



Zephyrhills High School

Incoming 9th Grade Course Request Card for 2025-26



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

- All students must have 6 courses each semester for a total of **6 credits each year**. The available courses for 9th grade students are listed below.
- Approvals for core classes will be based on past course performance, student work ethic, and state test scores. ZHS has the right to change courses based on final grades and state test scores before the 25-26 school year begins.
- Students cannot pick their teachers, specific periods, or lunch period. **Please choose courses carefully since it may not be possible to change the courses later.** More registration information can be found on the ZHS website: <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

REQUIRED COURSES

Put an "X" or check mark "✓" for the desired course in each category. Current teacher must sign for English, Math and Science classes for 25-26.

English

_____ English 1
_____ English 1 Hon (Score at least a level 3 on 8th FAST ELA)

Teacher Signature: _____

HOPE

_____ HOPE (Health Opportunities through Physical Education) **Note:** HOPE is a graduation requirement unless students take 2 years of Band for a sem waiver or 2 years of JROTC for a year waiver.

Math

_____ Algebra 1
_____ Algebra 1 Hon (Score at least a level 3 on 8th FAST Math)
_____ Geometry Hon (if passed Alg 1/Alg 1 Hon with B or higher and level 3 on BEST Alg 1, otherwise regular Geometry)
_____ Algebra 2 Hon (if passed Alg 1/Alg 1 Hon & Geom/Geom Hon with B or higher and level 3 on BEST Alg 1, otherwise regular Alg 2)

Teacher Signature: _____

Science

_____ Agriscience Found. 1 Hon
_____ Earth/Space Science
_____ Biology
_____ Biology Hon (Score at least a level 3 on FAST ELA PM3 due to the difficulty of the text)

Teacher Signature: _____

Social Studies

CHOOSE ONE semester course (Grad Req)
_____ Pers Finan & Money Mgmt (Sem)
_____ Pers Finan & Money Mgmt Hon (Sem)
CHOOSE ONE semester course (Elective)
_____ Contemporary History (Sem)
_____ Court Procedures (Sem)
_____ Creative Writing (Sem)
_____ Florida History (Sem)
_____ Holocaust History Hon (Sem)
_____ Law Studies (Sem)
_____ Sociology (Sem)

ELECTIVES

- Rank the **desired electives** in order of **preference #1-5**. Student's top elective choices will be considered first, but upperclassmen get priority. The remaining electives will be considered as alternates if the top choices do not fit or get full.
- A **hashtag symbol #** indicates a course that gives **Performing/Fine/Practical Arts credit** (1.0 credit required for graduation)
- A **degree symbol °** indicates an **Advanced Placement (AP)** course with a required AP Exam in May

ACADEMIES/PROGRAMS

Students who successfully complete all required courses and exams in any of these academies may receive an Industry Certification. More information and the full list of courses for each academy is found online at: <http://zhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Agriculture Program

_____ Agriscience Found. 1 Hon (Entry level course, also counts as a science credit)

Business & Technology Program

_____ Digital Information Technology[#] (Entry level course, also counts as a fine/performing arts credit)

Criminal Justice Academy

_____ Criminal Justice 1 (Entry level course)

JROTC (Army) Program

_____ JROTC Army Lead Ed 1 (Entry level course)

Medical Academy (Patient Care Technician)

_____ Health Sci: Anatomy & Physiology (Entry level course AND must also take Biology or Biology Hon)

New Teacher Academy

_____ Intro to Teaching (Entry level course)

Veterinary Assist Program

_____ Veterinary Assistance 1 (Entry level course)

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

_____ AVID 1 (Full-year)
_____ Contemporary History (Sem)
_____ Court Procedures (Sem)
_____ Creative Writing (Sem)
_____ Holocaust History Hon (Sem)
_____ Florida History (Sem)
_____ Law Studies (Sem)
_____ Sociology (Sem)
_____ 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

FINE/PERFORMING ARTS: ART/MUSIC

_____ 2-D Studio Art 1[#] (2-Dimensional Art)
_____ 3-D Studio Art 1[#] (3-Dimensional Art)
_____ Band 3[#] (9th grade band)
_____ Chorus 1[#]
_____ Eurhythmics 1[#] (Flag/Color Guard)
_____ Instrumental Techniques 1[#] (Beginner level)
_____ Jazz Ensemble 1[#]
_____ Keyboarding 1[#] (Piano)
_____ Musical Theatre 1[#]

OTHER

Physical Education

_____ Team Sports 1 & 2 (only if already took HOPE)

Technology/Computers

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

World Language

_____ Spanish 1 (Very limited availability for 9th grade)
_____ Spanish 2 (Prerequisite is Spanish 1 in 8th grade with at least a "C" average. NOTE: There is very limited availability for 9th grade in Spanish 2)

Online

_____ Online course(s) via Pasco eSchool or FLVS (Please indicate which class(es) the student plans to take online: _____)

Dates for Registration

- Jan 14th-24th: Middle school registration presentations to 8th grade students for graduation requirements and incoming 9th grade course cards.
- Jan 16th: ZHS Curriculum Fair at 6:00pm in ZHS Commons area for all students planning to attend ZHS in 2025-26.
- Jan 24th-31st: Course Card dates for all teachers to sign course cards for 8th grade students.
- Jan 31st: All Course Cards must be returned to designated teacher, with teacher, student, and parent signatures.

The signatures below indicate that we have read and understood the information on this Course Request Card for 2025-26.

Student Signature

Student Phone Number (Optional)

Student Email Address (Optional)

Counselor Initials

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Parent Phone Number

Parent Email Address