

## Elective Course Descriptions for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Personal Fitness/Health** – All 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take these semester long graduation requirement courses.

**Ballet** – Students in the beginner level dance course will learn units of ballet, modern, the elements of dance, classroom etiquette and composition. Students will audition to perform in 1-2 dance concerts during the school year and learn how to compose a solo. Students will also have the opportunity to audition for the Warrior Dance Company.

**Band** – We offer a fully comprehensive band program including, Beginning and Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, Advanced Jazz Band, Marching Band, Chamber Ensembles, and a Full Pit Orchestra for our Musicals. Regardless of your experience level, come and join the excitement!

**Chorus** – The North Atlanta Chorus Department consists of 3 ensembles. Festival Chorus consists of mostly 9<sup>th</sup> graders and is open to anyone interested in chorus. If you sing, are interested in singing, want to learn to sing, used to sing.... join the superior rated North Atlanta Chorus Department!

**Comparative Religion/American Government** – This semester long course compares major religions of the world; covers ethical-philosophical teachings, historical development, social and cultural impact on various societies and commonalities found in all religions. Is only available to students in AP Human Geography who are also taking American Government.

**Guitar** – Introduces basic guitar techniques. Covers performance and production, analysis and theoretical studies, historical and cultural contributions and influences, creative aspects of music and appreciation of music.

**Introduction to Business Technology** – Students learn about business, computers and computer networks, develop web pages, acquire a working understanding of the Internet and be exposed to business career possibilities. This class leads to the Business & Technology pathway.

**Introduction to Digital Technology** – Students learn about computer hardware and software, programming, web design, IT support, and networks via hands-on activities and project focused tasks. This class leads to the Web & Digital Design pathway and the Programming pathway.

**Introduction to Graphic Design** – Students learn about the processes involved in the technologies of printing, publishing, packaging, and electronic imaging. Students also learn skills in typography, visual arts, and page layout. This class leads to the Graphic Design pathway.

**Journalism** – Students will explore the history of American media, will develop composition and grammatical skills through an in-depth study of news writing in areas such as features, editorials, sports, and reviews. This is for students interested in participating in the newspaper and yearbook.

**JROTC** – This laboratory course is designed to introduce students to the history, customs, traditions and purpose of the Army JROTC program. It teaches students strategies to maximize their potential for success through learning and self-management.

**Music Technology** – Students will learn the concepts of music technology, and its use in current music production methods./**Music Appreciation** – Introduces production and performance; covers terminology and idioms, elements of music, perceptive listening and attitudes and appreciation. These are not part of a career pathway.

**Orchestra** – The orchestra program is comprised of 3 separate groups, Concert, Symphonic and Philharmonic. Students participate in approximately 4-8 concerts a year, and social events such as movie nights, team building exercises, and much more. Orchestra members are also active members of other performing groups as well as many athletic groups.

**Theater** – Students will learn all of the principals of the theater that will include readings and lectures that focus on the elements of theatrical practice; artists and innovators of theatre throughout history; and on the theatre's development as an art form and a social phenomenon. Students will perform monologues, group presentations and be ready to audition for our school performances in no time!

**Visual Arts Comprehension** – Discover how to reconnect with your curiosity and develop your own visual language through experimentation and skill development in multiple disciplines of the creative process. This will happen through the exploration of drawing, painting, collage, sculpting, printmaking and digital photography.

If you have questions, please contact 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal, Meredith Kaltman, via email, makaltman@atlanta.k12.ga.us.