

Electives



SMHS 2022-2023 10th grade Elective Offerings Yearlong Electives



Foreign Language A to G (E)			
Course	Description	Credits	
Spanish 1	Designed to enable students to communicate in Spanish at a basic level.	10	
Spanish 2	Build on skills acquired in Spanish 1. Expand topics and situations where students can communicate in Spanish.	10	
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1	Designed for students who are fluent in spoken, informal Spanish and need to improve writing, reading and grammar skills. Course is conducted entirely in Spanish.	10	
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2	Designed to build on skills acquired in Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1. Prepares students to pass the Advance Placement Spanish Language Examination.	10	
French 1	Introduces students to the French-speaking world and culture. Students will be able to communicate at a basic level.	10	
French 2/AHC FRN 101	Builds on the skills acquired in French 1. Students will receive college credit for second semester by successfully completing this course. Students will learn how to express themselves in the past and present as well and learn more about France and Francophone culture, art, history, and music.	10	

Visual/Performing Arts A to G (F)			
Course	Description	Credits	
Advanced Marching/Symphonic Band	Top level of music meant to challenge and expand musicianship skills. Students participate in the Concert and Marching aspect of band and should already know how to play and read music (Pending)	10	
Art 1	Art course in design and drawing taught as an introduction to visual arts. Focuses on the study of design-the language of art/learning the basics of visual and imaginative drawing	10	
Ag Floral Design	Introduces artistic and creative perception including aesthetic valuing through a series of projects in various media including plant, pencil, flowers, glass, and a variety of papers.	10	
Concert Choir	Intermediate to advance level choir. It offers experienced singers the opportunity to perform concerts and off-campus choral festivals. Music theory is explored. Requires extra rehearsals. (Pending)	10	
Digital Arts 1A/B (CTE)	For students who have shown interest in the field of fine arts and the use of digital imaging technology. Learn a variety of methods of expression by means of electronic (digital) equipment	10	
Guitar	Designed for the student with little or no guitar experience. Covers basic to intermediate playing skills, fundamentals and historical information on musicians and music styles.	10	
Intermediate Guitar	This class builds on the knowledge built in Guitar (Pending)	10	
Intermediate Drawing	Explores drawing and an introduction to painting. Focuses on the exploration of the artist as the center of expression/individual expression.	10	
Beginning Marching Band/Symphony Band	Continuation of instrument knowledge from junior high school to further develop musicianship skills. Students participate in the Concert and Marching aspect of band and should already know how to play and read music. (Pending)	10	
Intermediate Marching/Wind Symphony Band	After previously taking Beginning Marching/Symphony Band, next level of music meant to learn new aspects and styles of music. Students participate in the Concert and Marching aspect of band and should already know how to play and read music. (Pending)	10	
Mariachi/Music of Mexico	Learning the history and theory of Mariachi Music to then apply to practicing and performing the music. Previous instrument/music knowledge is highly suggested but not required. (Pending)	10	
Photography 1 (CTE)	Students will study photographs from the entire range and history of the medium to use as starting points for their own creative work. A variety of photographic assignments will provide training and experience in the basic technical and artistic elements of black-and-white photography.	10	
Photography 2 (Pending)	Designed to assist students in developing an appreciation of photographic equipment and increasing their understanding of photographic processes	10	
Publications (Yearbook)	Course produces school yearbook focusing on journalistic writing, desktop publishing and advertisement sales.	10	

* Denotes CTE Pathway Concentrator course

Career Technical Education (CTE)			
Course	Description	Credits	
Ag Communication /Leadership	Leadership, communication skills, and work ethics are major contributing factors in today's successful work force. This course is designed to instruct and train students to meet the necessary leadership and communication skills needed for a career in the agriculture industry	10	
Ag Welding 1/AHC AG106	Mig, tig, arc, gas and plasma are types of welding processes learned in this introductory welding class.	10	
Apparel Construction/Design	Provides instruction in garment construction involving fundamental sewing principles/techniques. Student becomes acquainted with use of sewing machine equipment.	10	
Auto Fundamentals	Covers the entire modern automobile. Emphasis is placed on shop safety, tools, proper use of equipment and procedures	10	
Culinary Arts I	The purpose of the culinary program is for students to apply culinary techniques, food science technology and nutritional science principles to the production of quality food.	10	
Foundations of Technology	This course is designed to prepare students for entry level employment as a draftsman/draftsperson or to continue with advanced training at the community college and college level. Areas of instruction include introduction of advanced drafting skills and computer knowledge/mechanics of CAD.	10	
*Ornamental Horticulture/AHC AG 156	Students learn skills in ornamental and production plant growing and tending. Floral design, greenhouse structures etc.	10	
Writing Games for Social Change	Intro to game/simulation development and creation through use of software, coding, literature, internet, and other applications.	10	

A-G APPROVED COURSES (recommended for college bound students and meet A-G requirements for college entrance)			
Course	Description	Credits	
*Ag Mechanics/AHC AG 155	Prepares students for employment in agricultural occupations including farm power, construction, machinery & equipment, welding, and other areas.	10	
Advanced Ornamental Horticulture	This course builds on the knowledge learned in Ornamental Horticulture.	10	
AHC Business 101/Entrepreneurship 101	Multidisciplinary examination of how culture, society, economic systems, legal, international, political, financial institutions, and human behavior interact to affect a business organization's policy and practices with the U.S. and a global society	10	
Culinary Arts II	Designed to prepare students who are interested in pursuing a career in this area. Provides students opportunities for service-learning experiences such as job shadowing, student internships and operating a student-run business; thus, enabling them to transition from school to career	10	
Chicano/Latino Studies	Introduction to Mexican American/Latino History and Culture. Satisfies "G" College Prep Elective	10	
Digital Arts II	For students who have shown interest in the field of fine arts and the use of digital imaging technology. Learn a variety of methods of expression by means of electronic (digital) equipment	10	
Integrated Marketing/Student Store	Learn about products/services, pricing, promotions, business management and entrepreneurship. Gain work experience in operating and working in the Student Store	10	
Intermediate Drawing (Art 2)	Explores drawing and an introduction to painting. Focuses on the exploration of the artist as the center of expression/individual expression.	10	
Intro to Web Design	Learn programming skills using HTML/JavaScript; create, design & maintain a website using Dreamweaver web editing software)	10	
Journalism 1	Develop knowledge & skills in writing news, editorials, sports, advertising & feature writing. Edit copy, use computers to prepare articles for publication.	10	
Journalism 2	Journalism 2 (10-12) Develops knowledge & skills in organizing a staff for production of a monthly newspaper. Assign/write articles, organize layout & edit work for the SMHS paper.	10	
Leadership/ASB	Course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn the ways in which they can become successful leaders in their school and community.	10	
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSES (fulfill the graduation requirements for SMHS but do not meet A-G requirements for college entrance)			
Beginning Mexican Dance	Teaches the basics steps and dances of various regions of Mexico along with the history, music, and geography.	10	

* Denotes AHC Courses: Allan Hancock courses count as college credit. Grades earned in these courses will permanently go on your AHC college transcript.