

# WELCOME TO NEWSOME HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE WOLVES!



# WELCOME FROM MRS. ROCHA

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
  - Must include Algebra 1 and Geometry
- 0.5 Financial Literacy Credit.
- 3 Science credits
  - 1 Biology and 2 equally rigorous science courses
- 3 Social Studies credits
  - 1 World History, 1 U.S. History,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Economics,  $\frac{1}{2}$  American Government
- 1 Fine Arts credit
- In Fine/Performing Arts / Speech / Debate or approved Practical Arts course
- 1 credit HOPE
- 2 credits in ROTC can substitute for the HOPE & Fine Arts requirements
- Two seasons of a varsity / junior varsity sport can waive requirement
- 8 Elective Credits



# WHAT ABOUT WORLD LANGUAGE?

- NOT required for high school graduation
- At least 2 credits of the same world language are required for admission into MANY four-year colleges / universities
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- Bright Futures Scholarships: the two top tier scholarships: Florida Medallion and Florida Academic Scholars REQUIRE 2 credits of the same world language



# PROGRAMMING GUIDES AND INFORMATION



Newsome High School 2024 – 2025  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Sheet

Student Name: Alex Demetriou

Student Number: 123456

CORE COURSES

Circle one in each content area and the level (Honors / Regular)

|                 |   |  |                        |                                  |  |
|-----------------|---|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Math:</b>    | <b>Select One:</b><br>Algebra I<br>Geometry<br>Algebra II | <b>Please circle the level:</b><br>Honors or Regular | <b>Science:</b>        | Biology<br>Environmental Science | <b>Please circle the level:</b><br>Honors or Regular |
| <b>English:</b> | English I   | <b>Please circle the level:</b><br>Honors or Regular | <b>Social Studies:</b> | American Government              | <b>Please circle the level:</b><br>Honors or Regular |

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\*Students who are not on level for ELA will be placed into the grade specific reading support course\*

YOUR ELECTIVES CHOICES

Please choose 8 electives in order of preference (#1 being your first choice) from the list on the back. Be sure to pick both full year and semester courses. Students may not get all available electives and are encouraged to fully complete this form to provide alternates to their primary options. Not all choices will be part of your schedule; some may be alternates.

|                         |                       |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice: | Fill in all 8 choices |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: |                       |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice: |                       |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Choice: |                       |  |



Read Me!

### Newsome High School's Advanced Placement Notification

All students who want to enroll in an Advanced Placement course at Newsome High School **MUST** read and sign below.

1. The course(s) will be challenging, and students will be expected to produce work that is held to a higher academic standard; it is incumbent upon the student to work harder to raise a low grade.
2. Any student who requests an AP class will not be granted a schedule change because they changed their mind, want a different elective, or wish to take the course on FLVS.
3. A schedule change will not be granted because of teacher preference, low grades, difficulty, being over-scheduled, or because the class is too demanding.
4. Students are expected to take the AP exam in May/June and will be charged for the exam (\$40 approx.) if they do not have a College Board approved reason for missing the exam.

Student Signature

Date

*Parents: Your signature below indicates that you have reviewed your student's AP Course selections, and you understand and agree to the guidelines listed above.*

Parent Signature

Date

### Hillsborough County Schedule Change Policy

Valid reasons for a schedule change may include counselor or computer error, failing a required course, passing a course in summer or night school, lacking a grad requirement, and lacking proper prerequisite. Schedule change requests will not be considered for the purpose of teacher preference. A change request may require the entire schedule to be altered, including teachers and periods. Once a schedule has been changed, it cannot be changed back to the original schedule.

***I am aware of the programs offered to my child at Newsome High School, and I agree with his/her choices as indicated. I have also read and understand the schedule change policy listed above.***

Parent Signature

Date

### NHS Cambridge AICE Program

Newsome High School's Cambridge AICE Program is strategically designed to provide students with a strong foundation in AICE thinking and writing before students are eligible to engage in our full AICE catalogue.

All 10<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to participate in the Cambridge AICE Program at Newsome, **must** take both **AICE Thinking Skills** and **AICE General Paper** in their first year with the AICE program. Students should list AICE Thinking Skills and AICE General Paper as their first and second elective choices in the boxes above. There are no set pre-requisites, however Newsome High School highly recommends a background in Algebra 1 for AICE Thinking Skills and a minimum of Level 2 Reading for AICE General Paper.

10<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to pursue the AICE Diploma Track must also take AICE International History and AICE Environmental Management (only if the student has already taken and passed Biology).

### How AICE Fits in a Schedule

(Selecting AICE Courses is not always a replacement for Core Graduation Requirements. AICE Courses do take the place of possible elective periods. Please refer to the **SAMPLE** below to see how AICE can be worked into a schedule.)

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| ENGLISH      | English 2 OR English 2 Honors   |
| MATH         | Placement based on prior academic history.  |
| SCIENCE      | AICE Environmental Management   |
| SOC. STUD.   | AICE International History, World History OR World History Honors OR AP World History |
| AICE         | AICE General Paper  |
| AICE         | AICE Thinking Skills  |
| ELECTIVE (s) | Suggested: World Language L2, Performing Arts, HOPE                                   |

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|                         |                     |                         |                    |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice: | AICE Diploma Seeker | 5 <sup>th</sup> Choice: | Digital Design     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: | Vet Tech 1          | 6 <sup>th</sup> Choice: | 2d Art / 3d Art    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice: | AP Human Geography  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Choice: | Musical Theater    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Choice: | Spanish 1           | 8 <sup>th</sup> Choice: | Golf / Team Sports |

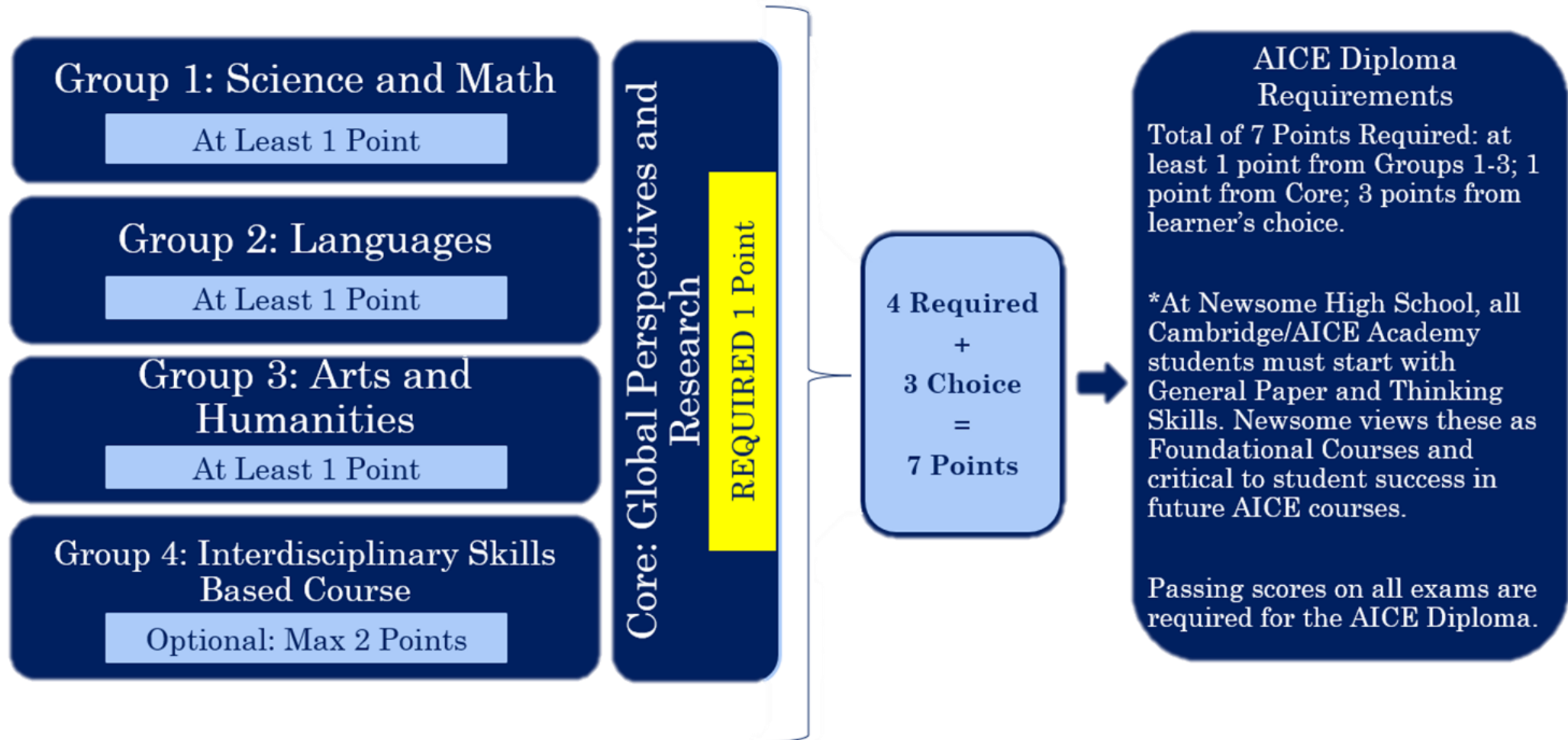


# CAMBRIDGE AICE COURSES



# THE AICE DIPLOMA GROUPS

Students must pass seven credits worth of examinations within 25 months. At least one examination must come from each of the four subject groups: Mathematics and Sciences, Languages, Arts and Humanities, and Interdisciplinary Skills Based.



# NHS AICE COURSE OFFERINGS

## Newsome High School Cambridge Program Offerings

| Group 1  | Group 2  | Group 3   | Group 4   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Math and Science   | Languages  | Arts and Humanities   | Interdisciplinary and Skills-Based  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental Management*</li><li>• Psychology*</li><li>• Marine Science</li><li>• Physical Education*</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Language</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International History</li><li>• Media Studies</li><li>• Psychology*</li><li>• Sociology</li><li>• Environmental Management*</li><li>• Physical Education*</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Paper</li><li>• Thinking Skills</li></ul> |

Compulsory Core

Global Perspectives



# AICE FAQS

Q: Do many universities give college credits for AICE exams passed?

A: Yes. Over 800 colleges and universities in the US accept AICE classes for college credit – this includes all the Ivy League colleges!

Q: Do all the schools in Florida accept AICE exams?

A: Yes. All the colleges and universities in Florida honor AICE Exams and give credit for passing scores.

Q: How many college credits can be earned through AICE?

A: Colleges and universities can award between 30 and 45 credit hours.

# AICE FAQS

Q: Do I still have to do 2 years of a foreign language AND the AICE Language class?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I use some of my AICE courses in place of other core graduation courses?

A: Depends. For example, AICE General Paper can count as your English 3 credit and AICE International History can count as your World History credit. However, AICE English Language DOES NOT replace the 2-year foreign language requirement for the 24-credit diploma option.





INTERESTED IN AICE?

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
ENROLL THEM TODAY!



# AP CLASSES



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# Advanced Placement

## Thinking Through AP

### BENEFITS OF AP:

- Rigorous content to prep for college.
- College Credit for passing AP Exams in May.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Classes are CHALLENGING!
- Workload varies by content.
- First time AP Students should exercise moderation in selecting courses.
- AP courses are considered ELECTIVES and should be placed on the Elective Programming Sheet.
- BUT WAIT!? The Programming Sheet says students need a teacher recommendation!?!?! What do we do?

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## AP US Government

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## AP Human Geography

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# CTE & INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS





## EARN AN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

Agriscience  
Agriculture Mechanics II-IV  
Computer Gaming & Simulation  
Criminal Justice III-IV  
Customer Service I-III  
Cybersecurity Essentials  
Digital Design  
Digital Information Technology  
Marketing Essentials  
Principles of Entrepreneurship I-II  
Sports Marketing Applications  
Sports Marketing Management  
Television Production I-IV  
Web Design I-IV  
Vet Assisting, I-IV

# Career Tech Courses

Career and Technical Education, or CTE, is defined as the courses and programs in middle and high schools that focus on the skills and knowledge required for specific jobs or fields of work.

CTE programs deliver those opportunities to students, and typically include instruction, hands-on training, and industry certifications that can improve students' employability and preparedness in a career field.

Industry Certifications DO APPEAR on college transcripts and LOOK AMAZING!!



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



# FAQs

1. If I have questions, can I schedule a meeting with a Newsome counselor?  
**Unfortunately, no.** Newsome's counselors will not be able to consult on your child's selections because they are not official Newsome students yet, many courses are driven by state assessment results, and they are still programming current students.
2. What about Reading Courses? **Students who do not pass the state reading assessment will be placed in an intensive reading course.**
3. What if my child does not want to be an AICE Diploma Seeker, but they still want to try an AICE Class - can they? **Yes. AICE Courses are open for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders to try.**
4. Can freshman leave early? **No. The number of core courses and state assessed classes that occur within the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade year require a full, on campus schedule.**
5. When should my 9<sup>th</sup> grader take the new, required course Financial Literacy? **It will be offered starting in the student's 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.**

