

MAPLETON JR. HIGH
9th Grade Course Descriptions 2022-2023

REQUIRED CLASSES

Language Arts

English 9

Full Year / 1.0 English Credit

English 9 continues the skill of reading, writing, viewing, speaking and listening. Emphasis is placed on mastery of spelling/vocabulary, writing, interpreting, literature and poetry. Grammar studies will focus on language usage. Students will need materials, paper, pencil or pen to be able to take notes.

English 9 Honors

Full Year / 1.0 English Credit - **REQUIRES APPLICATION**

Students must have excellent comprehension skills. Literature, composition, vocabulary and grammar are interlaced to meet Utah's curriculum requirements. The pace of assignments is accelerated. This class is a survey of English literature and may require extra time outside of class.

Mathematics

Secondary Math 1

Full Year / 1.0 Mathematic Credit

Students will use quantities to model and analyze real-life situations. They will explore many examples of functions given by graphs and tables. Students will work with integer exponents and exponential functions, compare and contrast linear and exponential functions, and work with both arithmetic and geometric sequences. They will develop fluency in writing, interpreting and translating between various forms of linear equations and inequalities and use them to solve problems. They will solve problems involving triangles, quadrilaterals, and other polygons. They will work with Pythagorean Theorem to find distances and will work with the coordinate system to solve problems.

Secondary Math 1 Honors

Full Year / 1.0 Mathematic Credit

This class will include more Algebra 2 topics and Pre-Calculus topics in addition to the topics listed above.

Science

Earth & Space Science

Full Year / 1.0 Science Credit - **\$10.00 Fee Required**

In Earth & Space Science, we will investigate the processes and systems that have made Earth what it is today and how it is still changing! We will investigate how the Earth may have formed among the stars and galaxies, how its surface is continually changing, how Earth systems interact to make weather, climate, ocean currents and how humans fit into the Earth system.

Biology

Full Year / 1.0 Science Credit - **\$10.00 Fee Required**

Biology is a general course in life science. Students in this class will enjoy the broad field of all living organisms, how they function, and how they fit into the scheme of all living things on the earth. Human reproduction, genetics and ecology are also discussed.

***Please note:** If Biology is taken in 9th grade the student must take Physics or Chemistry to fulfill the physical science graduation requirement in high school - Earth & Space Science is not offered in high school.

Social Science

World Civilizations / Geography

Full Year / 1.0 Social Science Credit

This course will integrate human and physical geography with world civilizations throughout history. Students will explore the world and the past that shaped it into what it is today. A focus will be placed on learning about the people of the world, their past and their culture. Students will learn how to use geography and history as a tool to better understand the world in which we live.

AP Human Geography

Full Year / 1.0 Social Science Credit

AP Human Geography alone is NOT the study of maps or where places are. It is a year-long course that explores the connections between people and places. You will come to understand connections between yourself, other people/places as they relate to population, migration, language, culture, religion, ethnicity, political organization, agriculture, industrialization, economic development and urban patterns. At the same time you are engaged in learning all of the concepts that relate to these topics, you will learn more in less time. This class is fun but will challenge and push you all while teaching you skills that will stay with you throughout your time as a student. The work you do will culminate with an opportunity to earn college credit IN 9TH GRADE! On top of all that AP Human Geo looks great on a transcript when applying to colleges in the future. AP end of year test fee is \$90.00.

Healthy Lifestyles/Physical Education

Participation Skills / Boys or Girls

Semester / .5 Healthy Lifestyle Credit - **\$10.00 Fee required (includes t-shirt)**

Students will develop lifetime attitudes regarding physical activity and healthy life-styles. The students will continue to develop motor and heart-lung fitness and endurance. The students will further develop skills in a variety of team sports, recreational activities and dance. The students will continue to develop leadership, fairness and courtesy.

Advanced Participation Skills / Boys or Girls (Will be combined with 8th grade)

Semester / .5 Healthy Lifestyle Credit - **\$10.00 Fee required**

This class is for the student who is interested in a more advanced physical education experience. The content will be more challenging and the competition will be higher. This class will focus on developing/enhancing personal fitness levels through a variety of training methods. Along with training methods, other concepts such as nutrition, goal setting, program development and community involvement will be taught and applied. This course will incorporate team concepts/skills through a variety of team sports taught throughout the year. This will not only enhance team skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, etc but will also provide feedback on training whether their performance has improved, declined or stayed the same.

FULL YEAR ELECTIVE CLASSES

Men's Chorus

Full Year / 1.0 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This class is open to any 8th or 9th grade young man that loves to sing. No audition is required. We will learn choral habits and sight-reading skills. Students will perform at 4 concerts (Half Year performs twice). Full Year and Half Year options are available.

Bella Voce (Chorus III; Full year women's chorus)

Full Year / 1.0 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required (Choir Fee/Uniform Fee)**

This is a beginning to intermediate level choir for 8th and 9th grade female singers. Sight Reading skills and high quality vocal production will continue to be improved upon. Concert attire will be issued to each student. This is a full year performing class.

Concert Choir

Full Year / 1.0 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required (Choir Fee/Uniform Fee)**

This is an auditioned class for 9th grade singers. Students must be able to sing on pitch and have a basic grasp of choral habits. Equal numbers of boys and girls will be selected. Sight-reading skills, memorization and high quality vocal production will continue to be improved upon. Concert attire will be issued to each student. This is a full year performing class.

Spanish I

Full Year / 1.0 Foreign Language Credit

Special emphasis is placed on conversational speaking, presentation (written and spoken) and comprehension (reading and listening). Gaining basic language skills and vocabulary acquisition are the major focus of the class.

Spanish II

Full Year / 1.0 Foreign Language Credit- **Grade 9 (Grades 8 or 9 for Fluent Speakers) - Prerequisite: Spanish I or Fluent Speaker**

Continuing emphasis on building speaking and comprehension skills. This year will introduce the past tenses. New vocabulary, grammar and culture are interwoven in challenging and fun ways.

German I

Full Year / 1.0 Elective Credit

Special emphasis is placed on conversational speaking, presentation (written and spoken) and comprehension (reading and listening). Gaining basic language skills and vocabulary acquisition are the major focus of the class.

Agriculture Science

Full Year / 1.0 Third Year Science Credit

This class covers the basics of animal, plant and soil science. We dive into Natural Resources, Food Science, Agribusiness, Communications, and Personal and Leadership development. If you would like to take a course that introduces you to a wide range of topics, this is the Class. This class also gives you the opportunity to enroll in our FFA Chapter which brings opportunity for personal and leadership growth, new friends from across the state, lots of fun activities, and even to make money.

Band II (Woodwind/Brass)

Full Year / 1.0 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required** **Prerequisite: Band I (or equivalent)**

Intended for students in their 2nd or 3rd year of playing woodwind and brass instruments. Opportunities for performance include music festivals (music performance assessments) in the spring. Students who play larger instruments may rent from the school for \$150.00.

Band III (Woodwind/Brass/Percussion)

Full Year / 1.0 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required** **Prerequisite: Band I & II (or equivalent)**

Full band, accelerated music course with opportunity for performance at music festivals (music performance assessments) during the spring. Students who play larger instruments may rent from the school for \$150.00.

Percussion I

Full Year / 1.0 Credit - **Fee required - Instrument Maintenance and Usage Fee Required**

Intended for students in their 1st (beginning) or 2nd year of playing percussion. Opportunities for performance include band concerts, percussion concerts, percussion/music festivals (music performance assessments).

Percussion II

Full Year / 1.0 Credit - **Fee required - Instrument Maintenance and Usage Fee Required** **Prerequisite: Percussion I**

Intended for students in their 3rd year of playing percussion (2nd year with teacher permission). Opportunities for performance include band concerts, percussion concerts, percussion/music festivals (music performance assessments).

Orchestra I / Beginning

Full Year / 1.0 Credit - **Fee required**

This course is for students who want to play the violin, viola, cello and string bass. No previous experience is required, only a desire to learn how to play a string instrument. Viola, cello and bass instruments may be rented from the school for a \$150.00/year fee. Violins must be rented or purchased from a local music store.

Orchestra II / Intermediate

Full Year/1.0 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required** **Prerequisite: Orchestra I**

This course will expand musicianship skills on the violin, viola, cello and string bass through the third year of development. Viola, cello and bass instruments may be rented from the school for \$150.00/year fee. Violins must be rented or purchased from a local music store.

Orchestra III / Advanced

Full Year/1.0 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required** **Prerequisite: Orchestra II or Teachers permission**

This course will expand musicianship skills on the violin, viola, cello and string bass through the fourth year of development. Viola, cello and bass instruments may be rented from the school for \$150.00/year fee. Violins must be rented or purchased from a local music store.

Release Time/Seminary

Full Year / Non-school Credit

This is a time where the state allows the school to release students for religious instruction with parental permission. Registration for this course must be made at the Seminary building.

HALF YEAR ELECTIVES

Men's Chorus

Half Year / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This class is open to any 8th or 9th grade young man that loves to sing. No audition is required. We will learn choral habits and sight-reading skills. Students will perform at 4 concerts (Half Year performs twice). Full Year and Half Year options are available.

Women's Chorus

Half Year / .5 Fine Arts - **Fee required**

This class is open to any 8th or 9th grade young lady that loves to sing. No audition is required. We will learn choral habits and sight-reading skills. Students will perform at 4 concerts (Half Year performs twice). Full Year and Half Year options are available.

Beginning Band I

Half Year / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This course is for students who want to start learning a band instrument (oboe, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and trumpet.) Students will also learn how to read music. Current music students can also sign up for this course if they want to learn how to play another instrument. Students may rent instruments from the school if needed for \$150.00. Students may also take a second semester of this course if desired.

Music Appreciation / Independent Study

Half Year / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This course is for current music students, (band, orchestra, choir) who would like to have more time to practice and study on their own in the middle of their day. Students will be able to use practice rooms and school facilities to improve their music. Students will also be given access to a mentor teacher for advice and guidance.

Art Foundations I

Semester / .5 Fine arts Credit - **Fee required (Cannot repeat if taken in 8th grade)**

In Art Foundations 1, students focus on further developing art skills, by being able to communicate and create projects using the elements of art (shape, line, color, texture, value, form and space). The projects will include sculpture, drawing, and painting. Art history, both academic and contemporary will be discussed through the class. This class is intended to be the precursor for all other visual art classes.

High School Art Foundations (Highly recommended: Art Foundations I with a B or higher in 8th grade)

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This is for art students with strong drawing skills gained in Art Foundations I and a passion for art. This course is an in-depth exploration of the visual arts. A variety of mediums, techniques, tools, and art styles will be explored. Students will focus on art production using the elements and principles of design, drawing, painting, printmaking, and other classical and contemporary art forms. Students will have experiences with art criticism, art history, and aesthetic awareness. This does fill a high school fine arts credit if in 9th grade.

Photography

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This class is designed to teach students how to take quality pictures. They will learn how to compose and modify photos digitally using the program Photoshop CC. Students will also use light and photographic equipment to create inventive art. Access to a digital camera is highly recommended.

3-D Design

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This course is for art students with a desire to emphasize their art studies in 3-dimensional work. Creativity and art medium exploration will guide this course. Modern art forms, sculpture using a variety of mediums, and clay will be some of the projects explored in this class. Drawing skills will be improved as well. Students will have experiences with art criticism, art history, and aesthetic awareness as well. This does fill a high school fine arts credit if in 9th grade. It is highly recommended that students have previously taken an art class.

Painting

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This studio class encourages experimentation with various painting mediums. Basic and advanced techniques will be taught and assessed. Color theory, art history, and composition will be incorporated as well. It is expected that students taking this course are comfortable in basic drawing and mark making skills. It is highly recommended that students have previously taken an art class.

Drawing

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

Drawing 1 is designed to help students to improve their drawing skills, including in areas such as proportions, texture, edges, value or shading. A variety of drawing surfaces and drawing tools will be experimented. Principles of perspective will be introduced. Also expressive and creative drawing processes will be explored. This course is intended to include both traditional academic and contemporary approaches to drawing. Students are expected to be self-driven and motivated. It is highly recommended that students have previously taken an art class.

Musical Theatre

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

Musical Theatre is an advanced performance class, though all 8th and 9th graders are welcome to sign up! We focus on developing skills in singing, acting, and dancing, and combining these skills into musical theatre scenes. Students are also introduced to proper audition technique and will receive audition coaching. We explore musical theatre history throughout the semester and prepare a musical revue to be performed for families.

Disney Music Magic (Film & Media Art)

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

This brand-new class will explore the music that makes Disney movies so magical! Students will learn about various Disney composers, explore how composers and animators work together to create a soundtrack, and analyze the music used in films such as Up, Coco, The Avengers, The Nightmare Before Christmas, and many more! Open to all 8th and 9th grade students.

Theater Foundations II (Drama II)

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

Drama II continues to build upon the performance skills learned in Drama I, though all students are welcome. Students develop skills in script-writing, improvisation, and character development and are introduced to Radio Drama, Stage Combat, Greek Theatre, and Shakespearean works. We also learn how to critique live theatre productions. Students will prepare and perform a class play at the end of the semester.

Theatre Foundations 3A (Drama III)

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit – **Fee required**

Prerequisite: Drama II

Drama III is our most advanced acting class. We focus on fine-tuning the performance skills developed in previous drama classes, as well as developing skills in directing, theatre history, script-writing, partner acting, and sword combat.

Theatre Foundations 3B (Drama III)

Semester / .5 Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

Prerequisite: Drama II

This class is a continuation of Theatre 3 and great for students who want a full-year theatre class. Theatre 3B will focus on exploring various kinds of theatre, such as puppetry, play-within-a-play, multimedia, and immersive theatre. Students will also explore how to direct and design their own productions. The class will prepare and perform an immersive theatrical experience at the end of the semester.

Construction Technology & Set Design

Semester / .5 CTE or Fine Arts Credit - **Fee required**

Students in this class will learn the essentials of designing, creating, and running a theatrical performance. They will have practice in set construction, sound, lighting, and in practical stage crew experience. All students learn safety and pass a safety exam.

****Note: Students are required to spend after school and evening hours as members of the stage crew for the auditorium.**

Literature & Film 2

Semester / .5 Elective Credit

Prerequisite: Literature and Film 1

This class will take a deeper dive into the elements learned in Literature and Film 1. This class is for students who enjoyed taking Literature and Film 1 and want to learn more. While we will be reviewing elements of film, genres, and adaptation, the focus will be on analyzing and creating. Students will critically analyze literature and film from various time periods, genres, countries, and directors. Students will also learn and try out the basics of production design in different roles including being in and creating films.

Health II

Semester / .5 Health Credit - **This class will fulfill the .5 Health credit required for High School graduation.** *(May also be taken in 10th grade)*

The goal of Health Education at the high-school level is to help establish patterns of behavior that will assist a person in achieving complete health. Complete health is accomplished by having a balance of physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. This course is designed to offer students the opportunity to acquire knowledge, incorporate process and life skills, and develop positive attitudes about life. Development of a healthy body and a healthy mind will assist young people in living active, productive, and successful lives.

Dance Conditioning 1

Semester/ .5 P.E. Elective Credit - **\$10.00 Fee required**

This class is a one semester class for the beginning-intermediate students with no previous dance experience required. Students will learn basic dance skills in technique, flexibility and all genres of Jazz dance. Various dance styles will be taught including – Jazz, Hip-Hop, Contemporary/Lyrical and others. Students will have an opportunity to perform at school assemblies and an end-of-semester program. Grading is based on participation.

Dance Company B

2nd Semester ONLY / .5 P.E. Elective Credit *(9th grade only)* - **\$10.00 Fee required**

Prerequisite: Previous dance experience AND Teacher Approval ONLY (Audition)

This is an Auditioned Class and requires approval from the teacher. There is NOT a selection spot on the registration form. If you would like to be considered and register for Dance Company, you will need to select Dance Conditioning 1 on the registration form and then audition for Dance Company. Those who audition and are selected for the team will be automatically placed into the class by the school counselors. Auditions for Dance Company will occur in the spring (prior to the start of the school year).

Dance Company B is a one semester class for the intermediate-advance dancers who have previous dance experience and have auditioned for this class/team. Students will enhance their intermediate-advance dance skills in technique, flexibility, performance and knowledge of all genres of the Jazz dance style. Styles taught will include Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and others. Students will have multiple opportunities to perform at school assemblies, basketball games, various concerts and an end-of-semester showcase. Grading is based on participation and completion of the class. A class outfit(s) will be purchased for the performances.

Body Conditioning (Girls)

Semester / .5 Healthy Lifestyles Credit - **\$10.00 Fee required**

Students will learn the foundations of fitness in a hands on class that will include learning through working hard and developing their own ideas of fitness. This class will be student driven through their desire to learn different concepts about working out and reaching their fitness potential. This class will be a HIGHLY active class and students will be required to work out every class period. We will explore several different fitness areas including cardio training, cross fit, yoga, pilates, zumba, weight training and students interests.

This class cannot be used to replace Participation Skills which is required for High School graduation.

Yoga

Semester / .5 Healthy Lifestyles Credit - \$10.00 Fee required

This course is designed to introduce students, safely and accessibly, to the basic postures, breathing techniques, and relaxation methods of yoga. Students will begin to experience the benefits of stretching, moving, and breathing freely as they relieve built up stress, learn to relax, and ultimately get more out of day- to-day life. The aim of this course is to promote not only physical, but mental health. Nutrition and healthy fitness activities will also be taught during this course.

Weight Training (Boys)

Semester / .5 Healthy Lifestyles Credit - **\$10.00 Fee required**

This class places special emphasis on weight training and will also offer a total body-conditioning program that combines cardiovascular health, flexibility, strength training, along with nutritional and core training exercises. This class cannot be used to replace Participation Skills which is required for High School graduation.

Sports and Outdoor Product Sewing Design

Semester / .5 CTE Credit

This course introduces students to basic apparel design and construction skills. It is offered for the outdoor/athletic/adventurous student that is interested in outdoor activities and gear that will enhance that particular interest. Some possible project choices are: sweat pants or joggers, an overnight duffel bag, fanny packs, hoodies, jackets, etc. Sewing is a great skill to have throughout your life.

Sewing Construction & Textiles (Apparel Design and Production)

Semester / .5 CTE Credit

This is a great class for 9th grade students. Intermediate sewing will be the focus of this class. We will begin with a review of construction techniques, pattern layout, and textiles. Students will begin by sewing drawstring PJ's. Next, students can choose from a variety of more difficult projects that include techniques such as: zippers, collars, buttonholes, and set-in sleeves, etc. Students can make hoodies, dresses, skirts, duffle bags and more. Many students enter the Make-It-Yourself with Wool contest held in December. "Christmas Sewing Challenge" is done in December.

Fashion Design Studio / Costume Design

Semester / .5 CTE Credit (**Offered in the 2nd semester only**)

This is a great class for both boys and girls who enjoy color, fashion, design, and sewing. In Fashion Design Studio, students will first learn about costumes and possible careers in the costume industry. Next, they will be helping to design and sew costumes and accessories for the school musical. The last term will be spent exploring the history of fashion, the elements and principles of fashion design, and fashion industry careers. Students will then be able to make small changes to a pattern and sew their own piece.

Foods and Nutrition I

Semester / .5 CTE Credit

Nutrition will be emphasized as students learn preparation of a variety of foods. Many cooking experiences will take place as students learn and practice kitchen and food safety, increase their knowledge of kitchen equipment, and become more confident in the kitchen. A class for boys and girls.

Business Office Specialist

Semester / .5 Digital Studies Credit

This class will fulfill the .5 Digital Studies required for High School graduation. (May be taken in 10th grade)

In this course students will learn both basic and advanced features of programs like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. This class can be taken to meet the high school graduation requirement of Digital Studies.

Introduction to Manufacturing (Woods)

Semester / .5 CTE Credits

"Woodshop" is a hands-on course that allows students to explore the manufacturing of products utilizing wood materials. Students are to mill and assemble a wood based product. The students are to manufacture a "Pioneer Puzzle". The puzzle includes wood, composite material, plastic, nylon cord, metal and mechanical soldering. Great emphasis is placed on the safe operation of both hand and power tools. Each semester the students collectively determine the products to be manufactured. A primary focus for the course is to give the students an understanding of how to take raw materials and produce a finished product. Previously chosen by student products include toy trucks, a variety of treasure boxes, small tables, benches, foot lockers and wall clocks. Material Expense is based on student choices. Average expense has been \$30.

Robotics Technology

Semester / .5 CTE Credit

An introductory course focused on robotic technologies and what it means to be living in an automotive world. Students will gain an understanding of how robotic technologies impact the environment, society, and the economy. Students will develop a foundation in essential abilities and attitudes in connection with math and science skills that will in turn expand their opportunities in the world of automation.

Peer Tutoring

Semester/.5 Elective Credit

This is a course designed to help students learn about and interact with peers with special needs. Peer helpers may assist students with education goals, physical activities, classroom activities, and occasional community field trips as part of this daily course. Formal application is required including parent signature and recommendation from at least two teachers. Applications available in the counseling office.

Yearbook

Semester / .5 Elective Credit

The responsibility of this course is to create, produce, and distribute a school yearbook. Students who participate in this course are encouraged to take a proactive role by contributing ideas and working collaboratively and in harmony with other students in the course. In addition to the creation of the yearbook, this course will also highlight 21st century skills including design, photography, editing, and communications. Students will be given opportunities to demonstrate excellence through the use of different media and technology. A percentage of the student's grade will depend on attending and documenting assigned after school events. A signed recommendation / application from an English teacher is required.

