



Zephyrhills High School

Incoming 9th Grade Course Request Card for 2023-24



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

Check here only if the student has documentation for: ☐ ESE (has an IEP) or ☐ 504 Plan or ☐ ELL (Eng Lang Learner)

- All students must have 6 courses each semester for a total of 6 credits each year. The available courses for 9th grade students 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 boxes below for the required core classes and elective choices for the remaining credits. The requested courses are dependent on grade level, availability, class size, and student qualifications.
- Fill out **all elective choices fully**, otherwise, courses will be chosen for the student if their first choices don't fit. We will do our best to honor students' top choices of electives, but remember that upperclassmen get priority for popular electives. The remaining elective choices will be considered as alternates if the top elective choices does 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 test scores.
- Students cannot pick their teachers, class periods, or lunch period. **Please choose courses carefully since it may not be possible to change the courses later.**

Required Subject	Course Title (See back page for list of core courses available)	Current Teacher Signature (Required)
English Language Arts (1.0 credit)	Students must circle one: English 1 OR English 1 Hon	
Mathematics (1.0 credit)	Students must circle one: Algebra 1 OR Algebra 1 Hon OR Geom Hon	
Science (1.0 credit)	Students must circle one: Earth/Space Sci OR Bio 1 Hon	
Financial Literacy (required elective) (0.5 credit)	Students must circle one: (New graduation requirement for 9 th grade students entering in 23-24 according to SB 1054) Personal Financial Literacy OR Personal Financial Literacy Honors	
HOPE (required elective) (1.0 credit)	HOPE (Health Opportunities through Physical Education) (HOPE can be removed in place of another elective if the student takes Band or JROTC due to potential waivers)	

Elective Subject	Elective Course Title (NOTE: Only the electives that fit in the schedule will be given, not all elective choices. Please list top favorite elective choices from 1 to 4. See back page for 9 th grade elective courses available.)	Current Teacher Signature (Only for any elective courses with an asterisks * symbol)
Required Academic Elect (0.5 credit to match w/ Financial Lit)	Students must circle one: Contemporary Hist OR Creative Writing 1 OR Sociology	N/A
Elective Choice 1 (1.0 credits OR two 0.5 credits)		
Elective Choice 2 (1.0 credits OR two 0.5 credits)		
Elective Choice 3 (1.0 credits OR two 0.5 credits)		
Elective Choice 4 (1.0 credits OR two 0.5 credits)		

Dates for Registration

- January 10-27: Middle school presentations by ZHS team for student registration.
- January 10-February 2: Course Card dates for all teachers to sign course cards for students.
- February 2: ZHS Curriculum Fair at 6:00pm in ZHS Commons area for all students planning to attend ZHS in 2023-24.
- February 3: All Course Cards must be returned to designated teacher, with teacher, student, and parent signatures.

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

Student Signature

Student Phone Number (Optional)

Student Email Address (Optional)

Date

Counselor Initials

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Parent Phone Number

Parent Email Address

Date

9th Grade Core Courses 2023-24

- 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 level 3 on FAST ELA)

Mathematics

- (1.0) Algebra 1
(1.0) Algebra 1 Honors* (Should have at least a level 3 on state math test)
(1.0) Geometry Honors* (Prerequisite is Alg 1 or Alg 1 Hon in 8th grade with a "C" average or higher)

Science

- (1.0) Earth/Space Science
(1.0) Biology 1 Honors* (Should have at least a level 3 on FAST ELA due to the difficulty of the text)

9th Grade Elective Courses 2023-24

- 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

This is a list of the entry level courses for each academy only. 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 and the full list of courses for each academy is found online at: <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Agriculture Program

- (1.0) Agriscience Foundations 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)

Health & Medical Skills Academy

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

New Teacher Academy

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

Veterinary Assist Program (Part of Agriculture Program)

- (1.0) Veterinary Assistance 1 (Entry level course)

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

- (1.0) AVID 1
(0.5) Contemporary History
(0.5) Creative Writing 1
(0.5) Sociology
(1.0) AP Human Geography° (College-level course. Recommended for students who are also taking Eng Hon 1 and have at least a 3 on FAST ELA)

ARMY JROTC

- (1.0) Army Leadership Ed/Train 1 (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)

MUSIC (meets performing/fine arts credit requirement)

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- (0.5 each) Team Sports 1 & 2

TECHNOLOGY

- (1.0) Computer Science Principles
(1.0) Digital Information Technology#
(1.0) Journalism 1# (Yearbook class)
(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) Spanish 1 (Very limited availability for 9th grade)
(1.0) Spanish 2* (Prerequisite is Spanish 1 in 8th grade w/ at least a "C" average. NOTE: There is very limited availability for 9th grade in Spanish 2)

OTHER

- (1.0) Online course via Pasco eSchool or FLVS (Please indicate which class the student plans to take online.)

NOTE: The school district's automated student scheduling system will randomly schedule students for the 2023-2024 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.