

SOCIAL STUDIES

Civics

This state-required course for graduation helps students acquire the skills and knowledge to prepare them to be responsible global citizens. Civics is designed to be a hands-on, simulation-based learning environment in which student voices and interests are centered, and curriculum focuses on gaining an understanding of the five building blocks necessary for effective civic engagement. Students apply their understanding of these building blocks as they work together in a democratic space to gain awareness of systems such as our government institutions, participate in discussions of current and controversial issues, and engage in simulations of the democratic process. The final component of this course centers on service learning in the form of a Community Development Project where students examine their community and choose a topic of interest so they can propose changes for the betterment of their community.

Open to: Current 9th graders who completed one year of Social Studies, and current 10th through 12th graders.
Credit: 1 credit. This course meets the Civics graduation requirement and counts as a Social Studies credit.
Cost: \$300 (\$400 Out of District), 3 weeks, full day. Choose either 1st OR 2nd Term.

Course - Choose only one	Period	Hours	Term	Dates
754552-11	1 & 2	8:50 - 2:10	1	6/10 - 6/27
754554-11	1 & 2	8:50 - 2:10	2	7/1 - 7/18

Sociology

Sociology is the study of human society and human behavior. The primary focus of exploration will be American society, although some case studies of other cultures may be included. Topics of study include understanding sociology as a discipline; societal and individual cultural development; values and moral development; deviance; socialization; gender development; the family; and race, ethnic and gender stratification. Sociology coursework is comprised of text and supplementary readings, class discussions, cooperative activities, personal reflection papers, essay examinations, and a culminating group research project on a topic selected by students. **This course does NOT meet the Civics graduation requirement.**

Open to: Incoming Sophomores with one year of Social Studies credit, and all Juniors and Seniors.
Credit: 1 credit. This course meets the Social Studies Graduation requirement
Cost: \$300 (\$400 Out of District), 3 weeks, full day. Choose either 1st OR 2nd Term.

Course – Choose only one	Period	Hours	Term	Dates
756052-11	1 & 2	8:50 – 2:10	1	6/10 - 6/27
756054-11	1 & 2	8:50 – 2:10	2	7/1 - 7/18

Preparing for High School Honors and AP – Introduction to Ethics and Philosophical Thinking

Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are a great way to prepare for college, raise your GPA, and give you a preview of more in-depth college style classes. However, the courses cover an immense amount of material, with the added pressure of standardized exams. Succeeding in these classes requires a more focused, independent, and pragmatic approach to learning. This course is designed for students taking, or planning to take, any Honors or AP level course that requires writing, research, and argument defense. Focusing on the development of historical thinking skills, reading comprehension, critical thinking, and analyzing text through multiple perspectives, this course takes students through four modules: Introduction to Philosophical Thinking, Ethical Theories, Political Philosophy and Applied Ethics.

Open to: All Students, especially designed for rising 9th graders.
Credit: 1 elective credit. This course does not meet a graduation requirement.
Cost: \$300 (\$400 Out of District), 2nd Term, 3 weeks, all day.

Course	Periods	Hours	Term	Dates
750354-11	1&2	8:50 – 2:10	2	7/1 - 7/18