

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.**

Please note, 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 Handbook, Page 63, Section 3.11 & 3.19). 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, March 20th, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: Course selection priority will be given to students who have re-enrolled for the 2026-2027 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.

Prerequisite: A prerequisite is a course you **must** take before you can take the next course. Ex. The prerequisite for ART 2 is ART 1.

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 I 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 only if you previously took Algebra I)
	2235	GEOM HONORS	Mathematics	Geometry Honors (Advanced) (select only 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 only if you previously took Biology)
	3213	CHEM HONORS	Science	Chemistry Honors (Advanced) (Select only if you previously took Biology)
	3310	IPC	Science	Integrated Physics & Chemistry (Select only 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 GEO	Social Studies	AP Human Geography (\$) (Advanced)

These courses will be required for students who DID NOT MEET standards on the STAAR 8th Grade Math and/or 8th Grade STAAR ELAR. These courses 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		EOC Math is in addition to Algebra I
	1116	READ1		Reading I is in addition to English I

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 yearly instrument rental.
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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 1	Fine Arts	Level 2 Art - Prerequisite is Level 1.
	6114	ART1APP	Fine Arts	Art Appreciation
	6056	MUS1BAND1	Fine Arts	Advanced Band Level 1 - Prerequisite is Band Director approval. (\$)Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6054	MODERN BAND 1HS	Fine Arts	Level 1 Instrumental Ensemble Modern Band. (\$)Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6081	MUSJAZZ1	Fine Arts	Jazz Ensemble. (\$)Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6083	MUS2JZBN	Fine Arts	Jazz Ensemble Level 2. Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$)Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6075	MUS1 ORCHESTRA1	Fine Arts	Level 1 Orchestra. (\$)Requires yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6060	MUSSMA1	Fine Arts	Music Appreciation 1

ENDORSEMENT COURSES - MUST TAKE 4 ENDORSEMENT COURSES IN THE SAME TRACK FOR GRADUATION.

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
	3900	MEDTERM	Career/Tech Ed	Medical Terminology - Public Service (Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services) Level 2 Course. Prerequisite: Level 1
	7416	DIMEDIA	Career/Tech Ed	Digital Media -Business & Industry (Graphic Design & Interactive Media) Level 1 Course
	3545	GRAPHDI1	Career/Tech Ed	Graphic Design & Illustration - (Graphic Design & Interactive Media) Level 2 Course. Prerequisite: Level 1
	3506	PRIN APPL ENGR	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Applied Engineering - STEM (Engineering Foundations) Level 1 Course
	3530	MANENGT1	Career/Tech Ed	Manufacturing engineering Technology 1 - STEM (Engineering Foundations) Level 2 Course. Prerequisite: Level 1
	3507	PRINARCH	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Architecture - STEM (Architectural Drafting & Design) Level 1 Course
	3508	ARCHDSN1	Career/Tech Ed	Architectural Design 1 - STEM (Architectural Drafting & Design) Level 2 course. Prerequisite: Level 1

	7414	PRIN OF INFO TE	Career/Tech Ed	Principal of Information Technology - Business & Industry (Web Development) Level 1 Course
	7415	COMP SCI 1	Tech Applications	Computer Science 1- Business & Industry (Web Development) Level 2 Course. Prerequisite ALGEBRA I & Level 1

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). Prerequisite COMP SCI 1.
	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 2030 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
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: 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
Level 4 Course: Career Preparation for Programs of Study
Endorsement: STEM (Science)
4 credits in Science by successfully completing Chemistry, Physics, and two additional approved Science courses.
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/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.

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