



2021-2022 School Year

High School Online Course Catalog

This course catalog provides descriptions for the online courses available to students enrolled at Pivot Charter School. In addition to these courses, Pivot Charter School offers a variety of elective courses that can be taken by students at the resource center. Ask your EC for a current list of available on-site elective courses.

Students can also earn high school credit for taking college courses at their local community or junior college. Ask your EC for help with concurrent enrollment if you are interested in taking college courses for credit toward high school graduation.

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English	AP English Language A/B AP English Literature A/B Business English A/B Creative Writing English 9 A/B English 10 A/B English 11 A/B	English 12 A/B Expository Writing Gothic Literature Media Literacy Mythology & Folklore
Foreign Language	French 1 A/B French 2 A/B Spanish 1 A/B	Spanish 2 A/B Spanish 3 A/B
Government	AP US Government US Government	
Life Science	AP Biology A/B AP Environmental Science A/B Biology A/B	Environmental Studies A/B Introduction to Marine Biology Introduction to Veterinary Science
Mathematics	Algebra 1 A/B Algebra 2 A/B AP Calculus A/B AP Statistics A/B Consumer Math A Expanded Algebra 1 A (first half) Expanded Algebra 1 A (second half) Expanded Algebra 1 B (first half) Expanded Algebra 1 B (second half)	Financial Algebra A/B Integrated Mathematics I A/B Integrated Mathematics II A/B Integrated Mathematics III A/B Geometry A/B Pre-Algebra A/B Pre-Calculus A/B Statistics & Probability A/B

Physical Education	Independent Study PE Physical Education A / Health Physical Education B	Physical Education C PCS Physical Education A PCS Physical Education B
Physical Science	AP Chemistry A/B Chemistry A/B Earth Science A/B Introduction to Astronomy	Introduction to Forensic Science Physical Science A/B Physics A/B
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VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts)	Art Appreciation Graphic Design & Illustration A/B Introduction to Visual Arts	Music Appreciation A/B Professional Photography A/B Theater, Cinema & Film Production
World History	World History A/B	

Community Service

Community Service

Pivot Charter School high school students are required to participate in 40 hours of community service each year that they are enrolled. Community service includes activities such as working for a soup kitchen, a church, or a nursing home. The community service performed must help better the community as a whole and not benefit or promote any one group or business. It also does not include assisting the student's parent/guardian or anything for which the student receives compensation. The verification of hours must be signed by a staff person or supervisor of the organization with whom the student participated; the form may not be signed by the student's parent/guardian. There are several types of Community Service: Direct (person-to-person, face-to-face service), Indirect (working on broad issues, advocacy, environmental project, community development), Research-Based (gathering and presenting information on areas of interest and need), or Advocacy (educating others about topics of public interest).

This course is graded as Pass/Fail. Students can earn 5 credits for completing 40+ hours of community service and 2.5 credits for completing 20-40 hours of community service.

CTE (Career Technical Education)

Accounting 1 A/B



Accounting 1 examines how to make decisions about planning, organizing, and allocating resources using accounting procedures. Throughout the course, students focus on double-entry accounting; methods and principles of recording business transactions; the preparation of various documents used in recording revenues, expenses, assets, and liabilities; and the preparation of financial statements.

This course allows students to explore careers in accounting while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Students will engage in project-based activities such as analyzing financial statements; implementing the accounts payable and accounts receivable process; and determining payroll expenses and taxes. Active learning ensures that students continually focus on the technical and interpersonal skills necessary to prepare them for workplace. In addition, students will evaluate the roles and qualifications required for specific accounting careers so they can identify opportunities of interest to them.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Accounting 2 A/B



Accounting 2 builds on the foundation acquired in Accounting 1, allowing students to extend their skills and knowledge in the subject. The course focuses on various managerial, financial, and operational accounting activities that require the formulation, interpretation, and communication of financial information for use in management decision making. Students will use equations, graphical representations, accounting tools, spreadsheet software, and accounting systems in real-world situations to maintain, monitor, control, and plan the use of financial resources.

This course allows students to explore careers in accounting while learning financial skills applicable to any professional setting. Students engage in project-based activities such as analyzing financial statements, implementing the accounts payable and accounts receivable process, and determining payroll expenses and taxes. Active learning ensures that students continually focus on the technical and interpersonal skills necessary to prepare them for workplace. In addition, students evaluate the roles and qualifications required for specific accounting careers, so they can identify opportunities that interest them.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources A/B



Throughout this California course, your students will learn about various career options in the agriculture, food, and natural resources industries. They will learn about technology, safety, and regulatory issues in agricultural science. They will also learn about some topics related to agriculture, such as international agriculture and world trade, sustainability, environmental management, research, development, and future trends in the industry. The course helps students navigate the rising demand for sustainable food sources while also meeting the challenge of producing higher yields to feed a growing world.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Applied Medical Terminology A/B



The course is based on California state standards for Career and Technical Education (CTE) designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the healthcare industry. Semester A will help students identify and understand the medical terminology used for various diseases and medical procedures related to each body system. Semester B will help the students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on personal and employability skills. Additionally, the students will learn how to implement technology and healthcare tools to collate data and determine treatments.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Architecture & Construction A/B



This interactive California course empowers students with the knowledge to appreciate and evaluate career opportunities in architecture and construction. With an emphasis on developing critical thinking skills, this one-semester course includes a variety of activities as students learn about structures and loads, materials and costs, urban design, and other aspects of these fascinating career opportunities. This easy-to-manage course will help build a solid foundation for their career options.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Artificial Intelligence



This one-semester course is focused on the history, applications, and innovations of artificial intelligence. Students will learn about intelligence agents, problem solving using search algorithms, knowledge representation, and reasoning in artificial intelligence. Students will also learn about the basic concepts of machine learning and natural language processing (NLP). Students will also learn about expert systems, computer vision and robotics. This 12-lesson course also covers ethics and safety related to artificial intelligence. Online discussions and course activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Audio/Video Production 1 A/B



This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of audio video production. The course will help the students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on pre-production, production, and post-production audio and video activities. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the audio video production industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Audio/Video Production 2 A/B



This course is designed to enable students at high school level to develop the knowledge and skills related to audio video techniques that they can use in their careers. This course discusses the elements of audio video production, pre production activities, media production techniques, and post production activities. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the audio video production industry.

Prerequisite: Audio/Video Production 1 A & 1 B
Curriculum: Edmentum

Audio/Video Production 3 A/B



This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to understand the basic concepts in audio video manufacturing. Students will learn about pre production techniques, advanced production techniques, advanced post-production techniques, mastering production techniques, special effects and animation, careers, and audio video production laws. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in audio video production.

Prerequisite: Audio/Video Production 2 A & 2 B
Curriculum: Edmentum

Business Applications



Business Applications prepares students to succeed in the workplace. Students begin by establishing an awareness of the roles essential to an organization's success, and then work to develop an understanding of professional communications and leadership skills. In doing so, students gain proficiency with word processing, email, and presentation management software.

This course allows students to explore careers in business while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will create, analyze, and critique reports, letters, project plans, presentations, and other professional communications. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities that are of interest to them.

Business Applications is an introductory level Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in business, management, and administration; information technology; and other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course can go on to obtain the Microsoft® Office Specialist: Microsoft® Office Word certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Business Information Management A/B



This course is designed to enable students at high school level to develop information management skills that they can use during their careers in business organizations. This course discusses career opportunities available in Business Information Management, computing technology for business, connecting through the Internet, working with documents, working with spreadsheets, working with a presentation program, working with databases, web page design, and project management. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the business information management industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Career Explorations

 LAA  UPREP

The 21 lessons and additional activities in this one-semester course are fundamental to ensuring career readiness on the part of your students. Covering such essentials as developing and practicing a strong work ethic, time management, communication, teamwork, and the fundamentals of workplace organizations, California Career Explorations develops not just essential skills, but the confidence in themselves and their abilities to present themselves that your students need as they prepare to embark on their chosen careers.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Child Development

 LAA  UPREP

As adulthood and its accompanying responsibilities become closer for many of your students, this one-semester course with 12 lessons introduces them to the basics of parenting. Students will learn the nuances of parenting including learning about prenatal and postnatal care and gain insights on the nurture of children. Students will also learn about the importance of positive parenting skills, parent-child communication, and ways to use community resources for effective parenting. Activities will help your students connect leading research to real-life experience.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Computer Applications

 LAA  UPREP

Computer Applications provides an introduction to software applications that prepares students to succeed in the workplace and beyond. Students will develop an understanding of professional communications and leadership skills while gaining proficiency with word processing, email, and presentation management software. Students will also be able to demonstrate digital literacy through basic study web publishing and design, spreadsheets and database software.

This course allows students to explore careers in the fields of business and information technology while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will create, analyze, and critique reports, letters, project plans, presentations, and other professional communications. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities that are of interest to them.

Computer Applications is an introductory level Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in Business Management and Administration, Information Technology, and other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Computer Programming 1 A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Computer Programming combines engaging online and offline activities in a rigorous one-semester course for your high school students who may be aspiring to technical careers. Building on lessons covering the software development lifecycle and software development methodologies, the course uses online discussions, activities, and lessons to lead your students through additional key topics such as quality control, system implementation, and maintenance and the increasingly important issue of system security.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Computing for College & Careers A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable students at the high school level to develop basic computer skills that they can use during their college education and also in their careers. This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to develop the critical skills and knowledge that they will need to be successful in careers throughout their lives. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers and/or into postsecondary education.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Culinary Arts A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This California course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of culinary arts. Students will trace the origin and development of the culinary arts. They will also discuss important contributions made by chefs, notable culinary figures, and entrepreneurs. They'll analyze how trends in society influence trends in the food service industry. In addition, they'll examine the social and economic significance of the food service industry. This course also covers topics in health, sanitation, and sanitation, culinary skills, and more. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in the culinary industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Digital & Interactive Media A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This is an effective and comprehensive introduction to careers in the rapidly expanding world of digital art. The course covers creative and practical aspects of digital art in 15 lessons that are enhanced with online discussions and a variety of activities. Beginning with a history of digital art, the course goes on to issues of design, color, and layout. While students will experience creation of digital art, they will also learn about converting traditional art to digital formats. The California course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in the digital media industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Drafting & Design A/B

 LAA  UPREP

From the history of drafting and design to a look at the latest in the industry's latest computer-aided tools, this California course gives your students a comprehensive look at a dynamic and in-demand career. With 14 effective lessons and five engaging activities that lead to mastery of the course content, the course review and end of course assessment help ensure that mastery. The course features skill-embedded content that connects student learning to real-life experiences.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Education & Training A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This California course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of

education and training. Students will learn about the various trends and factors that influence the education industry. This course introduces various career opportunities in the field of education. The units in this course include personal and professional skills needed in various education careers, child growth and development, child health, delivering instruction, and technology in education. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the education industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Electronic Communication Skills

 LAA  UPREP

This semester-long course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers and/or into postsecondary education. It is designed to enable students at high school level to develop electronic communication skills that they can use in their careers.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Engineering & Technology A/B

 LAA  UPREP

The first part of this course is intended to help you familiarize yourself with engineering systems and technologies. It covers the evolution of engineering and technology, careers in engineering, and engineering systems and technologies. The second part of this course is intended to help you familiarize yourself with the process of engineering design and examine manufacturing technologies and processes. It covers the concepts in engineering design, manufacturing processes and materials, communication skills, and team and resource management.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Entrepreneurship A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This California course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students understand the roles and attributes of an entrepreneur, marketing and its components, selling process, and operations management. This course discusses entrepreneurship and the economy, marketing fundamentals, managing customers, production and operations management, money, and business law and taxation.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Essential Career Skills

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to develop the critical skills and knowledge that they will need to be successful in careers throughout their lives. The course is based on California state standards for Career and Technical Education (CTE) to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers and/or into postsecondary education.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Game Development

 LAA  UPREP

Are any of your students gamers? That's what we thought. In this course, they'll learn the ins and outs of

game development to prepare them for a career in the field. Whether it is the history of video games, character development, mobile game design, user interface design, social gaming, or the principles of development design and methodologies, this 20-lesson course covers it all. As you might guess, games are included in the course to enhance the learning experience and help assess student progress. While fun and highly engaging, the course focuses on laying a strong foundation for a career in game development.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Government & Public Administration A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This California course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of government and public administration. Students explore career opportunities in the field of government and public administration. They also learn about the career-related skills, such as job acquisition skills, reading and writing, and mathematics they need to possess as professionals in this field. They learn about the safe and healthy working conditions necessary in the field of government and public administration. This course covers topics such as: the influence of geography and technology, and networking and communication as they relate to government and public administration. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in government and public administration industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Graphic Design & Illustration A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This California course will help students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on topics such as history of graphic design, types of digital images, graphic design tools, storing and manipulating images, design elements and principles, copyright laws, and printing images. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the graphic design industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Health Science 1 A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of health science. The course will help the students develop an understanding of biomolecules such as proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids; biological and chemical processes; and various diseases that affect the body. The course is based on California Education standards for Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the health science industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Health Science 2 A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of health science. The course will help the students develop an understanding of biomolecules such as proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids; biological and chemical processes; and various diseases that affect the body. The course is based on California Education standards for Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards

designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the health science industry.

Prerequisite: Health Science 1 A & 1 B
Curriculum: Edmentum

Hospitality & Tourism A/B

 LAA  UPREP

With an engaging and interactive instructional approach, this rigorous course provides your students with a comprehensive overview of health science topics and careers. Health science professionals are in increasing demand and of increasing interest, and this California course is an effective way to introduce students to the wide array of health science careers. Beginning with medical terminology, the course includes an overview of physiology and human homeostasis and more.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Human Resources Principles A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Human Resources Principles examines the main functions of human resources management, including planning, recruitment, selection, training, development, compensation, and evaluation. In so doing, the course provides students with the tools to hire, manage, and fire employees. Students will also explore the unique role of human resources in the larger organization.

This course allows students to explore careers in business while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will create a recruiting plan, develop a strategy to promote a positive organizational culture, and analyze the impact of globalization on the human resources. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities of interest to them.

Human Resources Principles is a full-year intermediate or capstone Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in the Business, Management and Administration career cluster. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue certifications such as Associate Professional in Human Resources, Certified Administrative Manager, or Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)®.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Human Services A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to develop the critical skills and knowledge necessary in the human services industry. Students will learn about various personal characteristics that they need to demonstrate in the workplace, such as integrity, and positive work ethics. This course covers topics such as employability skills, counseling and mental health services, and consumer services. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in the human services field.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Information Technology Applications



Information Technology Applications prepares students to work in the field of Information Technology. Students will be able to demonstrate digital literacy through basic study of computer hardware, operating systems, networking, the Internet, web publishing, spreadsheets and database software. Through a series of hand-on activities, students will learn what to expect in the field of Information Technology and begin exploring career options in the field.

Information Technology Applications is an introductory level Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in information technology as well as other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue the Microsoft® Office Specialist certifications in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access, as well as IC3 certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

International Business



International Business is a one-semester course that covers the fundamentals of international business, international business transactions, and how a business can go global. In this course, students will learn about what international business is and how globalization has impacted it. They will learn about global trade and investment policies, and politics and laws that impact international business. Students will also learn about the International Monetary Fund, foreign exchange and global capital markets, key world economies, and economic cooperation across countries. The course also covers strategies to enter the international market along with factors like strategic planning, marketing, global sourcing, and logistics, human resource management, and employability skills. Students also learn about the cultural elements involved in conducting international business. Online discussions and course activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Android Mobile App Development



This course is designed to introduce students to the process involved in creating a mobile app. Students learn about history of and upcoming trends in mobile app development. They explore career options in mobile app development and describe skills and training required for mobile app development. They also describe the types of apps available in the market. Moreover, they learn about platforms for developing Android mobile apps. Further, they learn about the Android development environment. Finally, they create the user interface of an app and make it interactive in Android Studio.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Business & Technology A/B



Introduction to Business and Technology provides the foundational knowledge and skills students need for careers in business and technology. Throughout the course, students gain a knowledge of business principles and communication skills, an understanding of the impact of financial and marketing decisions, and proficiency in the technologies required by business. Students will also learn the essentials of working in a business environment, managing a business, and owning a business.

This course allows students to explore careers in business and information technology while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a variety of hands-on activities, students will engage with word processing, presentation, and spreadsheet software and explore operating systems, networking, and the Internet. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities of interest to them.

Introduction to Business and Technology is a full-year introductory Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in the Business, Management and Administration and Information Technology career clusters, as well as other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue certifications such as Microsoft® Office Specialist certifications in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access, as well as IC3 certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Introduction to Criminology

 LAA  UPREP

Introduction to Criminology is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that cover the theories related to criminology. The target audience for this course is high school students. This course covers subject areas such as: classical theory, positivist theory, punishing offenders, routine activity theory, labeling theory, social disorganization theory, peacemaking criminology, and many more.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Cybersecurity

 LAA  UPREP

This Elective course introduces students to the field of cybersecurity, focusing primarily on personal computer use and vulnerabilities while also highlighting the wider scope of cybersecurity from a societal and career perspective. Specific topics include computer security, VPN and wireless security, risk management, and laws, standards, and ethics related to cybersecurity.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Fashion Design

 LAA  UPREP

From Components of Fashion to Haute Couture to Production, this course is focused on the practical aspects of career preparation in the fashion design industry. The 17 lessons in the course provide students with both breadth and depth, as they explore the full gamut of relevant topics in fashion design. Online discussions and course activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged. Fascinating and practical, Introduction to Fashion design will appeal to, and enrich, many of your students.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Finance

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable students at high school level to develop financial skills that they can use during their careers in business organizations. Financial literacy is an increasingly essential capability as students prepare for the workforce, and this 18-lesson course provides the information they need to

determine if a career in finance is right for them. The course uses games and online discussions to effectively facilitate learning, while introducing your learners to a variety of topics, including investment strategies, money management, asset valuation, and personal finance. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the finance industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to iOS Mobile App Development

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to introduce students to the process involved in creating an app. Students learn about history of and upcoming trends in mobile app development. They explore career options in mobile app development and describe skills and training required for mobile app development. They also describe the types of apps available in the market. Moreover, they learn about various platforms for developing iOS mobile apps. Further, they learn about the iOS development environment. Finally, they create the user interface of an app and make it interactive in Xcode.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Military Careers

 LAA  UPREP

This one-semester course introduces the US military and describes each of its branches, which include the National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force. Students also learn about the relationship of the military reserve to the branches of the military. The course covers non-combat careers in the military, such as military intelligence, information technology, health care, legal services, logistics, aviation, and transportation, and other specialized careers. This course also covers enlistment and fitness requirements for military careers and personal traits that are essential for success in the military. The 16 lessons in the course provide students with both breadth and depth, as they learn about the US Military. Online discussions and course activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security A/B

 LAA  UPREP

For many reasons, high school students are drawn to learning about the careers addressed in this course. This California course includes 15 lessons that help students learn about careers that make a powerful impact in all of our lives. From criminal law to every phase of the trial process, the course moves on to include lessons on the correctional system and the implications of legal ethics and the constitution.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Legal Environment of Business A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Legal Environment of Business examines the role of the law on all aspects of business ownership and management. Throughout the course, students focus on legal ethics, court procedures, torts, contracts, consumer law, property law, employment law, environmental law, and international law. Students also explore the impact of laws, regulations, and judicial decisions on society at large.

This course allows students to explore careers in business while learning skills applicable to any professional

setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will prepare legal documents, create a compliance plan, and research consumer protection issues. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities of interest to them.

Legal Environment of Business is a full-year intermediate or capstone Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in the Business, Management and Administration career cluster. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue certifications such as Accredited Legal Professional, Certified Administrative Manager, or Certified Associate in Project Management®.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Manufacturing A/B

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

California Principles of Manufacturing is a course comprising of 15 lessons to help your students understand various manufacturing processes, concepts, and systems, and to introduce them to the various career paths available to them in manufacturing. This course emphasizes STEM principles while also covering practical aspects of manufacturing such as marketing and regulatory issues, as well as issues related to launching and managing a manufacturing business.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Marketing, Advertising & Sales

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Issues in marketing, advertising, and sales promotion are evolving rapidly in an increasingly digital environment. This California course effectively helps your students prepare for a career in that environment through a comprehensive look at essential marketing principles, interactive tools and channels, and the growing impact of data in marketing and advertising. Simple to manage and easy to customize, the course provides an overview of all of the fundamental topics necessary to effectively put your students on a career path that unleashes their creativity and develops and leverages their critical thinking skills.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Nutrition & Wellness

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This one-semester course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide. It has 17 lessons that cover basic knowledge about nutrition and wellness such as basic concepts of nutrition, digestive and metabolic processes, nutrient requirements, dietary guidelines, the importance of physical fitness, community health issues, food management, and careers in the field of nutrition and wellness.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance A/B

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance provides the knowledge and skills students need for careers in business and marketing. Students begin exploring roles and functions that business and marketing play in a global society, develop an understanding of the marketplace, as well as understanding product placement and promotion.

Students analyze the impact of government, legal systems, and organized labor on business; develop an understanding of business communications and management; and explore legal, ethical, and financial issues in business and marketing. Furthermore, students delve into basic economic concepts including personal finance, economic systems, cost-profit relationships, and economic indicators and trends.

Using hands-on activities, students reinforce, apply and transfer academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant real-world inspired scenarios. This course focuses on developing knowledge and skills around marketing, pricing, distribution and management, while also focusing on economics and interpersonal skills. This course also addresses exploring career options in business and marketing as well as securing and keeping a job.

Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance is a full-year Career and Technical course for programs of study in Business Administration and Management. This course is built to state and national standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Principles of Health Science A/B



Principles of Health Science provides knowledge and skills students need for careers in health care. Students explore the services, structure, and professions of the healthcare system and get guidance on choosing a specific career path in health services, including career paths in emergency medicine, nutrition, and alternative medicine.

Students focus on day-to-day skills and expectations for health professionals, which include promoting wellness, maintaining a safe environment, creating medical records, and practicing good communication, collaboration, and leadership. In addition, students will expand their understanding of health and safety systems, how to address emergency situations, and deal with infection control issues. Students will also explore topics in medical science, terminology, procedures, and regulations - including an overview of physiology and medical measurements.

Using real-life scenarios and application-driven activities, students learn the responsibilities and challenges of being health care professionals and deepen their knowledge of various career options. In addition to building their understanding of technical concepts and skills, students evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers and develop personal career plans to pursue work in the healthcare industry and extend their knowledge of oral and written communication in health science.

Principles of Health Science is a full-year Career and Technical Education course for programs of study in health sciences. This course is built to state and national standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Principles of Information Technology A/B



Principles of Information Technology prepares students to succeed in the workplace. Students begin by establishing an awareness of the roles essential to an organization's success, and then work to develop an understanding of professional communications and leadership skills. In doing so, students gain proficiency with word processing, email, and presentation management software. Students will also be able to demonstrate digital literacy through basic study of computer hardware, operating systems, networking, the Internet, web publishing, spreadsheets and database software.

This course allows students to explore careers in information technology and business while learning skills

applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will create, analyze, and critique reports, letters, project plans, presentations, and other professional communications. Students will learn what to expect in the field of Information Technology and begin exploring career options in the field. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities that are of interest to them.

Principles of Information Technology is a full-year introductory Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in business, management, and administration; information technology; and other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue the Microsoft® Office Specialist certifications in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access*, as well as IC3 certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Professional Communications



This California course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to develop communication skills they will need to be successful in a profession. Students learn about the key aspects of the communication process. They learn to apply communication protocol and appropriate language skills in professional and social communication. Students also explore effective strategies to address diversity in communication. Finally, students familiarize themselves with reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. This course covers topics such as communication in business organizations and technology for communication. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for communication in a wide range of professions.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Professional Photography A/B



Few recent technical innovations have changed an industry as fundamentally as digital photography has changed everything about the way we capture our lives in the way we take, edit, store, and share pictures. Digital Photography provides you with the flexibility to not only use it as an independent individual course or as a group or class course, but to also easily customize the course to the unique needs of your situation. The course combines 15 lessons with online discussions that promote the development of critical thinking skills as your students explore digital photography as an enriching activity or a career. The course is based on California Education standards for Career and Technical Education (CTE) to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the photography industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Robotics I A/B



This two-semester course is focused on the concepts related to robots and how to construct a robot. Students will learn about the history and applications of robotics. Students will learn about the job opportunities and employability skills in the field of robotics. Students will also learn about the basic concepts of six simple machines, electricity, electronic circuits, Boolean algebra, magnetism, and their applicability to robotics. Students will apply safety procedures and construct a simple robot. Students will also learn about project management and engineering design process. Students will learn about the programming languages used in robotics. Students will create a simple robotic arm. Students will also construct a robot using programming. Student will learn about ethics and laws related to robotics. Students will also learn how to test

and maintain a robot. Online discussions and unit activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Sports & Entertainment Marketing

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This California course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to develop skills they will need to be successful in sports, entertainment, and recreational marketing professions. Students learn about the structure of a business firm and financial statements. Students also learn about the basics of sports, entertainment, and recreation marketing. Finally, students explore essential career skills, such as teamwork and time management. This course covers topics such as marketing staples, mapping markets, marketing communication, and making the sale. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in sports, entertainment, and recreational marketing field.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics A/B

 LAA  UPREP

In an increasingly interconnected world, this course will introduce your students to an industry that delivers what people want, when and how they want it. The TDL industry is essential to creating global economic growth through increasingly more efficient delivery of goods and services. This California course will help to develop both the quantitative and qualitative skills and knowledge required for students to prepare themselves for a successful TDL career. The course addresses the relevant logistical and geopolitical issues that impact global trade.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Web Technologies A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Whether they know it or not, almost all of your students have an interest in web design. This California course takes them inside the essentials of web design and helps them discover what makes a site truly engaging and interactive. Lessons such as Elements of Design, Effects of Color, and Typography help them understand the elements of effective and dynamic web design. The course covers the basics of HTML, CSS, and how to organize content, and helps to prepare them for a career in web design.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Economics

AP Macroeconomics

 LAA  UPREP

AP Macroeconomics students learn why and how the world economy can change from month to month, how to identify trends in our economy, and how to use those trends to develop performance measures and predictors of economic growth or decline. They'll also examine how individuals, institutions, and influences affect people, and how those factors can impact everyone's life through employment rates, government spending, inflation, taxes, and production. The equivalent of a 100-level college-level class, this course

prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in business, political science and history.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Algebra 2 A & 2 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

AP Microeconomics



AP Microeconomics studies the behavior of individuals and businesses as they exchange goods and services in the marketplace. Students will learn why the same product costs different amounts at different stores, in different cities, at different times. They'll also learn to spot patterns in economic behavior and how to use those patterns to explain buyer and seller behavior under various conditions. Microeconomics studies the economic way of thinking, understanding the nature and function of markets, the role of scarcity and competition, the influence of factors such as interest rates on business decisions, and the role of government in promoting a healthy economy. The equivalent of a 100-level college course, AP Microeconomics prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in business, history, and political science.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Economics



Economics offers a tightly focused and scaffolded curriculum that provides an introduction to key economic principles. The course covers fundamental properties of economics, including an examination of markets from both historical and current perspectives; the basics of supply and demand; the theories of early economic philosophers such as Adam Smith and David Ricardo; theories of value; the concept of money and how it evolved; the role of banks, investment houses, and the Federal Reserve; Keynesian economics; the productivity, wages, investment, and growth involved in capitalism; unemployment, inflations, and the national debt; and a survey of markets in areas such as China, Europe, and the Middle East.

Economics is designed to fall in the fourth year of social studies instruction. Students perfect their analytic writing through a scaffolded series of analytic assignments and written lesson tests. They also apply basic mathematics to economic concepts. Students read selections from annotated primary documents and apply those readings to the course content.

This course is built to state standards and further informed by standards from the National Council for History Education, the National Center for History in the Schools, and the National Council for Social Studies.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Electives

Any course not fulfilling a specific graduation requirement or that goes over the minimum requirements may be counted as an elective course. Elective courses can also be found in the CTE, Technology, or VAPA categories.

Academic Success

✓ LAA ✗ UPREP

As in other areas of life, success in academics results from learning and practicing positive habits. This one-semester elective provides practical, hands-on guidance on developing and improving study habits and skills, regardless of a student's level of accomplishment. Academic Success includes five lessons and two course activities in a flexible structure that is adaptable to the needs and circumstances of individual students. The course can also be used for college-level developmental education.

Curriculum: Edmentum

African American Studies

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This semester-long course traces the experiences of Africans in the Americas from 1500 to the present day. In this course, students will explore history, politics, and culture. Although the course proceeds in chronological order, lessons are also grouped by themes and trends in African American history. Therefore, some time periods and important people are featured in more than one lesson.

Curriculum: Edmentum

AP Psychology

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

AP Psychology provides an overview of current psychological research methods and theories. Students will explore the therapies used by professional counselors and clinical psychologists and examine the reasons for normal human reactions: how people learn and think, the process of human development and human aggression, altruism, intimacy, and self-reflection. They will study core psychological concepts, such as the brain and sense functions, and learn to gauge human reactions, gather information, and form meaningful syntheses. Along the way, students will also investigate relevant concepts like study skills and information retention. The equivalent of an introductory college-level survey course, AP Psychology prepares students for the AP exam and for further studies in psychology or life sciences.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Biology 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

College and Career Preparation A/B

✓ LAA ✗ UPREP

High school students have many questions about the college application process, what it takes to be a successful college student, and how to begin thinking about their careers.

In College and Career Preparation A, students obtain a deeper understanding of what it means to be ready for college. Students are informed about the importance of high school performance in college admissions and how to prepare for college testing. They know the types of schools and degrees they may choose to pursue after high school and gain wide exposure to the financial resources available that make college attainable. Career readiness is also a focus. Students connect the link between interests, college majors, and future careers by analyzing career clusters. Students come away from this course understanding how smart preparation and skill development in high school can lead into expansive career opportunities after they have completed their education and are ready for the working world.

In College and Career Preparation B, students are provided a step-by-step guide to choosing a college. It

walks students through the process of filling out an application, including opportunities to practice, and takes an in-depth look at the various college-admission tests and assessments, as well financial aid options. College and Career Preparation B also instructs students in interviewing techniques and provides career guidance. Students explore valuable opportunities such as job shadowing and internships when preparing for a career.

This course is built to the American School Counselors Association National Standards for school counseling programs.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Creative Writing



Creative Writing is an English elective course that focuses on the exploration of short fiction and poetry, culminating in a written portfolio that includes one revised short story and three to five polished poems. Students draft, revise, and polish fiction and poetry through writing exercises, developing familiarity with literary terms and facility with the writing process as they study elements of creative writing.

Elements of fiction writing explored in this course include attention to specific detail, observation, character development, setting, plot, and point of view. In the poetry units, students learn about the use of sensory details and imagery, figurative language, and sound devices including rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. They also explore poetic forms ranging from found poems and slam poetry to traditional sonnets and villanelles.

In addition to applying literary craft elements in guided creative writing exercises, students engage in critical reading activities designed to emphasize the writing craft of a diverse group of authors. Students study short stories by authors such as Bharati Mukherjee and Edgar Allan Poe, learning how to create believable characters and develop setting and plot. Likewise, students read poetry by canonical greats such as W. B. Yeats and Emily Dickinson as well as contemporary writers such as Pablo Neruda, Sherman Alexie, and Alice Notley. Studying the writing technique of a range of authors provides students with models and inspiration as they develop their own voices and refine their understanding of the literary craft.

By taking a Creative Writing course, students find new approaches to reading and writing that can affect them on a personal level, as the skills they gain in each lesson directly benefit their own creative goals. Students who are already actively engaged writers and readers learn additional tools and insight into the craft of writing to help them further hone their skills and encourage their creative as well as academic growth.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards.

Prerequisite: English 10 A & 10 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

English Foundations 1 A/B



English Foundations I supports adolescent literacy development at the critical stage between decoding and making meaning from text. Through intensive reading and writing skills instruction, deep practice sets, consistent formative feedback, graduated reading levels, and helpful strategy tips, the course leads students to improved comprehension and text handling.

Semester 1 provides instruction in basic reading skills and vocabulary building. The student learns what a successful reader does to attack words and sentences and make meaning from them. Semester 2 provides

instruction in basic writing skills, introduces academic tools, and demonstrates effective study skills. The student learns step-by-step processes for building effective paragraphs and learns how to use academic tools such as reference books and outlines. To provide additional support, the course uses text features and visual clues to draw students' attention to important information. The use of text features is also designed to help students internalize strategies for comprehending informational text.

Characters appear throughout the instruction to offer tips and fix-up strategies in an authentic, first-person, think-aloud format. Their inclusion makes transparent the reading processes that go on inside the mind of a successful reader. This extra metacognitive support serves to bolster student confidence and provide a model of process and perseverance.

Numerous practice opportunities are provided in the form of assessments that move from no stakes to low stakes to high stakes throughout a unit. This practice is centered on authentic and age-appropriate passages that are written in a topical framework and use controlled syntax and vocabulary. The difficulty of these passages gradually increases from a 3rd- to 5th grade reading level over the duration of the course. Additional support is offered through significant formative feedback in practice and assessment.

This course guides students through the reading, writing, and basic academic skills needed to prepare for success in academic coursework. At the end of the course, the student should be poised for continued success in the academic world. The content is based on extensive national and state standards research and consultation with reading specialists and classroom teachers. This course is built to state standards for reading and writing and informed by NCTE/IRA reading and writing standards.

Note: Covers grades 3-5 content. Approval required and must be taken concurrently with grade level English.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

English Foundations 2 A/B



English Foundations II offers a year of skill building and strategy development in reading and writing. Semester one is a reading program designed to help struggling readers develop mastery in the areas of reading comprehension, vocabulary building, study skills, and media literacy. Semester two is a writing program which builds confidence in composition fundamentals by focusing on the areas of composing, grammar, style, and media literacy. Both semesters are structured around ten mini-units which offer interactive instruction and guided practice in each of the four learning strands. Students read for a variety of purposes and write for a variety of audiences. The workshops stress high interest, engaging use of technology, relevant topics, and robustly scaffolded practice. Students learn to use different types of graphic organizers as they develop and internalize reading and writing process strategies. They build confidence as they develop skills and experience success on numerous low stakes assessments that encourage growth and reinforce learning.

Note: Covers grades 6-8 content. Approval required and must be taken concurrently with grade level English.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Ethnic Studies



Ethnic Studies is a one-semester history and sociology course that examines the multicultural fabric of the United States. The course emphasizes the perspectives of minority groups while allowing students from all backgrounds to better understand and appreciate how race, culture and ethnicity, and identity contribute to their experiences.

Major topics in the course include identity, immigration, assimilation and distinctiveness, power and oppression, struggles for rights, regionalism, culture and the media, and the formation of new cultures.

In online Discussions and Polls, students reflect critically on their own experiences as well as those of others. Interactive multimedia activities include personal and historical accounts to which students can respond using methods of inquiry from history, sociology, and psychology. Written assignments and Journals provide opportunities for students to practice and develop skills for thinking and communicating about race, culture, ethnicity, and identity.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Expectations of Excellence: Curriculum Standards for Social Studies as well as the National Standards for History published by the National Center for History in Schools (NCHS).

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Gothic Literature



Gothic Literature is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that analyze the conventions, elements, themes, and other characteristics of Gothic literature. This course covers subject areas such as: morality and spirituality in gothic poetry, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, dual personalities, Edgar Allan Poe, Dracula, gothic conventions across time, and many more.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Holocaust Studies



This one-semester course is focused on the Holocaust, a tragic time in history that resulted in the killing of six million Jewish people in Europe. Students trace this period in history from the aftermath of the First World War to the roots of anti-Semitism and the rise of Adolf Hitler to the aftermath of the Holocaust. The 14 lessons in the course explore the history of the Jewish community in Europe and what they were subjected to at the hands of the Nazis, including their experiences in the ghettos, concentration camps, and termination camps. Students learn about how Nazis victimized non-Jewish people who were against the Third Reich. The course also covers the Jewish resistance and their fight for liberation, the trials after the Second World War, and the impact of the Holocaust on the world. This course combines a variety of content types, including lessons, activities, discussions, and games to keep students engaged as they trace this tragic period in history.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Anthropology



Introduction to Anthropology is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that introduce students to the field of anthropology. Students will explore the evolution of anthropology as a distinct discipline, learn about anthropological terms, concepts and theories, and discuss the evolution of humans and human society and culture. Students will also learn about social institutions, such as marriage, economy, religion, and polity. The target audience for this course is high school students.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Archaeology

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Introduction to Archaeology is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that discuss the work and techniques involved in archaeology, and the prospects of an archaeologist. This course covers subject areas such as: history of modern archaeology, discoveries in archaeology, careers in archaeology, research techniques, evidence, site excavation, and many more.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Astronomy

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Introduction to Astronomy is a one-semester course with 17 lessons that cover a wide range of topics, such as the solar system, planets, stars, asteroids, comets, galaxies, space exploration, and theories of cosmology. The target audience for this course is high school students.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Forensic Science

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This course is designed to introduce students to the importance and limitations of forensic science and explore different career options in this field. They also learn to process a crime scene, collect and preserve evidence, and analyze biological evidence such as fingerprints, blood spatter, and DNA samples. Moreover, they learn to determine the time and cause of death in homicides and analyze ballistic evidence and human remains in a crime scene. Finally, they learn about forensic investigative methods related to arson, computer crimes, financial crimes, frauds, and forgeries.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Marine Biology

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This course is designed to introduce students to oceanic features and processes, ocean habitats and ecosystems, life forms in the ocean, and different types of interactions in the ocean. Students will learn about the formation and characteristic features of the oceans. They will learn about the scientific method and explore careers available in marine biology. They will learn about the characteristic features of different taxonomic groups found in the ocean. They will learn about the different habitats, life forms, and ecosystems that exist in the oceans and explore the different types of adaptations marine creatures possess to survive in the ocean. They will learn about succession and the flow of energy in marine ecosystems. They will also learn about the resources that the oceans provide and the threats that the oceans face from human activities.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Philosophy

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This Elective course provides students an introduction to the field of philosophy and its great, timeless questions. Students explore the origin and evolution of philosophy as a discipline and learn about the times, lives, and intellectual contributions of essential philosophers.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Veterinary Science

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This course is designed to introduce all students at the high school level to the fundamentals of veterinary science, measures to control diseases in animals, and the impact of toxins and poisons on animal health. The students will explore the history of veterinary science and the skills and requirements for a successful career in the veterinary industry. They will also explore the physiology and anatomy of animals, learn how to evaluate animal health and determine effective treatments for infectious and noninfectious diseases in animals. Additionally, they will learn about zoonotic diseases, and the impact of toxins and poisons on animal health.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to World Religions

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Introduction to World Religions is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that discuss the origins, beliefs, and practices related to various world religions. The target audience for this course is high school students. This course covers subject areas such as: primal religious traditions, sacred stories, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, contemporary religious movements, and many more.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Math Foundations 1 A/B

✓ LAA ✗ UPREP

Math Foundations I offers a structured remediation solution based on the NCTM Curricular Focal Points and is designed to expedite student progress in acquiring 3rd- to 5th-grade skills. The course is appropriate for use as remediation for students in grades 6 to 12. When used in combination, Math Foundations I and Math Foundations II (covering grades 6 to 8) effectively remediate computational skills and conceptual understanding needed to undertake high school-level math courses with confidence.

Math Foundations I empowers students to progress at their optimum pace through over 80 semester hours of interactive instruction and assessment spanning 3rd- to 5th-grade math skills. Carefully paced, guided instruction is accompanied by interactive practice that is engaging and accessible. Formative assessments help students to understand areas of weakness and improve performance, while summative assessments chart progress and skill development. Early in the course, students develop general strategies for honing their problem-solving skills. Subsequent units provide a problem-solving strand that asks students to practice applying specific math skills to a variety of real-world contexts.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council of Teachers of Math (NCTM) standards and Curricular Focal Points for Prekindergarten through Grade 8 Mathematics: A Quest for Coherence.

Note: Covers grades 3-5 content. Approval required and must be taken concurrently with grade level mathematics.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Math Foundations 2 A/B

✓ LAA ✗ UPREP

Based on the NCTM Curricular Focal Points, Math Foundations II is designed to expedite student progress in acquiring 6th- to 8th-grade skills. The course is appropriate for use as remediation at the high school level or as middle school curriculum. The program simultaneously builds the computational skills and conceptual

understanding needed to undertake high school-level math courses with confidence.

The course's carefully paced, guided instruction is accompanied by interactive practice that is engaging and accessible. Formative assessments help students to understand areas of weakness and improve performance, while summative assessments chart progress and skill development. Early in the course, students develop general strategies for honing their problem-solving skills. Subsequent units provide a problem-solving strand that asks students to practice applying specific math skills to a variety of real-world contexts.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council of Teachers of Math (NCTM) standards and Curricular Focal Points for Prekindergarten through Grade 8 Mathematics: A Quest for Coherence.

Note: Covers grades 6-8 content. Approval required and must be taken concurrently with grade level mathematics.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Mythology & Folklore

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Introduction to Mythology and Folklore is a one-semester course with 15 lessons that discuss myths, legends, and folklore from around the world. This course covers subjects such as Mythology, Legend, Folklore, Gods and the Goddesses, natural events, and wonders of the world.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Native American Studies I (Historical Perspectives)

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

By providing historical perspectives, this course provides a comprehensive understanding of the roots of Native American culture. The topics addressed include an exploration of the Native American history in the arctic and subarctic, various regions of the U.S., and the development of Native American life.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Native American Studies II (Contemporary Perspectives)

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This course complements Native American Studies: Historical Perspectives. It explores Native American worldviews, art, media perspectives on Native Americans, and contemporary perspectives and organizations. It concludes by providing a global perspective by examining issues face by indigenous peoples throughout the world.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Personal Finance

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Financial literacy is an increasingly essential capability as students prepare for the workforce, and this 18-lesson course provides the information they need to determine if a career in finance is right for them. This California course uses games and online discussions to effectively facilitate learning, while introducing your learners to a variety of topics, including investment strategies, money management, asset valuation, and personal finance.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Psychology

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Psychology provides a solid overview of the field's major domains: methods, biopsychology, cognitive and developmental psychology, and variations in individual and group behavior.

By focusing on significant scientific research and on the questions that are most important to psychologists, students see psychology as an evolving science. Each topic clusters around challenge questions, such as "What is happiness?" Students answer these questions before, during, and after they interact with direct instruction.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the American Psychological Association's National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula. The teaching methods draw from the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) teaching standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Revolutionary Ideas in Science

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Revolutionary Ideas in Science is a one-semester course with 15 lessons that cover the discoveries and inventions in science from pre-historic to present times. This course covers subject areas such as: prehistoric science, technology, ancient and medieval science, the scientific revolution, thermodynamics and electricity, and many more.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Social Issues

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Because the specifics of social issues change rapidly, this course is designed to have students discover contemporary and relevant perspectives on issues that may have been around for centuries. Students engage in significant research and each lesson ends with an essay assignment that encourages students to express their opinions. Topics include media, government, civil liberties, poverty, terrorism, crime, the environment, and many more.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Sociology

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Sociology examines why people think and behave as they do in relationships, groups, institutions, and societies.

Major course topics include individual and group identity, social structures and institutions, social change, social stratification, social dynamics in recent and current events, the effects of social change on individuals, and the research methods used by social scientists.

In online discussions and polls, students reflect critically on their own experiences and ideas, as well as on the ideas of sociologists. Interactive multimedia activities include personal and historical accounts to which students can respond, using methods of inquiry from sociology. Written assignments provide opportunities to practice and develop skills in thinking and communicating about human relationships, individual and group

identity, and all other major course topics.

This course is built to state standards and the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Expectations of Excellence: Curriculum Standards for Social Studies.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Structure of Writing

 LAA  UPREP

This semester-long course focuses on building good sentences. Students will learn how to put words, phrases, and clauses together and how to punctuate correctly. They will start using sentences in short compositions. As an extra bonus, students will add some new words to their vocabulary, and they will practice spelling difficult words. Near the end of the course, students are to submit a book report. Early in the course, encourage students to start looking for the books they want to read for the book report. They might also preview the introduction to that lesson so they know what will be expected.

Note: Approval required for student to receive credit for this course

Curriculum: Edmentum

Success Skills

 LAA  UPREP

This 5 credits course focuses on building independent study skills. The topics covered will also help you in college and/or career. Skills included are technology, communication, understanding your individual learning, organization, focus, and academic strategies.

Curriculum: Pivot course through Google Classroom

Women's Studies

 LAA  UPREP

Women's Studies is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that introduce students to women's studies, gender studies, and gender roles. The course traces the history of feminism, analyzes feminist theories, and examines intersectionality. Students will learn about social and political movements for the rights of women and other vulnerable groups. Students will also learn about social and family structures and socialization, which includes identifying prejudices, biases, and stereotypes that exist in society, and how the media perpetuates some stereotypes about gender roles and identities. The course also covers social and family structures, different forms of oppression, ways to prevent oppression, and methods to help and empower victims. Students will learn about international activism for gender equality, legal rights, and the challenges in achieving equality for all citizens from every section of society. The course combines a variety of content types, including lessons, activities, discussions, and games to engage learners as they discover the significance of women's studies.

Curriculum: Edmentum

World Geography

 LAA  UPREP

Geography and World Cultures offers a tightly focused and scaffolded curriculum that enables students to explore how geographic features, human relationships, political and social structures, economics, science and technology, and the arts have developed and influenced life in countries around the world. Along the way, students are given rigorous instruction on how to read maps, charts, and graphs, and how to create them.

Geography and World Cultures is built to state standards and informed by standards from the National Council for History Education, the National Center for History in the Schools, and the National Council for Social Studies.

Geography and World Cultures is designed as the first course in the social studies sequence. It develops note-taking skills, teaches the basic elements of analytic writing, and introduces students to the close examination of primary documents.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

English

AP English Language A/B



In AP English Language and Composition, students investigate rhetoric and its impact on culture through analysis of notable fiction and nonfiction texts, from pamphlets to speeches to personal essays. The equivalent of an introductory college-level survey class, this course prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in communications, creative writing, journalism, literature, and composition.

Students explore a variety of textual forms, styles, and genres. By examining all texts through a rhetorical lens, students become skilled readers and analytical thinkers. Focusing specifically on language, purpose, and audience gives them a broad view of the effect of text and its cultural role. Students write expository and narrative texts to hone the effectiveness of their own use of language, and they develop varied, informed arguments through research. Throughout the course, students are evaluated with assessments specifically designed to prepare them for the content, form, and depth of the AP Exam.

AP English Language and Composition is recommended for 12th grade students. This course fulfills 12th grade requirements.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Three years of high school English

Curriculum: Apex Learning

AP English Literature A/B



AP English Literature and Composition immerses students in novels, plays, poems, and short stories from various periods. Students will read and write daily, using a variety of multimedia and interactive activities, interpretive writing assignments, and class discussions to assess and improve their skills and knowledge. The course places special emphasis on reading comprehension, structural and critical analysis of written works, literary vocabulary, and recognizing and understanding literary devices. The equivalent of an introductory college-level survey class, this course prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in creative writing, communications, journalism, literature, and composition.

AP English Literature and Composition is recommended for 11th grade students. This course fulfills 11th grade requirements.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Two years of high school English
Curriculum: Apex Learning

Business English A/B



Business English is designed to strengthen students' ability to read and write in the workplace. Writing for business purposes is a main focus of the course. Students will learn how to communicate effectively through email and instant messaging, as well as format specific types of business messages and workplace documents. The role of digital media, visuals, and graphics in workplace communication will be explored. The importance of professionalism, ethics, and other positive skills are also emphasized in the course. Additionally, guidance is provided to help students through the process of searching, applying, and interviewing for a job.

Prerequisite: English 10 A & 10 B
Curriculum: Edmentum

Creative Writing



Creative Writing is an English elective course that focuses on the exploration of short fiction and poetry, culminating in a written portfolio that includes one revised short story and three to five polished poems. Students draft, revise, and polish fiction and poetry through writing exercises, developing familiarity with literary terms and facility with the writing process as they study elements of creative writing.

Elements of fiction writing explored in this course include attention to specific detail, observation, character development, setting, plot, and point of view. In the poetry units, students learn about the use of sensory details and imagery, figurative language, and sound devices including rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. They also explore poetic forms ranging from found poems and slam poetry to traditional sonnets and villanelles.

In addition to applying literary craft elements in guided creative writing exercises, students engage in critical reading activities designed to emphasize the writing craft of a diverse group of authors. Students study short stories by authors such as Bharati Mukherjee and Edgar Allan Poe, learning how to create believable characters and develop setting and plot. Likewise, students read poetry by canonical greats such as W. B. Yeats and Emily Dickinson as well as contemporary writers such as Pablo Neruda, Sherman Alexie, and Alice Notley. Studying the writing technique of a range of authors provides students with models and inspiration as they develop their own voices and refine their understanding of the literary craft.

By taking a Creative Writing course, students find new approaches to reading and writing that can affect them on a personal level, as the skills they gain in each lesson directly benefit their own creative goals. Students who are already actively engaged writers and readers learn additional tools and insight into the craft of writing to help them further hone their skills and encourage their creative as well as academic growth.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards.

Prerequisite: English 10 A & 10 B
Curriculum: Apex Learning

English 9 A/B



The English 9 course is an overview of exemplar selections of literature in fiction and nonfiction genres.

Students read short stories, poems, a full-length novel, and a full-length Shakespeare play, analyzing the use of elements of literature in developing character, plot, and theme. For example, in selected stories, students compare the effect of setting on tone and character development. Likewise, in the poetry unit, students analyze how artists and writers draw from and interpret source material.

Each unit includes informational texts inviting students to consider the historical, social, and literary context of the main texts they study. For example, in the first semester, a Nikolai Gogol story that is offered as an exemplar of magical realism is accompanied by instruction on that genre. Together, the lesson content and reading prompt students to demonstrate their understanding of magical realism by analyzing its qualities in a literary text.

Throughout the course, students respond to others' claims and support their own claims in essays, discussions, and presentations, consistently using thorough textual evidence. The range of texts includes canonical authors such as William Shakespeare, Franz Kafka, and Elie Wiesel, as well as writers from diverse backgrounds, such as Alice Walker, Li-Young Lee, and Robert Lake-Thom (*Medicine Grizzlybear*).

Curriculum: Apex Learning

English 10 A/B



The focus of the English 10 course is the writing process. Three writing applications guide the curriculum: persuasive, expository, and narrative writing. Each lesson culminates in a written assignment that lets students demonstrate their developing skill in one of these applications.

English 10 follows the model of English 9 by including at least one anchor text per lesson, but the essays, articles, stories, poems, and speeches are often presented as models for students to emulate as they practice their own writing. So that these readings may serve as proper examples for students, a high proportion of texts for this course are original pieces.

English 10 also continues to develop students' reading, listening, and speaking skills. Readings include poems, stories, speeches, plays, and a graphic novel, as well as a variety of informational texts. The readings represent a wide variety of purposes and cultural perspectives, ranging from the Indian epic *The Ramayana* to accounts of Hurricane Katrina told through different media. Audio and video presentations enhance students' awareness and command of rhetorical techniques and increase their understanding of writing for different audiences.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

English 11 A/B



In the English 11 course, students examine the belief systems, events, and literature that have shaped the United States. They begin by studying the language of independence and the system of government developed by Thomas Jefferson and other enlightened thinkers. Next, they explore how the Romantics and Transcendentalists emphasized the power and responsibility of the individual in both supporting and questioning the government. Students consider whether the American Dream is still achievable and examine the Modernists' disillusionment with the idea that America is a "land of opportunity."

Reading the words of Frederick Douglass and the text of the Civil Rights Act, students look carefully at the experience of African Americans and their struggle to achieve equal rights. Students explore how individuals cope with the influence of war and cultural tensions while trying to build and secure their own personal identity. Finally, students examine how technology is affecting our contemporary experience of freedom: Will

we eventually change our beliefs about what it means to be an independent human being?

In this course, students analyze a wide range of literature, both fiction and nonfiction. They build writing skills by composing analytical essays, persuasive essays, personal narratives, and research papers. In order to develop speaking and listening skills, students participate in discussions and prepare speeches. Overall, students gain an understanding of the way American literature represents the array of voices contributing to our multicultural identity.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

English 12 A/B



The English 12 course asks students to closely analyze world literature and consider how we humans define and interact with the unknown, the monstrous, and the heroic. In the epic poems *The Odyssey*, *Beowulf*, and *The Inferno*, in Shakespeare's *Tempest*, in the satire of Swift, and in the rhetoric of World War II, students examine how the ideas of "heroic" and "monstrous" have been defined across cultures and time periods and how the treatment of the "other" can make monsters or heroes of us all.

Reading *Frankenstein* and works from those who experienced the imperialism of the British Empire, students explore the notion of inner monstrosity and consider how the dominant culture can be seen as monstrous in its ostensibly heroic goal of enlightening the world.

Throughout this course, students analyze a wide range of literature, both fiction and nonfiction. They build writing skills by composing analytical essays, persuasive essays, personal narratives, and research papers. In order to develop speaking and listening skills, students participate in discussions and prepare speeches. Overall, students gain an understanding of the way world literature represents the array of voices that contribute to our global identity.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Expository Writing



In Expository Writing, students delve into the power and potential of the English language. Reading and writing assignments explore relevant and universal themes including war, human rights, cultural awareness, and humans' relationships with the environment, the media, and technology. By reading and evaluating seminal speeches, essays, and stories, students learn how writing is used to explain, persuade, and entertain. Students develop and practice expressing their own ideas in four types of essays: compare and contrast, persuasive, evaluative, and explanatory. Additional assignments will focus on narrative writing, research projects, and speeches.

Writing assignments vary in length and purpose, giving students a chance to demonstrate their skills in lesson-end assignments. In Unit 1, students evaluate a wartime speech, argue for or against a political course of action, and craft a speech adapted for two different audiences. Over the course of Unit 2, students build a research project addressing the causes and effects of the civil rights movement. Unit 3 gives students a chance to students to respond to texts and topics related to loyalty and cultural awareness through an argument, a narrative, and an analysis essay. In Unit 4, students write and publish an explanatory article about the environment, an argument about the impact of technology on society, and an analysis of multiple themes within a text.

Through reading, writing, revising, discussing, and refining grammar and language skills, students develop the ability to communicate effectively and persuasively about relevant issues in the academic and

professional worlds. This course is built to state standards.

Prerequisite: English 10 A & 10 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Gothic Literature

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Gothic Literature is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that analyze the conventions, elements, themes, and other characteristics of Gothic literature. This course covers subject areas such as: morality and spirituality in gothic poetry, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, dual personalities, Edgar Allan Poe, Dracula, gothic conventions across time, and many more.

Prerequisite: English 10 A & 10 B

Curriculum: Edmentum

Media Literacy

 LAA  UPREP

Media Literacy teaches students how to build the critical thinking, writing, and reading skills required in a media-rich and increasingly techno-centric world. In a world saturated with media messages, digital environments, and social networking, concepts of literacy must expand to include all forms of media. Today's students need to be able to read, comprehend, analyze, and respond to non-traditional media with the same skill level they engage with traditional print sources.

A major topic in Media Literacy is non-traditional media reading skills, including how to approach, analyze, and respond to advertisements, blogs, websites, social media, news media, and wikis. Students also engage in a variety of writing activities in non-traditional media genres, such as blogging and podcast scripting.

Students consider their own positions as consumers of media and explore ways to use non-traditional media to become more active and thoughtful citizens. Students learn how to ask critical questions about the intended audience and underlying purpose of media messages, and study factors which can contribute to bias and affect credibility.

Prerequisite: English 10 A & 10 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Mythology & Folklore

 LAA  UPREP

Introduction to Mythology and Folklore is a one-semester course with 15 lessons that discuss myths, legends, and folklore from around the world. This course covers subjects such as Mythology, Legend, Folklore, Gods and the Goddesses, natural events, and wonders of the world.

Prerequisite: English 10 A & 10 B

Curriculum: Edmentum

Foreign Language

French 1 A/B



French I teaches students to greet people, describe family and friends, talk about hobbies, and communicate about other topics, such as sports, travel, and medicine. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises. Vocabulary includes terms to describe school subjects, parts of the body, and people, as well as idiomatic phrases. Instruction in language structure and grammar includes the verb system, adjective agreement, formal and informal address, reflexive verbs, and past tense. Students also gain an understanding of the cultures of French-speaking countries and regions within and outside Europe, as well as insight into Francophone culture and people.

The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace.

This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

French 2 A/B



French 2 teaches students to communicate more confidently about themselves, as well as about topics beyond their own lives - both in formal and informal address. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises. Vocabulary includes terms in cooking, geography, and architecture. Instruction in language structure and grammar includes present- and past-tense verb forms and uses, negation, and direct and indirect objects. Students deepen their knowledge of French-speaking regions and cultures by learning about history, literature, culture, and contemporary issues.

The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace.

This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

Prerequisite: French 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Spanish 1 A/B



Spanish 1 teaches students to greet people, describe family and friends, talk about hobbies, and communicate about other topics, such as home life, occupations, travel, and medicine. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises. Vocabulary includes terms to describe school subjects, parts of the body, and people, as well as idiomatic phrases. Instruction in language structure and grammar includes the structures and uses of present-tense verb forms, imperatives, adjective agreement, impersonal constructions, formal and informal address, and reflexive verbs. Students explore words used in different Spanish-speaking regions and learn about the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries and regions within and outside Europe.

The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace.

This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Spanish 2 A/B



Building on Spanish I concepts, Spanish II students learn to communicate more confidently about themselves, as well as about topics beyond their own lives - both in formal and informal situations. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises. Students expand their vocabulary in topics such as cooking, ecology, geography, and architecture. Instruction in language structure and grammar includes a review of present-tense verb forms, an introduction to the past tense, the conditional mood, imperatives, impersonal constructions, and reported speech. Students deepen their knowledge of Spanish-speaking regions and cultures by learning about history, literature, culture, and contemporary issues.

The material in this course is presented at a moderate pace.

This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

Prerequisite: Spanish 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Spanish 3 A/B



In Spanish III, students build upon the skills and knowledge they acquired in Spanish I and II. The course presents new vocabulary and grammatical concepts in context while providing students with ample opportunities to review and expand upon the material they have learned previously.

Students read and listen to authentic materials from newspapers, magazines, and television. The content is focused on contemporary and relevant topics such as urbanization and population growth in Latin American countries, global health concerns, jobs of the future, and scientific advancements. The materials engage students as they improve their command of Spanish.

Students review the formation and use of regular and irregular verbs in the present and future tenses, as well as the use of reflexive particles and infinitives. They also expand their understanding of noun and adjective agreement, the comparative and superlative degree of adjectives, and the placement and use of direct and indirect objects and pronouns. Students expand their vocabulary through exposure to word roots and families, popular slang, the correct use of words that are often confused for one another, and review of concepts such as proper placement of accents and stress.

Presentation of new materials is always followed by several interactive, online exercises, allowing students to master the material as they learn it. Teacher-scored activities provide students with opportunities to use their new Spanish skills both orally and in writing. Discussion activities allow students to interact with their peers in the target language.

This course is built to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

Prerequisite: Spanish 2 A & 2 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Government

AP US Government



AP U.S. Government and Politics studies the operations and structure of the U.S. government and the behavior of the electorate and politicians. Students will gain the analytic perspective necessary to critically evaluate political data, hypotheses, concepts, opinions, and processes. Along the way, they'll learn how to gather data about political behavior and develop their own theoretical analysis of American politics. They'll also build the skills they need to examine general propositions about government and politics, and to analyze the specific relationships between political, social, and economic institutions. The equivalent of an introductory college-level course, AP U.S. Government and Politics prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in political science, law, education, business, and history.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: US History A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

US Government



In U.S. Government and Politics, students examine the history, principles, and function of the political system established by the U.S. Constitution. Starting with a basic introduction to the role of government in society and the philosophies at the heart of American democracy, this course provides students with the knowledge needed to be informed and empowered participants in the U.S. political system.

Through critical reading activities, feedback-rich instruction, and application-oriented assignments, students develop their capacity to conduct research, analyze sources, make arguments, and take informed action. In written assignments, students address critical questions about U.S. politics and the role of individual Americans in the politics and political organizations. In discussion activities, students respond to political opinions, take a position, and defend their own claims. Formative and summative assessments provide students — and teachers — with ample opportunities to check in, review, and evaluate students' progress in the course.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards and the National Standard for Civics and Government.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Life Science

Students in the UPREP Academy must take their science courses at a local community or junior college in order to get the required lab experience necessary for a-g approval.

AP Biology A/B



AP Biology builds students' understanding of biology on both the micro and macro scales. After studying cell biology, students move on to understand how evolution drives the diversity and unity of life. Students will examine how living systems store, retrieve, transmit, and respond to information and how organisms utilize free energy. The equivalent of an introductory college-level biology course, AP Biology prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in science, health sciences, or engineering.

The AP Biology course provides a learning experience focused on allowing students to develop their critical

thinking skills and cognitive strategies. Frequent no- and low-stakes assessments allow students to measure their comprehension and improve their performance as they progress through each activity. Students regularly engage with primary sources, allowing them to practice the critical reading and analysis skills that they will need in order to pass the AP exam and succeed in a college biology course. Students perform hands-on labs that give them insight into the nature of science and help them understand biological concepts, as well as how evidence can be obtained to support those concepts. Students also complete several virtual lab studies in which they form hypotheses; collect, analyze, and manipulate data; and report their findings and conclusions. During both virtual and traditional lab investigations and research opportunities, students summarize their findings and analyze others' findings in summaries, using statistical and mathematical calculations when appropriate. Summative tests are offered at the end of each unit as well as at the end of each semester, and contain objective and constructed response items. Robust scaffolding, rigorous instruction, relevant material and regular active learning opportunities ensure that students can achieve mastery of the skills necessary to excel on the AP exam.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Biology A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

AP Environmental Science A/B



AP* Environmental Science provides students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world. The course draws upon various disciplines, including geology, biology, environmental studies, environmental science, chemistry, and geography in order to explore a variety of environmental topics. Topics explored include natural systems on Earth; biogeochemical cycles; the nature of matter and energy; the flow of matter and energy through living systems; populations; communities; ecosystems; ecological pyramids; renewable and nonrenewable resources; land use; biodiversity; pollution; conservation; sustainability; and human impacts on the environment. The equivalent of an introductory college-level science course, AP Environmental Science prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in science, health sciences, or engineering.

The AP Environmental Science course provides a learning experience focused on allowing students to develop their critical thinking skills and cognitive strategies. Scientific inquiry skills are embedded in the direct instruction, wherein students learn to ask scientific questions, deconstruct claims, form and test hypotheses, and use logic and evidence to draw conclusions about the concepts. Frequent no- and low-stakes assessments allow students to measure their comprehension and improve their performance as they progress through each activity.

Students perform hands-on labs and projects that give them insight into the nature of science and help them understand environmental concepts, as well as how evidence can be obtained to support those concepts. Virtual lab activities enable students to engage in investigations that would otherwise require long periods of observation at remote locations and to explore simulations that enable environmental scientists to test predictions. During both hands-on and virtual labs, students form hypotheses; collect, analyze, and manipulate data; and report their findings and conclusions. Throughout this course, students are given an opportunity to understand how biology, earth science, and physical science are applied to the study of the environment and how technology and engineering are contributing solutions for studying and creating a sustainable biosphere.

Summative tests are offered at the end of each unit as well as at the end of each semester, and contain objective and constructed response items. Robust scaffolding, rigorous instruction, relevant material, and regular active learning opportunities ensure that students can achieve mastery of the skills necessary to excel on the AP exam.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: One year of a life science, one year of a physical science, and Algebra 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Biology A/B



Biology focuses on the mastery of basic biological concepts and models while building scientific inquiry skills and exploring the connections between living things and their environment.

The course begins with an introduction to the nature of science and biology, including the major themes of structure and function, matter and energy flow, systems, and the interconnectedness of life. Students then apply those themes to the structure and function of the cell, cellular metabolism, and biogeochemical cycles. Building on this foundation, students explore the connections and interactions between living things by studying genetics, ecosystems and natural selection, and evolution. The course ends with an applied look at human biology.

Scientific inquiry skills are embedded in the direct instruction, wherein students learn to ask scientific questions, form and test hypotheses, and use logic and evidence to draw conclusions about the concepts.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Science Education Standards (NSES).

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Environmental Studies A/B



Environmental Science explores the biological, physical, and sociological principles related to the environment in which organisms live on Earth, the biosphere. Course topics include natural systems on Earth, biogeochemical cycles, the nature of matter and energy, the flow of matter and energy through living systems, populations, communities, ecosystems, ecological pyramids, renewable and non-renewable natural resources, land use, biodiversity, pollution, conservation, sustainability, and human impacts on the environment.

The course provides students with opportunities to learn and practice scientific skills within the context of relevant scientific questions. Scientific inquiry skills are embedded in the direct instruction, wherein students learn to ask scientific questions, deconstruct claims, form and test hypotheses, and use logic and evidence to draw conclusions about the concepts. Case studies of current environmental challenges introduce each content lesson and acquaint students with real-life environmental issues, debates, and solutions. Throughout this course, students are given an opportunity to understand how biology, earth science, and physical science are applied to the study of the environment and how technology and engineering are contributing solutions for studying and creating a sustainable biosphere.

This course is built to state standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Introduction to Marine Biology



This course is designed to introduce students to oceanic features and processes, ocean habitats and ecosystems, life forms in the ocean, and different types of interactions in the ocean. Students will learn about

the formation and characteristic features of the oceans. They will learn about the scientific method and explore careers available in marine biology. They will learn about the characteristic features of different taxonomic groups found in the ocean. They will learn about the different habitats, life forms, and ecosystems that exist in the oceans and explore the different types of adaptations marine creatures possess to survive in the ocean. They will learn about succession and the flow of energy in marine ecosystems. They will also learn about the resources that the oceans provide and the threats that the oceans face from human activities.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Veterinary Science

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to introduce all students at the high school level to the fundamentals of veterinary science, measures to control diseases in animals, and the impact of toxins and poisons on animal health. The students will explore the history of veterinary science and the skills and requirements for a successful career in the veterinary industry. They will also explore the physiology and anatomy of animals, learn how to evaluate animal health and determine effective treatments for infectious and noninfectious diseases in animals. Additionally, they will learn about zoonotic diseases, and the impact of toxins and poisons on animal health.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Mathematics

Algebra 1 A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Algebra I builds students' command of linear, quadratic, and exponential relationships. Students learn through discovery and application, developing the skills they need to break down complex challenges and demonstrate their knowledge in new situations.

Course topics include problem-solving with basic equations and formulas; an introduction to functions and problem solving; linear equations and systems of linear equations; exponents and exponential functions; sequences and functions; descriptive statistics; polynomials and factoring; quadratic equations and functions; and function transformations and inverses.

This course supports students as they develop computational fluency, deepen conceptual understanding, and apply mathematical knowledge. Students discover new concepts through guided instruction and confirm their understanding in an interactive, feedback-rich environment.

A variety of activities allow for students to think mathematically in a variety of scenarios and tasks. In Discussions, students exchange and explain their mathematical ideas. Modeling activities ask them to analyze real-world scenarios and mathematical concepts. Journaling activities have students reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. And in Performance Tasks, students synthesize their knowledge in novel, real-world scenarios, make sense of multifaceted problems, and persevere in solving them.

This course is built to state standards. Throughout the course, students are evaluated by a variety of assessments designed to prepare them for the content, form, and depth of state exams.

Algebra 2 A/B



Algebra II introduces students to advanced functions, with a focus on developing a strong conceptual grasp of the expressions that define them. Students learn through discovery and application, developing the skills they need to break down complex challenges and demonstrate their knowledge in new situations.

Course topics include quadratic equations; polynomial functions; rational expressions and equations; radical expressions and equations; exponential and logarithmic functions; trigonometric identities and functions; modeling with functions; probability and inferential statistics; probability distributions; and sample distributions and confidence intervals.

This course supports all students as they develop computational fluency and deepen conceptual understanding. Students begin each lesson by discovering new concepts through guided instruction, and then confirm their understanding in an interactive, feedback-rich environment. Modeling activities equip students with tools for analyzing a variety of real-world scenarios and mathematical ideas. Journaling activities allow students to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. Performance tasks prepare students to synthesize their knowledge in novel, real-world scenarios and require that they make sense of multifaceted problems and persevere in solving them.

This course is built to state standards.

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 A & 1 B, Geometry A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

AP Calculus A/B



In AP Calculus AB, students learn to understand change geometrically and visually (by studying graphs of curves), analytically (by studying and working with mathematical formulas), numerically (by seeing patterns in sets of numbers), and verbally. Instead of simply getting the right answer, students learn to evaluate the soundness of proposed solutions and to apply mathematical reasoning to real-world models. Calculus helps scientists, engineers, and financial analysts understand the complex relationships behind real-world phenomena. The equivalent of an introductory college-level calculus course, AP Calculus AB prepares students for the AP exam and further studies in science, engineering, and mathematics.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Geometry A & B, Algebra 2 A & 2 B, Pre-Calculus A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

AP Statistics A/B



AP Statistics gives students hands-on experience collecting, analyzing, graphing, and interpreting real-world data. They will learn to effectively design and analyze research studies by reviewing and evaluating real research examples taken from daily life. The next time they hear the results of a poll or study, they will know whether the results are valid. As the art of drawing conclusions from imperfect data and the science of real-world uncertainties, statistics plays an important role in many fields. The equivalent of an introductory college-level course, AP Statistics prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in science, sociology, medicine, engineering, political science, geography, and business.

This course has been authorized by the College Board to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Algebra 2 A & 2 B, or a math analysis course

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Consumer Math A

 LAA  UPREP

Consumer Math A helps students recognize and develop vital skills that connect life and career goals with personalized strategies and milestone-based action plans. Students explore concepts and work toward a mastery of personal finance skills, deepening their understanding of key ideas and extending their knowledge through a variety of problem-solving applications.

Course topics include career planning; income, taxation, and budgeting; savings accounts, checking accounts, and electronic banking; interest, investments, and stocks; cash, debit, credit, and credit scores; insurance; and consumer advice on how to buy, rent, or lease a car or house.

These topics are solidly supported by writing and discussion activities. Journal activities provide opportunities for students to both apply concepts on a personal scale and analyze scenarios from a third-party perspective. Discussions help students network with one another by sharing personal strategies and goals and recognizing the diversity of life and career plans within a group.

This course is built to state standards as they apply to Consumer Math A and adheres to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics' (NCTM) Problem Solving, Communication, Reasoning, and Mathematical Connections Process standards.

Prerequisite: Pre-Algebra A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Expanded Algebra 1 A first half / second half

 LAA  UPREP

Algebra 1A and 1B address the need for an expanded, two-year treatment of traditional high school Algebra I curriculum. Focusing on review of pre-algebra skills and introductory algebra content, Algebra 1A allows students to deepen their understanding of real numbers in their various forms and then extend their knowledge to linear equations in one and two variables. Course topics include integers; the language of algebra; fractions and decimals; exponents; solving equations with four basic operations; solving equations with roots, powers, or multiple steps; functions; and linear equations.

Algebra 1A features ample opportunity for students to hone their computational skills by working through practice problem sets before moving on to formal assessment.

When used together, Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B meet California's Algebra I Mathematics Content Standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Expanded Algebra 1 B first half / second half

 LAA  UPREP

California's Algebra 1A and 1B courses address the need for an expanded, two-year treatment of traditional high school Algebra I curriculum. Algebra 1B course topics include a review of introductory algebra; measurement; graphing data; linear equations; systems of linear equations; polynomials; factoring of

polynomials; factoring of quadratic functions; and rational expressions.

Algebra 1B features ample opportunity for students to hone their computational skills by working through practice problem sets before moving on to formal assessment.

When used together, Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B meet California's Algebra I Mathematics Content Standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Financial Algebra A/B



Financial Algebra focuses on real-world financial literacy, personal finance, and business subjects. Students apply what they learned in Algebra 1 and Geometry to topics including personal income, taxes, checking and savings accounts, credit, loans and payments, car leasing and purchasing, home mortgages, stocks, insurance, and retirement planning.

Students then extend their investigations using more advanced mathematics, such as systems of equations (when studying cost and profit issues) and exponential functions (when calculating interest problems).

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 A & 1 B, Geometry A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Geometry A/B



Geometry builds upon students' command of geometric relationships and formulating mathematical arguments. Students learn through discovery and application, developing the skills they need to break down complex challenges and demonstrate their knowledge in new situations.

Course topics include reasoning, proof, and the creation of sound mathematical arguments; points, lines, and angles; triangles and trigonometry; quadrilaterals and other polygons; circles; congruence, similarity, transformations, and constructions; coordinate geometry; three-dimensional solids; and applications of probability.

This course supports all students as they develop computational fluency and deepen conceptual understanding. Students begin each lesson by discovering new concepts through guided instruction, and then confirm their understanding in an interactive, feedback-rich environment. Modeling activities equip students with tools for analyzing a variety of real-world scenarios and mathematical ideas. Journaling activities allow students to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. Performance tasks prepare students to synthesize their knowledge in novel, real-world scenarios and require that they make sense of multifaceted problems and persevere in solving them.

This course is built to state standards.

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Integrated Mathematics I A/B



Mathematics I builds students' command of geometric knowledge and linear and exponential relationships. Students learn through discovery and application, developing the skills they need to break down complex challenges and demonstrate their knowledge in new situations.

Course topics include relationships between quantities; linear and exponential relationships; reasoning with equations; descriptive statistics; congruence, proof, and constructions; and connecting algebra and geometry through coordinates.

This course supports all students as they develop computational fluency and deepen conceptual understanding. Students begin each lesson by discovering new concepts through guided instruction, and then confirm their understanding in an interactive, feedback-rich environment. Modeling activities equip students with tools for analyzing a variety of real-world scenarios and mathematical ideas. Journaling activities allow students to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. Performance tasks prepare students to synthesize their knowledge in novel, real-world scenarios and require that they make sense of multifaceted problems and persevere in solving them.

This course is built to state standards.

Prerequisite: Introductory or Pre-Algebra A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Integrated Mathematics II A/B



Mathematics II extends students' geometric knowledge and introduces them to quadratic expressions, equations, and functions, exploring the relationship between these and their linear and exponential counterparts. Students learn through discovery and application, developing the skills they need to break down complex challenges and demonstrate their knowledge in new situations.

Course topics include extending the number system; quadratic functions and modeling; expressions and equations; applications of probability; similarity, right-triangle trigonometry, and proof; and circles with and without coordinates.

This course supports all students as they develop computational fluency and deepen conceptual understanding. Students begin each lesson by discovering new concepts through guided instruction, and then confirm their understanding in an interactive, feedback-rich environment. Modeling activities equip students with tools for analyzing a variety of real-world scenarios and mathematical ideas. Journaling activities allow students to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. Performance tasks prepare students to synthesize their knowledge in novel, real-world scenarios and require that they make sense of multifaceted problems and persevere in solving them.

This course is built to state standards.

Prerequisite: Integrated Mathematics I A & I B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Integrated Mathematics III A/B



Mathematics III incorporates advanced functions, trigonometry, and probability and statistics as students synthesize their prior knowledge and solve increasingly challenging problems. Students learn through discovery and application, developing the skills they need to break down complex challenges and demonstrate their knowledge in new situations.

Course topics include formulating inferences and conclusions from data; polynomial, rational, and radical relationships; trigonometry of general triangles and trigonometric functions; and mathematical modeling.

This course supports all students as they simultaneously develop computational fluency, deepen conceptual understanding, and apply mathematical practice skills. Students begin each lesson by discovering new concepts through guided instruction, and then confirm their understanding in an interactive, feedback-rich environment. Modeling activities equip students with tools for analyzing a variety of real-world scenarios and mathematical ideas. Journaling activities allow students to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct arguments, critique reasoning, and communicate precisely. Performance tasks prepare students to synthesize their knowledge in novel, real-world scenarios and require that they make sense of multifaceted problems and persevere in solving them. Throughout the course students are evaluated through a diversity of assessments specifically designed to prepare them for the content, form, and depth of state assessments.

This course is built to state standards.

Prerequisite: Integrated Mathematics I A & I B, Integrated Mathematics II A & II B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Pre-Algebra A/B



Pre-Algebra provides a curriculum focused on foundational concepts that prepare students for success in Algebra I. Through a "Discovery-Confirmation-Practice"-based exploration of basic concepts, students are challenged to work toward a mastery of computational skills, to deepen their understanding of key ideas and solution strategies, and to extend their knowledge through a variety of problem-solving applications.

Course topics include integers; the language of algebra; solving equations with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; fractions and decimals; measurement; exponents; solving equations with roots and powers; multi-step equations; and linear equations.

Within each Pre-Algebra lesson, students are supplied with a scaffolded note-taking guide, called a Study Sheet, as well as a post-study Checkup activity that provides them the opportunity to hone their computational skills by working through a low-stakes, 10-question problem set before starting formal assessment. Unit-level Introductory Algebra assessments include a computer-scored test and a scaffolded, teacher-scored test.

The course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Pre-Calculus A/B



Precalculus is a course that combines reviews of algebra, geometry, and functions into a preparatory course

for calculus. The course focuses on the mastery of critical skills and exposure to new skills necessary for success in subsequent math courses. The first semester includes linear, quadratic, exponential, logarithmic, radical, polynomial, and rational functions; systems of equations; and conic sections. The second semester covers trigonometric ratios and functions; inverse trigonometric functions; applications of trigonometry, including vectors and laws of cosine and sine; polar functions and notation; and arithmetic of complex numbers.

Within each Precalculus lesson, students are supplied with a post-study Checkup activity that provides them the opportunity to hone their computational skills by working through a low-stakes problem set before moving on to formal assessment. Unit-level Precalculus assessments include a computer-scored test and a scaffolded, teacher-scored test.

The course is built to state standards and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards.

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 A & 1 B, Geometry A & B, Algebra 2 A & 2 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Statistics & Probability A/B



Statistics and Probability provides a curriculum focused on understanding key data analysis and probabilistic concepts, calculations, and relevance to real-world applications. Through a "Discovery-Confirmation-Practice"-based exploration of each concept, students are challenged to work toward a mastery of computational skills, deepen their understanding of key ideas and solution strategies, and extend their knowledge through a variety of problem-solving applications.

Course topics include types of data; common methods used to collect data; and the various representations of data, including histograms, bar graphs, box plots, and scatterplots. Students learn to work with data by analyzing and employing methods of prediction, specifically involving samples and populations, distributions, summary statistics, regression analysis, transformations, simulations, and inference.

Ideas involving probability — including sample space, empirical and theoretical probability, expected value, and independent and compound events — are covered as students explore the relationship between probability and data analysis. The basic connection between geometry and probability is also explored.

The course is built to state standards and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Physical Education

Independent Study PE

At Pivot Charter School there are two types of Physical Education courses that can count towards a student's California State Physical Education Requirement; the Physical Education courses found in Apex Learning and Edmentum or an organized sport directed by a professional coach. Any Pivot student engaged in an individual or team sport, and wanting to get high school physical education credit for participation in

that sport, must submit this form monthly to their Educational Coordinator with all fields filled in and signatures from a coach or sport supervisor.

The sport must have regularly scheduled practices and be coached by an individual that is not the student's parent/guardian (unless it can be verified that the parent/guardian is the designated coach for the team or individual sport). To document time spent, the student must log all practices and competitions on the Independent Study PE Form. All Independent Study PE Forms must be signed by the designated coach and submitted monthly to the Educational Coordinator.

This course is graded as Pass/Fail. Students can earn 5 credits each semester but must submit all Independent Study PE Forms monthly to their Educational Coordinator.

Physical Education A / Health

Health education is a valuable, skills-based health education course designed for general education in grades 9 through 12. Physical Education A helps students develop knowledge, attitudes, and essential skills in a variety of health-related subjects, including mental and emotional health, social health, nutrition, physical fitness, substance use and abuse, disease prevention and treatment, and injury prevention and safety.

Through use of accessible information and project-based learning, students apply the skills they need to stay healthy. These skills include identifying and accessing valid health information, practicing self-management, identifying internal and external influences, communicating effectively, making healthy decisions, setting goals, and advocating. Students who complete Physical Education A build the skills they need to protect, enhance, and promote their own health and the health of others.

This course is built to California state standards for health education.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Physical Education B

Physical Education B combines the best of online instruction with actual student participation in weekly cardiovascular, aerobic, and muscle toning activities. The course promotes a keen understanding of the value of physical fitness and aims to motivate students to participate in physical activities throughout their lives.

Specific areas of study include: Cardiovascular exercise and care, safe exercising, building muscle strength and endurance, injury prevention, fitness skills and FITT benchmarks, goal setting, nutrition and diet (vitamins and minerals, food labels, evaluation product claims), and stress management. The course requires routine participation in adult-supervised physical activities. Successful completion of this course will require parent/legal guardian sign-off on student-selected physical activities and on weekly participation reports to verify the student is meeting his or her requirements and responsibilities.

Physical Education is built to state standards and informed by the Presidential Council on Physical Fitness and Sports standards.

Prerequisite: Physical Education A

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Physical Education C

This course's three units include Getting Active, Improving Performance, and Lifestyle. Unit activities elevate students' self-awareness of their health and well-being while examining topics such as diet and mental health and exploring websites and other resources. In addition to being effective as a stand-alone course, the components can be easily integrated into other health and wellness courses.

Prerequisite: Physical Education A and B

Curriculum: Edmentum

PCS Physical Education A

PCS Physical Education A is Pivot's log-based PE course for Pivot students that have already completed Physical Education A and B through Apex Learning and Physical Education C through Edmentum. This is the Fall semester course. If a student needs additional Physical Education credits during the Spring semester, they must take PCS Physical Education B.

Prerequisite: Physical Education A, B, and C

Note: This is a Fall semester course

Curriculum: Pivot course through Google Classroom

PCS Physical Education B

PCS Physical Education B is Pivot's log-based PE course for Pivot students that have already completed Physical Education A and B through Apex Learning and Physical Education C through Edmentum. This is the Spring semester course. If a student needs additional Physical Education credits during the Fall semester, they must take PCS Physical Education A.

Prerequisite: Physical Education A, B, and C

Note: This is a Spring semester course

Curriculum: Pivot course through Google Classroom

Physical Science

Students in the UPREP Academy must take their science courses at a local community or junior college in order to get the required lab experience necessary for a-g approval.

AP Chemistry A/B

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AP Chemistry builds students' understanding of the nature and reactivity of matter. After studying chemical reactions and electrochemistry, students move on to understand how the chemical and physical properties of materials can be explained by the structure and arrangements of the molecules and the forces between those molecules. Students will examine the laws of thermodynamics, molecular collisions, and the reorganization of matter in order to understand how changes in matter take place. Finally, students will explore chemical equilibria, including acid-base equilibria. The equivalent of an introductory college-level chemistry course, AP Chemistry prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in science, health sciences, or engineering.

The AP Chemistry course provides a learning experience focused on allowing students to develop their

critical thinking skills and cognitive strategies. Frequent no- and low-stakes assessments allow students to measure their comprehension and improve their performance as they progress through each activity. Students regularly engage with primary source materials, allowing them to practice the critical reading and analysis skills that they will need in order to pass the AP exam and succeed in a college chemistry course. Students perform hands-on labs that give them insight into the nature of science and help them understand chemical concepts, as well as how evidence can be obtained to support those concepts. Students also complete several virtual lab studies in which they form hypotheses; collect, analyze, and manipulate data; and report their findings and conclusions. During both virtual and traditional lab investigations and research opportunities, students summarize their findings and analyze others' findings in summaries, using statistical and mathematical calculations when appropriate. Summative tests are offered at the end of each unit as well as at the end of each semester, and contain objective and constructed response items. Robust scaffolding, rigorous instruction, relevant material, and regular active learning opportunities ensure that students can achieve mastery of the skills necessary to excel on the AP exam.

This course has been authorized by the College Board® to use the AP designation.

Prerequisite: Chemistry A & B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Chemistry A/B



Chemistry offers a curriculum that emphasizes students' understanding of fundamental chemistry concepts while helping them acquire tools to be conversant in a society highly influenced by science and technology.

The course provides students with opportunities to learn and practice critical scientific skills within the context of relevant scientific questions. Topics include the nature of science, the importance of chemistry to society, atomic structure, bonding in matter, chemical reactions, redox reactions, electrochemistry, phases of matter, equilibrium and kinetics, acids and bases, thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, nuclear reactions, organic chemistry, and alternative energy.

Scientific inquiry skills are embedded in the direct instruction, wherein students learn to ask scientific questions, form and test hypotheses, and use logic and evidence to draw conclusions about concepts. Lab activities reinforce critical thinking, writing, and communication skills and help students develop a deeper understanding of the nature of science.

Throughout this course, students are given an opportunity to understand how chemistry concepts are applied in technology and engineering. Journal and Practice activities provide additional opportunities for students to apply learned concepts and practice their writing skills.

This course is built to state standards.

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Earth Science A/B



Earth Science offers a focused curriculum that explores Earth's composition, structure, processes, and history; its atmosphere, freshwater, and oceans; and its environment in space.

Course topics include an exploration of the major cycles that affect every aspect of life, including weather, climate, air movement, tectonics, volcanic eruptions, rocks, minerals, geologic history, Earth's environment,

sustainability, and energy resources. Optional teacher-scored labs encourage students to apply the scientific method.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA).

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Introduction to Astronomy

 LAA  UPREP

Introduction to Astronomy is a one-semester course with 17 lessons that cover a wide range of topics, such as the solar system, planets, stars, asteroids, comets, galaxies, space exploration, and theories of cosmology. The target audience for this course is high school students.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Forensic Science

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to introduce students to the importance and limitations of forensic science and explore different career options in this field. They also learn to process a crime scene, collect and preserve evidence, and analyze biological evidence such as fingerprints, blood spatter, and DNA samples. Moreover, they learn to determine the time and cause of death in homicides and analyze ballistic evidence and human remains in a crime scene. Finally, they learn about forensic investigative methods related to arson, computer crimes, financial crimes, frauds, and forgeries.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Physical Science A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Physical Science offers a focused curriculum designed around the understanding of critical physical science concepts, including the nature and structure of matter, the characteristics of energy, and the mastery of critical scientific skills.

Course topics include an introduction to kinematics, including gravity and two-dimensional motion; force; momentum; waves; electricity; atoms; the periodic table of elements; molecular bonding; chemical reactivity; gases; and an introduction to nuclear energy. Teacher-scored labs encourage students to apply the scientific method.

This course is built to state standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Physics A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Physics offers a curriculum that emphasizes students' understanding of fundamental physics concepts while helping them acquire tools to be conversant in a society highly influenced by science and technology.

The course provides students with opportunities to learn and practice critical scientific skills within the context of relevant scientific questions. Topics include the nature of science, math for physics, energy, kinematics, force and motion, momentum, gravitation, chemistry for physics, thermodynamics, electricity, magnetism, waves, nuclear physics, quantum physics, and cosmology.

Scientific inquiry skills are embedded in the direct instruction, wherein students learn to ask scientific questions, form and test hypotheses, and use logic and evidence to draw conclusions about the concepts. Lab activities reinforce critical thinking, writing, and communication skills and help students develop a deeper understanding of the nature of science.

Throughout this course, students are given an opportunity to understand how physics concepts are applied in technology and engineering. Journal and Practice activities provide additional opportunities for students to apply learned concepts and practice their writing skills.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Project 2061 benchmarks and the National Science Education Standards.

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Technology

Artificial Intelligence



This one-semester course is focused on the history, applications, and innovations of artificial intelligence. Students will learn about intelligence agents, problem solving using search algorithms, knowledge representation, and reasoning in artificial intelligence. Students will also learn about the basic concepts of machine learning and natural language processing (NLP). Students will also learn about expert systems, computer vision and robotics. This 12-lesson course also covers ethics and safety related to artificial intelligence. Online discussions and course activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Audio/Video Production 1 A/B



This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of audio video production. The course will help the students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on pre-production, production, and post-production audio and video activities. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the audio video production industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Audio/Video Production 2 A/B



This course is designed to enable students at high school level to develop the knowledge and skills related to audio video techniques that they can use in their careers. This course discusses the elements of audio video production, pre production activities, media production techniques, and post production activities. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the audio video production industry.

Prerequisite: Audio/Video Production 1 A & 1 B

Curriculum: Edmentum

Audio/Video Production 3 A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to understand the basic concepts in audio video manufacturing. Students will learn about pre production techniques, advanced production techniques, advanced post-production techniques, mastering production techniques, special effects and animation, careers, and audio video production laws. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in audio video production.

Prerequisite: Audio/Video Production 2 A & 2 B

Curriculum: Edmentum

Business Applications

 LAA  UPREP

Business Applications prepares students to succeed in the workplace. Students begin by establishing an awareness of the roles essential to an organization's success, and then work to develop an understanding of professional communications and leadership skills. In doing so, students gain proficiency with word processing, email, and presentation management software.

This course allows students to explore careers in business while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will create, analyze, and critique reports, letters, project plans, presentations, and other professional communications. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities that are of interest to them.

Business Applications is an introductory level Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in business, management, and administration; information technology; and other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course can go on to obtain the Microsoft® Office Specialist: Microsoft® Office Word certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Computer Applications

 LAA  UPREP

Computer Applications provides an introduction to software applications that prepares students to succeed in the workplace and beyond. Students will develop an understanding of professional communications and leadership skills while gaining proficiency with word processing, email, and presentation management software. Students will also be able to demonstrate digital literacy through basic study web publishing and design, spreadsheets and database software.

This course allows students to explore careers in the fields of business and information technology while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will create, analyze, and critique reports, letters, project plans, presentations, and other professional communications. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities that are of interest to them.

Computer Applications is an introductory level Career and Technical Education course applicable to

programs of study in Business Management and Administration, Information Technology, and other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Computer Programming 1 A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Computer Programming combines engaging online and offline activities in a rigorous one-semester course for your high school students who may be aspiring to technical careers. Building on lessons covering the software development lifecycle and software development methodologies, the course uses online discussions, activities, and lessons to lead your students through additional key topics such as quality control, system implementation, and maintenance and the increasingly important issue of system security.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Computing for College & Careers A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable students at the high school level to develop basic computer skills that they can use during their college education and also in their careers. This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to develop the critical skills and knowledge that they will need to be successful in careers throughout their lives. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers and/or into postsecondary education.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Digital & Interactive Media A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This is an effective and comprehensive introduction to careers in the rapidly expanding world of digital art. The course covers creative and practical aspects of digital art in 15 lessons that are enhanced with online discussions and a variety of activities. Beginning with a history of digital art, the course goes on to issues of design, color, and layout. While students will experience creation of digital art, they will also learn about converting traditional art to digital formats. The California course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in the digital media industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Electronic Communication Skills

 LAA  UPREP

This semester-long course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers and/or into postsecondary education. It is designed to enable students at high school level to develop electronic communication skills that they can use in their careers.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Engineering & Technology A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This California course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of education and training. Students will learn about the various trends and factors that influence the education

industry. This course introduces various career opportunities in the field of education. The units in this course include personal and professional skills needed in various education careers, child growth and development, child health, delivering instruction, and technology in education. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the education industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Game Development

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Are any of your students gamers? That's what we thought. In this course, they'll learn the ins and outs of game development to prepare them for a career in the field. Whether it is the history of video games, character development, mobile game design, user interface design, social gaming, or the principles of development design and methodologies, this 20-lesson course covers it all. As you might guess, games are included in the course to enhance the learning experience and help assess student progress. While fun and highly engaging, the course focuses on laying a strong foundation for a career in game development.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Graphic Design & Illustration A/B

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

This California course will help students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on topics such as history of graphic design, types of digital images, graphic design tools, storing and manipulating images, design elements and principles, copyright laws, and printing images. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the graphic design industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Information Technology Applications

✓ LAA ✓ UPREP

Information Technology Applications prepares students to work in the field of Information Technology. Students will be able to demonstrate digital literacy through basic study of computer hardware, operating systems, networking, the Internet, web publishing, spreadsheets and database software. Through a series of hand-on activities, students will learn what to expect in the field of Information Technology and begin exploring career options in the field.

Information Technology Applications is an introductory level Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in information technology as well as other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue the Microsoft® Office Specialist certifications in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access, as well as IC3 certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Introduction to Android Mobile App Development

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This course is designed to introduce students to the process involved in creating a mobile app. Students learn about history of and upcoming trends in mobile app development. They explore career options in mobile app development and describe skills and training required for mobile app development. They also

describe the types of apps available in the market. Moreover, they learn about platforms for developing Android mobile apps. Further, they learn about the Android development environment. Finally, they create the user interface of an app and make it interactive in Android Studio.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Business & Technology A/B



Introduction to Business and Technology provides the foundational knowledge and skills students need for careers in business and technology. Throughout the course, students gain a knowledge of business principles and communication skills, an understanding of the impact of financial and marketing decisions, and proficiency in the technologies required by business. Students will also learn the essentials of working in a business environment, managing a business, and owning a business.

This course allows students to explore careers in business and information technology while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a variety of hands-on activities, students will engage with word processing, presentation, and spreadsheet software and explore operating systems, networking, and the Internet. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities of interest to them.

Introduction to Business and Technology is a full-year introductory Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in the Business, Management and Administration and Information Technology career clusters, as well as other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue certifications such as Microsoft® Office Specialist certifications in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access, as well as IC3 certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Introduction to Cybersecurity



This Elective course introduces students to the field of cybersecurity, focusing primarily on personal computer use and vulnerabilities while also highlighting the wider scope of cybersecurity from a societal and career perspective. Specific topics include computer security, VPN and wireless security, risk management, and laws, standards, and ethics related to cybersecurity.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to iOS Mobile App Development



This course is designed to introduce students to the process involved in creating an app. Students learn about history of and upcoming trends in mobile app development. They explore career options in mobile app development and describe skills and training required for mobile app development. They also describe the types of apps available in the market. Moreover, they learn about various platforms for developing iOS mobile apps. Further, they learn about the iOS development environment. Finally, they create the user interface of an app and make it interactive in Xcode.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Social Media

 LAA  UPREP

This cutting-edge course develops social media skills and knowledge that will have a practical and positive impact in helping your high school students succeed in today's economy. Of course they already engage in social media, but this course enhances their skills and knowledge in order to apply them in a practical way in their careers. Online discussions are a critical aspect of creating a collaborative learning environment, while games and other interactions ensure engagement and promote a strong career orientation.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Media Literacy

 LAA  UPREP

Media Literacy teaches students how to build the critical thinking, writing, and reading skills required in a media-rich and increasingly techno-centric world. In a world saturated with media messages, digital environments, and social networking, concepts of literacy must expand to include all forms of media. Today's students need to be able to read, comprehend, analyze, and respond to non-traditional media with the same skill level they engage with traditional print sources.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Principles of Information Technology A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Principles of Information Technology prepares students to succeed in the workplace. Students begin by establishing an awareness of the roles essential to an organization's success, and then work to develop an understanding of professional communications and leadership skills. In doing so, students gain proficiency with word processing, email, and presentation management software. Students will also be able to demonstrate digital literacy through basic study of computer hardware, operating systems, networking, the Internet, web publishing, spreadsheets and database software.

This course allows students to explore careers in information technology and business while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will create, analyze, and critique reports, letters, project plans, presentations, and other professional communications. Students will learn what to expect in the field of Information Technology and begin exploring career options in the field. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities that are of interest to them.

Principles of Information Technology is a full-year introductory Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in business, management, and administration; information technology; and other career clusters. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue the Microsoft® Office Specialist certifications in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access*, as well as IC3 certification.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Robotics I A/B

 LAA  UPREP

This two-semester course is focused on the concepts related to robots and how to construct a robot. Students will learn about the history and applications of robotics. Students will learn about the job opportunities and employability skills in the field of robotics. Students will also learn about the basic concepts

of six simple machines, electricity, electronic circuits, Boolean algebra, magnetics, and their applicability to robotics. Students will apply safety procedures and construct a simple robot. Students will also learn about project management and engineering design process. Students will learn about the programming languages used in robotics. Students will create a simple robotic arm. Students will also construct a robot using programming. Student will learn about ethics and laws related to robotics. Students will also learn how to test and maintain a robot. Online discussions and unit activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Web Technologies A/B



Whether they know it or not, almost all of your students have an interest in web design. This California course takes them inside the essentials of web design and helps them discover what makes a site truly engaging and interactive. Lessons such as Elements of Design, Effects of Color, and Typography help them understand the elements of effective and dynamic web design. The course covers the basics of HTML, CSS, and how to organize content, and helps to prepare them for a career in web design.

Curriculum: Edmentum

US History

AP US History A/B



In AP U.S. History, students investigate the development of American economics, politics, and culture through historical analysis grounded in primary sources, research, and writing. The equivalent of an introductory college-level course, AP U.S. History prepares students for the AP exam and for further study in history, political science, economics, sociology, and law.

Through the examination of historical themes and the application of historical thinking skills, students learn to connect specific people, places, events, and ideas to the larger trends of U.S. history. Critical-reading activities, feedback-rich instruction, and application-oriented assignments hone students' ability to reason chronologically, to interpret historical sources, and to construct well-supported historical arguments. Students write throughout the course, responding to primary and secondary sources through journal entries, essays, and visual presentations of historical content. In discussion activities, students respond to the positions of others while staking and defending claims of their own. Robust scaffolding, rigorous instruction, relevant material, and regular opportunities for active learning ensure that students can achieve mastery of the skills necessary to excel on the AP exam.

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Curriculum: Apex Learning

US History A/B



U.S. History traces the nation's history from the pre-colonial period to the present. Students learn about the Native American, European, and African people who lived in America before it became the United States. They examine the beliefs and philosophies that informed the American Revolution and the subsequent formation of the government and political system. Students investigate the economic, cultural, and social

motives for the nation's expansion, as well as the conflicting notions of liberty that eventually resulted in civil war. The course describes the emergence of the United States as an industrial nation and then focuses on its role in modern world affairs.

Moving into the 20th and 21st centuries, students probe the economic and diplomatic interactions between the United States and other world players while investigating how the world wars, the Cold War, and the "information revolution" affected the lives of ordinary Americans. Woven through this chronological sequence is a strong focus on the changing conditions of women, African Americans, and other minority groups.

The course emphasizes the development of historical analysis skills such as comparing and contrasting, differentiating between facts and interpretations, considering multiple perspectives, and analyzing cause-and-effect relationships. These skills are applied to text interpretation and in written assignments that guide learners step-by-step through problem-solving activities.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council for History Education, the National Center for History in the Schools, and the National Council for Social Studies.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts)

Art Appreciation



Art Appreciation is a survey of the history of Western visual arts, with a primary focus on painting. Students begin with an introduction to the basic principles of painting and learn how to critique and compare works of art. Students then explore prehistoric and early Greek and Roman art before they move on to the Middle Ages. Emphasis is placed on the Renaissance and the principles and masters that emerged in Italy and northern Europe. Students continue their art tour with the United States during the 20th century, a time of great innovation as abstract art took center stage. While Western art is the course's primary focus, students will finish the course by studying artistic traditions from Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas.

Coverage of each artistic movement highlights historical context and introduces students to key artists that represent a variety of geographic locations. Throughout the course, students apply what they have learned about art critique to analyze and evaluate both individual artists and individual works of art.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the Consortium of National Arts Education Associations standards. It encompasses a variety of skills to enable students to critique, compare, and perhaps influence their own works of art.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Graphic Design & Illustration A/B



This California course will help students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on topics such as history of graphic design, types of digital images, graphic design tools, storing and manipulating images, design elements and principles, copyright laws, and printing images. The course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the graphic design industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Introduction to Visual Arts

 LAA  UPREP

This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to familiarize themselves with different types of visual arts. The students will explore units in: Creativity and Expression in Art, Elements of Art, History of Art, Cultural Heritage of Art, Drawing, Printing, Painting, Graphic Design and Illustration, and Multimedia.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Music Appreciation A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Music Appreciation introduces students to the history, theory, and genres of music, from the most primitive surviving examples through the classical to the most contemporary in the world at large. The course is offered in a two-semester format. The first semester covers primitive musical forms and classical music. The second semester presents the rich modern traditions, including American jazz, gospel, folk, soul, blues, Latin rhythms, rock and roll, and hip-hop.

The course explores the interface of music and social movements and examines how the emergent global society and the Internet bring musical forms together in new ways from all around the world.

Curriculum: Apex Learning

Professional Photography A/B

 LAA  UPREP

Few recent technical innovations have changed an industry as fundamentally as digital photography has changed everything about the way we capture our lives in the way we take, edit, store, and share pictures. Digital Photography provides you with the flexibility to not only use it as an independent individual course or as a group or class course, but to also easily customize the course to the unique needs of your situation. The course combines 15 lessons with online discussions that promote the development of critical thinking skills as your students explore digital photography as an enriching activity or a career. The course is based on California Education standards for Career and Technical Education (CTE) to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the photography industry.

Curriculum: Edmentum

Theater, Cinema & Film Production

 LAA  UPREP

This one-semester course explores what goes into the making of a theater and film production. The course has 14 lessons that focus on the pre-production, production, and post-production stages of theater and film productions. Students will be introduced to theater and film, and their different genres and subgenres. They will also learn about roles and responsibilities of the cast and crew, including the director, actors, screenplay writers, set designers, wardrobe stylists and costume designers, and makeup artists. The course also covers technical aspects, such as lighting and sound. Students will also learn about the influence of the audience on theater, cinema, and film production. The course combines a variety of content types, including lessons, activities, discussions, and games to keep students engaged as they discover the world of theater, cinema, and film production.

Curriculum: Edmentum

World History

World History A/B



In World History, students learn to see the world today as a product of a process that began thousands of years ago when humans became a speaking, travelling, and trading species. Through historical analysis grounded in primary sources, case studies, and research, students investigate the continuity and change of human culture, governments, economic systems, and social structures.

Students build and practice historical thinking skills, learning to connect specific people, places, events and ideas to the larger trends of world history. In critical reading activities, feedback-rich instruction, and application-oriented assignments, students develop their capacity to reason chronologically, interpret and synthesize sources, identify connections between ideas, and develop well-supported historical arguments. Students write throughout the course, responding to primary sources and historical narratives through journal entries, essays and visual presentations of social studies content. In discussion activities, students respond to the position of others while staking and defending their own claim. The course's rigorous instruction is supported with relevant materials and active learning opportunities to ensure students at all levels can master the key historical thinking skills.

This course is built to state standards.

Curriculum: Apex Learning