

# COMPLETING THE COURSE SELECTION CARD: 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

The High School Course Description Book can be found on the District Website:  
[Home > Academics > Curriculum > Secondary > High School > HS Course Catalog](#)

## **Box A: Required Courses**

**ENGLISH:** Students will choose Language Arts 9 or Honors Language Arts 9. If doing Honors Language Arts 9, please note, there is a required application and students will be expected to complete summer reading/work. \*Consider your strength and interest in ELA and note that summer work will be required.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Students will choose between World History and Big History.

**SCIENCE:** Students will choose Physical Science. If doing Biology in addition to Physical Science, it will be added under Elective Choices. For students choosing to do both Physical Science and Biology it is strongly recommended that they have completed Algebra 1 in middle school.

**MATH:** Students should see their current math teacher for placement recommendation. Typically, students are recommended for the next class in the sequence of math courses. It is important that students have a solid foundation in math before moving forward. Current Algebra 1 (or higher) students, if you have concerns about moving on to the next course in math, you may want to consider repeating your current course.

## **Box B: Elective Choices**

**ELECTIVES:** Students will identify the course number, the course name, and the number of semesters (1 or 2) for each course. This information can be found on the back of the course selection card in the “Elective Course Offerings” area.

**Only the courses that are listed on the back of the card are being offered next year as options for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

### *Tips when choosing electives –*

- **World Languages:** Students should discuss which course to take with their current language teacher. Success in Level 1 of language in middle school (A's & B's) should prepare students for Level 2 or 3 of their language in high school. However, students should repeat if they are in doubt about their competency in the language. Two credits/years of World Language is a requirement for graduation.
- **PE/Health:** It is strongly recommended to complete part of the PE requirement in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Possible options are Wellness I/Wellness II or PE Elective/Health. You may also consider Flex options by participation 2 seasons in school sponsored sport or marching band – must take Health with this option.
- **Band:** Students choosing this elective should sign up for Concert Band or Concert Orchestra. Auditions may be conducted in the spring for students to move to other levels of band classes. For Marching Band or Jazz Band, check the box in the ZERO HOUR section near the bottom of **Box C** (Marching Band and Jazz Band are not included in elective total). Students wishing to participate in Marching Band are *required* to take Concert Band.
- **Art:** 2D and 3D art are great introductory art classes. If you are interested in Draw/Paint please note 2D Art must be taken before Draw/Paint.

## **Box C: Alternate Choices**

Please fill out **four alternate classes** in order of preference. ***Cards without alternates will not be accepted!***

## **Box D: Signatures**

Parent and student must both sign the card. Please review with your parent and use the signature feature on the fillable form to add signatures

**\*All classes must be entered online (<https://rcsvue.rochester.k12.mi.us/>) by no later than 11:59pm on Friday, March 12**

**\*\* Save completed schedule card to your desktop with the format: Last Name, 9<sup>th</sup> grade and then upload completed card to the Class of 2025 Google Classroom**