

9th Grade Course Selection

All scholars entering 9th grade will take 5 core academic courses: English, math, history, science and world language. These courses are worth 1 credit and meet 5 days per week for a full year. In addition, they will take Physical Education 1 day per week for a full year. They will take 1 term of College and Career Readiness. They can then choose 3 term-long elective courses (health, art or tech). Course descriptions can be found in the Program of Studies or in Powerschool in the Course Catalog.

9th Grade Courses

| Required Courses | | | |
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| Subject | Courses Offered | Prerequisites | How Many Courses Should Students Pick? |
| English | English I (110) | None | 1 |
| | English I Honors (111) | Teacher Recommendation | |
| Math | Algebra I (120) | None | 1 |
| | Algebra I Honors (121) | Teacher Recommendation | |
| Science | Biology (130) | None | 1 <i>(Students on the Accelerated Science Track will take Chemistry instead of a history course)</i> |
| | Biology Honors (131) | Teacher Recommendation | |
| | Chemistry (230) <i>Accelerated Track</i> | Teacher Recommendation | |
| History | World History I (140) | None | 1 |
| World Language | Spanish I (150) | None | 1 |
| | Mandarin I (153) | None | |
| | Spanish for Spanish Speakers (550) | Teacher Recommendation | |
| PE | Physical Education (271) | None | 1 |
| CCR | CCR I (180) | None | 1 |
| Art | Art I (168) | None | 1 |
| Music | Music I (160) | None | 1 |
| Technology | Technology I (179) | None | 1 |

Neighborhood House Charter School Graduation Requirements

Coursework: NHCS Scholars must earn a minimum of 22 credits in order to graduate. In order to earn credit Scholars must end the cumulative marking period with an average at or above 70.

| Subject Area | Credits Needed |
|--|----------------|
| English | 4 |
| Math | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| World Language | 3 |
| History | 3 |
| Additional Core (Science, History OR World Language) | 1 |
| Art/Technology | 1 |
| College & Career Readiness | 1 |
| Additional credits in any subject | 2 |
| Total | 22 |

Assessment: NHCS Scholars must

- Earn a proficient score on the English Language Arts and Mathematics grade 10 MCAS tests, and a passing score on the Science Technology and Engineering MCAS
- or*
- Earn a passing score on the English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science Technology and Engineering MCAS and fulfill the requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP).

Future Planning: NHCS Scholars must

- complete an application to a 2 or 4 year college and complete a Post-Secondary Success Plan