

Welcome incoming 9th graders!

Course selection instructions for 9th grade



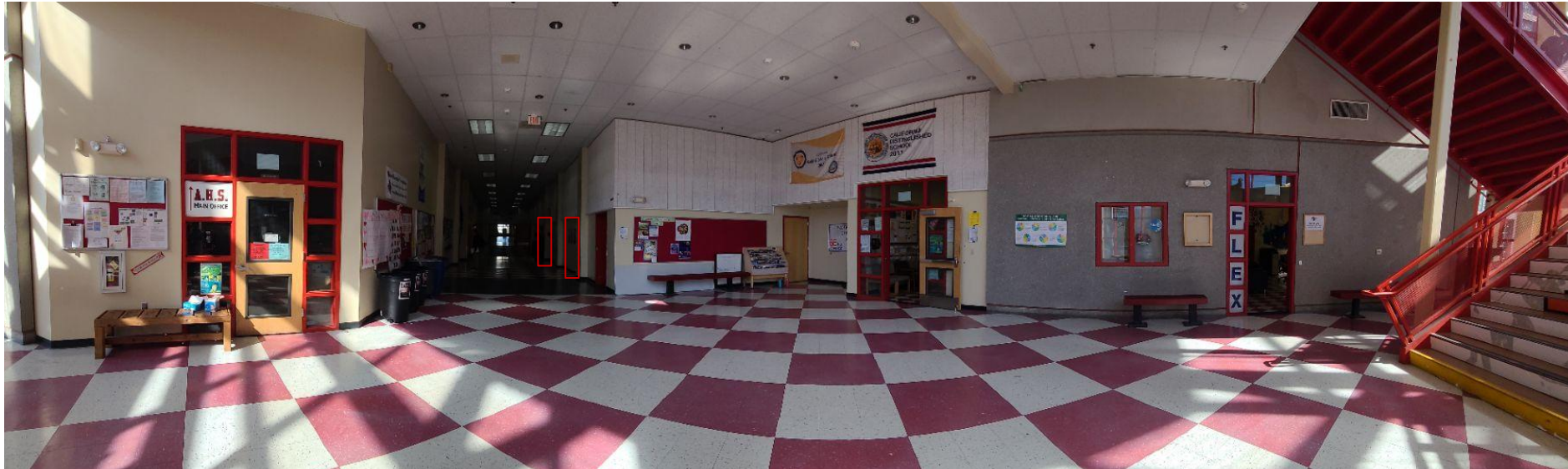
by the Albany High School Counseling Department

Overview

- Welcome to Albany High!
- Course selection timeline and dates
- Requirements and schedule planning
- Online course selection instructions



Welcome to Albany High!



- What are you looking forward to?
- What are you nervous about?
- What do you feel like you need to know to be ready?

Block schedule

Monday 50 minute periods	Block A (Tue/Thu) 95 minute periods	Block B (Wed/Fri) 95 minute periods
1st Period 8:30 - 9:20	1st Period 8:30 - 10:05	2nd Period 8:30 - 10:05
2nd Period 9:25 - 10:15		
3rd Period 10:30 - 11:20	3rd Period 10:20 - 11:55	Advisory/Academy 10:10 - 10:50
4th Period 11:25 - 12:15		4th Period 11:05 - 12:40
Lunch 12:15 - 1:00	Lunch 11:55 - 12:40	Lunch 12:40 - 1:25
5th Period 1:05 - 1:55	5th Period 12:45 - 2:20	
6th Period 2:00 - 2:50		6th Period 1:30 - 3:05
7th Period 3:00 - 3:50	7th Period 2:25 - 4:00	



Important dates

Current 8th graders

- **Monday, March 13**: course selection presentation by high school counselors
- **Wednesday, March 15** at 7pm: 8th grade parent/student info night via Zoom
- **Thurs/Fri March 16-17**: AHS counselor drop-in help at lunch
- **Monday, March 20**: course selections must be completed in Aeries student portal.
 - Window closes at 9pm.



Graduation Requirements

Graduation Status	
Subject Area	Credit Required
A - English	40.00
B - Math	20.00
C - Physical Education	20.00
D - Life Science	10.00
E - Physical Science	10.00
F - Social Studies	10.00
G - U.S. History	10.00
H - U.S. Government	5.00
I - Applied Arts	10.00
J - Fine Arts	10.00
K - Economics	5.00
L - Ethnic Studies	5.00
Z - Electives	65.00

- 1 year = 10 credits
- See course lists and catalog for requirements and options in each subject area
- Electives includes any class taken in each subject area after requirement is met
- For 4-year college eligibility, add 1 year of math and 2 years of language



Designing your Schedule

- Find a good balance between classes & activities
- 6 classes is mandatory. 7 is optional!
- Sleep, mental health, family, friends, & activities are just as important as the schedule you choose. Choose wisely.



Guidelines for choosing classes

- Placement for **Math, World Language, and ELD** is by teacher recommendation.
- Students with IEPs will work with their case managers so schedules reflect their plan.
- Talk with parents/guardians and teachers about your choices.
- If you're planning to take 6 classes, you may select an unscheduled 1st, 2nd, 6th or 7th period.
- List alternate classes for all electives! Low demand, full classes or schedule conflicts mean you may not get first choice



Guidelines for choosing classes

- Refer to Course List. Choose one course per discipline: English, Social Studies, Math, Science, plus electives (language, fine or applied arts, social studies and general electives).
- Course Catalog with course descriptions and guidance is also posted on website
- Some courses may be pre-scheduled (e.g. social studies grade-level requirements). **DO NOT** delete pre-scheduled courses.



9th Grade Program

Required classes

- English 1 *or* ELD*
- Identity, Health and Society + Ethnic Studies (*1 semester each - may start with either class in fall and will look like 2 classes in Aeries course requests entry*)
- Physical Education
- Math (1 *or* Accelerated 1/2)*

*by teacher recommendation

Students in our Special Education program will work with their case manager to create a schedule that accurately reflects their Individualized Education Plan (IEP)



9th Grade Program

Electives

Science: Biology

World Languages: French, Mandarin, Spanish

Fine Art: Vocal/Instrumental Music, 2D Art, 3D Art, Dance

Applied Art: Comp Sci, Engineering & Design, Journalism

General Elective: Current Global Events, Service, HW Lab

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* Advanced band, choir and dance classes require audition/teacher approval.
See course list for contacts.

* Language above level 1 requires recommendation or placement test.



9th Grade Program

Typical 9th grade schedule

1st period – English

2nd period – Math (8th grade teacher rec)

3rd period – Physical Education

4th period – Identity, Health and Society

5th period – Biology or Elective

6th period – World Language or Art

7th period – OPTIONAL Elective

+ Advisory 40 min 2x/week



Course Selection Instructions

- Log into your Student Aeries account
- Switch to your Pre-Enrolled Record in Aeries. Hover over your name and click on the Pre-Enrolled record. It will say **[Pre-Enrolled] Grd 9** next to your name

The screenshot shows the Aeries Student portal interface. On the left is a dark blue navigation sidebar with icons for Dashboard, Student Info, Grades, and Classes. The main content area shows a user profile dropdown menu for Jane Cougar. The menu has three items: a smiley face icon, 'Jane Cougar Albany Middle School - Grade 8', a downward arrow, another smiley face icon, 'Jane Cougar Albany High School - [Pre Enrolled] Grd 9', and a dashed circle icon with the text 'Link a New Student'. A red oval highlights the entire dropdown menu. Below the menu, the text 'Welcome to the Aeries Portal for Jane' is displayed. At the bottom of the page, there are two dropdown menus labeled 'Students' and 'Backpack'. In the top right corner, there is a search bar with the text 'Search students, pages, classes' and a bell icon.



Course Selection Instructions: all current students

- Go to Classes > Course Requests Entry

The screenshot displays the Aeries Student portal interface. On the left, a dark blue sidebar contains navigation links: '< Classes', 'Classes', 'Course Requests', 'Course Requests Entry' (highlighted with a red circle), and 'Academic Plan'. The top header shows the 'Aeries Student' logo, a user profile for 'Jane Cougar' (Albany High School - Grade 9), and a search bar labeled 'Search students, page'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the Aeries Portal for Jane' message and a 'Students' section with an upward arrow. Below this is a 'Classes' section, also with an upward arrow.



Course Selection Instructions

- Set Subject Area to **Show All Courses**
- Hit **Search** to display list (may be more than one page)
- Find classes alphabetically by name
- Available classes show on the right; selections will move to the left

The screenshot displays the course selection interface. On the left, under 'Primary Course Requests', there is a list of subject areas. 'World History (20CP01)' is highlighted in yellow. Below this is the 'Alternate Course Requests' section, which is currently empty. On the right, the 'Filter Courses' section shows 'Sbj Area: Show All Courses' and a 'Search' button, both circled in red. Below the filter is a grid of course options, each with a question mark icon and a course name and number. The grid is highlighted with a yellow border.

Subject Area	Alternate Requests	Filter Courses
English	English 2 (10CP02) Manage	Name or Nbr: <input type="text"/> Sbj Area: Show All Courses Search Remove Filter
Math	Math 2 (30CP31) Manage	<< Prev 1 2 Next >> Courses 1 through 64 of 65
Physical Education	P E -2 (800002) Manage	Click A Course To Request or ? for Info
Life Science		Accel Math 2-3 (30CP3A) Eld 4 (10CP29) Mandarin 3 (40CP32)
Physical Science		Adv Dance 2 (61CP21) ELD Lab (100029) Mandarin 4 (40CP33)
Social Studies	World History (20CP01) Manage	Advanced Art (60CP03) English 2 (10CP02) Math 2 (30CP31)
U.S. History		Advanced Guitar (61CP17) Engineer&Desgn 1 (70CP07) Math 2 Plus (30CP32)
U.S. Government		Basic Guitar (61CP12) Engineer&Desgn 2 (70CP08) Math Int 2 (300002)
Applied Arts		Biology (50CP02) Ethnic Studies (20CP25) P E -2 (800002)
Fine Arts		Business Mgt (300013) Found Art 2D (600003) Physics (50CP08)
Economics		Cham Sings (61CP07) Found Art: 3D (600011) Psychology (20CP20)
Electives		Chemistry (50CP06) French 1 (40CP08) Rop Comgraphic Art (70ROP8)
		Computer Sci (70CP01) French 2 (40CP09) Service (90SRVC)
		Concert Choir (61CP03) French 3 (40CP22) Shelt Math 2 (00SHM2)
		Culinary Arts (710003) Homework Lab (90HW00) Shelt Math 2+ (0SHM2P)
		Dance 1 (61CP14) Jazz Band (610008) Shelt Wrld His (20CP13)



Course Selection Instructions

Alternate Course Requests

The screenshot displays a web interface for course selection. At the top, there are sections for 'Primary Course Requests' and 'Alternate Course Requests'. A 'Filter Courses' section includes a search box for 'Name or Nbr:' and a dropdown for 'Sbj Area: Show All Courses'. Below this is a pagination control: '<< Prev 1 2 Next >> Courses 1 through 54 of 65'. A main table lists subject areas with course options. A modal window for 'Ethnic Studies (20CP25)' is open, showing details: 'Subject Area #1: Electives', 'Type: Academic Course', 'UC Area: Electives', and 'CSU Area: Electives'. At the bottom of the modal are 'Request Primary' and 'Request Alternate' buttons. In the main table, the 'Electives' row shows 'Ethnic Studies (20CP25)' with a 'Manage' button circled in red. A red arrow points from the text below to this button. The 'Alternate Course Requests' section at the bottom shows 'Found Art 2D (600003)'.

Click "Manage" to associate primary and alternate choices



Course Selection Instructions

- Course requests will save automatically.
- Once the Aeries window closes you will not be able to edit choices.

Primary Course Requests		
Subject Area		Alternate Requests
English	English 2 (10CP02)	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>
Math	Math 2 (30CP31)	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>
Physical Education	P E -2 (800002)	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>
Life Science		
Physical Science	Chemistry (50CP06)	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>
Social Studies	World History (20CP01)	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>
U.S. History		
U.S. Government		
Applied Arts		
Fine Arts		
Economics		
Electives	Ethnic Studies (20CP25)	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>

Alternate Course Requests

Found Art 2D (600003)

Priority Sort



http://ahs.ausdk12.org

The screenshot shows the Albany High School website. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, CONTACT, NEWS, STUDENTS, COLLEGE/CAREER, COMMITTEES, STAFF, and SEARCH. A dropdown menu is open, listing various resources such as ACADEMIC HONESTY, ATHLETICS, ATTENDANCE POLICY, CHOOSING CLASSES (highlighted with a red circle), CLUBS, CODE OF CONDUCT, COMMONLY-USED FORMS, COUNSELING DEPARTMENT, COURSE PAGES, DISCIPLINE, FLEX, LEADERSHIP, LIBRARY, MENTAL HEALTH, P.E. UNIFORMS, TECH SUPPORT, TUTORING, VALEDICTORIAN/ SALUTORIAN, and WORK PERMITS. The main content area features a large image of the school building with a crowd of students in front. Overlaid on the image is the text "Welcome to Albany High School" and "QUICK LINKS". Below this text are several buttons: TECH SUPPORT, WEEKLY BULLETIN, BELL SCHEDULES, CALENDAR, SIGN IN TO G-SUITE, SIGN IN TO AERIES, and MENTAL HEALTH. A small URL "https://ahs.ausdk12.org/choosing-classes" is visible at the bottom left of the image area.

- Course Catalog
- Course lists by grade level
- Presentation notes and videos

Don't forget!
March 15 - AHS Info Night
March 16-17 - Drop in counselor help at lunch!
March 20 - Course selections are due in Aeries



9th Grade Course Selection