

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

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CORE COURSES**

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

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

**4 English Credits, 4 Math Credits, 3 Science Credits, 4 Social Studies Credits, HOPE, or 2 Years JROTC**

**\*All students will be placed into academic core courses based on their prior academic history and course performance.\***

**\*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:	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice:
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice:	6 <sup>th</sup> Choice:
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice:	7 <sup>th</sup> Choice:
4 <sup>th</sup> Choice:	8 <sup>th</sup> Choice:

**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.**

- 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.
- 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.
- A schedule change will not be granted because of teacher preference, low grades, difficulty, being over-scheduled, or because the class is too demanding.
- 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

**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 incoming 9<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.

**How AICE Fits in a Schedule**

(Selecting AICE Courses is not always count as 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 1 OR English 1 Honors
MATH	Placement based on prior academic history.
SCIENCE	Biology Regular/Honors OR Environmental Science
SOC. STUD.	*US Gov OR *US Gov Hon Or AP Human Geo.
AICE	AICE General Paper
AICE	AICE Thinking Skills
ELECTIVE (s)	Suggested: World Language, Performing Arts Credit, HOPE, Intensive Reading*

**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

_____	_____
Student Signature	Date

## Electives Selection Guide

Students will need to make 8 elective selections in order of preference.

Electives are divided into two categories.

### Category 1: Full Year Electives

- In this category students will find Career Tech Electives and Special Interest Electives. Students who select a career tech elective also have an opportunity to earn an Industry Certification. These courses will have (CTE) at the end of the course name to help guide you.
- AP Human Geography, AICE Thinking Skills, and AICE General Paper are also found in this category.
- All Foreign Languages are found here too. It is strongly suggested to take 2 years of the same foreign language.

### Category 2: Semester Electives

- Students who select electives from this category will need to select 2 to create a full year's worth of electives.
- All 9th graders will need to select at least 1 from this category to compliment the required half-year American Government course.

## Category 1: Full Year Electives

### Career Tech Electives

Highly recommended, full year courses that empower students to earn an industry certification.

#### Business / Marketing

Customer Service Rep 1 (&)  
Digital Information Tech (+&)  
Digital Design 1 (+&)  
Computer Gaming and Sim Found (&)  
Sports Marketing 1 (+&)  
Principles of Entrepreneurship  
Web Design 1 (+%&)

#### Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice 1

#### Agriculture

Agriscience Foundation 1 (X%&)  
Agritechnology 1 (&)  
Ag. Mechanics 2 (&)  
Vet Assisting 1 (%&)

#### TV Production

TV Production 1 (+&)

#### JROTC

Leadership Education 1 (\$)

#### Legend

X - Not Bright Futures Approved  
# - Teacher/Counselor Approval Needed  
@ - Elective Credit Only  
\$ - Fee or expenses attached  
> - Semester Course  
& - Industry Certification  
+ - Satisfies Practical / Performing Arts Requirement  
\* - Prerequisite course needed  
% - Considered Honors by the District ONLY (class rank purposes)

### Special Interest Electives

All are full-year courses.

#### Communication

Debate 1 (+)  
Journalism 1  
Journalism 2: Yearbook (#)  
Speech 1 (+)  
Cybersecurity Essentials (\*)

#### Theater

Theatre 1 (+)  
Technical Theatre Design and Production  
Theatre, Cinema and Film Production  
Musical Theatre 1

#### Physical Education

HOPE—Health/Physical Education

#### AVID 1

Avid 1

#### World Languages

##### French

French 1  
French 2

##### Spanish

Spanish 1  
Spanish 2

##### Latin

Latin 1  
Latin 2

#### Cambridge AICE

AICE Thinking Skills  
AICE General Paper

#### Music

Band 1 (+\$)  
Chamber Choir 1(Voc. Tech) (+#\$)  
Chorus 1 (+\$)  
Eurhythmics 1(Flag Line) (+\$)  
Guitar 1 +  
Instrumental Tech 1 (Percussion) (+)  
Jazz Ensemble 1 (+)  
Piano 1(Keyboarding) (+)  
Orchestra 1 (+)  
Vocal Ensemble 1

#### Advanced Placement Social Studies

AP Human Geography

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## Category 2: Semester Electives

Various half-year electives. Two of these courses will comprise 1 full-year course.

#### Art

Creating 2-D Art (+\$)  
Creating 3-D Art (+\$)  
Basic Ceramics 1 (+\$)  
2D Studio Art 1 (+)

#### FACS

Principles of Food Prep  
Personal and Family Finance

#### Social Studies

Florida History  
Holocaust History  
Law Studies  
Philosophy Honors  
Psychology 1  
Psychology 2  
Sociology  
Vietnam and Other Wars

#### Physical Education

Basketball 1  
Basketball 2  
Golf 1  
Team Sports 1  
Team Sports 2  
Volleyball 1  
Volleyball 2  
Weight Training 1

#### English

Lit & the Arts (History of Rock-n-roll)