

School Counseling Department and Social Emotional Learning *Programming Update*



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District Goal #2:

Strengthen the ability of the staff to promote social, emotional, health and well-being outcomes through staff development.

Program of Studies 2019-20 Changes and Scheduling Timeline

Revised Scheduling Timeline

January, 2019

- Program of Studies Published
- Teacher Recommendations

February-March, 2019

- Counselor meetings and course selection

April 5, 2019

- First Deadline to submit requests to change a Course Request

April - July, 2019

- Master schedule built

June 24, 2019

- Appeal and Late qualification deadline

School Year 2019-20

Schedules released

- August 26, 2019

Second window to submit changes to Course Request

- August 26-30, 2019

Add/Drop and level change timeline

- Courses may be dropped with no notation on the transcript:
 - Semester Course: 10 days [September 18th, 2019] [February 8, 2020]
 - Full Year Course: 20 days [October 2nd, 2019]
- After that time frame, any courses that are dropped will be noted on the transcript with a “W”
- Level changes until October 10, 2019
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Course Changes

Ridge High School

Mathematics Department

- **Computer Science Principles**, moved to Math Department from Tech Department

Science Department

- **Honors Biology** - Removal of Algebra I prerequisite requirement, implications for Honors Chemistry
- **BioMedical** - Removed Honors prerequisite
- "Optional Ways to Qualify for AP Science" found on pages 22-23 of the Program of Studies

Ridge High School, continued

Career Education Department

- Technology Department renamed, merged with Business Department
- New course: **Game Design and Development**
- Course name change: **Technology: Design & Innovation** (formerly Technology: Design, Engineering & Innovation)
- Name Change: **Computer Applications in Business** (formerly Word Processing)
- Publications I: Prerequisite changed to Grades 9-12
- Publications II: Full year course changed to semester course
- Course name change: **Senior Internship** (formerly Business Education Practicum, No Credit awarded)
- Revised Graduation Requirement Option: **Financial Literacy Online Summer Option**

Ridge High School, continued

English Language Arts Department

- New course: **AP Research**

Social Studies Department

- New course: **Introduction to Psychology**/Dual Enrollment Course
- **AP Economics**: Course prerequisite change
- Semester Electives available: CP Psychology, Human Geography, Ethics, Human Rights, US History Through Film, History of the Middle East
- Students will be able to satisfy the financial literacy graduation requirement with the successful completion of this course for school years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. Personal Finance will no longer be part of this course after that time.

World Languages Department

- New courses: **American Sign Language Level 4**, Levels 2-4 Honors

Physical Education Department

- **Health Requirement** - Additional marking period in Grades 10 and 11
- For Health/Physical Education courses, all students must be enrolled in the same course section of at least 4 days of health/physical education to meet state requirements.

Ridge High School, continued

Visual Arts Department

- Course name change: **Ceramics I** (formerly Introduction to Ceramics)
- Course name change: **Ceramics II** (formerly Advanced Ceramics)
- Course name change: **Photo III: Photography Thesis/AP Option** - Prerequisite change and AP Photo Option added

Performing Arts Department

- Concert Band – 5 credit course changed to 6 credits (lessons now included in course)
- Honors Wind Ensemble – same as above
- Honors Wind Ensemble/Symphony Orchestra – same as above
- Chamber Orchestra – same as above
- Symphony Orchestra – same as above
- Concert Choir – same as above
- Ridge Chorale – same as above

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New Courses

Mathematics Department

- New course: **Accelerated Math 07**

Elective Changes (All changes below are dependent upon budget approval)

- **Grades 7 and 8 Dance**
- **Grade 8 Theater**

Teacher Recommendations

Teacher Recommendation Process

- Purpose
 - To improve the students' ability to make the most appropriate course selections they can
- Process
 - Prior to scheduling, teachers will make recommendations in Aspen
 - They will be viewable in the student/parent portal and to the School Counselors
- Guidelines
 - Recommendations are **not** mandatory
 - Teachers are encouraged to provide this information, particularly for students who are “on the borderline”
 - Recommendations are **not** binding
 - If a student is qualified to take a course, but the teacher does not recommend the course for the student, the student can still select the course

Providing additional information to students, parents and counselors will help students make informed and appropriate decisions about their course requests.

Summary of Changes

Changes

- Reference [handout](#)
- This is included in POS for all students and families

Amendments to POS At a Glance 2019-2020



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COURSE CHANGES/UPDATES

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Read the full Program of Studies for more details!