



Choosing classes for 9th grade



Presented by the AHS Counseling Department



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



- 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	Break	Advisory/Academy 10:10 - 10:50
Break	3rd Period 10:20 - 11:55	Break
3rd Period 10:30 - 11:20	Lunch 11:55 - 12:40	4th Period 11:05 - 12:40
4th Period 11:25 - 12:15	5th Period 12:45 - 2:20	Lunch 12:40 - 1:25
Lunch 12:15 - 1:00	7th Period 2:25 - 4:00	6th Period 1:30 - 3:05
5th Period 1:05 - 1:55		
6th Period 2:00 - 2:50		
7th Period 3:00 - 3:50		

- **Monday:** every period, 50 min. Each
- **Tuesday/Thursday “Block A”:**
Odd periods, 95 min. each
- **Wednesday/Friday “Block B”:**
Even periods (95 min.) +
advisory (40 min.)



- **March 18:** course selection presentations by AHS counselors in core classes
- **March 20:** 8th Grade Course Selection Family Night, 7:00-8:30pm on Zoom
- **March 21 & 22:** AHS counselor drop-in course selection help at lunch
- **March 25:** Aeries portal closes! Course selections must be complete by 10pm



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 include any class taken after subject area requirement is met
- For 4-year college eligibility, add 1 year of math and 2 years of world language

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Designing your schedule

- Find a good balance between classes & activities
- 6 classes is mandatory (5 for seniors). 7 is optional
- 5 academic classes recommended for 4-year college-bound students. We do not recommend taking more than 5 academic classes
- Sleep, mental health, family, friends, & activities are just as important as the schedule you choose. Choose wisely!



- World Language and ELD placement is by teacher recommendation. **Math??**
- 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 fewer than 7 classes, you may select an unscheduled 1st, 2nd, 6th or 7th period.
- Choose 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, History, 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 will be prescheduled (e.g. social studies grade-level requirements). **DO NOT** delete prescheduled courses.



Required classes

English 1 *or* ELD *(by teacher recommendation)*

Identity, Health and Society + Ethnic Studies

(1 semester each - will look like 2 classes in Aeries course requests entry)

Physical Education *or* Dance

Math (1 *or* Accelerated 1/2)*

*new process for placement

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



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:** Business Management, Service, HW Lab, AVID

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

* Language above level 1 requires recommendation or placement test.



Typical 9th grade schedule

1st period – English

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

3rd period – Physical Education

4th period – Identity, Health and Society/Ethnic Studies

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 and labels for Dashboard, Student Info, Grades, and Classes. The main content area features a user profile dropdown menu. The menu is open, showing two entries for Jane Cougar: 'Jane Cougar Albany Middle School - Grade 8' and 'Jane Cougar Albany High School - [Pre Enrolled] Grd 9'. A red oval highlights the entire dropdown menu, and a red circle highlights the 'Pre Enrolled' record. To the right of the menu is a search bar with the text 'Search students, pages, classes' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a 'Welcome to the Aeries Portal for Jane' message. At the bottom of the page, there are two dropdown menus labeled 'Students' and 'Backpack'.



- Go to Classes > Course Requests Entry

The screenshot displays the Aeries Student portal interface. On the left, a dark blue sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: '< Classes', 'Classes', 'Course Requests', 'Course Requests Entry' (circled in orange), and 'Academic Plan'. The top of the page features the 'Aeries Student' logo, a user profile for 'Jane Cougar, Albany High School - Grade 9' with a smiley face icon and a dropdown arrow, and a search bar labeled 'Search students, page'. The main content area has a light gray background with a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Aeries Portal for Jane'. Below this, there is a white box titled 'Students' with an upward arrow icon. At the bottom of the page, another white box titled 'Classes' with an upward arrow icon is visible.

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- Set Subject Area to **Show All Courses**
- Click **Search** to display list (may be more than one page)
- Find classes alphabetically by name

All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

Scheduling for grade: 10

Course Requests

Primary Course Requests

Subject Area Alternate Requests

English

Math

Physical Education

Life Science

Physical Science

Social Studies

U.S. History

U.S. Government

Applied Arts

Fine Arts

Economics

Electives

Alternate Course Requests Priority Sort

You have no Alternate Course Requests

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr:

Sbj Area: Show All Courses

<< Prev 1 2 Next >> Courses 1 through 54 of 60

Click A Course To Request or for Info

Accel Math 2-3 (30CP3A)	Eld 4 (10CP29)	Mandarin 3 (40CP32)
Adv Dance 2 (61CP21)	ELD Lab (100029)	Mandarin 4 (40CP33)
Advanced Art (60CP03)	English 2 (10CP02)	Math 2 (30CP31)
Advanced Guitar (61CP17)	Engineer&Desgn 1 (70CP07)	Math 2 Plus (30CP32)
Basic Guitar (61CP12)	Engineer&Desgn 2 (70CP08)	Math Int 2 (300002)
Biology (50CP02)	Ethnic Studies (20CP25)	P E -2 (800002)
Business Mgt (300013)	Found Art 2D (600003)	Physics (50CP08)
Cham Sings (61CP07)	Found Art 3D (600011)	Psychology (20CP20)
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 (05SHM2)
Culinary Arts (710003)	Homework Lab (90HW00)	Shelt Math 2+ (05SHM2P)



Course selection instructions

- Available classes show on the right; selected courses will move to the left column
- Be sure to select alternates for all elective courses!

The screenshot displays a web interface for course selection. On the left, under 'Primary Course Requests', a list of subject areas is shown. 'World History (20CP01)' is selected and highlighted with a yellow box. Below this, the 'Alternate Course Requests' section is empty, with a 'Priority Sort' button. On the right, the 'Filter Courses' section shows a search bar and a list of 65 available courses. The course 'Ethnic Studies (20CP25)' is highlighted with a yellow box. The interface includes navigation buttons like '<< Prev', '1 2', 'Next >>', and 'Courses 1 through 54 of 65'. A prompt 'Click A Course To Request or ? for Info' is also present.

Subject Area	Alternate Requests
English	English 2 (10CP02) Manage
Math	Math 2 (30CP31) Manage
Physical Education	P E -2 (800002) Manage
Life Science	
Physical Science	
Social Studies	World History (20CP01) Manage
U.S. History	
U.S. Government	
Applied Arts	
Fine Arts	
Economics	
Electives	

Alternate Course Requests Priority Sort

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Filter Courses

Name or Nbr: Sbj Area: Show All Courses Search Remove Filter

<< Prev 1 2 Next >> Courses 1 through 54 of 65

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Course selection instructions

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Physical Science	Chemistry (50CP06)	
Social Studies	World History (20CP01)	
U.S. History		
U.S. Government		
Applied Arts		
Fine Arts		
Economics		
Electives	Ethnic Studies (20CP25)	1 Manage

Alternate Course Requests

Found Art 2D (600003)

Priority Sort

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr: Sbj Area: Show All Courses

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Click A Course To Request or ? for Info

Ethnic Studies (20CP25)

Subject Area #1: **Electives**

Type: **Academic Course**

UC Area: **Electives**

CSU Area: **Electives**

Request Primary Request Alternate

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.

The screenshot displays the course selection interface. The 'Primary Course Requests' table lists the following subject areas and their corresponding course numbers:

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English	English 2 (10CP02)
Math	Math 2 (30CP31)
Physical Education	P E -2 (800002)
Life Science	
Physical Science	Chemistry (50CP06)
Social Studies	World History (20CP01)
U.S. History	
U.S. Government	
Applied Arts	
Fine Arts	
Economics	
Electives	Ethnic Studies (20CP25)

The 'Alternate Course Requests' section at the bottom shows a list of courses, with 'Found Art 2D (600003)' highlighted by a red circle. A 'Priority Sort' button is also visible in this section.



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Don't forget!

March 20 - 8th Grade Course Selection Family Night, 7pm on Zoom

March 21-22 - Drop in counselor help at lunch/ advisory!

March 25 - Course selections are due in Aeries

- Course Catalog
- Course lists by grade level
- Presentation slides

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