

# Entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – 2023-2024 School Year

Parents and Guardians,

**Please read these guidelines completely as they contain very important information about your student's high school career.**

Welcome to Alameda High School. We are excited to have your student on our campus. As you prepare for the transition into high school, it is very important that you understand the course selection process, the graduation requirements and the University of California and California State University system eligibility requirements known as A-G (see table below). Understanding this information will help you and your student make the right choices when picking your classes.

## Selecting Your 9<sup>th</sup> Grader's Schedule:

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will take 6 classes. Five of those classes are requirements plus one elective. See listing below. Your student will be asked to rank order 8 elective choices. Your student should make their choices based on interest taking into consideration high school graduation and college admissions requirements. See boxes below. Please note that your student may be placed in an unselected support class if your student has an IEP or is part of the ELD program. AHS has five (5) career pathways for interested students who can get involved starting in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, see the AHS website (go to the Counseling section and click on the Course Selection tab).

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1. English 9
2. Physical Education 9
3. Biology
4. Math Course
5. Navigating Life (semester) and Ethnic Studies (semester)
6. Elective

**7<sup>th</sup> Class Option:** A 7<sup>th</sup> class option is available to a limited number of students. Priority will be given to students who are interested in band or orchestra and a foreign language. To be eligible for either music class, students must have prior musical experience. Please see the back page of the Course Selection Sheet for eligible instruments for each class. **0 period will start at 7:30 a.m.** The 7<sup>th</sup> class option will be based on space availability and there is no guarantee of placement.

## **Alameda Unified School District Graduation Requirements: 220 Credits \***

40 credits in English	60 credits in Electives
20 credits in Math	20 credits total in 2 out of the 3 categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 credits in World Language</li> <li>• 10 credits in Visual and Performing Art</li> <li>• 10 credits of Career Technical Education (CTE) may be substituted for one of the categories listed above</li> </ul>
20 credits in Lab Science <i>10 Biological/10 Physical</i>	5 credits in Navigating Life/Adulting
	5 credits in Ethnic Studies
20 credits in Physical Education	20 Hours of Community Service
30 credits in History/Social Science <i>10 MW Hist/10 US Hist/10 Govt/Econ</i>	GPA of 1.75 or higher

\* Students earn credits by earning grades of "D" or higher in their classes at the semester. For each class passed, five (5) credits will be issued per semester for a total of ten (10) credits per class per year. Unless otherwise noted in the course catalog descriptions, a student can only earn a maximum of ten (10) credits per course. If a student chooses to repeat a class for which they have already earned a passing grade and credits, the previously earned credits will be removed from the student's credit total and potentially create credit deficiencies toward graduation. Students should consult with their counselor prior to repeating a course.

## **A-G Eligibility Requirements (University of California and California State University)**

**Note: Only semester grades A, B, or C count toward A-G Eligibility Requirements**

A. History: 2 years Required	E. Foreign Language: 2 yrs Required (3 Recommended)
B. English: 4 years Required	F. Visual/Performing Art: 1 yr Required
C. Math: 3 yrs Req (Alg 1, Geom, Alg 2 )* *4 Years Recommended	G. College Prep Elective: 1 yr Required
D. Lab Science: 2 yrs Req (1 Biological & 1 Physical)* *3 years Recommended	UC Minimum Academic 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> grade GPA for Admissions = 3.0 CSU Minimum Academic 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> grade GPA for Admissions = 2.0

# Math Sequence for Incoming AHS 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Students should select the correct math course in sequence. Students are not allowed to skip any levels.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Completed**

**Enroll in:**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

**Math 8** (typical 8<sup>th</sup> grade math class with various names such as Foundations to Algebra, Pre-Algebra, etc.)



**Algebra 1**

(Required for 4 year college admission)

**Algebra 1** (passed with a grade of C or higher)



**Geometry**

(Required for 4 year college admission)

**Geometry** (passed with a grade of C or higher)



**Algebra 2**

Or

**Advanced Algebra 2** (fast paced class recommended for strong math students who received B's or higher in both Algebra 1 and Geometry)



**Alameda High School**  
**Entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Form**  
**2023-2024 School Year**

**Middle School Attending:**

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if your student has: an Individualized Education Plan (IEP): ☐ / 504 Plan: ☐

**Instructions:** All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must take 6 classes. Students cannot choose the order of classes. Please enter your course selection below and return this worksheet to Alameda High as soon as possible. Courses offered are tentative pending student signups. Classes that do not fill may be cancelled. The AHS Course Catalog is available on our website at <https://ahs.alamedaunified.org/> in the Counseling section under Course Selection.

**7<sup>th</sup> Class Option:** I would like to take a 0 period: ☐ Yes \* Priority will be given to students choosing Band/Orchestra and foreign language. 0 period starts at 7:30 a.m.

<b>Please Circle Your Course Selection - Required Subjects</b>					
	<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>		<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
<b>English 1 P</b>	EECD	<u>English 1 P</u>	<b>Physical Education</b>	PZGD	<u>PE</u>
<b>Math</b>	MDCD	Algebra 1 P	<b>Science</b>	QBCI	<u>Biology P</u>
-	MECE	Algebra 2 P			
-	MGCE	Geometry P			
-	MEAF	Adv. Algebra 2	<b>Navigating Life +</b>	DDGD/SJCI	<u>Navigating Life + Ethnic Studies</u>
Enter class name:	<u>Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Course:</u>		<b>Ethnic Studies</b>		

<b>Please List Your Course Selection - Elective Subjects -</b> Choose eight (8) and rank in order of preference with "1" as your first choice.		
<b><u>WORLD LANGUAGE</u></b> (A-G approved) ___ French 1 P (FFCD) ___ French 2 P (FFCE) ___ French 3 P (FFCF) * ___ Mandarin 1 P (FMBI) ___ Mandarin 2 P (FMKI) ___ Mandarin 3 P (FMUI) * ___ Spanish 1 P (FSCD) ___ Spanish 2 P (FSCE) ___ Spanish 3 P (FSCF) * ___ Spanish Heritage Spk P(FSCL)  * _____ *Teacher signature required for 3 <sup>rd</sup> year or above language	<b><u>VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS</u></b> (A-G approved) ___ Band P (LBII):instrument played: _____ ___ Beg. Guitar P (LIBI) ___ Contemporary Dance 1 P (LMGI) ___ Digital Filmmaking 1 P (RGCI) ___ Drama 1 P (LDCE) ___ Multimedia Art 1 P (LAAE) ___ Musical Theater P (LDAI) ___ Orchestra (LICI) instrument played: _____ ___ Visual Art 1 P (LAGD)  <b><u>ELD (English Language Learners)</u></b> ___ ELD Beginning (NEBI) ___ ELD Intermediate (NEII) ___ ELD Advanced (NXCG)	<b><u>CAREER TECH. EDUCATION</u></b> ___ Computer Science ___ Discoveries P (VQJI) ___ Digital Filmmaking 1 P (RGCI) ___ Marketing Ed. P (RXBI) ___ Multimedia Art 1 P (LAAE)  <b><u>OTHER ELECTIVES</u></b> ___ Creative Writing P (EWCI) (A-G approved) ___ Journalism P (EJCE) (A-G approved) ___ Leadership (application and interview required) (OSGD) ___ Yearbook (EYCI)  <b><u>OTHER ELECTIVES (SPECIAL ED.)</u></b> ___ Academic Strategies - strategic (ZOBI) ___ Communication in the Real World (ZXBI)

**We understand that** 1) these are the classes we have selected for the 2023-2024 school year but there is no guarantee that the student will receive the selected classes; 2) teachers are hired based on course selection requests; and 3) requests for classes that you did not select on this form may not be honored in August.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Course Offerings for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

\* Audition Required    + Teacher Approval Required    ✱ Application Required    ^ English Learner Program    " Special Education    § Summer Assignment Required  
 P = meets eligibility for 4 year college admission

<p><b><u>Physical Education</u></b> PZGD PE</p> <p><b><u>English</u></b> EECD English 1 P</p> <p><b><u>ELD (English Language Learners)</u></b> NEBI Beginning ELD NEJI Newcomer English (must sign up for Beginning ELD also) NEII Intermediate ELD NXCG Advanced ELD</p> <p><b><u>Science</u></b> QBCI Biology P</p> <p><b><u>Math</u></b> MDCD Algebra 1 P MGCE Geometry P MECE Algebra 2 P MEAF Adv. Algebra 2 P +</p> <p><b>Please select the correct Math course in sequence. Do <u>not</u> skip a level.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Navigating Life</u></b> DDGD/ Navigating Life / SACI Ethnic Studies</p> <p><b><u>Career Tech. Education Electives</u></b> VQJI Computer Science Discoveries P RGCI Digital Filmmaking 1 P RXBI Marketing Ed. P LAAE Multimedia Art 1 P</p> <p><b><u>Visual &amp; Performing Arts Electives</u></b> LBII Concert Band P LIBI Beg. Guitar P LMGI Contemporary Dance 1 P LDCE Drama 1 P LAAE Multimedia Art 1 P LDAI Musical Theater P LAGD Visual Art 1 P RGCI Digital Filmmaking 1 P</p>	<p><b><u>Concert Band</u></b> – applicable instruments -Piccolo/flute -Oboe -Clarinet -Bass Clarinet -Alto Saxophone -Tenor Saxophone -Bari Saxophone -Bassoon -Trumpet -French Horn -Trombone -Baritone -Tuba -Percussion</p> <p><b><u>Orchestra</u></b>– applicable instruments -Violin -Viola -Cello -Double Bass</p>	<p><b><u>World Languages Electives</u></b> FFCD French 1 P FFCE French 2 P FFCF French 3 P + FMBI Mandarin 1 P FMKI Mandarin 2 P FMUI Mandarin 3 P + FSCD Spanish 1 P FSCE Spanish 2 P FSCF Spanish 3 P + FSCL Spanish for Heritage Speakers (for native Spanish Speakers) Equivalent to Spanish 3</p> <p><b><u>Other Electives</u></b> ZOBI Academic Strategies * - strategic ZXBI Communication in the Real World * EWCI Creative Writing P EJCE Journalism P OSGD Leadership (separate application or interview required) EYCI Yearbook</p>
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