

**Arlington High School
9th Grade Orientation**

Welcome!

Class of 2016

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AVID

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9th Grade Orientation

- Handouts

AISD Course Description Handbook

AHS 9th Grade Handbook

9th Grade Course Selection Sheet &
Worksheet

AHS 9th Grade Handbook

- Graduation Plans

AISD Plan

Recommended Plan

Distinguished Achievement Plan

Graduation Requirements

AISD Plan

- 4 English Credits
- 3 Math (Alg I, Geom)
- 3 Science (Biology)

- World Hist and World Geog
- U.S. History
- Government/Economics
- .5 Communication App
- 1 Technology Application
- .5 Health/1.5 Physical Ed
- 1 Fine Arts Credit
- 5.5 Elective Credits

Recommended Plan

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math (Alg I, Geom ,Alg II)
- 4 Science (IPC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, other lab science)

- World Hist and World Geog
- U.S. History
- Government/Economics
- .5 Communication App
- 1 Technology Application
- .5 Health/1.5 Physical Ed
- 1 Fine Arts Credit
- 2 Foreign Language (same)
- 3.5 Elective Credits

Graduation Requirements

Distinguished Achievement Grad Plan

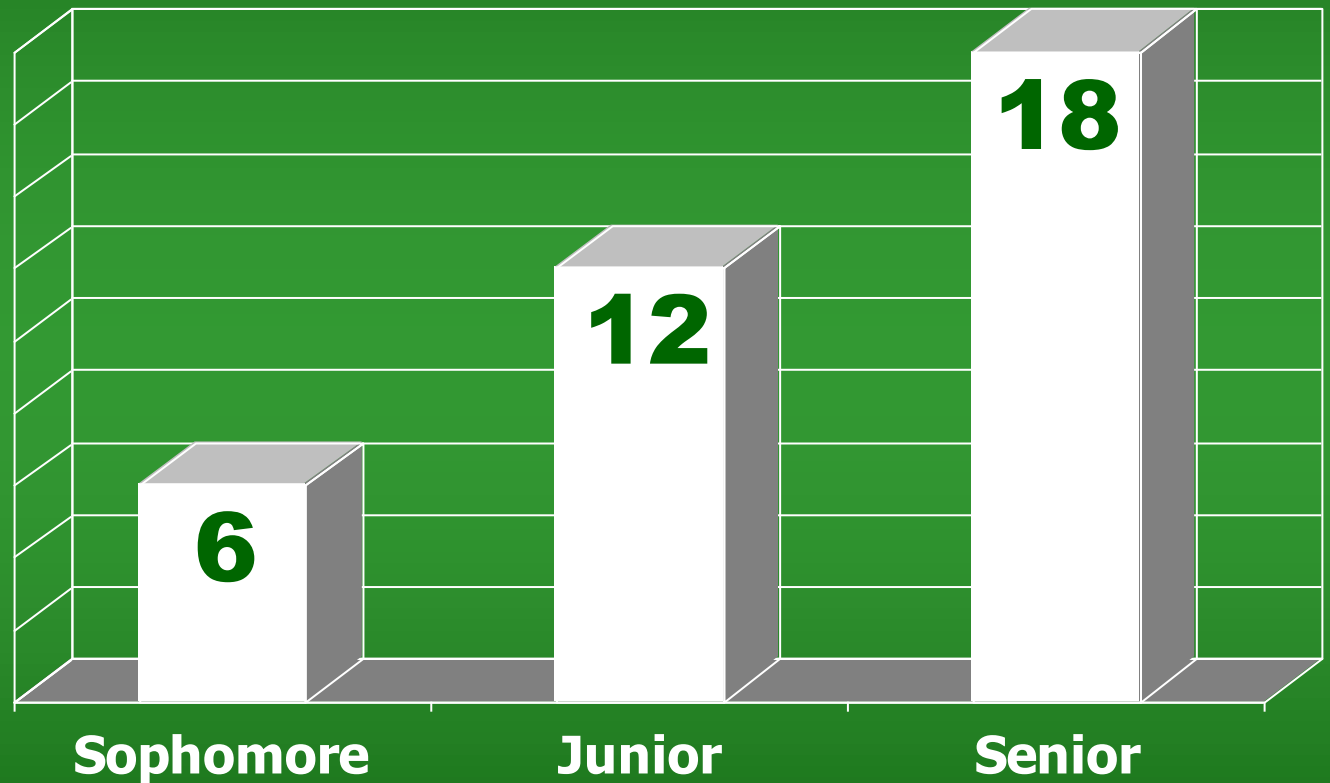
- Students must complete a 3rd year of the same foreign language (only curriculum addition). IPC cannot count as one of the science credits
- Must also meet 4 of the following criterion:
 - Score of 3 or higher on an AP exam/ score of 4 on IB exam
 - GPA of 3.0 or higher on academic college course taken while in high school
 - Original research project under the direction of mentors from local university
 - Selection as a National Merit Commended student

International Baccalaureate Program

- Incorporates international curriculum, inter-cultural understanding
- Provides university-entry credentials
- Fosters responsible, compassionate citizens
- IB courses begin in the junior year
- Students are required to complete 150 hours of community service, write an extended essay, and take the IB exams
- Students wishing to graduate with an IB diploma are encouraged to take all of the required courses as Pre-AP/AP and complete four years of a foreign language

Graduation Requirements

Classification
Credits



School Day

- School hours are from 7:35AM to 2:45PM.
- Classes are 90 minutes in length with approximately 7 minutes between classes for passing periods.
- We are on an A Day/B Day Block schedule.
 - A Day = Periods 1 – 4
 - B Day = Periods 5 - 8

Sample Schedule (with double-blocked sport)

A Day

- 1 – English I
- 2 – Biology
- 3 – 1 sem. Elective
- 4 – Athletics

B Day

- 5 – Algebra I
- 6 – World Geo.
- 7 – 1 sem. Elective
- 8 – Study Hall
(double-
blocking of
sport)

Athletics & Blocking

- Athletics is a full year program consisting of single-blocked (meets every other day) and double-blocked (meets every day) sports.
- Single-blocked – Cheerleading, Golf, Tennis, Softball
- Double-blocked – Basketball, Cross Country (Fall), Drill Team, Football, Gymnastics, Swimming, Track (Spring), Wrestling
- Single-blocked Fall / Double-blocked Spring – Soccer (Boys), Softball, Baseball
- Double-blocked Fall / Single-blocked Spring - Volleyball

PE Waivers

- ROTC
- Athletics Choose the **first** sport played in the school year
- Band
- Cheerleading
Drill Team Choose PE since these are try-out activities

Scheduling

Scheduling

- Use your Course Selection Sheet to choose your **4** Core Subjects – English, Math, Science & Social Studies.
- Next, choose your PE or Athletic Program, Band, or ROTC.

Course Selection Sheet

Basic Requirements

Circle Your Choices

for

Core Subjects

Choose Your

PE or Athletic Program,

Band, or ROTC

Arlington High School 2012-2013 Ninth Grade Course Selection Sheet

Register at www.aisd.net. Click on Parent or Student Info. Click on Career Cruising icon to view a Course Planner information video, the Student Course Guide for AHS, or to log in to Course Planner.

Use this worksheet to help you select your courses for next year. Your actual course selection will be done by you on the Career Cruising website. The counselors will meet with you twice; once to present information about the registration process and once to help you with your on-line selections.

Basic Requirements for the Recommended Graduation Plan:

4 credits of each core subject (English, math, science, social studies)	1/2 credit of Communication Applications
2 credits of the same Foreign Language	1/2 credit of Health
1 credit of Fine Arts	1 1/2 credits of PE or PE waiver or Substitute (Athletics, Band, ROTC, Cheerleading, Drill Team)
1 credit of Technology Applications	3 1/2 credits of Electives

Course Selection Worksheet

- Make sure that you choose a TOTAL of **16** semesters of courses and **4** semesters of alternative courses.
 - A full credit or a whole year course counts as **2** semesters.
 - A half credit or a semester course counts as **1** semester.
 - Below are your choices for core subjects.
- Use your Course Selection Handbook and the provided Elective Offerings sheet to choose your electives.

Circle your choices below for your core subjects.

- English** (2 semesters) English I PreAP English I PC English I ESOL I
- Math** (2 semesters) Algebra I Geometry PreAP Geometry PC Math I
- Science** (2 semesters) Biology PreAP Biology
- Social Studies** (2 semesters) World Geography PreAP World Geography
- PE** (1 semester) / **PE** (1 semester) (unless in Athletic Program, Band, or ROTC)

Physical Education (all are one semester classes) (choose 2)

Aerobics Individual Sports Team Sports Boys & Girls Weightlifting Foundations of Personal Fitness

Football
Volleyball
Baseball
Softball
Tennis
Wrestling

Boys Basketball
Boys Soccer
Boys Golf
Boys Gymnastics
Boys Swimming
Boys Cross Country (Fall)
Boys Track (Spring)

Athletics

Girls Basketball
Girls Soccer
Girls Golf
Girls Gymnastics
Girls Swimming
Girls Cross Country (Fall)
Girls Track (Spring)

Tryouts Required
Cheerleading
Drill Team
Color Guard

Scheduling

- Choose **7** Electives and Alternates from the 9th Grade Electives on the separate Elective Sheet. Number your elective choices with #1 being the elective you want to take most.
- Choose your Electives wisely since these cannot be changed after the **last day of school**.

Course Selection Worksheet

Fill in Core Subject
Selections from
Front Side

Fill in Electives
Chosen from
Elective Sheet

Including 4 Alternate
Courses

Questions?

Contact your Counselor

Name _____ ID# _____ Due Date _____

Course Selection Worksheet

Fill in your core courses based on your circled choices from the front page.
Fill in your elective choices. Choose from the "9th Grade Electives" on the additional handout.
Completing this worksheet in advance will make your on-line selection process easier.
Bring this worksheet with you completely filled in on your scheduled registration day.

	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
English		
Math		
Science		
Social Studies		
PE or PE Waiver		
Elective		
Elective		
Elective		
Alternate		
Alternate		

If you have any questions, please contact your counselor.

Alpha	Counselor	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
A - CHA	Lynn Darst	682-867-8123	ldarst@aisd.net
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Scheduling

- Fill in all choices on your Course Selection Worksheet **BEFORE** we return to your school.

Bailey **Monday, Feb. 27**

Gunn **Friday, Feb. 24**

Carter **To Be Determined**

Scheduling on Career Cruising

- You can begin scheduling your classes now on any computer that has Internet access.
- Register at www.aisd.net. Click on Student Info. Click on the Career Cruising icon to view a Course Planner informational video, the Student Course Guide for AHS, or to log in to Course Planner.

Log in to: www.careercruising.com

Username:
School
Name
(Bailey,
Carter,
Gunn)

Password:
arlington

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Username:

Password:

Start Career Cruising

Forgot your username and password?
Click here.

Questions & Answers
Likes
Dislikes
Advice
A Day in the Life

Username:
Student ID #

Password:
First 5 Letters
Of
Your Last Name
Followed
By
Your ID #

AchieveTexas

Portfolio Login

Username

Password

Login

- Your Username is your student ID
- Your Password is the first 5 letters of your last name and your student ID (eg. John Smith, smith12345)

» [Forgot my username and/or password](#)

An approved resource for



Texas Logo

This Week's Features

December 25 - January 01, 2012

ID #

First
5 Letters
of
Your
Last
Name

Portfolio Login

Username

Password

Login >>

- Your Username is your student ID
- Your Password is the first 5 letters of your last name and your student ID) (eg. John Smith, smith12345)

[» Forgot my username and/or password](#)

Explore Assessments

Learn more about yourself and careers that suit your interests. >>

Explore Careers

Search for careers and find out what they are really like. >>

Education & Training

Find out where to get the education you need to start your career. >>

Employment

Strengthen your job search skills. >>

Career Quiz

Test your career awareness with this week's quiz.

Start Quiz! >>



Interview:
Fundraiser

As a fundraiser, Seth solicits donations and organizes fundraising events for his organization. He is extremely passionate about his job because he has been able to join a cause he believes in.

[More >>](#)



PhotoFile:
Bed and Breakfast Proprietor

Travelers can look forward to a warm welcome at a bed and breakfast. Watch this B&B proprietor as she works to make her home a comfortable place for guests to stay.

[More >>](#)

Career Focus:

Careers for those with an interest in geography

If you've always been curious about the world, about how it's constructed, and how its different components interact with each other, you may want to consider a career in a geography-related field.

- » [Cartographer](#)
- » [Geologist](#)
- » [GIS Specialist](#)
- » [Hydrologist / Hydrogeologist](#)
- » [Landman](#)
- » [Land Surveyor](#)
- » [Oceanographer](#)
- » [Survey Tech](#)
- » [Tour Guide](#)
- » [Travel Agent](#)



FAQ's

- **Summer School?**

- **Watch for summer school dates, class times, and class fees on the Arlington ISD website.**

- **Forms will be available in May from junior high counselors.**

- **Athletic Study Hall?**

When a student is in a double-blocked sport, the sport will appear on their A Day schedule, but Study Hall will appear on their B Day schedule.

???Questions???

- 1. Do I have to take keyboarding?
- 2. How many athletic events can I do?
- 3. Can I do band and athletics?
- 4. Can I single-block band?
- 5. Can I take PreAP English, Science, World Geography if I was not in PreAP in the 8th grade?
- 6. Can I stay in a PreAP course if I did not do very well this year?

???Questions???

- 7. Do I have to take PE (or a PE substitute) in the 9th grade?
- 8. At AHS, how long do I have between classes? What if I get lost?
- 9. Can I go off campus for lunch?
- 10. If I change my mind about my electives, when can I change them?

Important Dates

- Trail Drive.....Monday, February 6
 - Bailey Junior High.....Monday, February 27
 - Gunn Junior High.....Friday, February 24
 - Carter Junior High.....To be determined
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- Students may make changes on their schedules in Career Cruising until March 1st. After this date, students need to contact their counselor to make changes.
 - **No elective changes after the last day of school.**

Welcome Class of 2016!

**How
sweet it is
to be in
Colt
Country!!**

