

9th GRADE

Course Selection Worksheet



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Rising 9th Grade Parents & Students:

Students will be entering course requests into the ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL. Once their courses are submitted, ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL course selections cannot be changed or edited. Be sure to review and select the correct courses. **This course selection worksheet is for planning purposes.**

Students will be scheduled for 8 class periods. By entering selected courses into the ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL, I agree with my child's selections, and I am aware of Honors/AP/Dual Credit requirements (Student & Family Code of Conduct, Section 3, Page 39). If the student does not meet the criteria for a particular course, the CCMR counselor will make the appropriate change.

I am also aware that the electives chosen are not guaranteed and there is a chance that students can be scheduled into an elective other than the ones chosen to best accommodate the classes that meet the requirements for grade promotion or graduation. The State of Texas requires students to pass the course with a 70 or better and maintain 90% attendance to gain course credit.

Deadline to submit ASCENDER COURSE SELECTION: Friday, April 11th.

PLEASE NOTE: Course selection priority will be given to students who have re-enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year. Courses for high school credit will have mixed grade levels of middle and high school students.

STAAR EOCs (End-of-Year) COURSES are required for graduation.

Honors Course Honors courses prepare students for AP and DC coursework.	AP Course (\$) Advanced Placement courses require students to take the College Board AP exam. (Cost is below). Students scoring a 3 or better on the AP exam may receive college credit.	DC Course Dual Credit courses earn high school and college credit. Courses are through Palo Alto College on-campus, off-campus, or online. Application and TSI tests are required. DC Courses are automatically added for approved students.	EOC Course End-of-Course prepares students for the STAAR exam that is needed for graduation.
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ENGLISH - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	1011	ENGLISH I	Language Arts	English I (STAAR EOC)
	1010	ENG II HONORS	Language Arts	English I Honors (Advanced)(STAAR EOC)

MATHEMATICS - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	2011	ALGEBRA I	Mathematics	Algebra I (STAAR EOC)
	2231	GEOMETRY	Mathematics	Geometry (Select if you previously took Algebra I)
	2235	GEOM HONORS	Mathematics	Geometry Honors (Advanced) (Select if you previously took Algebra I)

SCIENCE - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)**IF YOU DID NOT TAKE BIOLOGY IN 8TH GRADE, SELECT ONE BIOLOGY COURSE BELOW**

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3111	BIOLOGY	Science	Biology (STAAR EOC)
	3212	BIOLOGY HONORS	Science	Biology Honors (Advanced)(STAAR EOC)

IF YOU TOOK BIOLOGY IN 8TH GRADE, SELECT CHEMISTRY OR IPC BELOW

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3211	CHEMISTRY	Science	Chemistry (Select if you previously took Biology)
	3213	CHEM HONORS	Science	Chemistry Honors (Advanced) (Select if you previously took Biology)
	3310	IPC	Science	Integrated Physics & Chemistry (Select if you previously took Biology)

SOCIAL STUDIES - REQUIRED THIS YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	4011	W GEOGRAPHY	Social Studies	World Geography
	4413	AP HUMAN GEOGRA	Social Studies	AP Human Geography (\$) (Advanced)

EOC Math courses will be required for students who DID NOT MEET standards on the STAAR 8th Grade Math. This course will take the place of elective courses. Students coming from private/out-of-state schools without scores will be scheduled into these courses.

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	2600	EOC MATH	Miscellaneous	EOC Math is in addition to ALGEBRA I course.

OTHER LANGUAGES - MUST TAKE TWO LEVELS FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (CAN BE USED FOR ELECTIVES)

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	8012	SPANISH 1	Other Languages	Level 1 Spanish
	8021	SPANISH 2	Other Languages	Level 2 Spanish - Prerequisite is Level 1.
	8031	SPANISH 3	Other Languages	Level 3 Spanish - Prerequisite is Level 2.
	7415	COMPSCI	Tech Applications	Computer Science - Prerequisite ALGEBRA I. Can be taken as a language credit for graduation requirements. Students will commit to AP Computer Science Principles before graduation.

P.E./EQUIVALENT - MUST TAKE ONE FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (CAN BE USED FOR ELECTIVES)

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	5311	PE FIT WELL	P.E./Equivalent	Physical Education
	5111	ATHLETICS 1	P.E./Equivalent	(\$) Requires a commitment to a sport and Athletic Fee.
	5312	PESUB MARCHBAND	P.E./Equivalent	Marching Band Substitution for PE Graduation Requirement. (\$) Requires Band Director approval and \$30 yearly instrument rental.

FINE ARTS - MUST TAKE ONE FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (CAN BE USED FOR ELECTIVES)

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	6111	ART 1	Fine Arts	Level 1 Art
	6121	ART2 DRAWING	Fine Arts	Level 2 Art - Prerequisite is Level 1.
	6115	AP ART HISTORY	Fine Arts	AP ART HISTORY (\$) (Advanced)
	6056	MUS1BAND1	Fine Arts	Level 1 Band - (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6057	MUS2BAND2	Fine Arts	Level 2 Band - Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6054	MODERN BAND 1HS	Fine Arts	Level 1 Instrumental Ensemble Modern Band. (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	7054	MODERN BAND 2HS	Fine Arts	Level 2 Instrumental Ensemble Modern Band. Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.

ENDORSEMENT COURSES - MUST TAKE A LEVEL 1 ENDORSEMENT COURSE FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

IF YOUR ENDORSEMENT IS BELOW, SELECT THE COURSE. (ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS Page 5-6)

You may select endorsement courses outside of your endorsement track as your electives.

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3501	PRINP HLTH SCI	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Health Science - Public Service (Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services) Level 1 Course
	7416	DIMEDIA	Career/Tech Ed	Digital Media -Business & Industry (Graphic Design & Interactive Media) Level 1 Course
	3506	PRIN APPL ENGR	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Applied Engineering - STEM (Engineering Foundations) Level 1 Course
	3507	PRINARCH	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Architecture - STEM (Architectural Drafting & Design) Level 1 Course
	7414	PRIN OF INFO TE	Career/Tech Ed	Principal of Information Technology - Business & Industry (Web Development) Level 1 Course

Endorsement: STEM (Math)
3 credits in Mathematics by successfully completing Algebra II and two additional approved Mathematics courses, for which completion of Algebra II is required.
Endorsement: Multidisciplinary Studies (AP or Dual Credit)
4 credits in AP or dual credit courses selected from English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Economics, Language Other Than English (LOTE), or Fine Arts.

Endorsement: Arts & Humanities (History)
5 Social Studies credits
Endorsement: Arts & Humanities (Spanish)
4 levels of Spanish
Endorsement: Arts & Humanities (Fine Arts)
4 courses from one or two categories (Band/Theatre/Art)
Endorsement: Multidisciplinary Studies (Core)
4 credits in each foundation subject area, including Chemistry and/or Physics and English IV or a comparable Advanced Placement (AP) course.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	4411	PSYCHOLOGY	Social Studies	Psychology (half credit 0.5) Semester 1/Must take SOCIOLOGY Semester 2.
	4412	SOCIOLOGY	Social Studies	Sociology (half credit 0.5) Semester 2/Must take PSYCHOLOGY Semester 1.
	5315	HEALTH ED	Health	Health & Wellness (half credit 0.5) Semester 1/Must take Life Nurt Well Semester .2
	5316	Life Nurt Well	Career/Tech Ed	Life Nutrition & Wellness (half credit 0.5) Semester 2/Must take HEALTH ED Semester 1.
	7415	COMP SCI 1	Tech Applications	Computer Science 1- Prerequisite ALGEBRA I.
	3119	APCSPRIN	Tech Applications	AP Computer Science Principles (\$) (Advanced)
	1111	COMM APP	Speech	Communication Applications (half credit 0.5) Semester 1/Must take DEBATE 1 Semester 2 or be an ECHS Student Semester 2.
	1117	DEBATE 1	Speech	Debate (half credit 0.5) Semester 2/Must take COMM APP Semester 1.

ELECTIVES: We will try our best to enroll you in electives of your choice, but they are not guaranteed. Students could be scheduled into an elective or math lab class to accommodate the required courses best.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHOOSE TWO ALTERNATE ELECTIVES. ALL ELECTIVES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AND ENDORSEMENTS. HIGH SCHOOL ENDORSEMENTS ARE CHOSEN IN 8TH GRADE. REFERENCE THE GRADUATION & ENDORSEMENT PROGRESSION SHEET TO FOLLOW YOUR ENDORSEMENT TRACK.

Advanced courses: Honors/AP/DUAL CREDIT course selections will be reviewed and approved by administration.

AP Courses require students to register for the AP Exam(s) (Free/Reduced Rates \$26 OR Standard Rates \$99). If the student is absent for the AP Exam, they will have to pay for the \$40 unused/cancellation fee.

High School Credit Courses: High school credit level courses require a passing grade of 70 or higher and 90% attendance. All high school credit courses are used for graduation requirements.

Electives: Athletics and Level 2-4 Electives may require instructor approval. Elective courses will NOT be offered if not enough students choose them. It is important, therefore, to consider alternative elective choices very carefully. If you choose an academic elective, it will be in addition to your academic classes.

Early College High School Students Class of 2029 COHORT 3: Students will be scheduled for an EDUC 1300 (College Transitions) for Semester 2 by the CCMR Dept. This is a dual credit course for high school and college credit. ECHS students will need to select COMM APP 1111 for Semester 1.

Graduation & Endorsement Progressions



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Somerset Academy Brooks students graduate with a Distinguished Level Graduation Plan. All graduation plans require an endorsement. An endorsement consists of a sequence of courses that are grouped together by interest or occupational skill. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area or a high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand occupation. Every career and technical education (CTE) Program of Study leads to an endorsement. Early College High School Students and dual credit students have the opportunity to graduate with an Associate's Degree from Palo Alto College. Dual credit courses will count for both the high school and college graduation plans.

For more information on Texas Graduation Plans, please review the Graduation Toolkit.

English: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/brochures/graduationtoolkit2020-english-website.pdf>

Spanish: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/brochures/graduationtoolkit2020spanish-website.pdf>

Distinguished Level Graduation Plan

ENGLISH: 4 credits for graduation
English I (STAAR EOC)
English II (STAAR EOC)
English III OR AP English Language OR Dual Credit English
4th English Course (reference choice selection worksheet)
OR Dual Credit English
MATH: 4 credits for graduation
Algebra I (STAAR EOC)
Geometry
Algebra II
4th Math Course (reference choice selection worksheet)
OR Dual Credit Math
PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 1 credit for graduation
PE/High School Athletics/Advanced Marching Band
LOTE OTHER LANGUAGES: 2 credits for graduation
Spanish I OR Computer Science 1
Spanish II OR AP Computer Science Principles

STAAR End-of-Course Exams Needed for Graduation
Algebra I (8th or 9th grade)
Biology (8th or 9th grade)
English I (9th grade)
English II (10th grade)
United States History (11th grade)

SCIENCE: 4 credits for graduation
Biology (STAAR EOC)
Chemistry OR Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)
Physics
4th Science Course (reference choice selection worksheet) OR Dual Credit Science
SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 credits for graduation
World Geography OR World History OR AP Human Geography
US History OR AP US History OR Dual Credit History (STAAR EOC)
Government/Economics OR AP Gov't/Eco OR Dual Credit Gov't/Eco
FINE ARTS: 1 credit for graduation
Art/Band
ELECTIVES: 7 credits for graduation
7 credits including 4 credits in ENDORSEMENT TRACK

Endorsement Tracks

Somerset Academy Brooks students select one or more endorsement tracks to follow during high school. Students select this endorsement during 8th grade. Students may not change endorsement tracks after 10th grade without approval.

Please note: Adjustments to endorsement can be made by the CCMR Dept. due to graduation requirements and progressions.

Endorsement: Public Service (Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Health Science
Level 2 Course: Medical Terminology
Level 3 Course: Anatomy & Physiology
Level 4 Course: Practicum in Health Science
Endorsement: STEM (Engineering Foundations) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Applied Engineering
Level 2 Course: Manufacturing Engineering Technology I
Level 3 Course: Engineering Design and Presentation I
Level 4 Course: Practicum in STEM
Endorsement: Business & Industry or STEM (Web Development) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Information Technology
Level 2 Course: Computer Science I
Level 3 Course: Web Game Development
Level 4 Course: Career Preparation for Programs of Study
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Endorsement: Business & Industry (Graphic Design and Interactive Media) CTE
Level 1 Course: Digital Media
Level 2 Course: Graphic Design and Illustration I
Level 3 Course: Graphic Design and Illustration II
Level 4 Course: Career Preparation for Programs of Study
Endorsement: STEM (Architectural Drafting and Design) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Architecture
Level 2 Course: Architectural Design I
Level 3 Course: TBA
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