Ninth grade students must select at least six courses each semester (12 courses for the school year). There are seven class periods each semester, so up to 14 courses may be selected. Study halls are scheduled for any open period. Please see course descriptions for graduation requirements and prerequisites.

**ENGLISH** (7 credits required for graduation)
- Must choose one of the following year-long courses:
  - ENG121/ENG122  English 1-2
  - ENG131/ENG132  Honors English 1-2

**SPEECH** (1 credit required for graduation)
- May choose the following semester-long course:
  - ENG153  Speech

**ENGLISH ELECTIVES**
- Courses that count as Elective credits:
  - ENG359  Journalism

**MATHEMATICS** (6 credits required for graduation)
- Must choose one of the following year-long courses:
  - MTH161/MTH162  Algebra I
  - MTH171/MTH172  Geometry
  - MTH181/MTH182  Honors Geometry
  - MTH281/MTH282  Honors Algebra II

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE** (2 credits required for graduation)
- Must choose one of the following year-long courses:
  - SCI081/SCI082  PS9 Chemistry/PS9 Physics
  - SCI091/SCI092  Honors PS9 Chemistry/Honors PS9 Physics

**LIFE SCIENCE** (2 credits required for graduation)
- May choose the following year-long course if also selecting Honors PS9 Chemistry and Honors PS9 Physics
  - SCI141/SCI142  Honors Biology

**WELLNESS** (4 credits required for graduation; one semester each year)
- Must choose one of the following semester-long courses:
  - PED153  Health Club Fitness
  - PED159  Water Fitness & Games (Hempstead Only)
  - PED162  Active Games & Fitness Class
  - PED163  Performance PE
  - PED164  Advanced Performance PE
  - PED171  Early Bird Wellness *
  - PED902  Athletic Exemption **

**WORLD CULTURES** (2 credits required for graduation)
- May choose one of the following year-long course:
  - SOC101/SOC102  World Cultures & Geography
  - SOC121/SOC122  Advanced Placement Human Geography
  - WFR111/WFR112  French 1-2
  - WGE131/WGE132  German 1-2
  - WSP181/WSP182  Spanish 1-2

**APPLIED LEARNING** (1 credit required for graduation)
- Courses that fulfill Applied Learning requirement:
  - BUS111  Introduction to Business
  - BUS121  Computer Essentials
  - FSC125  Nutrition and Food Preparation
  - FSC303  Introduction to Teaching
  - FSC304  Introduction to Child Development
  - FSC305  Interpersonal Relationships/Studies
  - HTH01  Health I
  - HTH02  Health II
  - INT115  Engineering Drafting and Design I
  - INT117  Woodworking
  - INT123  Manufacturing
  - INT223  Small Engine Repair
  - INT323  Electricity/Electronics
  - INT332  Metals
  - INT385  Construction I
  - INT387  Construction II
  - INT401  Engineering I
  - INT402  Engineering II
  - INT413  Engineering Drafting and Design II
  - INT433  Architectural Design
  - ISS121  Multimedia
  - ISS131  Computer Science Principles I
  - ISS132  Computer Science Principles II
  - ISS221  Video Production
  - ISS231/ISS232  Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles
  - ISS411  Troubleshooting

**FINE ARTS** (2 credits required for graduation)
- Courses that fulfill Fine Arts requirement:
  - ART113  Art 2D
  - ART114  Art 3D
  - ENG163  Theatre
  - ENG164  Advanced Theatre
  - MUS111/MUS112  Band
  - MUS121/MUS122  Jazz Band
  - MUS131/MUS132  Orchestra
  - MUS151/MUS152  Percussion Ensemble
  - MUS162  Color Guard
  - MUS191/MUS192  Chorale
  - MUS571/MUS572  Ambassador Singers

**SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS**
- Courses that count as Elective credits:
  - BUS503/BUS504  IJAG 9-10
  - ELL101/ELL102  Newcomer English Language Learner
  - ELL201/ELL202  Beginning English Language Learner
  - ELL301/ELL302  Intermediate English Language Learner
  - ELL401/ELL402  Advanced English Language Learner

AL = OR course may be taken to fulfill APPLIED LEARNING requirement

* full schedule both semesters required

** participation in two sports and Athletic Exemption Form required