



Zephyrhills High School

9th Grade Course Request Card for 2020-21



Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____ Middle School Name: _____

- All students must have **6 courses each semester** for a total of 6 credits each year (including seniors.) All available courses are on the back of this card. More course information can be found on the ZHS website: <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>
- Use the course list on the back of this form to complete the diagram below for the student's four core classes and top five elective choices for the remaining credits available. The requested courses are dependent on grade level, availability, class size, and student qualifications (pre-requisites).
- We will do our best to give students their first choice of electives. The remaining elective choices will be considered as alternates if the top elective choices do not fit in the schedule.
- Current academic teachers must sign next to the course to approve the course. Elective teachers will also approve courses that have an asterisks symbol (*). Approvals will be based on past course performance, student work ethic and standardized testing scores.
- Students cannot pick their teachers, class periods, or lunch period.
- **Please choose the course requests carefully since it may not be possible to change the courses later.**

Subject	Course Title <small>(See back page for list of core courses available)</small>	Current Teacher Signature
English/Lang. Arts (1.0 credit)		
Mathematics (1.0 credit)		
Science (1.0 credit)		
HOPE <small>(required for graduation) (1.0 credit)</small>	HOPE <small>(Health Opportunities through Physical Education)</small>	N/A

Subject	Elective Course Title <small>(See back page for list of 9th grade elective courses available)</small>
Elective Choice 1 (1.0 or 0.5 credit)	
Elective Choice 2 (1.0 or 0.5 credit)	
Elective Choice 3 (1.0 or 0.5 credit)	
Elective Choice 4 (1.0 or 0.5 credit)	
Elective Choice 5 (1.0 or 0.5 credit)	

Dates for Registration

- February 3-6: Counselors visit middle schools for student registration presentations.
- February 6: ZHS Curriculum Fair at 6:00pm in the ZHS Commons for all students coming to ZHS in 2020-21.
- February 10-12: Course Card Dates for all teachers to sign course cards for students.
- February 13: All Course Cards must be returned by this day, with teacher, student, and parent signatures.

The signatures below indicate that you have read and understood the information on both sides of this card.

Student Signature	Student Phone Number and/or Email Address	School Counselor Signature	Date
Parent Name (print)	Parent Signature	Parent Phone Number	Parent Email Address
			Date

9th Grade Core Courses 2020-21

- Current 8th grade academic teachers will approve core courses for each student from those listed below.
- **The number of credits** for the courses are shown in parentheses: **(0.5)** = ½ credit/semester class **(1.0)** = 1 credit/year-long class
- **An asterisks symbol *** indicates teacher approval is needed for the course.
- Course descriptions, graduation requirements and other registration information can be found under the Students tab on the ZHS website: <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

English/Language Arts

- (1.0) English 1
- (1.0) English Honors 1* (Should have at least a lvl 3 on FSA ELA)

Mathematics

- (1.0) Algebra 1
- (1.0) Algebra 1 Honors* (Should have a least a lvl 3 in middle school math)
- (1.0) Geometry Honors* (Prerequisite is Alg 1 or Alg 1 Hon in 8th grade)
- (1.0) Algebra 2 Honors* (Prerequisite is Geometry Honors in 8th grade)

Science

- (1.0) Earth/Space Science
- (1.0) Biology 1 Honors* (Should have at least a lvl 3 on FSA ELA)
- NOTE:** It is recommended that students who plan to take Chemistry 1 Hon in 10th grade should complete both Biology 1 Hon and Geometry Hon in 9th grade.

NOTE: Due to the Florida state-mandated Class Size Amendment, core academic courses cannot have more than 25 students enrolled in each class on average. Therefore, a student may not receive all the honors courses he/she requested.

9th Grade Elective Courses 2020-21

- A student's elective course selection should be based on graduation requirements and student interests.
- **A hashtag symbol #** indicates a course that gives **Performing/Fine/Practical Arts credit** (1.0 credit required for graduation)
- **An asterisks symbol *** indicates teacher approval is needed for the course.
- **A degree symbol °** indicates an **Advanced Placement (AP) course** with a required AP Exam in May.

ACADEMIES

Students who successfully complete all required courses and exams in any of these academies will receive an Industry Certification when they graduate. More certification information is found online at: <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Agriculture Program

- (1.0) Agriscience Found 1 (Entry level course)
- (1.0) Ag Comm 2* (Prerequisite is Agriscience Found 1)

Building Construction Academy

- (1.0) Bldg Construction Tech 1 (Entry level course)

Business & Technology Program

- (1.0) Digital Information Technology# (Entry level course)

Criminal Justice Academy

- (1.0) Criminal Justice 1 (Entry level course)

Embry-Riddle Aerospace Academy

- (1.0) Aerospace Tech 1 (Entry level course)

Health & Medical Skills Academy

- (1.0) Medical Skills & Services (Entry level course)

New Teacher Academy

- (1.0) Intro to Teaching (Entry level course)

ART (meets performing/fine arts credit requirement)

- (1.0) 2-D Studio Art 1# (2-Dimensional Art)
- (1.0) 3-D Studio Art 1# (3-Dimensional Art)
- (1.0) Digital Art Imaging 1#

MUSIC (meets performing/fine arts credit requirement)

- (1.0) Band 1#
- (1.0) Chorus 1#
- (1.0) Eurhythmics 1# (Color Guard)
- (1.0) Jazz Ensemble 1#
- (1.0) Keyboarding 1# (Piano)
- (1.0) Music of the World#
- (1.0) Musical Theatre 1#

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- (1.0) HOPE (Required for Graduation)
- (0.5) Basketball
- (0.5 each) Individual/Dual Sports 1, 2
- (0.5) Soccer
- (0.5 each) Team Sports 1, 2
- (0.5 each) Volleyball 1, 2
- (0.5 each) Weight Training 1, 2

TECHNOLOGY

- (1.0) Digital Information Technology#
- (1.0) AP Computer Science Principles° (College-level course. Recommended prerequisite is Alg 1 or Alg 1 Hon with at least a "C" average.)

WORLD LANGUAGES

- (1.0) American Sign Language 1 (Limited availability for 9th grade)
- (1.0) Spanish 1 (Limited availability for 9th grade)
- (1.0) Spanish 2* (Prerequisite is Spanish 1 in 8th grade w/ at least a "C" average. Spanish teacher signature required)

OTHER

- (0.5) Driver's Ed (must be at least 15 years old)
- (1.0) Online course via Pasco eSchool or FLVS (Please indicate which class(es) the student plans to take online)

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

- (1.0) AVID 1*
- (0.5 each) Creative Writing 1 & 2 (Take both semesters)
- (1.0) Journalism 1# (Morning news crew)
- (0.5) Contemporary History
- (0.5) Court Procedures (take w/ Law Studies)
- (0.5) Law Studies (take w/ Court Procedures)
- (0.5) Sociology
- (1.0) AP Human Geography° (College-level course. Recommended to students who are concurrently taking English 1 Honors.)

ARMY ROTC

- (1.0) AR Leadership Ed/Train 1

NOTE: The school district's automated student scheduling system will randomly schedule students for the 2020-2021 based on their grade level (upperclassmen have priority), then by their academic and elective course requests, with the exception of some program requirements. When possible, we will try to use the student's elective choices when finalizing student schedules. However, if none of the choices fit, we will place them in similar courses or wherever there is room so that the students are fully enrolled in 6 classes each semester.