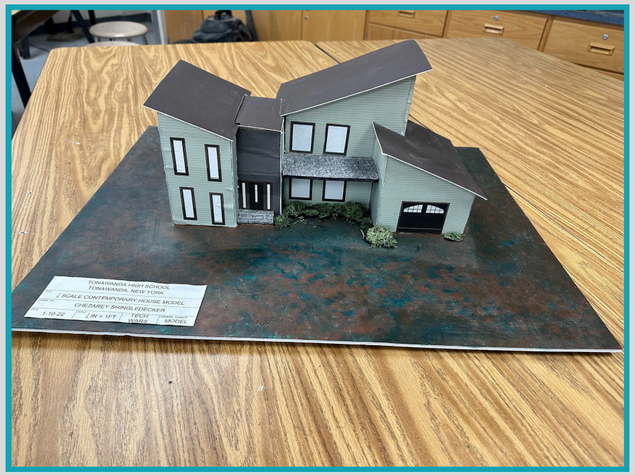


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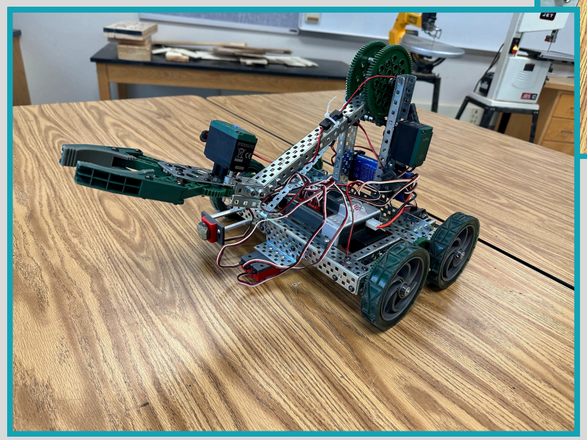
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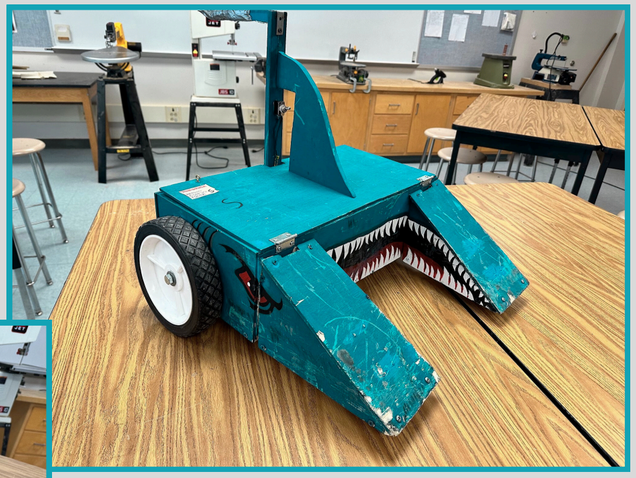
Exciting courses to take after DDP:

Engineering Drawing/Design
Robotics
Architecture



Also you could design your own 2-story house, compete at two different Tech Wars competitions, learn how to 3D Print and even code some of the robots.





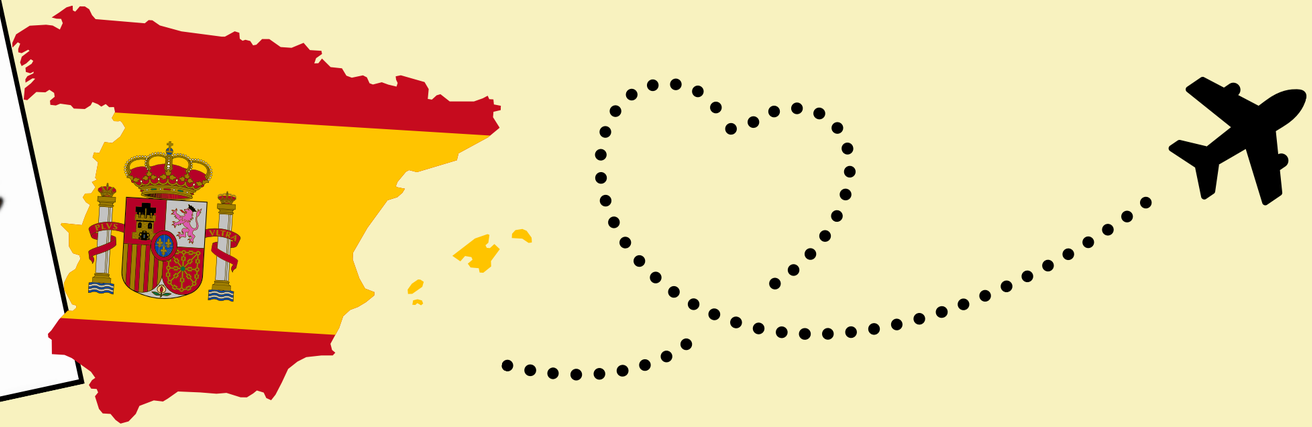
You will learn 3D drafting and design and build many different robots.

World Language

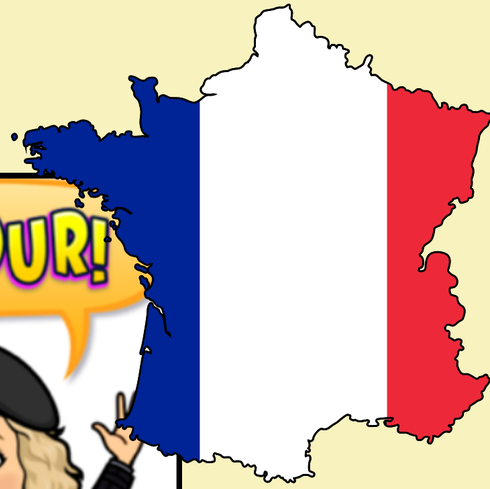
Freshmen & College bound Students should plan on taking French or Spanish in high school to satisfy the NYS World Languages requirement for the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation!

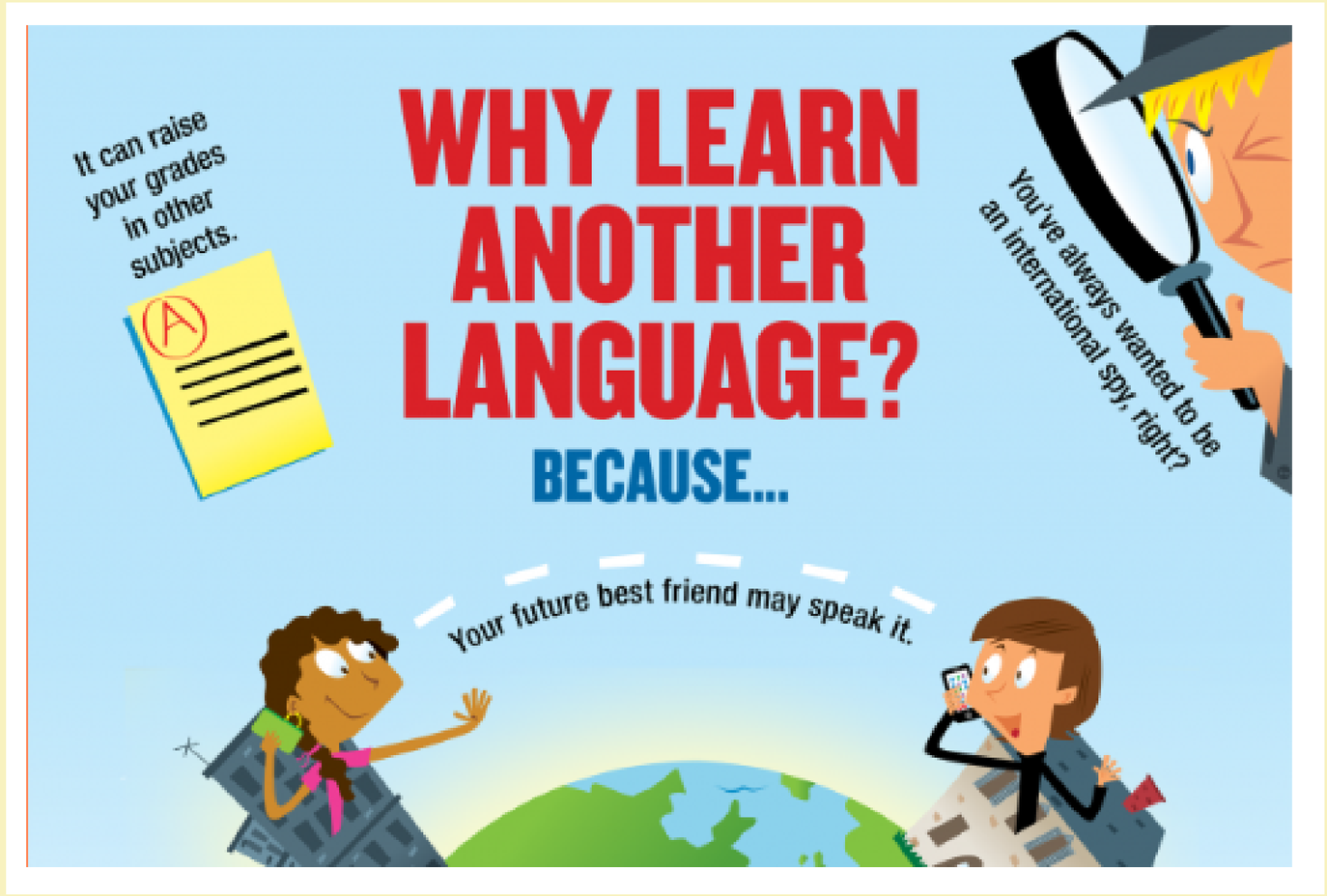
And earn College Credit too!







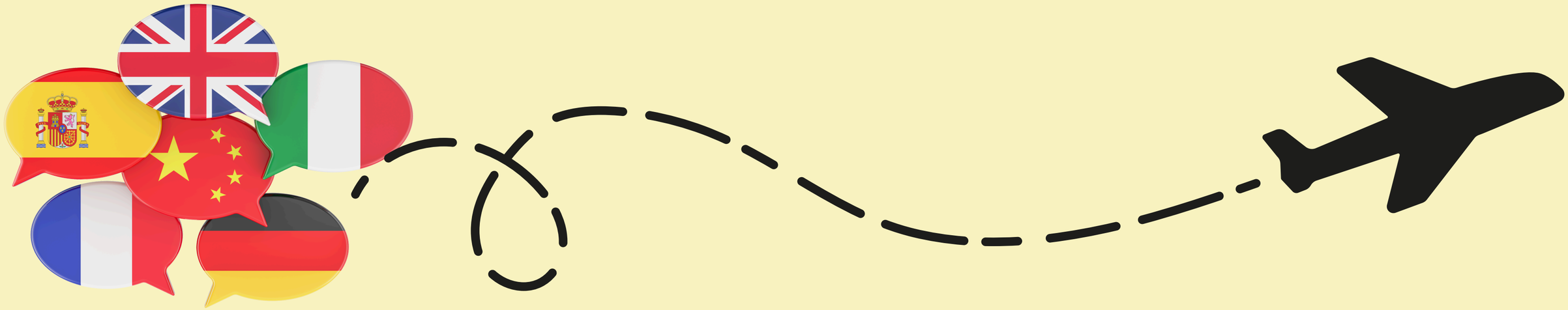



WHY LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?
BECAUSE...
It can raise your grades in other subjects.
You've always wanted to be an international spy, right?
Your future best friend may speak it.


10 Reasons why you should learn a language
To improve your employment potential - business is global!
Learning a language actually helps to improve your ability in English
To improve cognitive ability - social skills, communication, confidence,etc.
To improve your chances of entry into college or university
To expand study abroad options
To get more out of foreign travel
To increase awareness of the world around you and to make you more open-minded to other people and their culture
Languages are FUN!
To increase understanding of your own culture
To help appreciate international culture - literature, music and film

World Language Pathway

French / Spanish 1	French / Spanish 2	French / Spanish 3	French / Spanish 4	French / Spanish 5
High School Credit #1	**High School Credit #2**	**High School Credit #3**	**High School Credit #4**	**High School Credit #5**
Taken in 8th grade. Required for Graduation! (Must Pass Class)	Your stepping stone to a Regents Diploma	Earn credit for Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation	Earn 3 college credits through Hilbert College Dual Enrollment Plan	Earn 3 college credits through Hilbert College Dual Enrollment Plan



World Language

What do we do in French / Spanish class?

- Listen, Read and Interpret
- Communicate – Speak and Write to express feelings, preferences, opinions
- Present different information and ideas
- Learn practices and products of other cultures
- Compare other cultures to our own





Physical Education

Physical education is a required course for all students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Students participate every other day in Physical Education. Physical Education must be taken and passed each year while in school, in order to graduate.

Physical Education	Lifelong Fitness	Unified Physical Education
Option 1	**Option 2**	**Option 3**
Our program offers individual fitness, participation in team sports and exposure to lifetime activities.	Lifelong Fitness is a less competitive physical education class that will place an emphasis on fitness and individual sports like badminton, tennis, pickleball, golf, recreational games. Our program goal is finding activities for students to pursue for lifelong fitness.	Unified Physical Education provides a unique opportunity for students with and without disabilities to come together through ongoing educational and physical activities. The class supports the development of leadership skills for all students, and the empowerment of ALL students to foster an inclusive class and school-wide environment. (Limited enrollment: this course can be taken for Physical Education or as an elective credit with the understanding that you are there as a “partner” to assist our students with disabilities “athletes”).







Thank You

Any Questions



