

# SOUTHERN CAYUGA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

## STUDENT PROGRAM OF STUDIES/ COURSE SELECTION GUIDE GRADES 7-12 2025-26

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Dear Students and Families,

**Welcome to the 2025-26 Course Selection Process!** As we begin the new year, it's time to start planning for next school year. Over the next several months, students and families will work together with our counselors and staff to build schedules that reflect individual interests, strengths, and future goals. At Southern Cayuga Jr/Sr High School, we are proud of our students and graduates, and we are committed to helping them thrive in a 21st-century world. Whether your path leads to college, the workforce, or the military, our goal is to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed for success and well-being.

Our course offerings reflect a rich and diverse curriculum designed to inspire collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and communication. With options in Fine Arts, Agriculture, Computer Science/Programming, Physical Education, our core academic areas (including Advanced Placement and college-level courses), and BOCES programs, we encourage students to explore opportunities that challenge and engage them. We also encourage our students to take advantage of extracurricular activities and electives to become a well-rounded, high-caliber graduate.

### **Planning Your Path**

Choosing the right courses is a collaborative process. Students and parents should review the updated course offerings booklet and consider:

- **Strengths and Interests:** Reflect on areas of passion and academic success.
- **Future Goals:** Consider long-term aspirations for college, careers, or personal growth.
- **Teacher Recommendations:** Use feedback from trusted educators to guide your decisions.

Our Jr/Sr High School counselors are here to support you in selecting the courses best suited to your needs. They will review academic records and provide tailored advice to ensure a balanced, challenging, and manageable schedule.

### **Resources and Next Steps**

The 2025-26 Course Offerings Booklet provides a comprehensive overview of courses for grades 7-12 and outlines NYS diploma requirements. This essential guide will help you make informed decisions about your educational path. Tentative schedules will be mailed home for review prior to the start of the school year. If you have questions, need clarification, or want to explore your options further, please reach out by phone or email. Together, let's ensure that your 2025-26 school year is both fulfilling and successful. Go SCCS!

Sincerely,

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## **OUR SCHOOL MISSION**

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## **STATEMENT ON NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Southern Cayuga Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and has adopted grievance procedures that provide for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging discrimination. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Compliance Officer: CSE/504 Chairperson, Southern Cayuga CSD (315-364-7211).

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### SCCS & NYS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements for NYS diploma types are listed on the following pages. The NYS Board of Regents sets graduation standards for schools in New York State, currently 22 HS credits. In 2007, the SCCS BOE set a higher standard for students to **earn 26 HS credits (exceptions to the credit total may occur)**. School Counselors/Principal will assist students in planning their program to ensure completion of requirements; students must realize the necessity of meeting all the requirements. For more specific information on graduation requirements, please see the SCJSHS website: (<http://www.southerncayuga.org/648>) or the NYS Education Department link: (<http://www.nysed.gov>).

### COLLEGE CREDIT (see page 6)

Students taking courses associated with AP, SUPA, CCC, or TC3 can be reasonably certain that credit will transfer to most colleges. **AP/SUPA/CCC/TC3 or other college credit courses may have additional costs for either the exam or for the awarding of college credits. If you register for an AP course, you must take the AP exam. All payments for college courses (SUPA) are usually due shortly after the course begins. There is generally no cost to students for CCC & TC3 courses.**

### ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Any course taken from anyone other than a Southern Cayuga Central School instructor to be used as High School Credit must be pre-approved by the Jr/Sr High School Principal.

## SCCS SR HS GRADE 9-12 SCHEDULE/COURSES

Senior high school students will follow a traditional single period (~40 minute period) schedule. Each day, students will begin with their 1<sup>st</sup> period class followed by an advisement period. During advisory all students in grades 9-12 have this time free to meet with their teachers or participate in a school activity, club or organization. The Sr High School offers a full range of courses and electives, including advanced placement, college courses, STEAM prep programs in agriculture and technology education for career preparation, and fine arts programs in music and art. Spanish is the language offered at SC Jr/Sr High School. Students at SC Sr HS need 26 HS credits to graduate.

### YEARLY LOOK AT SCCS SR HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

**Advanced Regents Diploma:** Total Credits needed for graduation: 26

<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
English 9	English 10	English 11*	English 12
Global Studies 9	Global Studies 10*	US History & Gov't*	Economics & Gov't
Algebra I*	Geometry*	Algebra II*	Elective
Earth/Space Science*	Life Science/Biology*	Chemistry or Phys*	Elective
Spanish II	Spanish III	Elective	Elective
Art or Music	Health/Elective or SH	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	PE 12/Senior Seminar
PE 9/Lab	PE 10/Lab	PE 11/Lab	
Total Credits: 7.5	Total Credits: 7.5	Total Credits: 7.5	Total Credits: 6.5

**Note:** \* Indicates Regents exam that must be passed with a 65 or higher

\* Students who wish to substitute a 5-unit sequence in CTE/BOCES, Music or Art in place of the 3 credits of Spanish must check with their counselor to ensure the graduation requirements will be met.

**Regents Diploma:** Total Credits needed for graduation: 26

<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
English 9	English 10	English 11*	English 12
Global Studies 9	Global Studies 10*	US Hist & Gov't*	Economics & Gov't
Pre Alg or Algebra I*	Algebra I* or Geometry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Math	Elective
Intro Science or Earth/Space Science*	Life Science/Biology*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Science	Elective
Spanish II or Elective	Health/Elective or SH	Elective	Elective
Art or Music	Spanish III or Sequence	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	PE 12/Senior Seminar
PE 9/Lab	PE 10/Lab	PE 11	
Total Credits: 7.5	Total Credits: 7.5	Total Credits: 7.5	Total Credits: 6.5

**Note:** \* Indicates Regents exam that must be passed with a 65 or higher

\* Students with an IEP have access to the Safety Net (or low pass option) for meeting state testing requirements.

**COURSE OFFERINGS 2025-26**

**English**

English 9  
English 9 - Honors  
English 10  
English 10 - Honors  
English 11  
English 11 - Honors  
English 12  
SUPA English (WRT 105)  
TC3 Creating Online Media/Journalism (COMM 100)

**Social Studies**

Global History and Geography I (grade 9)  
World History I - Honors (grade 9)  
Global History and Geography II (grade 10)  
AP World History (grade 10)  
US History and Government  
SUPA American History (HST 101 & 102)  
Government in Action & Economics  
SUPA Public Affairs & Economics (PAF 101 & ECN 203)  
Current Events/Local History

**Mathematics**

Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
Personal Finance  
Intro to Statistics  
Applied Geometry  
AP Calculus

**Science & Technology**

Earth/Space Science  
Life Science - Biology  
CCC Forensics (CHEM 108)  
Chemistry/CCC Intro to Chemistry (CHEM 101)  
Robotics & Programming  
Environmental Science  
Emerging Technologies  
Applied Technologies  
Marine Science

**Spanish**

Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Spanish III/CCC Elementary Spanish I (SPAN 101)  
Spanish IV/CCC Elementary Spanish II (SPAN 102)  
Spanish V/CCC Intermediate Spanish I & II (SPAN 201 & 202)

**Art**

Studio in Art  
Drawing and Design for Production (DDP)  
TC3 Intro to Ceramics (ART 130)  
Digital Photography & Graphic Arts  
Animation Studio  
Drawing & Painting  
CCC Photoshop (ART 252)  
Exploring Imagery Meaning  
Media Arts

**Music**

Concert Band  
Chorus  
Jazz Ensemble  
Theater Skills  
Music Technology

**AgriScience**

Plant Science  
Pre-Vet Science  
SUNY Cobleskill - Agriculture Business and Marketing/  
SUNY Cobleskill - Food Science and Systems

**Health and PE**

Physical Education (required each year)  
CCC Weight Training (PE 144)  
Health

**Other**

Senior Seminar  
Driver's Ed (Summer 2025)  
Independent Study (See Counselor)  
BOCES (See page 18)

NOTE: Exceptions to prerequisites may be made only with the consent of the teacher and the school principal.

Underline: denotes possible college credit

**Note: Most classes will need a minimum enrollment of 10 students**

## **Sr HS Honors Program Eligibility**

### **I. Prerequisite:**

#### **Honors English 9 & World History 9:**

- Average of 92% or above in 8th grade social studies and ELA each Marking Period
- Raw Score of 460+ on ELA 7 NYS Assessment
- Teacher recommendation
- Completion of entrance activity/exam and summer assignment

#### **Honors English 10 & AP World History 10:**

- Successful completion of Honors English 9 and Honors Global Studies 9 and must maintain an 85% or higher each marking period or completion of English 9 and Global Studies 9 with a final grade of 92%.
- Teacher recommendation
- Successful completion a summer assignment

#### **Honors English 11 & SUPA American History 11:**

- Successful completion of Honors English 10 and AP World History and must maintain an 85% or higher each marking period or completion of non-honors courses with a final grade of 92% or higher
- Teacher recommendation
- Completion of entrance activity/exam and possible summer assignment

### **II. To Maintain Eligibility in all Honors Courses:**

#### **A. Students must demonstrate a continued pattern of excellence.**

- Must maintain a grade of 85% throughout the year with a possible withdrawal if below an 85% in the first marking period. Communication will be sent home from the teacher if a student is dropped from the Honors course.
- Additional marking periods below 85% will result in the student either switching into the Regents section of the course or the student being ineligible for the following honors course.
- Reading and writing assignments, homework, projects must meet high standards of quality and be completed on time. Students will make every effort to be active participants in the class.
- Student's Final Project/Exam must be at least 85% to remain in the Program.
- Students must achieve at least an 85% on the NYS Regents Exam.

#### **B. Students must attend classes regularly. In addition, Honors/AP classes routinely assign many group projects. Regular attendance is necessary and required. Students must regularly be on time for class; excessive lateness is unacceptable.**

#### **C. Adherence to the Honor Code. Students must demonstrate a high moral code of academic and personal ethics, including honesty, fairness, and integrity.**

- Plagiarism, helping others to commit plagiarism, use of AI, instances of cheating or other dishonorable behavior will result in probation or dismissal from the Honors Program.

### **III. Probation Process:**

Students not adhering to the above standards will be placed on probation (or removed from the course) for the next marking period. Continued grade deficiencies (the next marking period) or instances of unacceptable behavior will result in possible removal from the Honors Program and placement in the Regents level class(es).

- Probation Process: A formal letter will be sent to the student and parent(s) from the teacher to inform them of the decision to place the student on probation with recommendations for improvement and a prescriptive timeline. A copy will be sent to the high school principal and counselor.

## College Course Eligibility -- Offerings from CCC, SU, TC3 and College Board (AP)

More information is available via the Syracuse University website:

<http://supa.syr.edu/index.php>

More information is available via the CCC website:

[http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/academics/high\\_school/index.php](http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/academics/high_school/index.php)

More information is available via the TC3 website:

<https://www.tompkinscortland.edu/academics/concurrent-enrollment-course-offerings-school>

More information is available via the Advanced Placement website:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

***Please Note: Currently, there is a fee associated with AP exams and SUPA courses.  
There is currently no charge for CCC & TC3 offerings.***

### **I. Prerequisite:**

- School Counselor recommendation
- Teacher approval
- Successful completion of prerequisite courses
- Possible entrance exam

### **II. To Maintain Eligibility:**

- A. Students must demonstrate a continued pattern of excellence.
  - Maintain marking period grades of 75% or higher
  - Reading and writing assignments, homework, projects must meet high standards of quality and be completed on time
  - Students will make every effort to be active participants in discussions, group work, and other class activities
- B. Regular attendance is necessary and required.
  - Students must maintain daily attendance and be on time for class; **excessive absences (more than 8 per semester) will result in a withdrawal from the course.**
- C. Students must demonstrate a high moral code of academic ethics, including honesty, fairness, and integrity.
  - Plagiarism, helping others to commit plagiarism, instances of cheating, or other dishonorable behavior will result in probation or dismissal from the course.

# ENGLISH

## **ENGLISH 9 (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of English 8.

**Course Description:** The 9<sup>th</sup> grade English program is designed to develop skills in reading (literature and non-fiction), writing, listening, speaking, and research. Attention is given to grammar and vocabulary skills, literary elements and techniques, and the writing process. Students will closely read short stories, non-fiction works, novels, plays, and poems. Students will also engage in an independent reading program in which they read books of their choosing. The writing program reflects an approach to strengthen writing by planning, revising, editing, re-writing, or trying a new approach. Students write descriptive, narrative, persuasive, and analytical pieces. These writing products will require students to make and support claims, analyze text structure, and evaluate arguments. Creative writing is also explored through personal memoir, fiction, and poetry. Students complete a research project with citations and a works cited page in MLA format. Students are encouraged to work cooperatively in groups, and a strong emphasis on collaboration is encouraged throughout the year. **This is a full year course.**

## **ENGLISH 9 - Honors (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Students must achieve an average of at least 92% in English 7/8 each marking period, receive positive teacher recommendations, and pass an entrance exam. Note: Students must maintain an overall average of 85% throughout the year to remain in the Honors course.

**Course Description:** The 9<sup>th</sup> grade English program is designed to develop skills in reading (literature and non-fiction), writing, listening, speaking, and research. Attention is given to grammar and vocabulary skills, literary elements and techniques, and the writing process. Students will closely read short stories, non-fiction works, novels, plays, and poems. Students will also engage in an independent reading program in which they read books of their choosing. The writing program reflects an approach to strengthen writing by planning, revising, editing, re-writing, or trying a new approach. Students write descriptive, narrative, persuasive, and analytical pieces. These writing products will require students to make and support claims, analyze text structure, and evaluate arguments. Creative writing is also explored through personal memoir, fiction, and poetry. Students complete a research project with citations and a works cited page in MLA format. Students are encouraged to work cooperatively in groups, and a strong emphasis on collaboration is encouraged throughout the year. **This is a full year course.**

## **ENGLISH 10 (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of English 9.

**Course Description:** English 10 is designed to continue the development of skills in reading (literature and non-fiction), writing, speaking, listening, and research.

The course is an intensive study of various literary genres. Students will read short stories, poems, plays, and novels. Students will also engage in an independent reading program in which they read books of their choosing. The writing program reflects an approach to strengthen writing by planning, revising, editing, re-writing, or trying a new approach. Students write descriptive, narrative, persuasive, and analytical pieces.

These writing products will require students to make and support claims, analyze text structure, and evaluate arguments. Creative writing is also explored through personal memoir, fiction, and poetry. Writing journals are used to encourage personal reflection about topics explored in class and responses to literature. Students complete a research project with citations and a works cited page in MLA format. Students are encouraged to work cooperatively in groups, and a strong emphasis on collaboration is encouraged throughout the year. In order to receive credit for the course, students must successfully complete a research project. **This is a full year course.**

## **ENGLISH 10 - Honors (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Students who complete Honors English 9 with an average of 85% or higher will automatically be eligible for enrollment in Honors English 10. Students who complete English 9 with a cumulative average of 92% or better, and who are recommended by their teachers, are also eligible to enroll in Honors English 10. Note: Students must maintain an overall average of 85% throughout the year to remain in the course.

**Course Description:** This writing intensive course provides students with the opportunity to examine the English 10 curriculum in a more in-depth, analytical fashion. The workload is rigorous, and the writing assignments are challenging, focusing on the ELA Standards. In order to receive credit for the course, students must successfully complete a research project. **This is a full year course.**

## **ENGLISH 11 (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of English 10.

**Course Description:** English 11 is designed to continue the development of skills in reading (literature and non-fiction), writing, speaking, and listening. The course reviews research skills and the use of current technologies. It also includes a comprehensive review for the New York State ELA Regents Examination in January. **Passing the Regents Exam is a requirement for graduation.** Works of fiction and non-fiction will be read and examined in detail.

The writing program reflects an approach to strengthen writing by planning, revising, editing, re-writing, or trying a new approach. Students write descriptive, narrative, persuasive, and analytical pieces. These writing products will require students to make and support claims, analyze text structure, and evaluate arguments. Creative writing is also explored through personal memoir, fiction, and poetry. The course also includes grammatical review, word analysis and vocabulary development, an introduction to the college application process, and preparation for the SAT.

**This is a full year course.**



## **ENGLISH 11 - Honors (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Students who complete Honors English 10 with an average of 85% or higher will automatically be eligible for enrollment in Honors English 11. Students who complete English 10 with a cumulative average of 92% or better, and who are recommended by their teachers, are also eligible to enroll in Honors English 11. Note: Students must maintain an overall average of 85% throughout the year to remain in the course.

**Course Description:** This writing intensive course provides students with the opportunity to examine the English 11 curriculum in a more in-depth, analytical fashion. The workload is rigorous, and the writing assignments are challenging, focusing on the ELA Standards. The course reviews research skills and the use of current technologies. It also includes a comprehensive review for the New York State ELA Regents Examination in January. **Passing the Regents Exam is a requirement for graduation.** The course also includes grammatical review, word analysis and vocabulary development, an introduction to the college application process, and preparation for the SAT. **This is a full year course.**

## **ENGLISH 12 (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of English 11.

**Course Description:** This course is designed to enhance a student's English skills for post-secondary work. A year-long Senior Project is a requirement in the course. Students will choose a Focus Area and design a specific project within one of those areas. These Focus Areas include: Internship/Work Experience; Community Service/Politics; Teaching/Mentoring; Technology/Web-based; Arts; School Publication; Personal Development; or Research. Three 2-3 page research components are required, which will replace the longer research paper of past courses.

This Project offers students a chance to make connections with an area of interest and perhaps build a bridge to a future career. Please see the instructor if you have any questions.

Our reading and writing emphasis will be on preparing students for the kind of tasks they will see on the next level. We will study the history of the English language and how it developed. We will also look at a number of pieces of contemporary writing students may see covered in college classes. Our writing focus will be on establishing and supporting claims using evidence from texts and other sources. **This is a full year course.**

## **SUPA English 12 (1 credit)**

### **SU WRT 105 [3 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of English 11 with an overall 92%, teacher, and guidance counselor recommendations.

Possible entrance exam with a writing component may be administered.

**Course Description:** WRT 105: Practices of Academic Writing (3 college credits): Students are transformed into a community of writers who meet together for the specific purpose of developing as critical readers, writers, and thinkers. Students learn strategies of critical academic writing in various genres, including analysis, argument, and research writing. Students learn to develop ideas through the choices they make as writers- from invention to making and supporting claims to sentence-level editing to designing finished print and digital texts. The course challenges students to understand that effective communication requires people to be aware of the complex factors that shape every rhetorical context, including issues of power, history, difference, and community.

The course is organized into three units during which students engage in various activities that culminate in a formal paper for each unit. **This is a full year course. Students will be expected to pay a reduced SUPA tuition fee (3 credits). Tuition assistance through Syracuse University is available for qualifying students.**

## **TC3 CREATING ONLINE MEDIA/JOURNALISM**

### **(1 credit) (COMM 100) [3 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** This course introduces students to the fundamentals of producing online media. The creation and positioning of web sites is examined, as well as the creation of interactive web site content. Journalism skills and writing for online media are emphasized, along with design for digital media. Other topics covered include legal and ethical problems emerging in online media and media convergence.

**This is a full year course.**

# **SOCIAL STUDIES**

## **GLOBAL HIST AND GEOGRAPHY I (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of 8th grade Social Studies.

**Course Description:** Global History I (grade 9) is the first half of a two-year social studies sequence. This course presents a chronological approach to global history, although at times chronology will be suspended to explore a topic in depth. In this course, students will develop a sense of time frames, explore different periods and examine themes across time and place. Human and physical geography will be strongly emphasized. During the first year of this sequence, students will begin with the study of ancient civilizations and end with the Age of Exploration of the eighteenth century.

Besides class work and homework, each student will be responsible for keeping a well organized notebook of topics studied to take with him/her to Global History II. At the end of the year, students will take a summative final exam assessing knowledge of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade content. **This is a full year course.**

## **WORLD HISTORY I - Honors (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Students must achieve an average of at least 92% in SS 8, receive positive teacher recommendations, and pass an entrance exam. Note: Students must maintain an overall average of 85% throughout the year to remain in the Honors course.

**Course Description:** World History Honors I (grade 9) class is designed to teach students on the five social studies standards, common themes that recur across time and place, and eight historical eras. In this year, the students will complete the first four historical eras, while the remaining eras will be completed in the Honors AP World History (grade 10) course. Students are expected to meet higher expectations when studying and analyzing selected social, economic and political systems of the world while refining the skills of note taking, researching, essay writing, and critical thinking. **This is a full year course.**

## **GLOBAL HIST AND GEOGRAPHY II (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Global History I.

**Course Description:** This course is a continuation of the chronological study of world history that began in the 9th grade Global History course. Students will make connections between historical events and modern global issues. This course will begin with the analysis of world history from the World in 1750 and continue to current society. It will include the achievements and conflicts that occurred during these historical periods.

Students will be evaluated with weekly quizzes, exams and homework. Students will also contribute to group projects and individual reports. Students will be responsible for keeping a well-organized notebook in preparation for the Regents exam.

**Students must pass this course as well as pass the Global History and Geography Regents II exam at the end of this course for graduation credit. This is a full year course.**

## **AP WORLD HISTORY (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Interested students must successfully complete Honors Global History and Geography I class and secure the recommendation of their 9th grade social studies teacher. Students may be expected to complete a summer reading assignment that will be due on the first day of this class. Note: Students must maintain an overall average of 85% throughout the year to remain in this honors course.

**Course Description:** This course is a continuation of Honors World History I. AP World History focuses on developing students' abilities to think conceptually about world history from approximately 1200 BCE to the present and apply historical thinking skills as they learn about the past. Five themes of equal importance — focusing on the environment, cultures, state-building, economic systems, and social structures — provide areas of historical inquiry for investigation throughout the course. AP World History encompasses the history of the five major geographical regions of the globe: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania, with special focus on historical developments and processes that cross multiple regions. Students will complete rigorous assignments to improve their research, writing, public speaking, and critical analysis skills.

**If a student earns a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam, they may earn up to 3 college credits. Due to New York State diploma requirements, students must also pass the Global History and Geography Regents exam in June. This is a full year course.**

## **U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Global History I & II.

**Course Description:** This course will begin with a quick examination of the geographic significance of the United States, followed by the investigation of American History spanning from the colonial era to the present day. A thorough analysis of the United States Constitution and significant Supreme Court cases will be conducted through the year. In addition to regular homework assignments, quizzes, and marking period exams, students will also complete several supplementary readings and small research activities. **Students must pass this course as well as take and pass the US History and Government Regents Exam administered at the end of their school year to meet graduation requirements. This is a full year course.**

## **SUPA AMERICAN HISTORY (1 credit)**

### **(SU HST 101 & 102) [6 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** Students must have completed and maintained an average of 85% or higher on the Global History Regents Exam and an overall average of 92% or higher in their 10th grade History course. Students must receive recommendations from the Guidance Office and World History teacher.

**Course Description:** During the first semester of this course (HST 101), students will study American History from 1607 until 1865 and will focus on issues of political democracy, social justice and equality. Three main themes will be investigated: 1) the question of how Europeans from a medieval culture became Americans; 2) the political, social and economic impact the Revolution had on American society; and 3) the modernization of American society in the nineteenth century and an examination of the relationship between modernization and the sectional crisis which culminates at the time of the Civil War. Students will read three supplemental books which emphasize the role of decision making by the common man during significant historical eras, along with required textbook readings and primary documents. Students will write three major papers which range from 4-6 pages. During the second semester of this course (HST 102), students will study American History from the era of Reconstruction until the present. Topics covered include: the impact of the end of slavery and the rise of modern culture, technology, consumerism and communications at the turn of the 20th Century; U.S. expansionism and growing involvement in world affairs, struggles for equal rights and justice, and the patterns of liberalism, conservatism and globalization during the 20th and 21st Centuries. Students will read three supplemental books that emphasize first-hand experiences during "coming of age" during significant historical eras, along with textbook readings and primary documents. Students will write two major papers which range from 4-6 pages and one 5-8 page annotated bibliography project. Students will be challenged to think analytically and to construct their own historical perspectives. This course meets requirements for US History and Government. Students in this course will also be required to take and pass the US History and Government Regents Exam. **This is a full year course. Students will be expected to pay a reduced SUPA tuition fee at the beginning of the year for both courses (6 credits). Tuition assistance through Syracuse University is available for qualifying students.**

## **GOVERNMENT IN ACTION & ECONOMICS (1 credit)**

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of Global History I, II, and U.S. History.

**Gov't Course Description:** This semester course will allow students to apply their knowledge of American government to the study and analysis of public policy. These include the ability to: define and identify the components of public policy issues; investigate the role of the media and special interest groups; understand the current legislative process; use on-line and research databases; collect information on public policy issue through contacting experts and government officials; use graphs, tables, and statistics in the analysis of public policy; examine the use of surveys; identify a social problem and propose a public policy to deal with that problem; and analyze the political factions affecting the implementation of a public policy.

Successful completion of this course is a NYSED diploma requirement. **This is a half year course and fulfills the SS12 requirement.**

**Econ Course Description:** Economics, a one-semester course, will emphasize economics and economic decision making. This course will include the basic economic concepts and understandings which all persons will need to function effectively and intelligently as citizens and participants in the economy of the United States and the world. Students will investigate basic micro and macro-economic concepts, the role of government, labor, business, and consumers in economic systems. Students will participate in a simulated stock market exercise, and complete a personal money management project. Students will take a final exam at the end of this course. Successful completion of this course is a NYSED diploma requirement. **This is a half year course and fulfills the SS12 requirement.**

## **SUPA PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ECONOMICS**

**(1 credit) (SU PAF 101 & ECN 203)**

**[6 college credits]**

**Prerequisites:** Students must have a cumulative average of 90% in grade 11 US Hist and/or teacher approval.

**Pub Affairs Course Description:** PAF 101 is designed to introduce students to the basic skills of public policy analysis. These include the ability to: define and identify the components of public policy issues; communicate ideas and findings with respect to public policy issues; use library facilities to collect information on public policy issues; use graphs, tables and statistics in the analysis of public policy; examine the use of surveys; identify a social problem and propose a public policy to deal with that problem; design a study to evaluate the impact of a proposed public policy; and analyze the political factions affecting the implementation of a public policy. Students will conduct individual research to complete five research papers (modules), along with bi-weekly classroom assignments. This is a course that requires a commitment to research, writing, reading and discussion at a college level.

**Econ Course Description:** Economics 203, Economic Ideas and Issues, is an introduction to mainstream economic thought designed for students with a liberal arts interest. The goals of this course are to introduce students to the ideas that form the foundation of modern western (NeoClassical) economic thought, to examine the basic framework (the model) that economists have built on this foundation, and to show how this model is applied to current issues facing individuals and society. The course prepares students to analyze and understand the on-going economic policy debate between interventionists and non-interventionists. Students should understand basic algebra and geometry. The course helps students to understand and recognize the elements of economic theory, to identify the peculiar roles of these elements, and to understand how they fit together. **Students will be expected to pay a reduced SUPA tuition fee (6 credits). Tuition assistance through Syracuse University is available for qualifying students. This is a full year course and fulfills the SS12 requirement.**

## **LOCAL HISTORY/CURRENT EVENTS (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** During semester 1, discussion of current events will be a daily, on-going and integral part of the course. Students will be reading the daily online news. Class topics will include economic, social and political issues that influence today's society, and the media's role in society and politics. Students will participate in writing exercises, political discussions, and debates.

During semester 2 students will be exploring local history in Cayuga County and the region. Students will learn the elements of historical research by locating and using primary and secondary sources that are found online and through local historical associations. Beyond becoming more knowledgeable in our community's history, students will also improve their research, writing and presentation skills by completing weekly assignments and visits to area museums and historical associations. **This is a full year course.**

# **MATHEMATICS**

## **PRE-ALGEBRA (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of 8th grade math with an overall min. 65% average and teacher recommendation.

**Course Description:** This course will assist students in developing skills using a variety of techniques to successfully solve problems in a variety of settings. The course is associated with high school content standards within four conceptual categories: Number & Quantity, Algebra, Functions, and Statistics & Probability. Students will be instructed in the appropriate use of a graphing calculator as it applies to each topic in the course and will use the graphing calculator extensively in class, on tests and on the Regents exam. Students will be evaluated with quizzes, chapter tests, and homework. This course ends with an in-class final exam.

**This is a full year course.**

## **ALGEBRA I (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of 8th grade math with an overall min. 75% average.

**Course Description:** Algebra I content is centered on the mathematical conceptual categories of Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, Modeling Geometry, and Statistics & Probability. Instruction in these domains and conceptual categories is to expose students to experiences which reflect the value of mathematics, to enhance students' confidence in their ability to do mathematics, and to help students communicate and reason mathematically. Instructional techniques will incorporate the mathematical practices outlined in the NYS standards. This course will be scheduled with a lab and ends with the Algebra I Regents exam in June, a New York State graduation requirement. **This is a full year course.**

## **GEOMETRY (1 credit)**

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of Algebra 1 with a course average above 80% and a score of 75% or greater on the Algebra 1 Regents Exam.

**Course Description:** Geometry is the second course in mathematics for high school students. Within this course, students will have the opportunity to make conjectures about geometric situations and prove in a variety of ways, both formal and informal, that their conclusion follows logically from their hypothesis.

Properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, and transformations will receive particular attention. Students will use the traditional tools of compass and straightedge, as well as technology, to assist in investigations. This course ends with the Geometry Regents exam in June. **This is a full year course.**

## **ALGEBRA II (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Algebra I and Geometry with at least an 80% overall average and a score of 75% or greater on the Geometry Regents Exam.

**Course Description:** This course focuses on the four critical areas of the Common Core Model pathway for Algebra II: functions, polynomials, periodic phenomena, and collecting and analyzing data. The course begins with a review of linear and quadratic functions, to solidify a foundation for learning these new functions. Students will make connections between verbal, numeric, algebraic, and graphical representations of functions and apply this knowledge as they create equations and inequalities that can be used to model and solve mathematical and real-world problems. As students refine and expand their algebraic skills, they will draw analogies between the operations and field properties of real numbers and those of complex numbers and algebraic expressions. This course is scheduled with a lab and ends with the Algebra II Regents exam in June, a New York State graduation requirement for Advanced Regents Diploma. **Students planning to take AP Calculus during their senior year will be placed in a preparatory lab period to cover pre-calculus topics not covered in Algebra II.**

**This is a full year course.**

## **INTRO TO STATISTICS (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Algebra I.

**Course Description:** Intro to Statistics is meant to provide students with a look into applied statistics. This course will focus on developing your ability to accomplish the following tasks: collecting and analyzing data, drawing conclusions, and making predictions. There will be a heavy focus on using technology, in particular graphing calculators and Google Spreadsheets, to complete problems and find patterns in data. This specialized course may be used to fulfill one of the three units of mathematics required for a HS diploma.

**This is a full year course.**

## **PERSONAL FINANCE (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Algebra I.

**Course Description:** This course focuses on basic math formulae and information that assist students in understanding the complex financial world that they will be joining after high school. During this course, students will learn about personal banking, computing interest, budgeting, investing for the future, spending and borrowing money, discounts and markups, and other topics that they will encounter in their future. This specialized course may be used to fulfill one of the three units of mathematics required for a HS diploma.

**This is a full year course.**

## **APPLIED GEOMETRY (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of CC Algebra I.

**Course Description:** This project-based course focuses on basic math, algebraic application, and geometric concepts as they relate to the real world and careers. Students will explore various theorems and properties of angles, circles, triangles, and polygons in a hands-on manner. Students will also explore the concept of similar and congruent triangles. This course can prepare students for Regents Geometry, or for a third math credit. **This is a full year course.**

## **AP CALCULUS I (1 credit)/[3 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Alg II with an 80% overall average and 80% on the Algebra II exam.

**Course Description:** Studies functions; properties of limits and continuity; derivatives with applications to related rates; maximum/minimum and curve sketching; the chain rule; differentials; the mean value theorem; integration with applications to plane areas; volumes of solids of revolution by disk, and cross sections. Differentiation and integration of exponential and logarithmic functions are applied to growth and decay. This is a rigorous course that offers an excellent opportunity to study college level mathematics. **This is a full year course. If a student earns a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Exam, they may earn up to 3 college credits.**

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## **EARTH/SPACE SCIENCE (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade science with a minimum average of 80%.

**Course Description:** This course will cover all the basics of astronomy, meteorology, geology, and the environment. Students are encouraged to acquire new knowledge and apply that knowledge to understanding the world around them. Emphasis is put on learning skills that are translatable to the world beyond SCCS. As with any Regents Science, a minimum of 1200 minutes of acceptable laboratory work must be accomplished before a student can take the Earth Science Regents exam. **This is a full year course.**

## **LIFE SCIENCE - BIOLOGY (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of 9th grade Science.

**Course Description:** This is a Regents course with a regents exam at the end. This course is student driven through storylines. These phenomenon-driven units involve students making sense of the natural world through the use of authentic data while integrating different areas of science together.

These storylines are presented during six periods a week - five classes and one lab. As with any Regents science, a minimum of 1200 minutes of acceptable lab work must be accomplished before a student can take the Regents exam. Generally, the course grades in biology are calculated from frequent quizzes (1-2 a week), as well as frequent assessments and grades achieved on lab reports. **This is a full year course.**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade science with a minimum average of 65%.

**Course Description:** This course will cover all the basics of natural disasters in the environment. Emphasis is put on the dynamic earth systems that cause natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, blizzards, hurricanes, etc... and the effect on the habitat. This course will prepare 9th grade students for Biology in grade 10. **This is a full year course.**

**CHEMISTRY (1 credit)/**  
**CCC INTRO TO CHEMISTRY**  
**(CHEM 101) [4 college credits]**

**Prerequisites:** Strong math and science background and have passed two math and two science Regents with 75% or better. Reading and writing skills should be above average since scientific terminology and extensive detailed descriptions are required for laboratory reports.

**Course Description:** The Regents Chemistry/CCC Chem 101 courses are a qualitative as well as quantitative approach to physical and chemical principles of matter. The laws governing chemical reactions, chemical equilibria and gas behavior are always interpreted in mathematical terms. The main topics covered are: matter and energy; atomic structure; chemical bonding; the Periodic Table; kinetics and equilibrium; acid-base theories; redox and electrochemistry; and organic chemistry.

A minimum of 1200 minutes (30 passing lab reports) are required by New York State to meet the admission requirement for the Regents examination. In addition, a satisfactory written report of this work is required. **This is a full year course.**

**CCC FORENSICS (1 credit)**  
**(CHEM 108) [3 college credits]**

**Prerequisites:** This course is offered as a third science credit and will have college credit attached. Available to Juniors and Seniors who have passed the Living Environment course requirement and the Physical Science course requirement. Students will be expected to maintain a 75 to stay in the course.

**Course Description:** Provides students with a basic knowledge of forensic science, anatomy, and physiology as applied to criminal investigation and related police science fields. It is intended to provide an introduction to understanding the science behind crime detection. Scientific methods specifically relevant to crime detection and analysis will be presented. Students earning a passing grade will obtain 3 undergraduate college credits from Cayuga Community College. **This is a full year course.**

**MARINE SCIENCE (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** It is suggested that students have completed Earth Science or Living Environment.

**Course Description:** This course will cover two main subcategories of marine science; oceanography and marine biology. The first semester will focus on oceanography by having students investigate topics about our oceans and local aquatic ecosystems. Students will study the interaction of the earth's ocean with the environment, with a focus on the physical environment in which marine organisms exist. The second semester will encompass marine biology focusing on marine life in various aquatic ecosystems. Students will seek to increase an understanding of the ecological significance and evolutionary relationships of marine organisms. The class will include both case studies and fieldwork. **This is a full year course.**

**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (1 credit)**

**Prerequisites:** Grade 10, 11, 12 standing.

**Course Description:** Emerging Technologies is an introductory technology course that will study and utilize some of the newest technologies. Class topics will include: Drones, Fabrication, Flight Simulation, AR/VR, Gaming/App Design and GPS. Students will learn about the history of technology as well as exploration of careers involving new technologies.

Much of the course is designed to provide hands-on experience with the technologies while learning practical applications.

**This is a full year course.**

**APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Grade 11 or 12 standing,

**Course Description:** This course provides an integrated exploration of modern technology applications, focusing on drones, web design, game design, digital fabrication and introduction to circuits. Students will gain practical experience in each area, learning to design, build, and utilize cutting-edge technologies in creative and technical projects. Through hands-on assignments and collaborative work, students will develop skills that are applicable across various industries, from tech startups to entertainment and engineering. Throughout the course, students will engage in projects that combine these technologies, fostering creative problem-solving, collaboration, and technical proficiency. By the end of the course, students will have a solid understanding of how these technologies interconnect and how to apply them in real-world scenarios.

**This is a full year course.**

**ROBOTICS AND PROGRAMMING (1 credit)**

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Course Description:** Students are introduced to basic issues associated with program design and development. Students design and create programming solutions to a variety of computational problems using an interactive development process. Programming problems include logical concepts and a variety of programming constructs. In addition, this course introduces robotics as an advanced application of computer science. Robotics can be used to solve problems in a variety of settings from business to healthcare. It also enables innovation by automating processes that may be dangerous or otherwise problematic for humans. **This is a full year course.**

## WORLD LANGUAGE SPANISH

**SPANISH I (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** This is a foundational course in Spanish. Students are required to pass the course if they have not in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a primarily online course where students meet with the teacher periodically for assistance and practice.

**This is a full year course.**

**SPANISH II (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Spanish I with an 80% overall average.

**Course Description:** Spanish II continues the language acquisition process started in first year classes. The student will continue to speak, read, hear, listen to, and write Spanish throughout the year. A higher emphasis is placed on grammar. Culture is frequently part of the learning process; a blended learning environment with technology is frequently used to address all learning styles. Together with Spanish III, this course meets the NYS Regents diploma and Advanced Diploma sequence. **This is a full year course.**

## **SPANISH III (1 credit)**

### **CCC ELEMENTARY SPANISH I**

#### **(SPAN 101) [4 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Spanish II with an 80% overall average.

**Course Description:** Spanish III deepens the process already started in earlier levels. Structures become more complex and expectations rise. Students continue to develop grammar and all four skills of communication: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Videos and music help familiarize students with Spanish and the cultural aspects of Hispanic society. The focus is on audio linguistic practice, supplemented with technology. At the end of this course, students take a comprehensive exam.

**This is a full year course.**

## **SPANISH IV (1 credit)**

### **CCC ELEMENTARY SPANISH II**

#### **(SPAN 102) [4 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Spanish III; 80% or better is required.

Spanish IV focuses on improving the students' proficiency in listening comprehension, reading, writing, reading and speaking through further development of grammatical concepts and the acquisition of increasingly complex structures and abstract vocabulary. **This is a full year course.**

## **SPANISH V (1 credit)**

### **CCC INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I & II**

#### **(SPAN 201) [3 college credits] &**

#### **(Span 202) [3 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Spanish IV with a 80% or better is required.

**Course Description:** Spanish V focuses on improving the students' proficiency in listening comprehension, writing, reading and speaking through further development of grammatical concepts and the acquisition of increasingly complex structures and abstract vocabulary during the first semester. In the second semester, students complete an intermediate course for students who have completed basic Spanish studies. Student's will continue to improve their ability to listen, speak, read and write in Spanish. The class offers a continuation of grammar study, communicative oral language practices, and Hispanic culture study through videos and readings. **This is a full year course.**

## **ENL (English as a New Language) (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** Students receive English language development instruction to acquire language skills needed for other content areas. Instruction is English with home language support. **This is a full year course.**

# ART

## **STUDIO IN ART (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** Studio in Art is a comprehensive course; a prerequisite for all other high school elective art courses.

The course includes the nature of art - a brief study and consideration of the aesthetic principles that involve the visual arts, the elements of art - a study and reasoning approach to the elements which comprise a work of art, and movements and trends in the world of art - a brief description of the art of the past and present are intended to illustrate the use of the elements and principles of art at various times in various places of the world. Exploration of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork in various media through individual student projects and studio work allows the student an opportunity to become familiar with the various forms of art. Individual projects and art research are important factors in the course. **This is a full year course, which meets the art/music requirement for graduation.**

## **DRAWING AND DESIGN FOR PRODUCTION**

### **(DDP) (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** DDP is an elective course that any student may take, but is geared toward initial fine arts sequence. Students will develop skills and knowledge beneficial for future computer courses. **This is a full year course.**

Major Areas covered are:

- 1) Graphic Language
  - a. Isometric Perspectives and sketching
  - b. Orthographic Projections with dimensioning
  - c. CAD / Solid Modeling
- 2) Principles and Elements of Design
- 3) Modeling and Prototyping

**This is a full year course.**

## **TC3 INTRO TO CERAMICS (1 credit)**

### **(ART 130) [3 college credit]**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Studio in Art or DDP with an 85% or higher average & grade 10-12 standing.

**Course Description:** This course provides an introduction to clay as a material that serves both expressive and functional purposes. Topics include various hand building techniques, demonstration (only) of the potter's wheel, glazing and firing of projects, and an overview of the history of ceramics. **This is a full year course.**

## **ANIMATION STUDIO (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Studio in Art or DDP.

**Course Description:** An exploration of the medium of Animation to create visual stories. Students will explore the many types of animation, including flip books, traditional style stop motion animation, claymation, and various types of computer animation. This is a computer intensive course which will involve learning complex applications such as iMovie, some aspects of Adobe Photoshop (previous experience of which will be useful), and Adobe Animate. Students will be required to draw, design, plan, and sequence various short animated films and assignments.

**This is a full year course.**

## **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY & GRAPHIC ARTS**

### **(1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Studio Art or DDP.

**Course Description:** Photography is an advanced high school art elective. The course involves historical aspects of photography, the technical understanding of photography (light metering, exposure, understanding and control of photographic equipment and software, photographic refinement using appropriate software, etc.) and the study and consideration of the aesthetic principles that involve the visual art of the photograph to give a basic understanding of photography. Students will be involved with the procedure of creating photographs for both artistic and informational purposes. Students will primarily be working with digital media.

**Course Description:** Graphic Arts students will experiment with various graphic arts and print-making processes, such as relief printing, monotype printing, and silk screen printing as a way to explore the principles of design (comprising ideas such as symmetry, balance, and pattern). Students will learn and practice various print-making and design techniques, primarily working with traditional print-making media. **This is a full year course.**

## **DRAWING AND PAINTING (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Studio in Art.

**Course Description:** Drawing and Painting is an advanced high school art elective. The course involves a foundation of exploratory experiences in drawing and painting. Following exploration of all media, students are allowed to select a particular medium on which they would like to concentrate. The opportunity to select a particular medium allows for freedom of individual study. Individual projects and art research in the particular area of interest are important factors in the total study of Drawing and Painting. Portfolio and visual journal will be developed. **This is a full year course.**

## **CCC PHOTOSHOP (1 credit)**

### **(ART 252) [3 college credits]**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Studio in Art or DDP with an 85% or higher average & 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade standing.

**Course Description:** Lectures, demonstrations and hands-on activities will enable students to discover the basic theory and application of Adobe Photoshop. Students will complete a series of aesthetically inspired assignments pertaining to captured images, processing and manipulating digital images. Images created will be displayed using a computer monitor or outputted to a printer for critique. **This is a full year course.**

## **EXPLORING IMAGERY & MEANING (.5 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Studio in Art.

**Course Description:** This course will explore the use of a variety of media combined together to create 2 and 3 dimensional pieces. Emphasis will be put on using the different qualities of the Media (Clay, Paint, Different Drawing Media, found objects, wood, metal, as well as digitally created images) to develop unique visual textures. Students will look at the work of a variety of multi-media artists (Joseph Cornell, Robert Rauschenberg) who explore ideas like the use of important personal imagery, words as design elements, and experimentation as a creative process. Art work will be created individually as well as collaboratively. **This is a half year course.**

## **MEDIA ARTS (.5 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Studio in Art.

**Course Description:** A half year arts elective focusing on video as an artform and method of communication.. Students will learn basic video production techniques including planning, filming, and editing, as well as the software needed to produce short video and film projects. Students will work individually and collaboratively to plan and produce short video works that explore documentary, interview, educational, entertainment, and abstract video forms. **This is a half year course.**

# MUSIC

## **CONCERT BAND (.5 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** No previous band experience required.

**Course Description:** High School band is offered to students in grades 9-12. This ensemble meets every other day, and students are also offered in-school lessons. There are performances, competitions, and festival field trips held throughout the year, as well as solo and small ensemble performance opportunities. Emphasis is on growth as a complete musician and working together with other members of the ensemble to prepare high-quality performances.

**This is a full year course offered every other day.**

## **CHORUS (.5 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Any student who enjoys singing, wants to become a better singer, or desires to learn more about music is invited to join the SCCS chorus.

**Course Description:** The full chorus meets 2½ times weekly. Each singer is encouraged to learn more about voice production, tone quality, breathing, diction, and singing with expression. Emphasis is on growth, both in awareness and in actual performance skills. The music studied and the skills learned culminate in two or three concerts per year. Chorus members can also audition for activities such as All-County Chorus, Area All-State Chorus, and can choose to participate in solo and ensemble festivals. **This is a full year course offered every other day.**

## **MUSIC TECHNOLOGY/INTRO TO PIANO & PERCUSSION (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** Students will learn to compose and play music using a variety of instruments, specifically piano and percussion while using computer software applications. Music theory, popular music styles, and music recording may also be explored. **This is a full year course.**

## **THEATER SKILLS (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** Theater Skills are offered to 9-12 graders and introduces students to some of the fundamental skills and tools required for developing the acting process. They experience rehearsal techniques, scene study, and the history of theater. Students will also be in charge of designing their own production of a musical while learning about the tech of set building, lights, costumes, properties, and sound.

**This is a full year course.**

## **JAZZ ENSEMBLE (.5 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Previous band experience and/or an audition.

**Course Description:** Jazz band is offered to students in grades 8-12. Typically, this ensemble meets one time weekly at 7:00 am. This organization performs at least two evening concerts yearly as well as assemblies and a festival performance or trip. Music of a wide variety of styles is used. Students learn to be proficient as individuals and as a part of a large group. The jazz band experience is geared to create well-rounded musical intelligence. **This is a full year course offered once a week.**

# AGRISCIENCE

## **PRE-VET SCIENCE (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** This course engages students in hands-on laboratories and activities to explore the world of animal agriculture. Student experiences will involve the study of animal anatomy, physiology, behavior, nutrition, reproduction, health, selection and marketing. For example, students will acquire skills in meeting the nutritional needs of animals while developing balanced, economical rations. Throughout the course, students will consider the perceptions and preferences of individuals within local, regional, and world markets.

**This is a full year course.**

## **PLANT SCIENCE (1 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** This course teaches students the form and function of plant systems. Students experience various plant science concepts through inquiry-based exercises filled with activities, projects, and problems utilizing laboratory and practical experiences. Student experiences will include the study of plant anatomy and physiology, classification, and the fundamentals of production and harvesting. Students will learn how to apply scientific knowledge and skills to use plants effectively for agricultural and horticultural production. Students will discover the value of plant production and its impact on the individual, the local, and the global economy. **This is a full year course.**

## **SUNY COBLESKILL - AGRICULTURE**

### **BUSINESS AND MARKETING (.5 credit)/AGBU 101 [3 credits]**

**Prerequisites:** Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior who successfully completed Algebra I.

**Course Description:** The Agriculture Business and Marketing course introduces students to business and marketing in agriculture. Throughout the course are practical and engaging activities, projects, and problems to develop and improve student's business and employability skills. Additionally, students investigate and develop viable business and marketing plans in order to solve local problems. The business plan ideas are communicated to student peers and members of the professional community. Activities, projects, and problems are similar to those that agriculture business specialist, such as agribusiness owner/manager, salesperson, business/finance manager, loan officer, and marketer face in their respective careers. **This is a half year course.**

## **SUNY COBLESKILL - FOOD SCIENCE AND SYSTEMS (.5 credit)/CAHT 105 [3 credits]**

**Prerequisites:** Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior

**Course Description:** Food Science and Safety is a course full of hands-on activities, projects, and problems that simulate actual concepts and situations found in the food science and safety industry, allowing students to build content knowledge and technical skills. Students maintain a research level Laboratory Notebook throughout the course documenting their experiences in the laboratory. Research and experimental design will be highlighted as students develop and conduct industry appropriate investigations. **This is a half year course.**

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

*Our PE participation policy for grades 9-12: Student is expected to dress in clothing appropriate for the activity; should the student not have access to appropriate clothing, it may be provided by the school in order for the student to participate on any given day. Students will be afforded an opportunity to make up all missed classes. Students who fail to participate in class and do not choose to make up classes risk failing the course, removal from the course and loss of credit for PE.*

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION – GRADES 9-12 (.5 credit)**

It is the goal of the Physical Education department to involve students in a variety of activities throughout their high school career. Areas of emphasis will be fitness and wellness, motor skills, cognitive ability, game knowledge and strategies, safety, participation, attitudes, and values. Fitness tests will be administered two times a year. **Two credits (4 years) of PE with a passing grade is necessary for graduation credit.**

### **Physical Education – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades**

In PE 9-10 a broad range of activities will be offered including but not limited to: Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Field Hockey, Swimming, Basketball, Team Handball, Tennis, Project Adventure, Track, Softball, Broomball, Resistance Training, Floor Hockey, and Lacrosse.

### **Physical Education 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

In PE 11-12 the focus will shift to more of a lifetime fitness objective. The broad range of activities for 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be offered including but not limited to: Resistance Training, Circuit Training, Swimming, Tennis, Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, and Racquetball.

## **CCC FITNESS THEORY & APPLICATION (.5 credit) (PE 144) [1 college credit]**

**Prerequisite:** 12<sup>th</sup> grade standing.

**Course Description:** Basic theory of fitness, appraisal of fitness levels and applying knowledge to personal fitness goals. This course can be used in place of PE 12.

**This is a full year course offered every other day.**



## **HEALTH (.5 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Course Description:** Health and Wellness is a mandated course offered in 10th grade. It is designed to increase students' awareness of relevant health problems, their prevention, and their impact on one's lifestyle and quality of life. This course provides students with the understanding and skills necessary to: set realistic goals, make informed decisions, communicate assertively, and how to manage stress. Topics include: foundations of health education, mental illnesses, stress, personality types, relationships, sexuality, awareness of available community resources, nutrition/obesity, fitness, life stages, diseases and their prevention, parenting skills, disability awareness, personal safety, illegal drug use/abuse and the use/abuse of alcohol and tobacco. Students will be evaluated through quizzes, tests, homework, journal writings, current event articles, and a mini-research project and presentation.

**This is a half credit course offered all year every other day.**

## **OTHER**

### **SENIOR SEMINAR (.5 credit)**

**Prerequisite:** 12<sup>th</sup> grade standing.

**Course Description:** Senior Seminar is designed to help students navigate the post-secondary process by providing the knowledge, tools, and support needed to identify a variety of options, align these options with career goals, and make an informed decision about life after high school. Students will investigate various post high school options, such as college, career training, entering the workforce or the military. College and career exploration will be completed on Naviance, as will resume building, scholarships, letters of recommendation, and understanding financial aid. Various life skills such as navigating finances, discovering motivation, mastering self-management, developing emotional intelligence, and SMART goals will also be addressed. To supplement course content and meet district requirements, students will be expected to volunteer at least ten hours of community service. **This is a half year course, sem 1.**

## **DRIVER EDUCATION (.5 credit) - Summer 2025**

**Prerequisite:** 16 years of age by July 1. Max enrollment of 12. New York State Learner's Permit before the start of course. Register in the Guidance Office. There is no charge for this course.

**Course Description:** This is a Pass/Fail course. The driver education course includes assessing and managing risks, knowing yourself and your abilities, handling social pressures, signs, signals and markings, rules of the road, getting to know your car, starting, steering, stopping, basic driving skills, turning and parking, driving environments, light and weather conditions, sharing the roadway, natural laws and driving, responding to an emergency, buying a car, car systems and maintenance, and trip planning. The student must have 24 hours of classroom instruction and 24 hours of in-car instruction, six hours of that behind the wheel. Upon successful completion of the course, 17-year-old drivers receive Senior Operator Class D classification, and most insurance companies offer at least a 10% discount on insurance rates.

## **CAYUGA-ONONDAGA BOCES**

More information on the CTE & New Visions program is available via: <http://www.caybores.org>

Students who attend BOCES CTE programs are bused from their home schools for 2½ hour sessions every day. The other half of the day is spent in their home schools where they continue their regular course work. First year programs are offered to 11th grade students in the afternoon and second year programs are offered to 12th grade students in the morning. Students may receive up to 7.5 credits for their two-year programs.

Programs available through Career and Technical Education programs at the Regional Education Center in Auburn:

- Auto Technology
- Auto Body
- Building Trades/CAD & CAM
- Computer Information Technology
- Computer Service Technology
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Ed
- Emerging Careers
- Graphic Design
- Health Related Occupations
- Heavy Equipment
- Machining & Welding
- Outdoor Power Equipment
- Plant & Animal Sciences
- Residential & Industrial Electricity
- The New Visions Medical Program

## **SCCS JR HS GRADE 7 & 8 SCHEDULE/COURSES**

Junior high school students will follow a modified block schedule. Each day, students will begin with an advisement period from 7:40-8:00 am. Our block schedule will contain many courses held for 80 minute periods. The blocked courses in the schedule are denoted with an asterisk. As an example, within the grades 7 and 8 schedule, students will have two core courses (ELA & Social Studies) on A/C days and the other 2 core courses (Math & Science) on B/D days. Also, included in the schedule are project-based and Sr HS courses for graduation credit. We also offer a re-teach lab for students throughout the year. Courses such as Health, PE, Band, Chorus, and Music are single periods (40 minute periods) taught every other day.

### **YEARLY LOOK AT SCCS JR HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 7 & 8)**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
Advisement	Advisement
*English 7	*English 8
*Social Studies 7	*Social Studies 8
*Math 7	*Math 8
*Science 7	*Science 8
Lunch	Lunch
	*Spanish I
Band and/or Chorus/SH	Reteach/PE
Intro Spanish/PE	Band and/or Chorus/SH or Studio Art
*Explorations 7 (or Re-teach)	*STEM 8

*\*Blocked Course (80 min for grades 7 and 8)*

### **Project Based Learning**

**What is project-based learning?** Project-based learning is an instructional model that involves students in investigations of 'real-life' problems that culminate in authentic products. Projects that make for stronger classroom learning opportunities can vary widely in subject matter and scope, and can be delivered at a wide range of grade levels. A few defining features of project based learning:

Projects grow out of challenging questions

Projects put students in an active role such as: problem solver, decision maker, and investigator

Projects serve specific, significant educational goals

Projects can bring community businesses in as a partner to the school

## ENGLISH

### ELA 7 & 8

**Course Description:** The cornerstone of the 7th and 8th grade curriculum is on building students' language arts skills as they develop knowledge about the world. - The 7th grade course in particular focuses on building multidisciplinary reading and writing skills through a variety of fictional, nonfictional, and informational texts while demanding the production of multigenre writing. A strong emphasis is placed on decoding language, grammar, identifying central ideas, working with evidence, and introducing the concept of author's purpose. Additionally, 7th grade prioritizes developing collaborative and independent work environments, as well as student skills (ex. note taking, study skills, and self reflection) necessary for building the basis of students' academic success. The 8th grade curriculum builds on the initial blocks of 7th grade to develop and fine tune student literacy and writing skills. Students will be challenged to increase their level of cognitive processing and begin to analyze thematic structures and their relation to the author's purpose, literary elements, and the greater world. During each year, normally in April or May, all students will take the ELA 7 & ELA 8 NYS assessments. ***These courses are yearlong and blocked every other day for (80 min).***

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### SOCIAL STUDIES 7 & 8

**Course Description:** Social studies in grades 7 and 8 is generally a two-year investigation of United States and New York State history. However, students may be taught mini-units on Global History to support the curriculum in ELA. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, students will study historical periods beginning with pre-Columbian cultures to the events leading to the Civil War. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students will continue their study of American history from the Civil War to current events. Students will make connections between time periods while they trace trends in the economic, social and political characteristics at the federal and state levels. Students will participate in group activities and class discussions on a daily basis. Throughout the year, students will complete classwork, homework, quizzes, projects, presentations and exams. Essay writing and analytical reading assignments are also included in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies curriculum. ***These courses are yearlong and blocked every other day for (80 min).***

## MATHEMATICS

### MATH 7

**Course Description:** The course will focus on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples. The topics that will be covered are **Ratios and Proportional Relationships-** Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems, **The Number System-** Apply and extend previous understandings of operations with fractions to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers, **Expressions and Equations-** Use properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions. Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations, **Geometry-** Draw, construct and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them. Solve real-life and mathematical problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume, **Statistics and Probability-** Use random sampling to draw inferences about a population. Draw informal comparative inferences about two populations. Investigate chance processes and develop, use, and evaluate probability models. All students will take the NYS Math 7 assessment, normally offered in April or May. ***This course is yearlong and blocked every other day for (80 min).***

### MATH 8

**Course Description:** The course will focus on three critical areas: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. The topics that will be covered are **The Number System-** Know that there are numbers that are not rational, and approximate them by rational numbers. **Expressions and Equations-** Work with radicals and integer exponents. Understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations. Analyze and solve linear equations and pairs of simultaneous linear equations. **Functions -** Define, evaluate, and compare functions. Use functions to model relationships between quantities. **Geometry-** Understand congruence and similarity using physical models, transparencies, or geometry software. Understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem. Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume of cylinders, cones and spheres. **Statistics and Probability-** Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. All students will take the NYS Math 8 assessment, normally offered in April or May. ***This course is yearlong and blocked every other day for (80 min).***

## SCIENCE

### **SCIENCE 7 & 8**

**Course Description:** Science in grades 7 & 8 is a three dimensional learning model wherein Science and Engineering Practices combine with Disciplinary Core Ideas through Crosscutting Concepts in the areas of Physical, Life, and Earth and Space Science to build scientific literacy. The IQWST curriculum program supports both our standards and this model through its standards-based, investigation-centered approach. In addition it promotes a deepened understanding of core ideas and practices as students move from grade to grade to build scientific literacy. All students will take the NYS Intermediate Science assessment at the end of 8th grade. Students must successfully complete four investigations during grades 6, 7, and 8. They will then take the written portion of the exam in May of their 8th grade year. ***This course is yearlong and blocked every other day for (80 min).***

## SPANISH I

### **SPANISH I (1 HS credit)**

**Course Description:** This course is a foundational course for all in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students are required to pass the course and proficiency exam at the end of the year to obtain HS credit. Should students not be successful, she/he will need to repeat the course in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The approach will involve reading, storytelling, acting and active use of the language. ***This course is yearlong and blocked every other day for (80 min) and offered for HS credit.***

### **INTRODUCTORY SPANISH**

**Course Description:** This course is an intro course for all in 7th grade. Students will explore the language in a basic way to best prepare them for Spanish I in 8th grade. ***This is a yearlong course offered every other day for (40 min).***

## EXPLORATIONS 7

**Course Description:** These are project-based courses designed to develop and strengthen the language, writing, critical thinking, and problem solving skills of 7th grade students. Students may be scheduled to take these courses depending on individual schedule needs. ***Each course is offered every other day for (80 min).***

**Art & Media:** Art history and the exposure to a range of artists and their use of certain mediums will be a starting point for the hands-on projects. Students will produce writing, conduct research, and create multimedia presentations in the areas of literature, music, and maker space projects. Students will learn how to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and act using all forms of media through a constructivist media decoding approach. This will be accomplished by presenting a piece of media to students for them to analyze, either in whole class discussion or small group activities. Students will be asked to provide text evidence, explain their reasoning, think about how they could find more information, and why it matters. Students will have multiple opportunities to practice media decoding skills.

Students will display their knowledge and understanding of media literacy of their own. They will evaluate each other using the skills they have practiced and learned throughout the unit in class

**Personal Finance & AgriScience:** The course will focus on process skills such as: communication, leadership, thinking, and money management and finance skills.

Students will use critical thinking skills and apply them to mathematics and science and begin to answer all of these questions. By focusing on five areas of agriculture: Animal Science, Plant Science, Environmental Science, Agricultural Mechanics, and Leadership, students will discover how careers in math and science are growing and will continue to evolve in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## MUSIC

### **BAND 6/7/8**

**Course Description:** Students will increase their functional knowledge of the instrument they play through lessons to develop their sound, technique, and reading ability. During the year students will learn to work as an ensemble to create a group sound from a composer's written idea. The students will also have the opportunity to be judged and ranked at a county level through NYSSMA solo festivals. Students will set and strive to meet goals that should prepare them for the High School level band. ***This is a yearlong course offered every other day for (40 min).***

### **CHORUS 6/7/8**

**Course Description:** Students will learn proper singing technique in order to sing together as an ensemble. Topics of instruction include vocal anatomy, healthy singing habits, note and rhythm reading, and choral ensemble skills. Students will perform a variety of music, ranging from classical to jazz to pop, at two concerts. ***This is a yearlong course offered every other day for (40 min).***

## STUDIO IN ART 8

### **STUDIO IN ART 8 (1 HS credit)**

**Prerequisite:** Must be teacher recommended.

**Course Description:** Studio in Art is a comprehensive course for 8th grade students; a prerequisite for all other high school elective art courses.

The course includes the nature of art - a brief study and consideration of the aesthetic principles that involve the visual arts, the elements of art - a study and reasoning approach to the elements which comprise a work of art, and movements and trends in the world of art - a brief description of the art of the past and present are intended to illustrate the use of the elements and principles of art at various times in various places of the world. Exploration of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork in various media through individual student projects and studio work allows the student an opportunity to become familiar with the various forms of art. Individual projects and art research are important factors in the total study of Studio in Art. ***This is a full year course, which meets the art/music requirement for HS graduation.***

## STEM 8 & AGRISCIENCE

### STEM 8:

**Course Description:** This is a project-based course designed to develop and strengthen the analytical and numerical skills of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students via technology and science. Through technological projects, students will learn how systems work together to solve problems and capture opportunities. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, math, science, and technology are becoming more integrated, and systems are becoming more and more dependent upon each other than ever before. Electronic systems are interacting with natural bio systems as humans use more and more monitoring devices for scientific reasons. Electrical systems are interacting with mechanical and fluid power systems along with robotics as manufacturing becomes increasingly automated. This course gives students a general background on the different types of systems but concentrates more on the connections between these systems.

Units of Instruction:

- 1) Measuring: standard and metric systems
- 2) Technological Systems: How They Work
- 3) Leadership, Management and Interpersonal Skills
- 4) Technological Systems: Issues and Impacts
- 5) Technological Systems Interactions
- 6) Maintaining Technological Systems
- 7) Technological Systems and the Designed World
- 8) Space Transportation Systems and robotics

***This course is yearlong and blocked every other day for (80 min).***

### PRINCIPLES OF PLANT & ANIMAL SCIENCE 8 (1 HS credit)

**Prerequisites:** 8th grade students must be teacher recommended.

**Course Description:** The principles of animal and plant science course introduces students to agriculture, animal science, plant science and related career options. Students participating in the course will have experiences in various animal and plant science concepts with hands-on activities, projects, and problems. Students' experiences in animal science will involve the study of animal anatomy, physiology, behavior, nutrition, health, selection, and marketing. Student experiences in plant science will include the study of plant anatomy and physiology, classification, and the fundamentals of production and harvesting. Throughout the course, students will consider the perceptions and preferences of individuals within local, regional, and world agriculture markets.

***This is a full year course offered for HS credit.***

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### PE 7 & 8

**Course Description:** It is the goal of the Physical Education department to involve students in a variety of activities throughout grades 7 & 8. Areas of emphasis will be fitness and wellness, motor skills, cognitive ability, game knowledge and strategies, safety, participation, attitudes, and values. A broad range of activities will be offered including but not limited to:

Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Field Hockey, Swimming, Basketball, Tennis, Track, Softball, Broomball, Floor Hockey, and Lacrosse.

***This is a yearlong course offered every other day for (40 min).***

## RETEACH

### ELA & MATH RETEACH

The goal of Reteach is to provide grade 7/8 students the opportunity to master essential skills and knowledge in math & ELA before moving on to the next level. Teacher(s) will meet with students who are struggling with concepts to provide additional time and attention.

The initiative is based upon the work already completed in elementary school. Depending on a variety of data points, the 7/8 team will assign students to a reteach session depending upon student need. As areas of strength and concern vary among students, many students will be assigned to a review class during the course of the year. Students will see the opportunity to focus on their individual needs and to learn a particular concept better than they did the first time.

Throughout the school year teachers will identify instructional priorities, develop formative assessments, and plan a range of activities to meet the wide range of academic needs of our students. The assessments in general will be brief and designed to provide a snapshot of each student's progress so teachers can address any needs promptly. The team will meet on a weekly basis to review the latest results, to identify students who are struggling, and to help plan instruction accordingly.