



**Maquoketa Valley
High School
Course Catalog
2019-2020**



Maquoketa Valley's Commitment to Empowering All Students for Lifelong Success

(All courses reinforce the importance of our Guidelines for Success)

Guidelines for Success:

Perseverance: Refusing to give up in the face of adversity. No matter how difficult the task.

- Try problem solving before asking for help. Don't give up.
- Have the courage to try, even though you are afraid of failing
- Accept and learn from your mistakes

Respect: Being courteous to others through actions and words, and treating others the way you want to be treated.

- Take pride in yourself
- Thoughtfully look at and listen to others
- Greet others
- Calmly share disagreements
- Use appropriate language
- Accept decisions of those in authority

Motivation: Being eager to act and work appropriately.

- Be productive in the classroom environment
- Attend class regularly and on time
- Be involved in academic and nonacademic activities
- Exhibit body language that displays positive energy

Responsibility: Keeping promises, meeting obligations, and being accountable for your actions.

- Come prepared and complete work on time
- Ask for help when needed
- Communicate with teachers in a timely manner when absent
- Take care of your property as well as the property of others
- Be a team player

Integrity: Using an internal set of ethical values to guide the decision-making process. Keep your word and commitments.

- Be truthful with yourself and others
- Be an upstander and bring out the best in others
- Do the right thing even when no one is looking

Maquoketa Valley Graduation Requirements

All course descriptions are found at the end of the course catalog beginning on page 45

Core Curriculum:	30 credits
Electives:	<u>18 credits</u>
TOTAL:	48 credits

Core Curriculum (30 credits required)

** indicates dual credit course*

English: 8 credits / 8 semesters

Year 1 - Required:

- English I

Year 2 - Required:

- English II
- Speech

Year 3 - Required to choose from:

- American Literature I & II
- English III

Year 4 - Required to choose from:

- Composition I & II *
- College Prep English
- Applied English & Communications

Additional Courses:

- Advanced Speech
- Introduction to Literature *
- Creative Writing I & II
- Fundamentals of Oral Communication *
 - Grades 11-12

Social Studies: 6 credits/ 6 semesters

Year 2 - Required:

- World History

Year 3 - Required:

- U.S. History **OR** AP U.S. History

Year 4 - Required:

- American Government

Additional Courses:

- Social Issues
- Pop Culture
- 60's America
- Street Law
- Character Development & Leadership
- Introduction to Sociology * (Online through Kirkwood)
 - Grades 11-12
- Introduction to Psychology * (Online through Kirkwood)
 - Grades 11-12

Financial Literacy: 1 credit / 1 semester

- Personal Finance or Consumer Finance (same content)

Health: 1 credit / 1 semester

- Health I

Physical Education: 1 credit / 2 semesters

Note: PE is required every semester unless taking 7+ classes, or exempted by administration.

- Physical Education (.5 credit/semester)

Technology: 1 credit / 1 semester

- Graphic Design
- Introduction to Word Processing
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications
- Introduction to Drafting
- Photography
- Emerging Technology Trends
- Fundamentals of Web Design
- Programming and Logic

Core Curriculum (30 credits required)

Science - 6 credits / 6 semesters

Possible Course Sequences:

Year	Minimum Required	1 upper level course	2 upper level courses	3 upper level courses
1	Earth Science	Earth Science	Earth Science	Earth Science
2	Biology	Biology	Biology AND Physical Science	Biology AND Physical Science
3-4	Physical Science	Year 3: Physical Science Year 4: Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • AP Physics • Anatomy & Physiology 	<i>Choose one course year 3 & 4:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • AP Physics • Anatomy & Physiology 	<i>Double-up year 3 or 4, take remaining course other year:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • AP Physics • Anatomy & Physiology

Math - 6 credits / 6 semesters

** Algebra 1 or its equivalent (Basic Algebra A and B) is required

Possible Course Sequences:

Year	Requires Teacher Recommendation	6-8 credits	8-10 credits	Recommended Sequence for AP Calculus
1	Basic Algebra A **	Algebra I **	Algebra I	Geometry
2	Basic Algebra B **	Algebra II <u>OR</u> Geometry	Algebra II <u>and</u> Geometry	Algebra II
3-4	Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry • Applied Math • Algebra II 	Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra II • Geometry • Precalculus • Statistics • Applied Math • AP Calculus (yr 4) 	Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precalculus • Statistics • Applied Math • AP Calculus (yr 4) 	Year 3: Precalculus <u>or</u> Statistics Year 4: AP Calculus

Electives (18 credits required)

Students may choose courses from this electives list or courses they have not already taken from the core course list.

* indicates dual credit course

Agriculture:

- Horticulture I 9-12
- Horticulture II 9-12
- Introduction to Agriculture 9-12
- Leadership in Agriculture 9-12
- Animal Production / Science 10-12
- Agricultural Processing & Marketing 10-12
- Crop Production 10-12
- Comprehensive Ag 11-12
- Introduction to Ag Business 11-12
- Farm Business Management 11-12
- Advanced Studies in Agriculture 12

Business & Information Technology

- Emerging Technology Trends * 9-12
- Introduction to Business 9-12
- Microsoft Office Basics & Keyboarding * (Technology credit) 9-12
- Principles of Management 9-12
- Principles of Marketing 9-12
- Introduction to Computer Applications (Technology credit) 10-12
- Fundamentals of Web Design * 11-12
- Introduction to Accounting I * 11-12
- Personal Finance (Financial Literacy credit) 11-12
- Pre-Employment Strategies * 11-12
- Programming and Logic * 11-12

Foreign Language:

- Spanish I 9-12
- Spanish II 10-12
- Spanish III 11-12
- Spanish IV 12

Industrial Technology:

- Basic Construction Skills * 9-12
- CAD Inventor 9-12
- Electricity I 9-12
- Electricity II 9-12
- Introduction to Drafting (Technology Course) 9-12
- Small Gas Engines 9-12
- Welding 9-12
- Architecture Drafting 10-12
- Construction & Technology 10-12
- Advanced Construction 11-12

Art:

- Ceramics 9-12
- Drawing I 9-12
- Drawing II 9-12
- Fundamentals of Art I 9-12
- Fundamentals of Art II 9-12
- Photography (Technology Course) 9-12
- Graphic Design (Technology Course) 10-12
- Art Portfolio - Traditional 12
- Art Portfolio - Technology 12

Family Consumer Science:

- Advanced Fashion Design 9-12
- Beginning Foods 9-12
- Fashion Design 9-12
- Interior Design 9-12
- Advanced Foods 10-12
- Child Development 11-12
- Independent Living 11-12
- FCS Advanced Studies - Fashion 12
- FCS Advanced Studies - Food 12

Health:

- Health II 9-12

Music:

- Instrumental Music 9-12
- Vocal Music 9-12

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: High school courses that can earn college credit upon receiving a passing score on placement exam (check with college of choice about transferability of credit)

- AP Physics
- AP U.S. History
- AP Calculus

Dual Credit Courses*: High school courses that also earn college credit (check with college of choice about transferability of credit)

Offered at Maquoketa Valley:

Business & Information Technology:

- Microsoft Office Basics & Keyboarding
- Introduction to Accounting I
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications
- Fundamentals of Web Design
- Emerging Technology Trends
- Pre-Employability Strategies
- Programming & Logic

Industrial Technology:

- Basic Construction Skills

English:

- Composition I
- Composition II
- Introduction to Literature

Social Studies (Taken online through Kirkwood in the Library)

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology

Additional dual credit courses are offered through Kirkwood (Jones County) and NICC.

Sample 4-Year Plan with Required Courses:

Year 1 Sample Schedule	
Math:	Algebra 1 or Basic Algebra A Geometry
English:	English I
Science:	Earth Science
Choose from:	Health 1 Physical Education Spanish I (most 4-year colleges have a foreign language requirement) Electives

Year 2 Sample Schedule	
English:	English II/Speech
Social Studies:	World History
Science:	Biology
Choose from:	Required core credits Math Course Electives (Explore a pathway!)

Year 3 Sample Schedule	
English:	American Literature I & II <u>OR</u> English III
Science:	Physical Science
Social Studies:	U.S. History <u>OR</u> AP U.S. History
Choose from:	Required core credits Electives (Explore a pathway!)

Year 4 Sample Schedule	
English:	Composition I & II <u>OR</u> College Prep English <u>OR</u> Applied English & Communications
Social Studies:	American Government
Choose from:	Required core credits Electives (Explore a pathway!)

Redefining Ready!

Students are more than the number they earn on a standardized test. Our high school strives to provide students with rigorous academic programs, personalized and career-specific learning experiences and social and emotional skills that prepare them to be global citizens in an ever-changing world. The scores on standardized tests are one of many potential indicators that demonstrate readiness for life beyond high school. We are educating students who will leave high school with academic skills that make them college and career ready, with the grit and perseverance to tackle and achieve their goals, and with the mindset that empowers them to approach their future with confidence.



College Ready Indicators:

Students are considered “college ready” if they meet the indicators or the standardized testing benchmarks listed below.

Academic Indicators

GPA 2.8 out of 4.0 **AND one or more** of the following academic indicators:

- Algebra II proficiency (earned A,B, or C)
- Senior year math course/4 years of math (excluding Applied Math)
- CTE pathway course sequence completed
- Dual credit or AP course proficiency (earned A,B, or C)
- AP exam score of 3+
- College Prep course proficiency (including passing Accuplacer exam score)

Standardized Testing Benchmarks

(Minimum score on any one of the following)

- ACT Exam: English (18) /Reading (22) /Science (23)/ Math (22)
- SAT Exam: Math (530)/Reading and Writing (480)
- College Readiness Placement Assessment (determined by post-secondary institution)

Additional Factors:

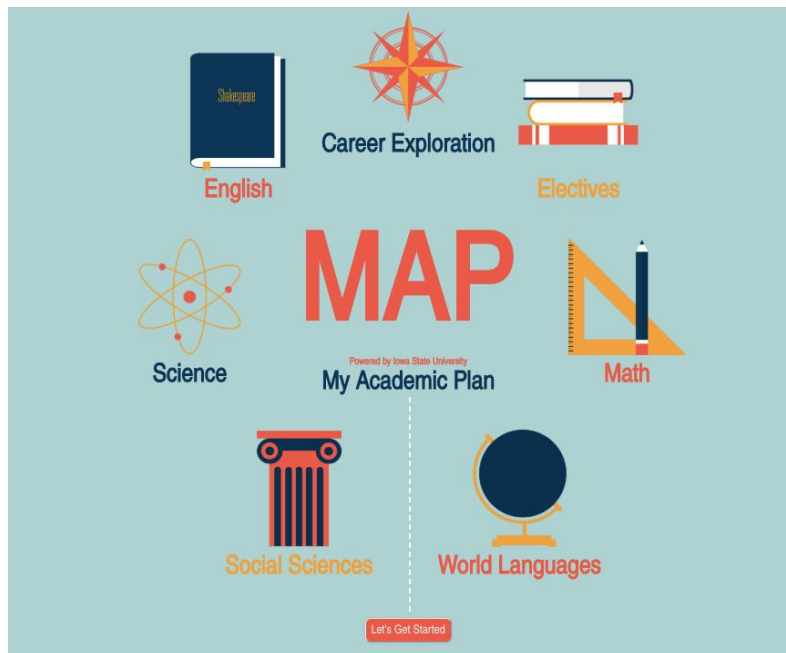
- Completion of Career Ready indicators (next page)
- Completion of a career pathway
- Completion of tasks related to college admission such as college visits, financial aid application (FAFSA), admission application, scholarship application, etc.
- Development of Maquoketa Valley’s Guidelines for Success

Career Ready Indicators:

Students are considered “career ready” if they have identified a career interest and meet 2 or more of the benchmarks listed below.

Career Cluster identified **AND two or more** of the following benchmarks:

- 90% Attendance
- 25 hours of Community Service/Volunteering
- Workplace Learning Experience/Job Shadow (includes participation in teacher assistant program)
- Completion of coursework for a career pathway
- Participation in two or more organized Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities:
 - Includes Yearbook, School Newspaper, FFA, Drama/Speech, Band, Choir, Sports
- Development of Maquoketa Valley’s Guidelines for Success



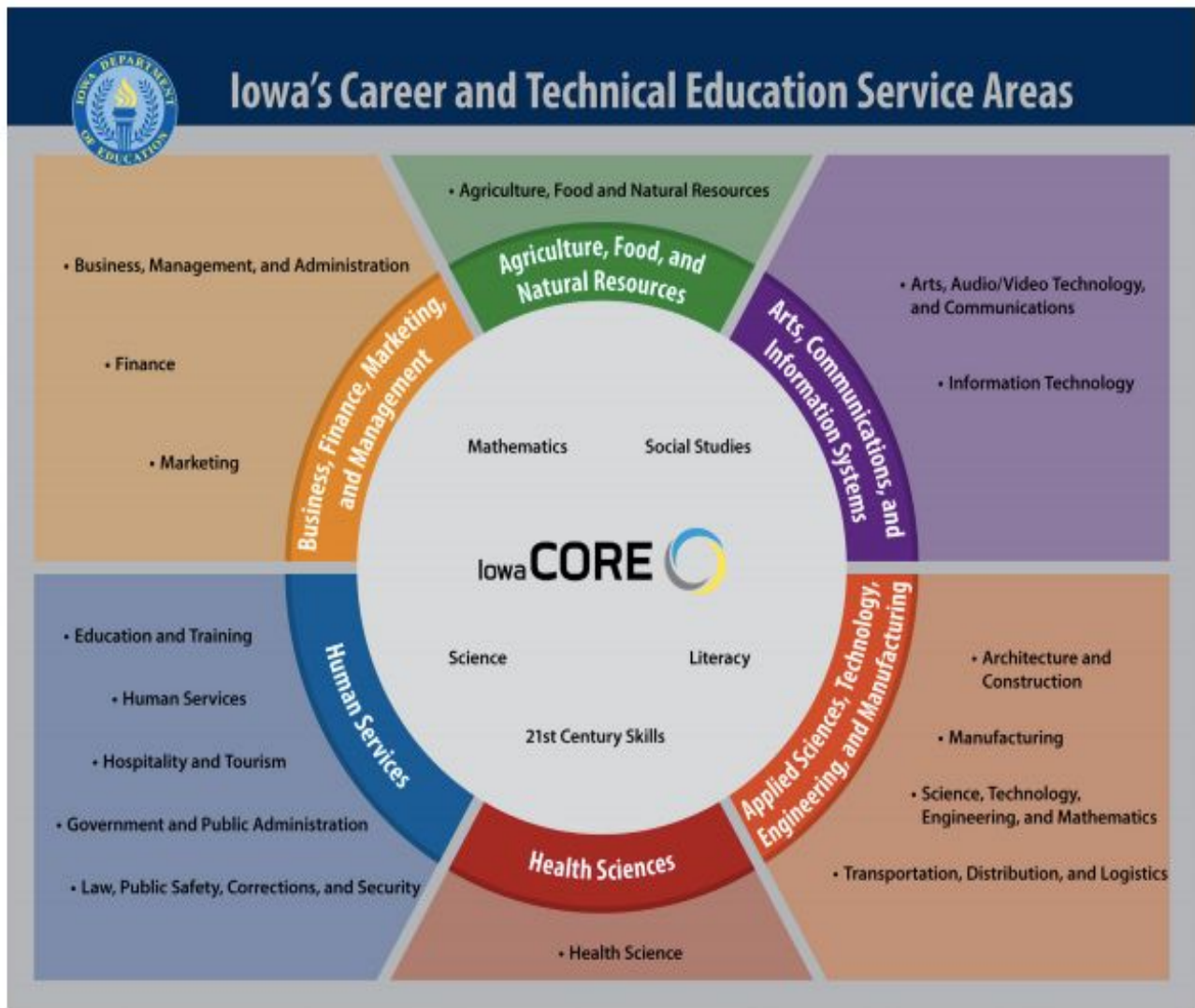
[My Academic Plan](#) (MAP) is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used by Maquoketa Valley students. It guides students through a series of steps which allow them to:

- Identify their own interests, work values, and skills through simple online inventories.
- Explore career options which best match interests, work values, and skills.
- Plan high school course schedule with their career goals in mind.
- Explore college majors or training programs which prepare them for their intended career, and then identify a college or training that best fits them.

Additional Information:

- [Military Careers](#) you can take back to civilian life
- Iowa [colleges](#) tuition, and room and board cost
- How much will your [student loan](#) be per month?

There are 16 nationally recognized career clusters. Each contains multiple career pathways.



The goal of career pathways is to assist students in planning their high school course schedule with their career goals in mind. Each pathway provides suggested courses and experiences, lists possible college majors and possible career options. The pathways include links to more information about careers as well as links to colleges' programs of study for various majors. These links are provided to allow students insight on the types of classes required for the major. The links are not endorsements for any particular college. Maquoketa Valley GSD encourages students to explore various colleges' programs to find the best fit.



Career Pathways

Explore careers through [My Academic Plan](#)



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Career Cluster: Applied Science, Technology, Engineering & Manufacturing:

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Career Pathway: Environmental Science

Career Cluster: Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Chemistry
- AP Physics*
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Management
- Environmental Science (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Earth Science
- Biology

Related Electives:

- Spanish
 - Psychology*
 - Oral Communications*
 - Electricity
 - Animal Science
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: DNR, Fish Hatchery, ASCS
- Community & School Activities/Organizations
 - FFA
 - IT Club
 - 4-H
 - Boy/Girl Scouts
 - Contest Speech

College Majors (examples):

- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians](#)
- [Environmental Engineering Technology](#)
- [Forestry](#)
- Hazardous Materials Management
- [Water Quality and Wastewater Treatment](#)
- [Natural Resources Management](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Environmental Engineering Technician](#)
- [Hazardous Materials Removal Worker](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety Specialist](#)
- [Refrigeration Mechanic and Installer](#)
- [Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operator](#)

Career Pathway: Food Products & Processing

Career Cluster: Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Chemistry
- AP Physics*
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Marketing
- Management
- Emerging Technology Trends*
- Survey of Animal Industry (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Biology
- Health I
- Comp I*
- Comp II*

Related Electives:

- Health II
- Spanish
- Psychology*
- Accounting
- Oral Communications*
- Advanced Animal Science
- Animal Production
- Farm Business Management
- Beginning Foods
- Advanced Foods
- Microsoft Suite Basics*

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - FFA
 - 4-H
 - Contest Speech
 - Boy/Girl Scout

College Majors (examples):

- [Agricultural and Food Products Processing](#)
- Agricultural Business and Management ([2 yr](#)) ([4 yr](#))
- [Agricultural Business Technology](#)
- Agricultural/[Farm Supplies Retailing](#) and Wholesaling
- [Biological Systems Engineering](#)
- [Food Science](#)
- [Food Technology and Processing](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Agricultural and Food Science Technician](#)
- [Agricultural Technician](#)
- [Chemical Technician](#)
- [Farm and Ranch Manager](#)
- Food Science [Technicians](#) or [Technologist](#)
- [Pest Control Worker](#)

Career Pathway: Plant and Animal Systems

Career Cluster: Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Chemistry
- AP Physics*
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Survey of Animal Industry (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Biology
- Health I
- Comp I*
- Comp II*

Related Electives:

- Health II
- Spanish
- Psychology*
- Recordkeeping
- Oral Communications*
- Advanced Animal Science
- Animal Production

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows
- Community & School Activities/Organizations
 - FFA
 - 4-H

College Majors (examples):

- [Agricultural Animal Breeding](#)
- [Agricultural Systems Technology](#)
- [Animal Ecology](#)
- [Agronomy](#)
- Animal Health and Nutrition
- Animal Sciences ([2 yr](#)) ([4 yr](#))
- Animal Training
- [Dairy Science](#)
- [Dog/Pet/Animal Grooming](#)
- [Equestrian/Equine Studies](#)
- [Ag Production Management](#)
- Poultry Science

Careers (examples):

- [Agricultural and Food Science Technician](#)
- [Agricultural Technician](#)
- [Animal Breeder](#)
- [Animal Caretaker](#)
- [Animal Scientist](#)
- [Animal Trainer](#)
- [Aquacultural Manager](#)
- [Farmworker: Farm, Ranch and Aquacultural Animals](#)
- [Farming, Fishing and Forestry Worker](#)
- [Food Science Technician](#)
- [Veterinarian/Veterinarian Technician](#)

Career Pathway: Power Structural & Technical Systems

Career Cluster: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Welding
- Small Gas Engines
- AP Physics*
- Electricity
- AP Calculus AB*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Oral Communications*

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Automotive Technology](#)*
- [Advanced Manufacturing with Robotics and Welding](#)

Related Electives:

- Spanish
 - Crop Production
 - AP Computer Science Principles *
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External Experiences:

- Community & School Activities/Organizations
 - 4H
 - FFA
 - IT Club

College Majors (examples):

- [Agricultural Mechanics](#) and Equipment/Machine Technology
- [John Deere TECH](#)
- [Precision Agriculture](#) (GIS/GPS)
- Agricultural Mechanization
- [Agricultural Power Machinery Operation](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

- [Kirkwood Welding Diploma/Degree](#)
- [NICC Welding Certificate](#)
- Snap-On Certifications:
 - **Torque**
 - **Hand Tool Safety**
 - **Electrical Tool Safety**
 - **Wheel Alignment**
 - **Solus Scantool**
 - **Shopkey Service Information**
 - **525 Multimeter**
- ASE Certifications (ASE stands for Automotive Service Excellence):
 - **G1 maintenance and Light Repair.**
- SP2 Certifications:
 - **Mechanical Safety**
 - **Mechanical Pollution Prevention**

Careers (examples):

- [Agricultural Engineer](#)
- [Agricultural Equipment Operator](#)
- [Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technician](#)
- [Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanic](#)
- [Recycling Technician](#)
- [Remote Sensing Technician](#)

Career Pathway: Advanced Manufacturing

Career Cluster: Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Manufacturing

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Drafting
- CAD Inventor
- Basic Construction Skills
- Construction and Technology

Welding

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Advanced Manufacturing with Robotics and Welding*](#)
- [Engineering - Project Lead the Way *](#)

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: Paladin, Henderson Manufacturing, XL Specialized Trailers, John Deere, Farm-Tek Clear Span, Hawkeye Tool and Die (Jesup)
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

CNC Mill Operator: NIMS: National Institute of Metal Working Society
CNC Lathe Operator: NIMS: National Institute of Metal Working Society
Welding: SENSE 1
Computer Integrated Manufacturing: CIM

College Majors (examples):

- [Electrical Engineering](#)
- Industrial Technology ([4 year](#)) ([2 year](#))

Community College/Certificate (examples):

- [Advanced Manufacturing and Robotics Technologies](#)
- [CNC Machining Technology](#)
- [Advanced Welding Technologies](#)
- [Automation and Instrumentation Technologies](#)
- [Electronics Engineering Technology](#)

Careers (examples):

- [CNC \(Computer Numerical Control\) Machinist](#)
- [Tool and Die Machinist](#)
- [Robotic Technician](#)
- [Welder](#)
- [Explore other production careers](#)

[Website](#) designed for educators and students to explore career opportunities and educational requirements in the field of Advanced Manufacturing

Career Pathway: Building Trades-Carpentry, Electricity, Plumbing, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning)

Career Cluster: Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Manufacturing

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Basic Construction Skills
- Advanced Construction
- Electricity I
- Electricity II
- Introduction to Drafting

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry

Related Electives:

- Welding
- Architectural Drafting
- Small Gas Engines
- Construction of Technology
- CAD Inventor

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [ACE \(Architecture, Construction, Engineering\)*](#)
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: Any carpenter, electrician, plumber, HVAC, mason, and/or concrete company
- Community & School Activities/Organizations: Set-building for fall musical and/or spring play

College Majors (examples):

- [Construction Management](#)

Community College/Certificate (examples):

- [Carpenter](#)
- [HVAC](#)
- [Electrician](#)
- [Powerline](#)
- [Plumber](#)
- [Project Management](#)
- [Construction Estimator](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Carpenter](#)
- [Electrician](#)
- [Plumber](#)
- [HVAC Technician](#)
- [Estimator](#)
- [Project Manager](#)
- [Explore other construction careers](#)

[Website](#) designed for educators and students to explore career opportunities and educational requirements in the field of Architecture, Construction and Engineering

Career Pathway: Engineering

Career Cluster: Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Manufacturing

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

**college credit earned if certain score is achieved on AP Exam (depends on school attending)

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Drafting
- CAD Inventor
- Electricity I
- Computer Software Technology

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Engineering - Project Lead the Way](#) *
- [ACE \(Architecture, Construction, Engineering\)](#) *

Recommended Core Courses:

- Pre-Calculus/AP Calculus AB**
 - Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2
- Chemistry
- AP Physics I**
- American Literature I and II
- Composition I* and II*

Related Electives:

- Statistics
- Spanish
- Ag/Science classes (Agricultural Engineer)

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: Ferr Graham, Paladin, XL Specialized Trailers, Henderson Manufacturing, FarmTek, Manchester Fish Hatchery
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:

University Majors (examples):

- [Engineering](#)
- [Mathematics](#)

Community College/Certificate (examples):

- CAD/Mechanical Engineering Technology ([2-year AAS degree at Kirkwood Community College](#))
- [Engineering Technician](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Mechanical Engineer](#)
- [Biomedical Engineer](#)
- [Nuclear Engineer](#)
- [Aerospace Engineer](#)
- [Civil Engineer](#)
- [Architectural Engineer](#)
- [Computer Engineer](#)
- [Chemical Engineer](#)
- [Agricultural Engineer](#)
- [Environmental Engineer](#)
- [Electrical Engineer](#)
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- [Other chemical and material engineering careers](#)
- [Other electrical engineering careers](#)
- [Other careers in Energy and Natural Resource eng.](#)

[Website](#) designed for educators and students to explore career opportunities and educational requirements in the field of Architecture, Construction and Engineering

Career Pathway: Arts, Performing - Acting & Technical Theatre

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Advanced Speech
- Fashion Design/Advanced Fashion Design
- Construction & Technology/Advanced Construction

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech

Related Electives:

- Creative Writing
 - Intro to Lit*
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: Theatre Cedar Rapids
- Community & School Activities/Organizations: Spring Play, Fall Musical, Large Group & Individual Speech, Set Building for Shows

College Majors (examples):

- [Theater](#) (B.A.)
- [Theater](#) (A.A.)
- [Acting](#)

Other education options:

[Improv workshops](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Actor](#)
- [Director](#)
- [Producer](#)
- [Talent Director](#)
- [Stage Manager](#)
- [Set/Exhibit Designer](#)
- [Makeup Artist](#)
- [Costume Designer/Attendant](#)
- [Technical Director](#)
- [Light Designer](#)
- [Sound Designer/Engineer](#)
- [Drama Educator](#)

Career Pathway: Arts, Performing - Instrumental

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Instrumental Music
- Music Appreciation* (JREC)

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech

Related Electives:

- Vocal Music
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations: Jazz Band, Marching Band, Concerts, Festivals, Pit Orchestra, Pep Band, Contests
- Summer Music Camps

College Majors (examples):

- [Music Education](#)
- [Music Performance](#)
- [Music Therapy](#)
- [Music \(A.A.\)](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Band director](#)
- [Solo performer](#)
- [Music director](#)
- [Professional Band/Orchestra member](#)
- [Military musician](#)
- [Pit Orchestra performer](#)
- Marching band drill writer
- Drumline instructor
- Church Musician
- [Composer/Arranger](#)
- Instrumental Studio

Career Pathway: Arts, Performing - Vocal

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Vocal Music
- Music Appreciation* (JREC)

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech
- Comp 1

Related Electives:

- Instrumental Music
 - Creative Writing 1
 - Creative Writing 2
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
Vocal Jazz, Musical, Contests, Festivals, Concerts
- Summer Music Camps

College Majors (examples):

- [Music Education](#)
- [Music Performance](#)
- [Music Therapy](#)
- Musical Theatre ([minor](#))
- [Composition](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Music Teacher](#)
- [Chorus Director](#)
- [Military Musician](#)
- [Music Director](#)
- [Professional Singer](#)
- [Music Therapist](#)
- [Actor](#)
- [Composer/Arranger](#)
- Church Musician
- Voice Studio

Career Pathway: Arts, Visual - Art Galleries and Museum Curation

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Drawing 1 & 2
- Fundamentals of Art 1 & 2
- Ceramics
- Interior Design
- Fashion Design
- Advanced Fashion Design

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech

Related Electives:

- Principles of Marketing

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Graphic Communication Technology*](#)
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: newspapers - sports
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
Wildcat Echo, yearbook

College Majors (examples):

- Art ([B.A.](#)) ([A.A.](#))
- [Art History](#)
- [Art & Design](#)
- [Studio Art](#)
- Graphic Design ([A.A.](#))([B.F.A.](#))
- Graphic Communication Technology ([A.A.](#))

Careers (examples):

- [Curator](#)
- [Restoration Artist](#)
- [Craft Artist](#)

Career Pathway: Arts, Visual - Graphic Design

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Photography
- Graphic Design

Recommended Core Courses:

- Interior Design
- Fashion Design
- Advanced Fashion Design

Kirkwood Academics Offered through MV:

- [Graphic Communication Technology](#)*

Related Electives:

- Principles of Marketing
- Drawing I and II
- Interior and Exterior Design
- Web Design
- Emerging Business Technologies

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: newspapers - sports
- Community & School Activities/Organizations: Wildcat Echo, yearbook

College Majors (examples):

- [Art & Graphic Design](#)
- Graphic Design (A.A.)(B.F.A.)
- Graphic Communication Technology (A.A.)
- [Graphic Technologies](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Graphic Designer](#)
- [Fashion Designer](#)
- [Marketing Manager](#)
- [Web Developer](#)
- [Military Multimedia Illustrator](#)
- [Art Director](#)
- [Multimedia Artist / Animator](#)

Career Pathway: Arts, Visual - Illustration and Professional Artist

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Drawing 1 & 2
- Fundamentals of Art 1 & 2
- Ceramics
- Interior Design
- Fashion Design
- Advanced Fashion Design

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech

Related Electives:

- Principles of Marketing

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Graphic Communication Technology](#)*
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: newspapers - sports
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
Wildcat Echo, yearbook

College Majors (examples):

- [Art History](#)
- [Art & Graphic Design](#)
- [Graphic Design \(A.A.\)\(B.F.A.\)](#)
- [Studio Art](#)
- [Journalism](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Graphic Designer](#)
- [Web Developer](#)
- [Multimedia Artist and Animator](#)
- [Art Director](#)
- [Craft Artist](#)
- Tattoo Artist
- Sketch Artist
- Automotive Airbrush Designer

Career Pathway: Arts, Visual - Photography

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Photography
- Graphic Design

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech

Related Electives:

- Principles of Marketing

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Graphic Communication Technology](#)*
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: newspapers - sports
- Community & School Activities/Organizations: Wildcat Echo, yearbook

College Majors (examples):

- [Art History](#)
- [Photography](#)
- [Art & Graphic Design](#)
- [Graphic Design \(A.A.\)\(B.F.A.\)](#)
- [Studio Art](#)
- [Journalism](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Photographer](#)
 - Military Photographer
 - Commercial Photographer
 - Scientific Photographer
 - Photojournalist
- [Photography Education](#)
- [Wedding/Event Photographer/Portrait Photographer](#)

Career Pathway: Communication - Events Planner

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Business
- Principles of Marketing

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech
- Composition 1 & 2

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Hospitality Management](#)

Related Electives:

- Advanced Speech
 - Interior Design
 - Introduction to Computer Applications
 - Fundamentals of Art 1 & 2
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
Wildcat Echo, yearbook, Large Group Speech,
Individual Speech, Spring Play, Fall Musical

College Majors (examples):

- [Communications](#)
- [Hospitality](#)
- [Public Relations](#)
- [Marketing](#)
- [Sport and Recreation Management](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

- National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Certification Exam
- ServSafe Food Handler

Careers (examples):

- [Meeting, Event & Convention Planner](#)
 - Wedding Planner
 - Exhibition Coordinator
 - Special Events Planner
 - Trade Show Promotions

Career Pathway: Communication - Journalism & Broadcasting

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Speech
- Composition I
- Composition II

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech
- Composition I
- Composition II

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Graphic Communication Technology*](#)

Related Electives:

- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Advanced Speech
- Creative Writing 1 & 2
- Interior Design

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: area newspapers; KMCH
- Community & School Activities/Organizations: *Wildcat Echo*, yearbook, Large Group Speech (TV News & Radio Broadcasting categories), Individual Speech (Radio News Announcing)

College Majors (examples):

- [Digital Media Production](#)
- [Journalism and Mass Communications](#)
- [Journalism and Communications](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Newspaper/TV Reporter](#)
- [Broadcast News Analyst](#)
- [Radio/TV Announcer](#)
- [Audio/Visual Equipment Technician \(Camera Person, Editor, Sound\)](#)
- [News Producer](#)

Career Pathway: Communication - Writer/Author/Editor

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- American Literature 1 & 2
- English 3
- Composition 1 & 2
- Intro to Literature
- Speech

Recommended Core Courses:

- American Literature 1 & 2
- English 3
- Composition 1 & 2
- Intro to Literature
- Speech

Related Electives:

- Creative Writing 1 & 2
- Advanced Speech

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: area newspapers; area authors (ex: Kay Woodhouse)
- Community & School Activities/Organizations: *Wildcat Echo*, yearbook, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech
- Writing on own - entering contests

College Majors (examples):

- [English](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)
- [Communications](#)
- [Digital Media](#)
- [Public Relations](#)
- [Technical Communications](#)
- [Writing](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Copywriter](#)
- [Author](#)
- [Songwriter](#)
- [Playwright](#)
- [Editor/Proofreader](#)
- [Technical Writer](#)
- [Grant Writer](#)
- [Speech Writer](#)

Career Pathways: Information Systems - Information Technology

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Computer Software Technology
- Web Design
- Emerging Technology Trends
- AP Computer Science

Recommended Core Courses:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Physics
- Speech

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- Computer Programming and Software Development (Coding) *

Related Electives:

- Statistics
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
IT Club

College Majors (examples):

- [Computer Engineering](#)
- [Computer Science \(4 year\) \(2 year\)](#)
- [Business and Web Programming](#)
- [Computer Technology, Networking, and Programming](#)
- [Management Information Systems](#)
- [Business Analytics and Information Systems](#)
- [Digital Media](#)
- [Technical Communications](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Computer & Information Research Scientist & Systems Manager](#)
- [Computer Network Architect](#)
- [Computer Systems Analyst](#)
- [Computer User Support Specialist](#)
- [Network & Computer Systems or Database Administrator](#)

[Website](#) designed for educators and students to explore career opportunities and educational requirements in the field of Information Technology

Career Pathway: Information Systems - Programming & Software Development

Career Cluster: Arts, Communication, & Information Systems

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Computer Software Technology
- Web Design

Recommended Core Courses:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Physics
- Speech

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- Computer Programming and Software Development (Coding) *

Related Electives:

- Statistics
 - Graphic Design
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
IT Club

College Majors (examples):

- [Robotics](#)
- [Computer Engineering](#)
- [Computer Science \(4 year\) \(2 year\)](#)
- [Business and Web Programming](#)
- [Computer Technology, Networking, and Programming](#)
- [Management Information Systems](#)
- [Business Analytics and Information Systems](#)
- [Digital Media](#)
- [Technical Communications](#)
- [Web Systems](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Computer & Information Research Scientist & Systems Manager](#)
- [Computer Hardware Engineer](#)
- [Computer Network Architects](#)
- [Computer Programmer](#)
- [Computer Science & Engineering Teacher](#)
- [Computer Systems or Information Security Analyst](#)
- [Computer User Support Specialist](#)
- [Multimedia Artist & Animator](#)
- [Network & Computer System or Database Administrator](#)

Career Pathway: Corporate Real Estate

Career Cluster: Business, Finance, Marketing, & Management

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Business
- Microsoft Suite Basics* (course change for Keyboarding II NICC)
- Introduction to Accounting I*
- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Management
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications*
- Consumer Finance/Personal Finance
- Pre-employment Strategies*
- Business Innovation (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1 and 2
- Pre-Calculus
- Statistics

Related Electives:

- Spanish 1-4
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
 - Gosling; F&M Bank, TransAmerica
- Business & Industry Day
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - FFA
 - 4-H
 - Officers positions in any organization

College Majors (examples):

- [Real Estate](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Business Analytics](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

[Microsoft Office Specialist](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Abstractor](#)
- [Commercial Appraiser](#)
- [Real Estate Sales Agent](#)
- [Commercial Developer](#)
- [Commercial Lender](#)
- [Real Estate Attorney](#)
- [Broker](#)

Career Pathway: **Finance**

Career Cluster: Business, Finance, Marketing, & Management

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Business
- Microsoft Suite Basics* (course change for Keyboarding II NICC)
- Introduction to Accounting I*
- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Management
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications*
- Consumer Finance/Personal Finance
- Pre-employment Strategies*
- Business Innovation (JREC)*
- Statistics (JREC)*
- Personal Finance (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1 and 2
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus
- Statistics

Related Electives:

- Spanish 1-4
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
 - Gosling; F&M Bank, TransAmerica
- Business & Industry Day
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - FFA
 - 4-H
 - Officers positions in any organization

College Majors (examples):

- [Accounting](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Business Analytics](#)
- [Economics](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

[Microsoft Office Specialist](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Accountant](#)
- [Loan Officer](#)
- [Auditor](#)
- [Financial Analyst](#)
- [Financial Planner](#)
- [Commodities Trader](#)
- [Sales Agents, Securities and Commodities](#)

Career Pathway: Marketing

Career Cluster: Business, Finance, Marketing, & Management

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Management
- Introduction to Business
- Microsoft Suite Basics* (course change for Keyboarding II NICC)
- Introduction to Accounting I*
- Fundamentals of Web Design*
- Emerging Technology Trends*
- Computer Science Principles AP*
- Pre-Employment Strategies*
- Business Innovation (JREC)*
- Hospitality Marketing & Social Media (JREC-part of Hospitality Mgmt Academy)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1 and 2
- Statistics
- English I
- English II
- Speech
- American Lit I & II/English III
- Applied English/College Prep English/Composition I*/Composition 2*

Related Electives:

- Spanish 1-4
 - Fundamentals of Art I
 - Graphic Design
 - Photography
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows
- Business & Industry Day
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - Speech
 - Drama
 - FFA
 - 4-H
 - Officers positions
 - Team captains
 - Student Council
 - IT Club

College Majors (examples):

- Marketing ([4 year](#)) ([1-2 year](#))
- [Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Technical Communications](#)
- [Art & Graphic Design](#)
- [Data Science](#)
- [Marketing Management](#)
- [Advertising](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

[Microsoft Office Specialist](#)

[Google Analytics IQ Certification](#) -an industry recognized certification that can help you get the most out of digital analytics and give you an edge in your career.

Careers (examples):

- [Marketing analyst](#)
- [Promotions Director](#)
- [Public Relations Director](#)
- [Advertising Manager](#)
- [Social Media Strategist](#)
- [Global Marketing Specialist](#)

Career Pathway: **Management**

Career Cluster: Business, Finance, Marketing, & Management

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Business
- Introduction to Management
- Introduction to Marketing
- Microsoft Suite Basics* (course change for Keyboarding II NICC)
- Introduction to Accounting I*
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications*
- Emerging Technology Trends*
- Computer Science Principles AP
- Pre-Employment Strategies*
- Business Innovation (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1 and 2
- Statistics
- English I
- English II
- Speech
- American Lit I & II/English III
- Applied English/College Prep English/Composition I*/Composition 2*

Related Electives:

- Spanish 1-4
- Character & Leadership

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Hospitality Management](#)
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows: John Deere, Rockwell,
- Business & Industry Day
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - Speech
 - Drama
 - FFA & 4-H
 - Officers positions
 - IT Club
 - Student Council

College Majors (examples):

- [Human Resources Management](#)
- [Management \(4 year\) \(1-2 year\)](#)
- [Management Information Systems](#)
- [Business Administration](#)
- [Supply Chain Management](#)
- [Marketing Management](#)
- [Health Care Administration](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

[Microsoft Office Specialist](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Manager](#)
- [Sales Representatives](#)
- [Human Resources Specialist](#)
- [Insurance Agent](#)
- [Business Analyst](#)
- [Information Technology Project Manager](#)
- [Financial Clerk](#)
- [Realtor Broker](#)
- [Online Entrepreneur](#)

Career Pathway: Management Information Systems

Career Cluster: Business, Finance, Marketing, & Management

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Business
- Microsoft Suite Basics* (course change for Keyboarding II NICC)
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications*
- Introduction to Accounting I*
- Emerging Technology Trends*
- Fundamentals of Web Design*
- Computer Science Principles AP*
- Pre-Employment Strategies*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1 and 2
- Statistics
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- English I
- English II
- Speech
- American Lit I & II/English III
- Applied English/College Prep English/Composition I*/Composition 2*

Related Electives:

- Spanish 1-4
-

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows
- Business & Industry Day
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - Speech
 - Drama -Light/Sound Engineer & Designers
 - IT Club

College Majors (examples):

- [Management Information Systems](#)
- [Computer Science \(4 year\) \(2 year\)](#)
- [Business Analytics](#)
- [Computer Software Development](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

[Microsoft Office Specialist](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Software Engineer](#)
- [Network Security or Administrator](#)
- [Robotics Engineer](#)
- [Web Developer](#)
- [Software/App Developer](#)

Career Pathway: Statistics/Math

Career Cluster: Business, Finance, Marketing, & Management

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Business
- Microsoft Suite Basics* (course change for Keyboarding II NICC)
- Introduction to Accounting I*
- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Management
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications*
- Consumer Finance/Personal Finance
- Pre-employment Strategies*
- Statistics (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1 and 2
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus
- Statistics
- AP Calculus AB

Related Electives:

- Spanish 1-4
-

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows

College Majors (examples):

- [Economics](#)
- [Data Science](#)
- [Statistics](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Business Analytics](#)
- [Actuarial Science](#)
- [Math](#)
- [Management Information Systems](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

[Microsoft Office Specialist](#) - Excel

Careers (examples):

- [Economist](#)
- [Environmental Economist](#)
- [Actuary](#)
- [Statistical Assistant](#)
- [Financial Analyst](#)

Career Pathway: Supply Chain Management

Career Cluster: Business, Finance, Marketing, & Management

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Introduction to Business
- Microsoft Suite Basics* (course change for Keyboarding II NICC)
- Introduction to Accounting I*
- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Management
- Introduction to Computer Business Applications*
- Consumer Finance/Personal Finance
- Pre-employment Strategies*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Algebra 1 and 2
- Pre-Calculus
- Statistics

Related Electives:

- Spanish 1-4
-

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
 - Gosling; F&M Bank, TransAmerica
- Business & Industry Day
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - FFA
 - 4-H
 - Officers positions in any organization

College Majors (examples):

- [Supply Chain Management](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Business Analytics](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

[Microsoft Office Specialist](#)

Careers (examples):

- [Global Commodities Director](#)
- [Logistics Manager](#)
- [Material Flow Coordinator](#)
- [Supply Chain Manager](#)
- [Purchasing Manager](#)

Career Pathway: Medical Technicians & Assistants (2 year path)

Career Cluster: Health Sciences

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Chemistry
- AP Physics
- Anatomy & Physiology

Recommended Core Courses:

- Biology
- Health I
- Comp I*
- Comp II*

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [EMT*](#)
- [Patient Care*](#)

Related Electives:

- Health II
 - Spanish
 - Psychology
 - Recordkeeping
 - Oral Communications*
 - Advanced Animal Science
 - Animal Production
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
- Contest Speech

College Majors (examples):

- [Emergency Medical Technology/Technician](#)
- [Health Informatics/Medical Records](#)
- [Medical Lab Technician](#)
- [Nursing](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- [Respiratory Care](#)
- [Surgical Tech](#)
- [Dental Hygiene](#)
- [Medical Assisting](#)
- [Occupational Therapy Assistant](#)
- [Physical Therapy Assistant](#)
- [Exercise Science and Wellness](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

- Certified Nurses Aid (CNA)
- Health Support Professional (HSP)

Careers (examples):

- [Dental Laboratory Technician](#)
- [Dietitian and Nutritionist](#)
- [Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedic](#)
- [Health Technologists and Technician](#)
- [Medical Records and Health Information](#)
- [Nurse/Nursing Assistant](#)
- [Physical Therapy Assistant](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- [Radiology \(ultrasound, mammography, CT, MRI\)](#)

Career Pathway: Medical Professions (4+ year path)

Career Cluster: Health Sciences

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Chemistry
- AP Physics
- Anatomy & Physiology

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [EMT](#)*
- [Patient Care](#)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Biology
- Health I
- Comp I
- Comp II

Related Electives:

- Health II
- Spanish
- Psychology
- Recordkeeping
- Oral Communications
- Advanced Animal Science
- Animal Production

External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:

College Majors (examples):

- [Biochemistry](#)
- [Public Health](#)
- [Dentistry](#)
- [Health Promotion and Education](#)
- [Medicine](#)
- [Kinesiology](#)
- [Nursing](#)
- [Pharmacy](#)
- [Radiation Sciences](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC):

- Certified Nurses Aid (CNA)
- Health Support Professional (HSP)

Careers (examples):

- [Dentist/Dental Technician](#)
- [Dietitian and Nutritionist](#)
- [Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedic](#)
- [Health Technologists and Technician](#)
- [Medical Records and Health Information](#)
- [Nurse](#)
- [Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [Occupational and Physical Therapist](#)
- [Pharmacist](#)
- [Physician Assistant](#)
- [Physician/Doctor/Surgeon](#)
- [Neuropsychologist](#)

Career Pathway: Education

Career Cluster: Human Services

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Child Development
- Intro to Psychology (online)
- Exploring Teaching (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech

Related Electives:

- World Language (Spanish)
 - Character Development & Leadership
 - Social Issues
 - Oral Communications (online)
 - Instrumental & Vocal Music (primary education)
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - Student council
 - Student Tutor
 - Service Learning
 - Teacher Assistant Program
 - Speech

College Majors (examples):

- Early Childhood Education ([4 year](#)) ([2 year](#))
- [Primary Education \(Elementary\)](#)
- [Secondary Education Endorsement \(Grades 5-12\)](#)
(Major in subject you plan to teach)
- [Special Education](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC)

- CPR

Careers (examples):

- [Education Administrator](#)
- [Coach](#)
- [Elementary Teacher](#)
- [Secondary Teacher](#) (junior high / high school)
- [Librarian](#)
- [ESL Teacher](#)
- [PreSchool Teacher](#)
- [Recreation Worker](#)
- [Special Education Teacher](#)
- [School Counselor](#)
- [Vocational Education Teacher](#)
- [Paraprofessional Educator/Teacher Assistant](#)

Career Pathway: Hospitality and Tourism

Career Cluster: Human Services

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Character Development & Leadership
- Foods I, II, Advanced (Club 109)
- Hospitality program (KCC/JREC)

Kirkwood Academies Offered through MV:

- [Hospitality Management Academy](#)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech

Related Electives:

- World Language (Spanish)
 - Principles of Management
 - Principles of Marketing
 - Intro to Business
 - Horticulture I & II
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - FFA
 - Spanish Club
 - Speech

College Majors (examples):

- [Culinary Arts](#)
- [Hospitality Administration/Management](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC)

- Conversational Spanish

Careers (examples):

- [Baker](#)
- [Chef and Head Cook](#)
- [Food Service Manager](#)
- [Hotel/Resort Manager](#)
- [Waiter/Waitress](#)

Career Pathway: Political Science, Law, and Corrections

Career Cluster: Human Services

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Street Law
- Character Development & Leadership
- Social Issues
- Intro to Psychology (online)
- Intro to Criminal Justice (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech
- World History
- U.S. History / A.P.U.S. History
- Government

Related Electives:

- World Language (Spanish)
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - Student council
 - Student Tutor
 - Service Learning
 - Teacher Assistant Program
 - Speech

College Majors (examples):

- [Political Science](#)
- [Criminal Justice \(2 yr\) \(4 yr\)](#)
- [Court Reporter](#)
- [Forensic Science](#)
- [Criminology, Law and Justice](#)
- [Legal Assistant/Paralegal](#)
- [Social Work](#)
- [Human Services \(2 yr\)](#)
- [Social Justice](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC)

- CPR

Careers (examples):

- [Arbitrator](#)
- [Child, Family and School Social Worker](#)
- [Correctional Officer](#)
- [Court Reporter](#)
- [Paralegal/Legal Assistant](#)
- [Judicial Law Clerk](#)
- [Lawyer](#)
- [Criminal Investigator/Detective/Special Agent](#)
- [Forensic Science Technician](#)
- [Immigration and Customs Inspector](#)
- [Police Officer/Detective](#)
- [Private Detective](#)
- [Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriff](#)

Career Pathway: Social Work, Counseling, Mental Health Services

Career Cluster: Human Services

* by those that earn college credit or a career certification

Pathway Courses:

- Child Development
- Character Development & Leadership
- Social Issues
- Intro to Psychology (online)
- Intro to Human Services (JREC)*

Recommended Core Courses:

- Speech
- Health I & Health II

Related Electives:

- World Language (Spanish)
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External Experiences:

- Job Shadows:
- Community & School Activities/Organizations:
 - Student Council
 - Student Tutor
 - Service Learning
 - Teacher Assistant Program
 - TEL
 - Mentoring (Helping Services)
 - Speech

College Majors (examples):

- [Public Health Services](#)
- [Family Services](#)
- [Psychology](#)
- [Social Work](#)
- [Human Services \(2 yr\)](#)
- [Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling](#)
- [Sociology](#)

Related Certificates (NICC/KCC)

- CPR

Careers (examples):

- [Child and Family Social Worker](#)
- [Clinical, Counseling and School Psychologist](#)
- [Substance Abuse and Behavior Disorder Counselor](#)
- [Hospice Counselor](#)



Course Descriptions



Agriculture:

<p>Course Name: Introduction to Agriculture Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Introduction to Agriculture is the first semester in a six-course sequence focusing on production agriculture and surveys a wide variety of topics within the agricultural industry. Students learn basic animal husbandry, recordkeeping, ag mechanics, ag business and leadership, and career exploration. As the name implies, this course serves to introduce the agriculture field, FFA and the agriculture program. It is recommended that students begin with this course which is offered in the fall only.</p>	<p>Course Name: Agricultural Processing & Marketing Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Agricultural Processing and Marketing follows Animal Production and is the fourth semester in the six-semester sequence of agriculture production. There is not a pre-requisite for this course, but is suggested students take Animal Production. It develops knowledge and skills needed to bring animal and plant products to consumers. Topics to be covered include product marketing, quality selection, meat identification, qualify and yield grading, food safety, products, processing, current events and issues.</p>
<p>Course Name: Leadership & Agriculture Communications Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Leadership & Agriculture Communications is the second semester of the six-semester sequence for production agriculture. This course provides comprehensive training in FFA, leadership, communication and professional growth. Students will learn about conduct of meetings, the FFA Creed, writing award applications, speech writing, sales approaches and community service. This course is offered only second semester.</p>	<p>Course Name: Crop Production Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Crop Production is the fifth semester in the six-semester sequence for agriculture production and provides knowledge about propagation and marketing of plants for food and fiber. There is not a pre-requisite for this course, but is suggested students take Introduction to Agriculture and FFA Leadership & Agriculture Communications. Topics covered include soil, soil water, plant anatomy and physiology, classification, climate, soils, tillage and seeding, seed and grain quality, weed and pest management and harvesting and storage.</p>
<p>Course Name: Animal Science Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Animal Science is the third semester of the six-semester sequence and imparts information about the care and management of domestic farm animals. There is not a pre-requisite for this course, but is suggested students take Introduction to Agriculture and Leadership & Agriculture Communications in the production agriculture sequence. Animal nutrition, health, reproduction, facilities, product processing, and farm operations are possible topics covered. Students will study beef, dairy, sheep, swine, horses, fowl and small animals.</p>	<p>Course Name: Comprehensive Ag Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>This comprehensive course will cover a wide range of agricultural topics such as ag mechanics, ag construction, food production & marketing, and careers available in the ag industry.</p>
<p>Course Name: Advanced Animal Science Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Must have taken Animal Science before enrolling in Advanced Animal Science This course is offered to meet the needs of students who want to advance their education in animal science. Classroom and laboratory content may be enhanced by utilizing appropriate equipment and technology. Students will apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to produce and/or manage animals in a domesticated or natural environment and gain knowledge in species specific operations, genetics, livestock operation, processing and reproduction. Topics covered will include Animal Classification, Anatomy and Physiology, Animal Selection, Preventing and Treating Disease, Biosecurity, Nutrition, Feed Rations, Breeding readiness, Reproduction, Animal Handling, Facilities and equipment and the environmental regulations. Work-based learning strategies appropriate for this course are school-based enterprises and field trips. This class is reinforced through the FFA and SAE activities such as the Livestock Career Development Event and Proficiency Awards. Each student will be expected to complete a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).</p>	<p>Course Name: Farm Business Management Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Students will explore business management concepts and forms, including: budgets, balance sheets, checking accounts, credit, income statements, recordkeeping, financial analysis, cash flows, net worth, assets and liabilities and sales. There is not a pre-requisite for this course, but is suggested students take Introduction to Agriculture and Leadership & Agriculture Communications.</p>

<p>Course Name: Horticulture I Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>This course is offered in the fall. Students learn the basics of plant life, horticulture careers, floral arrangement, propagation techniques, the basics of plant care, and current events. There is not a pre-requisite for this course, but is suggested students take Introduction to Agriculture and FFA Leadership & Agriculture Communications. This class is followed by Horticulture II.</p>	<p>Course Name: Horticulture II Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>This course is the second in a two-semester sequence, advancing the knowledge learned in Horticulture I. Topics covered include: greenhouse management, planting techniques, landscape design, hydroponics, tree and shrub care, and current events in agriculture.</p>
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Art:

<p>Course Name: Ceramics Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Ceramics is an art course designed to introduce students to clay, pottery and sculpting. Students will learn the basics of clay preparation and storage as well as proper use of tools. Discussions of the properties and forming of clay will be included. In addition, construction of basic geometrics in clay will be demonstrated throughout the class. Students will learn to build simple clay projects using a variety of methods including pinch, coil, and slab pottery. Students will also be introduced to the ceramic wheel and pottery. Lastly the students will learn the basics for kiln operations and the glazing process.</p>	<p>Course Name: Photography Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Students will be introduced to the basic principles of photography and camera usage. Emphasis will be placed on the artistic qualities of photography and photo composition but will also familiarize students with digital cameras and camera options. Students will work with both black and white photography and color as well as design elements. Students will work with digital cameras and Adobe Photoshop.</p>
<p>Course Name: Drawing I Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Drawing I is an art course designed to introduce students to drawing and drawing materials. Students will learn of techniques in line and composition as well as practice shading techniques while exploring pencil, charcoal, and color. Students will gain knowledge in perspective, shading, light, and shadow. In addition, students will gain experience in observation skills (how to look at objects around us). Use of real life models will be used to develop realism and style.</p>	<p>Course Name: Graphic Design Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>This course emphasizes design elements and principles in the purposeful arrangement of images and text to communicate a message. It will focus on creating art products such as advertisements, product design and identity symbols. Graphic Design may investigate the computer's influence on and role in creating contemporary designs and provide a cultural and historical study of master design works of different periods and styles.</p>
<p>Course Name: Drawing II Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Drawing II is an art course designed to build on and strengthen skills and techniques learned in Drawing I. Students are encouraged to explore, specialize, and develop individual drawing skills and interests. Students are asked to validate their artwork with personal connections to their subject. More challenging, real life drawings are stressed through pencil, ink, color ink, charcoal, pastels and color pencils.</p>	<p>Course Name: Art Portfolio - Technology Grade: 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Art Portfolio Technology is an independent work art class for seniors who are college prep and want to develop a more in depth background and portfolio for college. Students will develop a high level of skill in technology based materials, including photography and graphic design. Students will further their knowledge of computer programs including Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign. Students need to have completed Photography and Graphic Design before registering for Art Portfolio.</p>
<p>Course Name: Fundamentals of Art I Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Fundamentals of Art I is an art course designed to introduce students to hands on projects through a variety of medias and techniques. Students will create projects that show creativity and knowledge of techniques while learning to use a variety of tools and materials. Students can expect to gain experience in a variety of media including water color painting, oil painting, pencil, charcoal, ceramics, and linoleum block printing.</p>	<p>Course Name: Art Portfolio - Traditional Grade: 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Art Portfolio Traditional is an independent work art class for seniors who are college prep and want to develop a more in depth background and portfolio for college. Students will develop a high level of skill in a variety of art media including crafts (wood, paper, wire, clay, glass), drawing (pencil, charcoal, pastel, ink), and clay (ceramics, pottery, sculpture). Art Portfolio is designed for the self-motivated and self disciplined art student. Students need to have completed all five art classes, not including Photography or Graphic Design to registering for Art Portfolio.</p>

<p>Course Name: Fundamentals of Art II Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Fundamentals of Art II is an art course designed to build on skills learned in Fundamentals of Art I. Students will work to further develop and refine painting, design, and drawing skills. Students will gain experience with hands on activities that stimulate the imagination and give them opportunities to become proficient at using a variety of media including acrylic & oil painting, silk screen printing, pencil, and pastels, macramé, and various sculpting media.</p>	
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Business & Information Technology:	
<p>Course Name: Introduction to Business Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>A one semester, elective course recommended to students in grades 9-10 that introduces students to the exciting and challenging world of business. This course will increase your preparation to be a knowledgeable consumer, well-prepared employee, and effective citizen in our economy. It will also serve as a background for other business courses taken during high school, prepare you for future employment or business ownership, and make you a better informed citizen for an expanding international economy.</p>	<p>Course Name: Microsoft Office Basics & Keyboarding Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs</p> <p>Review of proper keyboarding techniques with an emphasis placed on speed and accuracy development. Practical Microsoft applications in producing business forms, presentations, interoffice correspondence, letters, reports, and tables utilizing Word, Excel and PowerPoint to prepare you for daily business activities.</p>
<p>Course Name: Introduction to Accounting I Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/4 Credit Hrs</p> <p>Introduction to Accounting I is a one-semester course designed for Juniors and seniors. Basic accounting principles are presented to introduce beginning students to fundamental accounting concepts. The accounting cycle of journalizing transactions, posting, adjusting and closing entries, as well as, the preparation of financial statements is emphasized for service and merchandising businesses. The scope and depth of accounting concepts discussed are aimed at non-accounting majors.</p>	<p>Course Name: Introduction to Computer Business Applications Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs</p> <p>It is recommended students take Microsoft Office Basics & Keyboarding course before taking this course. A one semester, elective course where students utilize Microsoft Word to edit and create business forms, interoffice correspondence, letters, reports, tables. Using Excel students will create spreadsheets for the business world creating formulas with functions, sorting and filtering information and creating charts to visually make their data easier to understand. Business presentations will be created using PowerPoint reinforcing delivery techniques to audience. Students will have the opportunity to certify as a Microsoft Office Specialist in Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access to increase their marketability in the workplace. In the real-world businesses don't use Google sheets or slides, they live in Microsoft productivity tools. Take this course and you will have a competitive edge in the job market.</p>
<p>Course Name: Principles of Management Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>It is a recommended students take Introduction to Business course before taking this course. This semester class is designed for juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing a business career. Students will learn the techniques and methods used to plan, organize, lead and control a business. The course will include a study of the basic factors in the work environment that affect managerial decision making. Emphasis is placed on the four functions of management as well as a discussion of managerial ethics and social responsibility. If you are thinking about a career in business this is a great course.</p>	<p>Course Name: Principles of Marketing Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>It is a recommended students take Introduction to Business course before taking this course. This semester class is designed for students who are interested in pursuing a business career. This class covers the broad concept of marketing including product, distribution, promotion and price decisions. It involves discussion of the role buyers, social issues involved in the marketing process, environmental problems, and the philosophy of marketing management. If you are thinking about a career in marketing or graphic design this is a great course.</p>

<p>Course Name: Programming & Logic Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs</p> <p>This course emphasizes object-oriented programming methodology with an emphasis on problem solving and algorithm development and is meant to be the equivalent of a first-semester course in computer science. It also includes the study of data structures and abstraction. Students can take the AP exam and if they earn a score of 3 or higher they will earn 3 transferrable credits. The exam consists of a 75 multiple choice exam, write a program using an object-oriented language, write a paper about the program and finally write a second paper on a technological innovation. Rubrics will be provided for the papers and the program. Combine this course with Web Design & Emerging Technology Trends if interested in a Computer Science career.</p>	<p>Course Name: Emerging Technology Trends Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs.</p> <p>Develops knowledge of multimedia concepts by studying multimedia software and the hardware components needed to develop and view multimedia productions. Assessment projects are used by students for demonstration of knowledge of multimedia elements (copyright, video, graphics, sound, animation) knowledge of tools (digital camera, video camera, scanner, cams), and knowledge of editing software (sound editing, video editing, graphics editing). This is a great course to take after the Principles of Marketing class.</p>
<p>Course Name: Fundamentals of Web Design Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs</p> <p>A one-semester course where students are introduced to the basics of Web page creation and maintenance. Students will learn, read, and write programming languages such as HTML5 and CSS3 along with basic JavaScript to existing webpages. Students learn how to use the Principles of Design to create websites.</p>	

English:

<p>Course Name: English I Grade: 9 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Freshman English focuses on central themes including identity and the value of life. Literature studies include a variety of genres (short stories, poetry, dramatic play, novels, videos/movies, songs, and informational reading). Students will develop writing skills through various types of compositions (expository, persuasive, narrative, book reports, and more) and will work on grammar and punctuation.</p>	<p>Course Name: Applied English & Communications Grade: 12 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Applied English and Communications teaches students communication skills – reading, writing, listening, speaking – concentrating on “real-world” applications. This course emphasizes the practical application of communication as a business and professional tool rather than the emphasis of language arts skills as applied to scholarly and literary materials. One unit within the year -- the novel study unit -- will focus on the traditional literature experience where students will practice note-taking and close reading skills in order to take part in literature circles to discuss their novel at an academic level using evidence from the text to support their opinions and viewpoints. In addition, students will read for enjoyment, selecting reading materials that spark their interest in order to discover the type of reader they are in real-life contexts.</p>
<p>Course Name: English II Grade: 10 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>The Sophomore English course is designed to cover a variety of genres. Study of fiction, nonfiction, and drama is included. Study from the text will be interspersed with a number of individual units. Along with literature study, students will complete a variety of writing assignments and various other projects. The writing assignments and the taking of essay and objective examinations will improve writing, thinking, and communication skills. In addition, students will read for enjoyment, selecting reading materials that spark their interest.</p>	<p>Course Name: College Prep English Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>College Prep English is designed to familiarize the students with all aspects of communication from writing, reading, speaking, listening, and viewing to researching information. Each unit focuses on a theme related to a struggle: educational, emotional, financial, physical, and civic. Each unit revolves around an anchor text and writing style with college orientation lessons embedded in the activities.</p>

<p>Course Name: Speech Grade: 10 No. of Semesters: 2 The purpose of this course is to enable the student to understand and apply speech principles to their lives. The long-term goal is to help students feel comfortable expressing ideas, opinions, and information throughout life. Students will work on speaking, listening, research and writing skills.</p>	<p>Course Name: Composition I Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs Composition I prepares students for types of communication and thought essential to academic and working world success. The course focuses on writing as a process and is intended to help students identify and refine their own personal writing. Students receive credit through Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta.</p>
<p>Course Name: American Literature Grade: 11 No. of Semesters: 2 This course will focus on various pieces of American literature throughout history. Students will read from multiple text sets which will include short stories, poems, songs, novels, informational reading, videos/movies, pictures and more. These juniors will be challenged to read frequently, take notes in an interactive notebook, and retain understanding of their reading material for purposes of discussion, writing projects, and presentations. This class will focus on skills related to standard English grammar and usage when writing as well as the exploration of careers. In addition, students will read two novels of their choice for enjoyment</p>	<p>Course Name: Composition II Grade: 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs Composition II provides a continued focus on writing as a process with emphasis on persuasion, evaluation, analysis, investigation, research and documentation of sources. Students may take Composition II after successful completion of Composition I with a C- or better. Students receive credit through Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta.</p>
<p>Course Name: English III Grade: 11 No. of Semesters: 2 Admission into this course is by teacher recommendation only. This course will allow students to work through given material at an individualized pace, with an emphasis on core content delivered through instruction that is catered to meet the needs of each student. Much of this course is similar to American Literature (also a Junior Level course). This course will focus on various pieces of American literature throughout history. Students will read from multiple text sets which will include short stories, poems, songs, novels, informational reading, videos/movies, pictures, and more. These juniors will be challenged to read frequently, take notes in an interactive notebook, and retain understanding of their reading material for purposes of discussion, writing projects, and presentations. This class will focus on skills related to standard English grammar and usage when writing. Students will also explore topics surrounding careers including participation in a career fair. In addition, students will read for enjoyment, selecting reading materials that spark their interest.</p>	<p>Course Name: Introduction to Literature Grade: 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs Introduction to Literature focuses on the craft of narrative literature (short story, poetry, drama) with an emphasis on analysis and response. It includes the study of established as well as recent literary texts. Students receive credit through Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta. Students are required to take Composition I before this course.</p>
<p>Course Name: Creative Writing Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Creative Writing will offer students the opportunity to develop and improve techniques and individual style in various genres including, but not limited to, poetry, short story, and essay. The primary emphasis in class will be on keeping a creative writing journal, establishing a routine for writing, and production of a portfolio of creative writing.</p>	<p>Course Name: Creative Writing II Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Creative Writing II will offer students the opportunity to continue to develop and improve techniques and individual style in various topics including, but not limited to, inspiration from music lyrics, fractured fairy tales, writing from artwork, exquisite corpse writing, and other mini writing opportunities. The primary emphasis in class will be on completing daily writing prompts, keeping a creative writing journal, establishing a routine for writing, and production of a portfolio of creative writing. Prerequisite: Creative Writing</p>
<p>Course Name: Advanced Speech Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 This course is designed to enhance students' speaking and writing skills in the areas of persuasive, informative, and entertaining speaking. Areas of interest will include short film, tv broadcasting, radio broadcasting, original oratory, acting, storytelling, and much more.</p>	<p>Course Name: Fundamentals of Oral Communication Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual / 3 credit hours This course studies the basic communication theory and practice including communication process, interpersonal relationships, small group interaction, and public speaking. This is an online course offered through Kirkwood Community College.</p>

Family Consumer Science:

Course Name: Fashion Design

Grade: 9 - 12

No. of Semesters: 1

Fashion Design is the first course of a two course sequence. This course is designed to provide students with a general understanding of the clothing and textile industry. Information provided covers basic garment construction, selection and care of various fabrics and textiles, and the elements and principles of design in addition to the creation of different projects. The course includes units on fashion design, careers in the fashion industry and garment construction. Possible construction projects would include: pajama pants, simple tops, pillows, hat and scarf, and simple home decorations, including easy quilts. The use and programming of embroidery machines and heat presses will also be part of this class.

Course Name: Beginning Foods

Grade: 9 - 12

No. of Semesters: 1

Beginning Foods is the first course of a two course sequence. This semester course provides students with an understanding of principles and safety in the kitchen. Other topics include meal planning, food buying, and etiquette. Foods covered are: fruits, vegetables, quick breads and yeast breads and cereal grains. A study of the nutrition of each group is integrated into each topic. Students will learn how to read and interpret a recipe as well as have a basic understanding of nutrition and its importance to the human body throughout life. In addition, students will learn basic cooking principles associated with different foods, be able to accurately measure different types of ingredients, have a basic knowledge of the tools used in cooking and gain knowledge in proper food storage, safety and sanitation procedures. In addition, students will use their technology skills to create an iMovie from the preparation of a recipe of their choosing. Limit of 16 students per class.

Course Name: Advanced Fashion Design

Grade: 9 - 12

No. of Semesters: 1

Advanced Fashion Design is the second course of a two course sequence. The students construct a minimum of 4 units throughout the semester, in addition to other sewing requirements. The students learn the basics of pattern reading, interpret pattern instructions and become more confident and independent in garment construction. Possible projects include: dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, jackets and home furnishings. Quilting techniques and machine embroidery will also be emphasized in this class. Students must have successfully passed Fashion Design if wishing to take this course, or get permission from the teacher. An emphasis on business, designing of apparel and heat transfers are also part of this sequence. Limit of 10 students per class.

Course Name: Advanced Foods

Grade: 10 - 12

No. of Semesters: 1

Advanced Foods is the second course in a two course sequence. This semester course is a continuation of Beginning Foods. More emphasis is placed on meal management and careers in the food service industry. Topics include: Eggs, pies and pastry, dairy and cheese, poultry, seafood and fish, meat, cakes and cookies, soups, salads and casseroles. A special project will focus on international culture and foods. Students must have successfully passed Beginning Foods if wishing to take this course. Students will create an entire meal as part of a final project. Limit of 16 students per class.

Course Name: FCS Advanced Studies – Fashion

Grade: 12

No. of Semesters: 1

This is an advanced level class for seniors only. It is a third level class for those students who have successfully passed both Fashion Design and Advanced Fashion Design or be recommended by the teacher. Students will be in charge of designing and marketing their own product or one designed for them. They will use the design techniques learned in the previous classes to design a product and then implement technology to produce the written directions and patterning techniques to then market their product to the textile and fashion industry. Limit of 10 students per class.

Course Name: FCS Advanced Studies - Foods

Grade: 12

No. of Semesters: 1

This is an advanced level class for seniors only. It is a third level class for those who have successfully passed both Beginning and Advanced Foods classes or be recommended by the teacher. Students will be in charge of the planning, ordering and bookkeeping of a business that revolves around food. They will plan menus, cost items, market their business through advertising and then keep track of all receipts of their business. Students will research healthy recipes, be able to use a variety of strategies to advertise their products and then utilize a spreadsheet to show profits through their business. Limit of 16 students per class.

Course Name: Child Development

Grade: 11 - 12

No. of Semesters: 1

Child Development provides knowledge about the physical, mental, emotional, intellectual and social growth of children. Human growth and development from ages 0 to 6 years will be presented. A HeadStart observation and teaching will be a part of this course. Students will be able to accept, enjoy and be interested in children, be better able to understand the needs of children and the factors

Course Name: Interior Design

Grade: 9 - 12

No. of Semesters: 1

The primary focus of this course is the interior design of a home. Through design, students begin to understand that interior design is an environment created by the structure, furnishings and surroundings of the home. Students will be able to evaluate the various types of housing available, set up goals for the homes they

<p>which promote their growth and development. They will also learn how children grow emotionally, socially, physically, intellectually and mentally and be able to understand themselves better through studying the growth and development of children.</p>	<p>will eventually establish, be able to furnish and decorate a home using the principles and elements of design, draw and understand basic blueprint symbols and recognize various period homes from American History. Limit of 14 students per semester.</p>
<p>Course Name: Independent Living Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Independent Living is a course designed to help students prepare for living on their own. The content focuses on areas that they will encounter as they become adults and move on with education, careers and perhaps families. The students will focus on five main content areas: learning to manage, understanding relationships, managing finances, living on your own, and balancing work and family. In addition, they will learn basic clothing repair and care. Life skills needed to be an effective member of a family and society will also be examined.</p>	

<p>Financial Literacy:</p> <hr/>	
<p>Course Name: Personal Finance Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Students will study savings and investing, credit and debt, real estate, insurance, and risk management, and learn the importance of financial responsibility and money management. Students will also explore careers that fit their personality style and occupational goals. This curriculum is based on Dave Ramsey's Foundations in Personal Finance. This course may be taken to meet the required Financial Literacy credit.</p>	<p>Course Name: Consumer Finance Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Students will study savings and investing, credit and debt, real estate, insurance, and risk management, and learn the importance of financial responsibility and money management. Students will also explore careers that fit their personality style and occupational goals. This curriculum is based on Dave Ramsey's Foundations in Personal Finance. This course may be taken to meet the Financial Literacy credit. This course may NOT be used for a math credit.</p>

<p>Foreign Language:</p> <hr/>	
<p>Course Name: Spanish I Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>In this course we will be immersing ourselves in the culture and language of Spanish speaking people around the world. We will be defining our <i>Communication</i> skills, gaining different <i>Cultural</i> perspectives, <i>Comparing</i> the Spanish language and culture to our own, <i>Connecting</i> our world language skills to other subject areas and seeing the strong Hispanic influence even within our own <i>Communities</i>. We will use thematic content in level one such as basic conversation, school, clothing, food, family and sports. We focus on the present tense most of the year and learn the past tense in fourth quarter. Be prepared to sing, dance, act, converse, and create – all in Spanish! And remember, learning a language is unlike anything you've learned before – so be prepared for some hard, fun work!</p>	<p>Course Name: Spanish II Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>In this course we will be immersing ourselves in the culture and language of Spanish speaking people around the world. We will be refining our <i>Communication</i> skills, gaining more <i>Cultural</i> perspectives, <i>Comparing</i> the Spanish language and culture to our own, <i>Connecting</i> our world language skills to other subject areas. We will expand on thematic content learned in level one such as leisure activities, clothing, shopping, health and movies. Additionally, we will work on talking about the past using Spanish's two past tenses, and finish all major verb tenses. As you may remember from Spanish I, you should be prepared to sing, dance, act, converse, create and work hard!</p>
<p>Course Name: Spanish III Grade: 11- 12 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Students in this course expand their ability to communicate in Spanish in a variety of situations. Through a series of theme-based units, students will explore different literary words from the</p>	<p>Course Name: Spanish IV Grade: 12 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Students develop more sophisticated communication skills in all four areas for listening, speaking, reading and writing with an emphasis on the ability to interact orally and in writing. The <i>authentic</i> reading</p>

<p>Spanish-speaking world. In this course, students will develop their abilities to understand written and spoken Spanish. They will also expand on their abilities to interact with other students in an informal conversational setting. This course will also prepare students to deliver written and spoken presentations in Spanish regarding what they have read and learned. In Spanish III we put our two years of hard work to use into more real-life application.</p>	<p>selections are emphasized at this level. Students communicate using more complex language structures and express abstract ideas with reasonable fluency. Students are able to create and listen with understanding to reports and presentations. They are also able to describe, summarize and discuss selected Upper Levels themes and topics. Each topic addressed in this program has progress indicators defining what students will be able to do. Essential vocabulary and language structures are presented to students within the context of the themes and topics.</p>
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Health:

<p>Course Name: Health I Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Health I is a comprehensive semester course designed to implement the basic knowledge of health for adolescents. The primary focus of this course helps students examine their lifestyles, select goals, and make plans to achieve and maintain optimum health. Students will develop knowledge, skills and an understanding in the areas of health and wellness, relationships, mental and emotional health, managing stress, body hygiene, male/female reproductive systems, STDs, AIDS, alcohol, tobacco and drugs. It is highly recommended that this course be taken during ninth grade.</p>	<p>Course Name: Health II Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Health II is a comprehensive semester class designed to extend previous knowledge from Health I for the health and wellness of adolescents. Students will focus on the knowledge, skills and understanding of responsible behavior to maintain optimum health. Students will learn about food and nutrition and how it affects your entire life, managing their weight, eating disorders, food safety, infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS, basic exercising and fitness.</p>
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Industrial Technology:

<p>Course Name: Basic Construction Skills Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1 Dual/3 Credit Hrs</p> <p>Basic Construction Skills is a course where the student will learn woodworking fundamentals as they are introduced to a core set of skills necessary in the Construction Industry such as: Basic Safety, Construction Math, Use and Care of Hand and Power Tools, Blueprint Reading, Rigging, and Basic Communication and Employability Skills. This course is a prerequisite to Construction & Technology and Advanced Construction. The student will learn to use a variety of hand tools and power tools through the construction of a class project. A substantial amount of time is devoted to project construction allowing the student to demonstrate his/her skill and understanding of the material covered in the classroom. This introductory course will provide students with a basic background to the construction industry. Students will gain a better understanding of the skills, knowledge and abilities required to be a successful crafts person. Students may receive credit though Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta.</p>	<p>Course Name: Construction & Technology Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Construction & Technology is a project oriented course requiring the student to build a major woodworking project at his/her expense. Laboratory time will be devoted to project construction. Class time will be spent using technology tools to manage personal schedules, prepare reports and other business communication, and develop skills related to word processing and spreadsheet management. A student in this class needs the fundamentals taught in Basic Construction Skills (see course description) before taking this class.</p>
<p>Course Name: Advanced Construction Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>This Carpentry Level One course will give the student the opportunity to build a structure while using the knowledge gained from the classroom including: wood building materials, fasteners, and adhesives; proper use of hand and power tools; floor systems; wall and ceiling framing; roof framing; and window and door construction and installation. The student will learn to use carpentry skills to construct made to order utility sheds or playhouses. This year long course is to be taken after Basic Construction Skills. Due</p>	<p>Course Name: Introduction to Drafting Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Intro. to Drafting is the first in the sequence of all drafting courses. This class begins by introducing students to the knowledge and use of Computer Aided Drafting, to learn CAD commands, create multi-view drawings and dimensioning. This is a suggested course for 9th grade. This course is highly recommended for students planning on taking "METAL FABRICATION" at Kirkwood Academy.</p>

<p>to prerequisites, this course should be taken during your Junior or Senior year.</p>	
<p>Course Name: CAD Inventor Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Using Inventor, you will create three-dimensional drawings. The program will then convert the object to a working drawing. This program allows the designer to add color, shading, and texture to have an authentic looking product. This is a class recommended for students interested in Architecture, Engineering, Tool and Die, CNC, or careers where blueprint reading is necessary. Inventor is an Autodesk product that will provide additional educational opportunities above the skills learned in AutoCad. Students may take CAD Inventor after successful completion of Introduction to Drafting. This course is highly recommended for students planning on taking "ENGINEERING: PROJECT LEAD THE WAY" at Kirkwood Academy., where you are required to know Auto Desk Inventor.</p>	<p>Course Name: Architectural Design Grade: 10 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Architectural Design is a course where a student will develop a set of working drawings for a single story house. The set of drawings will include floor plans, elevations, foundation plans, kitchen detail drawings, stair sections, wall sections, and plot plan. This class would be beneficial to any student looking at architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, carpentry, or other related occupations. Students may take Architectural Drafting after successful completion of Introduction to Drafting.</p>
<p>Course Name: Electricity I Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Electricity I is the first in a sequence of two courses. It is designed to give students a basic understanding of electrical circuits. Students will learn: safety techniques when working with electricity; how electricity is produced; Electron Theory; series circuit construction; parallel circuit construction; complex circuit construction; Ohm's Law, and career opportunities. The students will participate in a number of hands-on activities using electrical components and test equipment to reinforce classroom discussion. This class is highly recommended for students planning on taking 'AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY" at Kirkwood Academy.</p>	<p>Course Name: Electricity II Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Electricity II is the second course in a two-course sequence. Students taking this course can expect to learn basic house and circuit wiring techniques. This will involve wiring three-way switches, outlets with and without switches, and low voltage circuits. Students may take Electricity II after successfully completing Electricity I.</p>
<p>Course Name: Small Gas Engines Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Small Gas Engines introduces the student to the internal combustion engine and to simple machines. Much of class time is devoted to the study of the small gas engine with the end of the semester spent studying simple machines. This is primarily a "hands-on" class. Each student will disassemble, measure, and then reassemble a four stroke Briggs and Stratton engine.</p>	<p>Course Name: Welding Grade: 9 - 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Welding is a class where students can expect to learn and practice MIG and stick welding as well as basic print reading. We will cover multiple types of welds as well as various welding positions. There is a high demand for welders in Delaware County as wells as throughout the nation, this class gives students the opportunity to explore welding as a career choice.</p>

Mathematics:

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<p>Course Name: Basic Algebra A Grade: 9 Number of Semester: 2</p> <p>This two-semester course generally covers the same topics of Algebra, including solving linear equations, solving linear inequalities, graphing linear functions, writing linear functions, and solving systems of linear equations. A TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus graphing calculator is recommended. The color version of TI-84 plus is allowed, but CAS operating systems are not allowed. Admission into this course is by teacher recommendation only.</p>	<p>Course Name: Basic Algebra B Grade: 10 Number of Semester: 2</p> <p>This two-semester course generally covers the same topics of Algebra, including exponential functions, polynomial equations and factoring, graphing quadratic functions, and solving quadratic equations. A TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus graphing calculator is recommended. The color version of TI-84 plus is allowed, but CAS operating systems are not allowed. Admission into this course is by teacher recommendation only</p>
<p>Course Name: Algebra Grade: 9 -10 Number of Semester: 2</p> <p>This two-semester course teaches concepts that will be used in all other math courses. Topics that will be covered include solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing and writing linear functions, solving systems of linear equations, exponential functions, polynomial equations, factoring, graphing quadratic</p>	<p>Course Name: Geometry Grade: 9 -11 Number of Semester: 2</p> <p>Geometry is a year-long course that follows Algebra and emphasizes a formal approach to the study of plane geometry. The main topics covered are reasoning and proof, parallel and perpendicular lines, transformations, congruent triangles, relationships with triangles, polygons, similarity, right triangles and</p>

<p>functions, solving quadratic equations, radical functions and equations, and data analysis. Assessments include daily written assignments, quizzes, and tests. A TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus graphing calculator will be required. The color version of TI-84 plus is allowed, but CAS operating systems are not allowed.</p>	<p>trigonometry, circles, circumference, area, and volume. <i>Prerequisite: Must have completed Algebra</i></p>
<p>Course Name: Algebra II Grade: 10-12 Number of Semester: 2</p> <p>Algebra II will develop the students' abilities to solve a variety of equations and use these as models for real-world situations. Specific topics will include: linear functions, quadratic functions, quadratic equations and complex numbers, polynomial functions, rational exponents and radical functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, rational functions, sequence and series, and trigonometric ratios and functions. A TI-83 Plus, TI-84 Plus, or TI-NSpire with TI-84 keypad graphing calculator will be required and used extensively throughout the course. <i>Prerequisite: Must have completed Geometry.</i></p>	<p>Course Name: Precalculus Grade: 11-12 Number of Semester: 2</p> <p>Precalculus is a two-semester course that will <i>extensively</i> integrate statistical, algebraic and trigonometric concepts through work with functions. Students taking precalculus should have successfully completed algebra, geometry and advanced algebra. Precalculus is an upper level math course and should be taken by those students <i>serious</i> about taking their mathematics to another level. Problem solving will be an integral part of the course utilizing the graphing calculator. Specific topics will include extensive function analysis of the twelve basic functions, as well as polynomial, power, rational, exponential, logistic, and logarithmic functions. We will also spend much time studying trigonometry including function, analysis, and applications. Assessments include daily assignments, quizzes, board work, and tests. A TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus graphing calculator will be required and used extensively throughout the course. The color version of TI-84 plus is allowed, but CAS operating systems are not allowed. <i>It should be noted that pre-calculus is an intense, time-consuming math course and should be treated as such. Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra II.</i></p>
<p>Course Name: Statistics Grade: 11-12 Number of Semester: 1</p> <p>Statistics is a one-semester course. Concepts which will be covered include visual representations of data, measures of central tendency, variance, standard deviation, analyzing data, transformations of data, z-scores, probability,, permutations, combinations, binomial and normal distributions. A TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus graphing calculator will be required and used extensively throughout the course. The color version of TI-84 plus is allowed, but CAS operating systems are not allowed. The course will include daily assignments, notes, quizzes, tests and board work. <i>Prerequisite: Must have completed Algebra II.</i></p>	<p>Course Name: AP Calculus Grade: 12 Number of Semester: 2</p> <p>Calculus topics presented will include limits and continuity, derivatives and differentiation, and integrals and integration. Concepts discussed will include the chain rule, implicit differentiation, the mean-value theorem, extreme values, concavity, inflection points, the fundamental theorem of calculus, definite and indefinite integrals, integration by substitution, L'Hopital's Rule, and numerous types of functions including but not limited to exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric. Assessments will include daily work, frequent quizzes, tests, and extensive board work. A TI-83 Plus or TI-84 Plus graphing calculator will be required and used extensively throughout the course. The color version of TI-84 plus is allowed, but CAS operating systems are not allowed. <i>It should be noted that calculus is an intense, time-consuming math course and should be treated as such.</i> Prerequisite: Successful completion of Precalculus.</p>
<p>Course Name: Applied Math Grade: 12 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Applied Math is a non-algebra review of basic mathematics geared toward the senior student about to enter the job market.</p>	

<p>Music:</p> <hr/>	
<p>Course Name: Instrumental Music Grade: 9 - 12 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Instrumental Music meets five days a week during the school day. Membership is open to all high school students who have previous experience in the Middle School Instrumental Music program or</p>	<p>Course Name: Vocal Music Grade: 9 - 12 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Vocal Music meets five days a week during the school day. The repertoire studied will be performed in concerts as scheduled throughout the school year. Small ensemble singing and solo work</p>

<p>have completed a period of individual lessons. The main emphasis is concert band with other performance opportunities available.</p> <p>Wildcat Marching Band: The Marching Band is the performing group for the beginning of the fall semester and provides entertainment for the crowd at home football games. In addition, the band will march in the Homecoming parade. All students enrolled in band are considered members of this group and are required to be at all rehearsals and performances.</p> <p>Concert Band: The Concert Band is the performing group, which immediately follows the fall marching season. The band performs three concerts within the school year and non-graduating members will take part in the end of the year commencement ceremonies. In addition, the band competes in various other festivals sponsored in the state. All students enrolled in band are considered members of this group and are required to be at all rehearsals and performances.</p> <p>Pep Band: The Pep Band is comprised of the students in band and will perform at pep rallies and most home basketball games.</p> <p>Instrumental Music also offers the following extra curricular opportunities:</p> <p>Jazz Band: The Jazz Band is a small ensemble which studies and performs jazz music at concerts and in various parts of the community. In addition, the band competes in various other festivals sponsored in the state. Membership is open to all high school students with the desire to learn about jazz and who qualify for the needs of the Jazz Band. If there is enough interest within the membership of the Concert Band a second Jazz Band will be formed. Final selection for the group is based upon an audition and the student's commitment to the group. All students selected for the Jazz Band are required to be at all rehearsals and performances.</p> <p>Pit Orchestra: The Pit Orchestra is a small ensemble that performs with the musical cast for the Fall Musical. Membership is open to all high school students who qualify for the needs of the Pit Orchestra. All students selected for the Pit Orchestra are required to be at all Pit Orchestra rehearsals and performances, as well as full musical rehearsals the week of the performance.</p>	<p>are also available. Students will develop the skills necessary to produce a healthy vocal tone. Students will also develop music reading skills, both melodic and rhythmic and music listening skills. All students will present a Fall Concert, Christmas Concert and Awards Concert and will also participate in State Solo/Ensemble Contest and State Large Group Contest. Vocal Music also offers the following extra curricular opportunities: Vocal Jazz Ensembles: Membership is by audition. These ensembles study and perform vocal jazz arrangements. Students must be able to attend two, 45-60 minute rehearsals a week outside of the school day. These groups often perform on the concert choir concerts. The Vocal Jazz Ensembles attend 2-3 jazz festivals where they clinic with professional musicians and also compete in 2-3 contests throughout the school year.</p>
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Physical Education:

Course Name: Physical Education

Grade: 9-12 Number of Semester: 1

The goals of this course are to develop physical fitness, establish an understanding of team/individual sports and promote a healthy lifestyle. Activities include individual and team sports. Physical conditioning is included. Students will be given a one-half credit each semester they successfully complete of Physical Education. A minimum of two semesters of Physical Education is required.

Science:

Course Name: Earth Science

Grade: 9 No. of Semesters: 2

Earth Science offers insight into the environment on earth and the earth's environment in space. This course presents the concepts and principles essential to students' understanding of the dynamics and history of the earth. This course will explore geology, astronomy and earth history.

Course Name: Chemistry

Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 2

Chemistry is a branch of physical science that deals with the study of matter through investigations on how properties of substances determine how they interact, combine, and change to form new substances. Topics in chemistry will be covered through research, lectures, and laboratory activities. Many concepts in Chemistry involve problem solving that requires a strong math background. It is strongly recommended that students have completed one year of Algebra and Geometry, as well as being co-enrolled in Algebra II. Physical Science is a prerequisite for this class.

<p>Course Name: Biology Grade: 10 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>This course consists of the study of modern biological concepts aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Biology is a course that focuses on the study of life through research, lecture, and laboratory activities. Students will need to have successfully completed one year of Earth Science prior to taking Biology.</p>	<p>Course Name: Human Anatomy & Physiology Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Anatomy & Physiology is a course that focuses on the structure and function of the various organ systems, organs, tissues, and cells of the human body. Students will study how the structure (Anatomy) affects the function (Physiology) of the various parts of the human body and will be required to make connections as to why certain disorders and diseases affect the normal functioning of the human body. It is strongly recommended that students have successfully completed Biology and Physical Science prior to taking Anatomy & Physiology. In addition students should have already successfully completed or be currently enrolled in Chemistry.</p>
<p>Course Name: Physical Science Grade: 10 - 11 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>This course involves the study of the structure of matter and the changes it undergoes as well as energy. The course is broken down into two semesters, chemistry and physics. Chemistry will examine the molecular make up of matter and Physics will investigate the energy and forces within matter.</p>	<p>Course Name: AP Physics Grade: 11 - 12 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>Physics is a physical science dealing with the interaction of matter and energy. It is strongly recommended that students have completed advanced algebra and that students are co-enrolled in pre-calculus. Physics students will be asked to carry out higher order math problems and apply the results in a lab format.</p>

Social Studies:

<p>Course Name: World History Grade: 10 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>The primary focus of the course is learning about world civilizations and their connection(s) to present day. Students will be able to understand our social, legal, economic and political systems of the past and discuss the fundamental ideas of history such as civilization, nationalism, imperialism and colonialism This course will also focus on the development of historical thinking skills such as analyzing, predicting, summarizing, chronological reasoning, comparing and contextualizing, crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, and interpreting and synthesizing historical narrative.</p>	<p>Course Name: U.S. History Grade: 11 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>This course provides an overview of the history of the United States, examining time periods from colonialism to the present time. Political, scientific, military, and social developments are typically included in the historical overview. This course will also focus on the development of historical thinking skills (chronological reasoning, comparing and contextualizing, crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, and interpreting and synthesizing historical narrative) and an understanding of content learning objectives. We also hope to instill in every student's mind, the significance and impact each culture has had in helping shape America. With this goal in mind, the teacher should hope to curb social misunderstandings as well as social and cultural racism. We hope to instill in students the developmental skills, attitudes, behaviors, and social tolerance that will enable them to take pride in the United States and in themselves as Americans.</p>
<p>Course Name: A.P. U.S. History Grade: 11 No. of Semesters: 2</p> <p>As the College Board defines, AP United States History is a course designed to focus on the development of historical thinking skills (chronological reasoning, comparing and contextualizing, crafting historical arguments using historical evidence, and interpreting and synthesizing historical narrative) and an understanding of content learning objectives organized around seven themes, such as identify, peopling, and America in the world. This course will cover American history from the Pre-Columbian period to the present and will be taught in accordance with the AP U.S. History curriculum framework prepared by the College Board to prepare students for the AP U.S. History exam in May. NOTE: Students who opt NOT to take the Advanced Placement United States History Exam will NOT receive AP credit for the course and the course will be changed to American History.</p>	<p>Course Name: American Government Grade: 12 No. of Semesters: 1</p> <p>This course provides an overview of the structure and functions of the U.S. government and political institutions, and examines constitutional principles, the concepts of rights and responsibilities, the role of political parties and interest groups, and the importance of civic participation in the democratic process. The structure and function of state and local government is also examined.</p>

<p>Course Name: Character Development & Leadership Grade Level: 11-12 Number of Semesters: 1</p> <p>The primary objective of this course is to improve the character and leadership skills of students. Students will immerse themselves in the study of 18 commonly valued traits through ethical dilemmas, character movie segments, current events, group discussions, core readings, expository writing, and numerous guest speakers. While the primary goal is to improve character and leadership traits, students will be challenged to improve their reading and writing skills as well as their public speaking and emotional IQ through the use of HOT (higher order thinking) activities. The lesson plans incorporated will reflect various learning styles and give students adaptable ways to learn the subject matter in a meaningful way. Students will be given opportunities to apply the concepts of the course to their personal lives and future goals.</p>	<p>Course Name: Pop Culture Grade Level: 11 - 12 Number of Semesters: 1</p> <p>Pop Culture will explore the evolution of popular culture from the post-World War II era through present day. Pop-culture genres that will be explored include, but are not limited to: film, television, music, literature, humor, computer and video games, toys, and comic books. This class will work to help students understand how the media has played a central role in shaping American and World culture in the post-World War era. The class will also focus on the celebrity-craven culture of the United States and the role advertising plays in our day-to-day lives. Much of the context covered in class will be adapted to hands-on research and class discussion. A large emphasis will also be placed on how media and pop culture shape present day lives.</p>
<p>Course Name: Social Issues Grade Level: 9 - 12 Number of Semester: 1</p> <p>Social Issues introduces students to a variety of everyday social issues. Course content is designed (but not limited) to look at these issues through a social perspective. It will also work to help students understand the differences in one's behaviors in an individual setting from that of a social setting. This course is designed to be student directed. Much of the context covered will be adapted to current and present day events. A large emphasis is also placed on present day culture and social norms. This course will also focus on the development of critical thinking skills such as analyzing, predicting, summarizing, chronological reasoning, comparing and contextualizing, crafting quality arguments using empirical evidence, and interpreting and synthesizing the social narrative.</p>	<p>Course Name: The 60's America Grade Level: 10 - 12 Number of Semester: 1</p> <p>"Today our concern must be with the future. For the world is changing. The old era is ending. The old ways will not do." – John F. Kennedy, 1960.</p> <p>The course traces and documents changes of the 1960s. The period from the election of John F. Kennedy (1960) to the fall of Saigon (1975) remains crucial for an understanding of current issues and attitudes. Those years reshaped American culture and society in many ways. Events and slogans shattered the images of an earlier time and created a new America.</p>
<p>Course Name: Street Law Grade Level: 10 - 12 Number of Semester: 1</p> <p>Street Law is the concept of educating people about law that is of practical use in everyday life (on the streets). Every purchase, lease, contract, marriage, divorce, crime or traffic violation places the citizen face-to-face with the law. Street Law is designed to provide you with an understanding of your legal rights and responsibilities, knowledge of everyday legal problems, and the ability to analyze, evaluate, and in some situations, resolve legal disputes. Street Law addresses general problems in the areas of criminal, consumer, family, housing and individual rights law. The course also discusses situations such as what to do if you are the victim of crime, when and how to select an attorney, the legal rights and responsibilities of parents and children, how to register to vote, and what to do about discrimination or other violations of your constitutional rights. These and all of the topics covered in Street Law are designed to help you survive on the street.</p>	<p>Course Name: Introduction to Psychology Grade Level: 11 - 12 Number of Semester: 1 Dual / 3 Credit Hours</p> <p>A survey of psychology including theoretical and experimental findings and applications from areas such as psychological, learning, memory, personality, social, abnormal, and therapy. This is an online course offered through Kirkwood Community College.</p>
<p>Course Name: Introduction to Sociology Grade Level: 11 - 12 Number of Semester: 1 Dual / 3 Credit Hours</p> <p>Surveys the basic principles, concepts, research strategies and empirical findings representative of the field today. The course examines the range of sociological thought, identifies areas of specialization within the discipline and establishes a basis for further study in the field. This is an online course offered through Kirkwood Community College.</p>	

Special Education:

<p>Course Name: L.S. 9th Language Arts & Reading Grade Level: 9 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>These two courses are individualized to reinforce student's language arts strengths and remediate their weaknesses in reading and written expression. This course will focus on general skills needed to be successful in the regular education classrooms. Students enrolled in both the language arts and reading sections will receive two credits per semester.</p>	<p>Course Name: 9th Math Grade Level: 9 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>This course individualizes the student needs in the area of mathematics to reinforce the students' strengths and to remediate their weaknesses. The course focuses on general computation skills and pre-algebra concepts.</p>
<p>Course Name: L.S. 10th Language Arts & Reading Grade Level: 10 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>These two courses are designed to improve deficit areas in the student's language arts area. Reading comprehension and fluency are emphasized along with a variety of written expressive project and activities. Students enrolled in both the language arts and reading sections will receive two credits per semester.</p>	<p>Course Name: 10th Math Grade Level: 10 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>This course individualizes the student needs in the area of mathematics to reinforce the students' strengths and to remediate their weaknesses. The course focuses on general computation skills and pre-algebra concepts.</p>
<p>Course Name: L.S. 11th Language Arts & Reading Grade Level: 11 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>These two courses are a continuation of the previous language arts and reading courses. Students will continue to work on improving their overall written language and reading skills.</p>	<p>Course Name: Work Experience Grade Level: 11 - 12 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>The purpose of this course is for the students to establish an employee-employer relationship in some local business or industry. Students will be placed within the school or in a community work site to explore various job skills. Students will receive one or two credit hours per semester. This course is offered to Level II and Level III students. Freshman and sophomores will need special permission from the work experience coordinator to participate in a work experience.</p>
<p>Course Name: L.S. 12th Language Arts & Reading Grade Level: 12 Number of Semesters: 2</p> <p>This course focuses on writing and reading fundamentals that are related to the world of work. Students will earn one credit per semester.</p>	

Six Period Requirement:

- All students are required to take a minimum of six classes each semester.
- Physical Education may not be counted as one of the six subjects.
- Study Hall may not be counted as one of the six subjects.
- Band or Vocal may be counted as one of the six subjects. Students receive one credit for every successful semester completed and the grade received is included when determining students' grade point averages.
- Concurrent credit courses receive one credit for every successful semester completed and the grade received is included when determining the students' grade point average.
- Correspondence courses receive one credit for every successful semester completed and the grade received is included when determining the students' grade point average. Maquoketa Valley students are allowed a maximum of two correspondence courses, pending principal approval.

After Initial registration and scheduling, student schedule changes may only be made according to the following criteria:

1. Approved changes by the teacher.
2. Failure in 1st or 2nd semester course (s).
3. Computer or clerical error. (Master schedule changes)
4. Special education placement.
5. Failure to meet a course prerequisite.
6. Seniors who must enroll in a course to meet graduation requirements.
7. Wanting to add a course without disturbing the rest of the schedule.