J. Frank Dobie High School
Course Selection Guide for 9th Grade
2020-2021 School Year

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Foundation High School Plan + Endorsement = 26 Credits

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Mathematics
- 4 credits Science
- 3 credits Social Studies
- 2 credits World Language
- 1 credit Physical Education
- 1 credit Fine Arts
- 7 credits Electives
  - Certain graduation endorsements require a coherent sequence of 4 courses (see Graduation Endorsement section for details).
  - One of the electives must be a course that satisfies the speech proficiency requirement.

Required State Assessments

- English I STAAR
- Algebra I STAAR
- Biology STAAR
- English II STAAR
- U.S. History STAAR
GRADUATION ENDORSEMENTS

Graduation endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by interest or skill set. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area. Students will choose from one of five endorsements with a corresponding pathway. NOTE: It is possible to earn more than one graduation endorsement. Listed here are the five endorsements with the course requirements for each.

### STEM Endorsement

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<th>MATH PATHWAY</th>
<th>SCIENCE PATHWAY</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>REQUIREMENTS:</strong> 5 credits of Math</td>
<td><strong>REQUIREMENTS:</strong> 5 credits of Science</td>
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<td>Algebra I</td>
<td>Biology</td>
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<td>Geometry</td>
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<td>Algebra II</td>
<td>Physics</td>
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<td>Upper Level Math #1</td>
<td>Upper Level Science #1</td>
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<td>Upper Level Math #2</td>
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9th Grade Course: Algebra 1 or Geometry (Alg. required)

9th Grade Course: Biology

### Arts & Humanities Endorsement

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<th>FINE ARTS PATHWAY</th>
<th>LOTE PATHWAY</th>
<th>SOCIAL STUDIES PATHWAY</th>
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<td><strong>REQUIREMENTS:</strong> 4 credits of Fine Arts (4 credits in one area or 2+2)</td>
<td><strong>REQUIREMENTS:</strong> 4 credits of LOTE (4 credits in one language or 2+2)</td>
<td><strong>REQUIREMENTS:</strong> 4 credits of Social Studies</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>American Sign Language</td>
<td>World Geography or AP Human Geography</td>
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<td>Band</td>
<td>French</td>
<td>World History</td>
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<td>Choir</td>
<td>German</td>
<td>U.S. History</td>
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<td>Dance</td>
<td>Latin</td>
<td>Government/Economics</td>
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<td>Orchestra</td>
<td>Spanish</td>
<td>Psychology/Sociology</td>
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<td>Technical Theatre</td>
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<td>Theatre Arts</td>
<td>All courses offered in 9th grade.</td>
<td>French 1, German 1, Latin 1, ASL 1 only offered in 9th grade.</td>
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9th Grade Course: World Geography or APHG
### Business & Industry Endorsement

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<th>AGRICULTURE PATHWAY</th>
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<td>REQUIREMENTS: 4 credits of Business</td>
<td>REQUIREMENTS: 4 credits of Agriculture</td>
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<td>Graphic Design</td>
<td>Ag Mechanics</td>
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<td>Marketing</td>
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*9th Grade Course: Principles of Business  
Club/Organization available: BPA*  

*9th Grade Course: Principles of Agriculture  
Club/Organization available: FFA*  

### Public Services Endorsement

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<th>HUMAN SERVICES PATHWAY</th>
<th>JROTC PATHWAY</th>
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<td>REQUIREMENTS: 4 credits of Medical Studies</td>
<td>REQUIREMENTS: 4 credits of Human Services</td>
<td>REQUIREMENTS: 4 credits of AFJROTC</td>
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| *9th Grade Course: Medical Terminology  
Club/Organization available: HOSA* | *9th Grade Course: Principles of Human Services  
Club/Organization available: FCCLA* | JROTC meets P.E. graduation req. |

### Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

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<th>4 x 4 PATHWAY</th>
<th>ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAY</th>
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<td>REQUIREMENTS: 4 credits in each core subject area</td>
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9th Grade Pre-AP Course Offerings

- Pre-AP English I
- Pre-AP Geometry *(must have Algebra I credit)*
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre-AP Spanish III *(must have Spanish I & II credit)*

9th Grade AP Course Offerings

- AP Human Geography
- AP Computer Science Principles *(must be taking Geometry concurrently)*

Due to the pacing of coursework in Pre-AP/AP courses, students must begin the school year in those courses and may not be moved into them later in the year.

Pasadena ISD PAP and AP Contract

Pasadena ISD has implemented a Pre-AP and AP Contract. Students taking Pre-AP and AP courses should review the contract with their parent/guardian, agreeing to abide by the statements (listed below).

As a student in a Pre-AP or AP course:

- I understand that my Pre-AP/AP course will require a great amount of independent work and study on my part, including a commitment to work on class requirements during vacations, a possible summer assignment, attendance at Saturday review sessions, maintaining excellent class attendance, and managing my out-of-class time effectively.

- I understand the standard in Pre-AP/AP classes that work will be submitted by established deadline.

- I am expected to take the AP exam for all of my AP courses.

- I understand that I will be expected to maintain a high level of academic integrity.

- I understand I may exit a Pre-AP/AP course only at the end of the first six weeks grading period or at the end of the first semester. A grade of a B or a C at the end of a formal grading period is not considered a valid reason to leave the Pre-AP/AP program. College and University admissions officers review transcripts very carefully, and students successfully completing Pre-AP/AP coursework during their high school experiences are more likely to secure entry into the college of their choice, even with a grade of a B or C. Research also shows these students experience greater success in college and graduate at a much greater rate than their peers.

- I understand that a Pre-AP/AP teacher may recommend my removal from a Pre-AP/AP course if my average falls below 65 at the end of the first six weeks or the end of the first semester.
Dobie9 Course List

Required Core Courses

English
- English I
- Pre-AP English I

Math
- Algebra I
- Pre-AP Geometry (*Prerequisite: Algebra I*)

Science
- Biology
- Pre-AP Biology

Social Studies
- World Geography
- AP Human Geography

Elective Courses

Fine Arts
- Art I
- Drawing II (*Prerequisite: Art I*)
- Theatre Arts I**
- Technical Theatre I
- Dance I
- Choir
- Band (*Prior experience required*)
- Orchestra (*Prior experience required*)

Physical Education
- Boys’ P.E.
- Girls’ P.E.
- JROTC

World Language (LOTE) Courses
- Spanish I, II, III
- American Sign Language I
- French I
- Latin I
- German I

Career & Technology Courses
- Principles of Business**
- Principles of Agriculture**
- Principles of Human Services**
- Medical Terminology**
- AP Computer Science Principles**

**Course satisfies speech proficiency requirement**
9th Grade Course Planning

Things to keep in mind as you plan your courses for 9th grade:

- If you are planning to play a sport in 9th grade, you will choose P.E. as one of your elective choices. Requests to place students into specific athletic classes are made by coaches only. Try-outs may be required to be placed into a sport. You must have a current physical on file.
- If you are requesting Band or ROTC, you do not need to request P.E. as these courses fulfill the P.E. requirement for graduation.
- No schedule changes will be allowed unless they are deemed necessary by school personnel.
- Schedule changes will be made at the start of the 2020-2021 school year for the following reasons ONLY:
  - Student has been scheduled into a course where high school credit has been previously earned. (Algebra 1, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Art 1)
  - Student has been scheduled into a course out of sequence. (Ex: Scheduled into Spanish 2, hasn’t taken Spanish 1)
  - Missing a class or incomplete schedule

Use the table below to plan for your 9th grade courses. This will aid you in making your course requests.

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Course Selection Timeline

- January 21, 2020 – Beverly Hills Int. 8th graders visit Dobie9. Students receive Course Registration Form.
  - BHI Parent Night @ Dobie9
- January 22, 2020 – Thompson Int. 8th graders visit Dobie9. Students receive Course Registration Form.
  - Thompson Parent Night @ Dobie9
- January 23, 2020 – Elective Fair @ Beverly Hills Int.
- January 24, 2020 – Elective Fair @ Thompson Int.
- January 27-28, 2020 – Beverly Hills Int. course selection with Dobie9 counselors
  - Turn in signed Course Registration Form to Dobie9 counselor
- January 29-30, 2020 – Thompson Int. course selection with Dobie9 counselors
  - Turn in signed Course Registration Form to Dobie9 counselor
- February 20-25, 2020 – Parents/Guardians will be able to view and accept student course requests in Skyward. Any questions/changes must be submitted to the student’s Dobie9 counselor by February 25, 2020. (contact info below)

Dobie9 Counselor Contact

- Chad Kearbey Students A – F
  - ckearbey@pasadenaisd.org
  - 713-740-5460 ext. 81108
- Lisa Louper Students G – N
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  - 713-740-5460 ext. 81109
- Glenda Nicholson Students O – Z
  - gnicholson@pasadenaisd.org
  - 713-740-5460 ext. 81110

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