

**Program of Studies 2015-2016
Overview of Revisions**

Topic	Details	Page Number
Graduation Requirements	Updated the requirements to reflect changes in Administrative Regulation 217 – reduced Health/Physical Education requirements; also revised language defining full student due to senior privilege (early release/late arrival)	1
AP Capstone	Included description of the AP Capstone program and diploma	2
Course Weighting	Added a 0.75 weight for students taking an AP course and earning a passing test score, with the exception of seniors.	2
Scheduling Parameters	Noted that courses may not run without sufficient enrollment	4
Class Rank	Based on feedback from the Policy Committee, this was revised to be an actual rank instead of a percentile rank. Wording from Board Policy 214 has been included in this section of the Program of Studies.	5
Health	Moved this course to be a required course for 9th Grade; replaced Health I with Health and appropriate description for Grades 10-12	9
High School Chorus	Name change requested by Jonathan Lechner	10
Panther Marching Band	New course (0.25 credits per year) approved in June 2014.	10
Varsity Singers	New course (0.25 credits per year) approved in June 2014.	10
Foundations of Wellness and Fitness	New required course replacing MES I - will need to be approved by board.	11
Project Lead the Way	Changed sequence of courses and added explicit Prerequisites as well as Honors distinction. Also removed choices in Grade 10 because they were not viable for most students.	12
United States History 2/Honors	Changed description of US 2 to reflect revisions to US 1 from 2014-2015	12
German 2	Now offered as a Freshman Center course	13
Mandarin I	Changed from cyber only to be a possible face to face option	13
AP World History	Now added as recommended Grade 10 course for students taking AP Human Geography in Grade 9	14
Science - Changed Core for Bio 9 Honors students	Needed to add Chemistry/AP Physics as core options due to students taking Biology at the FC	14
AP Seminar	Included description of this first AP Capstone course; AP Research will be included in the 2016-2017 Program of Studies	20
Digital Graphic Design	New name change for Digital Communications	20
Digital Photography 2	New course added due to student interest	20
Principles of Artisan Design 1, 2, 3, 4	Name change; replaces Introduction to Crafts and Advanced Crafts	21
College Admissions Test Prep	New course added to support students taking the SAT and/or ACT	25, 31
Fit PLUS	New HPE elective - replacing Kinesiology options	29
MES	Course replaces MES I and is the final course of the 1.5 credit requirement for students	29
Team Works	New HPE elective - replacing Kinesiology options	29
Senior High Choir	Name change requested by Jonathan Lechner	32

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AP Science classes	Added appropriate prerequisites based on College Board recommendations	33
United States History 3/Honors	Noted that this will be the final year offering this course	37
Biological Engineering (BioE)	Project Lead the Way will no longer be offering the exam for Biotechnical Engineering after the current school year. Biological Engineering will replace our existing course option. Planned Course Statement is also going to need to be approved. We will introduce this course in 2016-2017 but have included it in the Program of Studies for students' future planning.	38
TV News/Video Editing (all levels)	Made the language a bit stronger regarding the requirement that students film one event outside of the school day per marking period	39
World Language - Level 2 Honors	No longer will offer Honors for Level 2 due to Middle School Programming.	40
World Language - Level 3	All of these non-Honors courses were removed; we will only be offering Level 3 as an Honors course	40
Medical Careers Pathway	Copied the description and added it to the Special Programs area as well	42
Glossary	Minor edits - removed SBG references such as Competency-Based Education	47
Activity Fees - for Chorus and Band courses	Removed - due to board approval this fall	NA
Algebra 1 Honors, C	Removed this Honors option because students who are accelerated should have already taken Algebra 1 by the time they get to the Freshman Center.	NA
Brit Lit, C	Removed the non-Honors course option.	NA
Employability references - Honor Roll	Removed information about employability due to new Secondary Grading Guidelines	NA
English 9 Gifted Seminar and English 10 Gifted Seminar	Removed; There are sufficient Honors and AP courses to accommodate the interests and needs of Gifted students	NA
Introduction to Spanish	Removed; due to implementation of programming at Middle School, it is no longer needed.	NA
Kinesiology (2 courses)	Removed	NA
MES II, IIIA, IIIB, IV	Removed; these courses are no longer needed due to change in requirements.	NA
Senior English	Removed; this is no longer an option for seniors.	NA
Spanish 4 Honors	Removed; students will only take AP Spanish at this level.	NA
Tradition Band	Removed - it was a subcategory under Concert Band.	NA
US History Gifted Seminar	Removed; was replaced by AP Human Geography for 2014-2015	NA

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Possible Updates/Revisions Still in Process

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Biology Lab/Biology Seminar	We are exploring a possible pilot in which we would offer a lab period every-other-day in addition to the Biology class period.	34