

EAST KENTWOOD

**2017-2018
COURSE
DESCRIPTION
BOOKLET**



Freshman Campus

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MISSION STATEMENT

"COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE" The staff of East Kentwood High School and East Kentwood Freshman Campus will provide a safe and caring learning environment. Students and staff will share commitment to high standards of academic performance and behavior that will enable all students to become productive members of society.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - SUBJECT AREAS

REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS	TOTAL REQUIRED
1. ENGLISH		4 credits
a. 9 th Grade	1	
b. 10 th Grade	1	
c. 11 th Grade	1	
d. 12 th Grade	1	
2. SCIENCE		3 credits
a. Biology	1	
b. Physics or Chemistry	1	
c. Science choice	1	
3. MATHEMATICS		4 credits
a. Algebra	1	
b. Geometry	1	
c. Algebra 2	1	
d. Additional Math or Math related course taken senior year.	1	
4. SOCIAL STUDIES		3 credits
a. U.S. History	1	
b. World History	1	
c. Civics	.5	
d. Economics	.5	
5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION		1 credit
a. Health	.5	
b. Physical Education	.5	
6. Visual/Performing/Applied Arts		1 credit
7. Completion of online credit or non-credit course or learning experience		
8. World Language Experience (2 Yrs)		2 Credits
9. Other Electives	6	6 Credits
	TOTAL	24.0

GRADING CRITERIA

GPA's are figured cumulatively at the end of each semester. Credit (CR) and No Credit (NC) are **not** calculated into the formula for GPA's. The following is the grading policy implemented by the Board of Education:

A	93-100	(4.0)	C	73-76	(2.0)
A-	90-92	(3.7)	C-	70-72	(1.7)
B+	87-89	(3.3)	D+	67-69	(1.3)
B	83-86	(3.0)	D	63-66	(1.0)
B-	80-82	(2.7)	D-	60-62	(.7)
C+	77-79	(2.3)	E	0-59	(0)

TESTING OUT

Students who have acquired knowledge or skills in certain areas may have the opportunity to demonstrate reasonable mastery in a course for the purpose of "testing out".

A student currently enrolled in high school will be permitted to "test out" of any class in which they are not currently enrolled per State of Michigan legislation.

- Classes a student has already taken for grade and/or credit are exempt from testing out.

A waiver for the course will be earned based on successful mastery of the required assessment:

1. The student must receive a grade equivalent of a "C+" or better on a comprehensive final examination. Students may also be required to demonstrate mastery through basic assessments used in class.
2. The course will appear on the transcript as "TO" (Tested Out-Passed), however, **will not** be computed into the student's grade point average and **will not** count as credit toward graduation, but will meet a specific graduation requirement.

REPEATED COURSES FOR GRADE IMPROVEMENT

If a student elects to repeat a course, the following procedure must be used:

1. A parent/student/counselor discussion will be held to consider the advantages and disadvantages to repeating a course.
2. The proper documentation/paperwork must be completed and signed by parent, student and guidance counselor prior to repeating the course.
3. Upon completion of the repeated class, the student's cumulative grade point average will be computed using only the higher of the two grades - credit will only be issued once for any repeated course.

IF A STUDENT FAILS A REQUIRED COURSE, HE/SHE WILL NEED RETAKE THAT REQUIRED COURSE EITHER THROUGH SUMMER SCHOOL, OR AS OFFERED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE "E" WILL PERMANENTLY REMAIN ON THE STUDENT'S OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT AND WILL BE CALCULATED INTO THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE.

ART DEPARTMENT

ALL ART COURSES MEET THE VISUAL/PERFORMING/APPLIED ARTS REQUIREMENT

AR 101 – 1 Semester
.5 Credit

ART 1 (9)
Meets Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Requirement

Students will learn the elements and principles of design and use these design concepts to develop two and three dimensional art work. The text, Visual Experience, is used to learn design concepts and foster written response and discussion. The material covered in this course will provide a strong foundation for all art courses.

AR 111 - 1 Semester
.5 Credit

DRAWING 1 (9)
Meets Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Requirement

The skill of drawing realistically is developed in Drawing 1. This course emphasizes the application of the elements and principles of design in two-dimensional artwork. An in-depth study of the Renaissance and Surrealism is covered in this class. Students will explore a variety of drawing mediums: pencil, charcoal, pastel and ink.

AR 121 - 1 Semester
.5 Credit

SCULPTURE 1 (9)
Meets Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Requirement

In sculpture, three-dimensional form is explored and utilized. Sculpture may involve working with paper, clay, wire, plaster, paper mache, and wood. The texts, Beginning Sculpture and The Visual Experience is used to learn 3-D design concepts. The material covered in this course will provide a foundation for all 3-D art courses.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

BU 101 –1 Semester
.5 Credit

EXPLORATIONS OF BUSINESS (9)
Meets Global Literacy Requirement

This class exposes students to the variety of classes offered by the Business Department. Students will sample assorted content from computers, films, marketing, finance, and medical office courses. Additional content will include employability skills, and resume building. By taking this class, students should be able to decide which area(s) of business will help them prepare for college or their career.

BU 111 – 1 Semester
.5 Credit

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (9)
Meets Information/Communication/Technology Requirement

Computer Applications 1 is a one Semester course designed to teach practical computer knowledge and skills for everyday life through online software-based computer applications. Web-based tools will be used throughout the course both to deliver instruction and to create student work. Computer skills will be perfected while students learn to produce professional looking documents/presentations, enabling them to meet the challenges of higher education and the modern workforce. Real-world computer applications implemented in this course may include Weebly, Prezi, Screencastomatic, Google Sites, Docs, Sheets, digital posters, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and other practical applications aimed to diversify the knowledge and ability of the 21st Century user.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

EN 102A/B – 2 Semesters 1 Credit

ENGLISH 9

English 9 is a two trimester survey course designed to review language, vocabulary, and introduce students to the study of all areas of literature that will be further explored in grades 10 and 11. Writing is used throughout the course. Trimester A focuses on fiction, including William Shakespeare's The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet whereas Trimester B focuses on nonfiction, poetry, research paper, and speech.

EN112A/B – 2 Semesters 1 Credit

ADV ENG 9A/B

Required scores on MEAP, ACT Explorer Test, and Teacher recommendation based on writing assessment

This course is a thorough study of American and British Literature. There is a heavy emphasis on writing and essay-based assessments. In addition to the comprehensive literature program with an emphasis on all genres, students will receive formal instruction in speaking and writing utilizing grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary skills. This course is designed for students who plan on beginning the Advanced Placement Program immediately after the completion of this course.

EN101 – 1 Semester .5 Credit

DEBATE

Meets Civic Literacy Requirement

Debate encourages the students to research, organize, and persuasively present ideas of significant social and political issues. Students will research, present and argue in a structured format called Policy Debate. Participation in extra-curricular tournament, practice, and/or league competition is encouraged and one attempt is required. Significant state and national tournament travel is available.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

FL 152A/B – 2 Semesters 1 Credit

FRENCH 1 (9)

Meets Global Literacy Requirement

The student learns the sound system, the basic elementary vocabulary and basic elementary grammar. The student is taught to understand, speak, read, and write elementary French with an emphasis on comprehension. The student gains an understanding of French people, culture and civilization, uses commands, and creates and presents skits.

FL 162A/B – 2 Semesters 1 Credit

GERMAN 1 (9)

Meets Global Literacy Requirement

In German 1 the student studies the German sound system, the German influence on English, and basic vocabulary and grammar. The student learns to use basic German through questions, direct dialogues, skits, and presentations with an emphasis on comprehension and speaking. The student gains an understanding of German people and culture.

FL 172A/B – 2 Semesters 1 Credit

LATIN 1 (9)

Meets Global Literacy Requirement

Latin 1 is an introduction to the language and culture of Ancient Rome. Students will improve English writing skills through the study of vocabulary and grammar. They will explore Roman history, geography, and mythology. They explore the Coliseum, gladiators, and the way Romans lived 2000 years ago.

FL 182A/B – 2 Semesters 1 Credit

SPANISH 1 (9)

Meets Global Literacy Requirement

Spanish 1 is a two trimester course designed for students in grades 9-12. The student is taught to understand, speak, read, and write elementary Spanish through experiences and activities which are designed to help them deal with practical everyday situations. Tapes, dialogues, films, cultural "realia", original videotapes, games and a look at a myriad of Hispanic cultures are all part of Spanish 1. Some basic grammatical structures of the Spanish language will be introduced, but the main emphasis is on comprehension and oral production skills. Memorization of vocabulary is an integral part of the curriculum.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

MT 102A/B – 2 Semesters
1 Credit

ALGEBRA 1 (9)

This course is generally considered the first course in a college prep sequence. In this course the student will study Number Systems, Number Sense, Expressions, Equations, Inequalities, Functions, Linear Functions, Quadratic Equations and Functions, Exponential and Logarithmic Functions, and Polynomial Functions.

MT 112A/B – 2 Semesters
1 Credit

GEOMETRY (9)
Prerequisite: Credit in Algebra 1

Geometry introduces formal proofs and explanations involving deductive reasoning. Topics include Mathematical Reasoning, Lines, Angles, Constructions, Triangles and Trigonometry, Quadrilaterals, Circles, Solids, and Transformations.

MT 122A/B – 2 Semesters
1 Credit

ALGEBRA 2 (9)
Prerequisite: Credit in Geometry

Algebra 2 reviews and extends previously studied algebraic concepts. In addition the student will study Polynomials, Functions, Trigonometric Functions, Conics, Sequences and Series, Counting Principles and Probability, and Statistics.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

ALL MUSIC COURSES MEET THE VISUAL/PERFORMING/APPLIED ARTS REQUIREMENT

MU 103 – 2 Semesters
1 Credit

FRESHMAN BAND (9)
Pre-requisite: Prior Middle School Band Experience
Or Director approval

This course is designed for students who wish to further their skills gained from playing in middle school band and the next course for most ninth grade students. Students enrolled in this course during the first trimester are members of the Falcon Marching Band. During the 2nd and 3rd Trimesters this band functions as an independent ensemble focused on presenting quality concert music. Students who enroll in the course are expected to attend band camp, and all scheduled rehearsals, including one weeknight rehearsal during marching season. Attendance at concerts/performance is a part of the assessment process. Many band students also participate in EKHS athletic programs throughout the school year without major conflicts between schedules.

MU 113 – 2 Semesters
1 Credit

9TH GRADE CHOIR (9)

There are two beginning choirs at the high school level: Freshman women and Freshman men. This choir is non-auditioned; however, there is an expectation that students will make a commitment in effort and citizenship commensurate with the high level of performance expected of all vocal students. Students will be introduced to fundamental techniques in quality vocal production, basic theoretical concepts of note reading, time signatures and key signatures, and an introduction to solfeggio and sight singing. Students will be introduced to a variety of music from various periods, styles and cultures. Students are required to participate in evening performances and festivals.

MU 123 – 2 Semesters
1 Credit

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (9)

Philharmonic is a non-auditioned string orchestra; however, students enrolled must have at least 3 years of prior experience in orchestra. Students in this course will study intermediate high school string literature and techniques. Performances are scheduled throughout the school year. Attendance at concerts/ performances is a part of the assessment process.

MU 201 – 1 Semester
0.5 Credit

INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES
Must enroll in Freshman Band 2nd Semester

The focus of this class is on individual skill building for those students who want to learn a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument or those students who did not attend band camp. Students enrolled in this class will be required to secure an instrument which is in good working order prior to the first day of class. The condition of instruments will be assessed the first two days of class. If you are interested in playing a large instrument, contact the band directors for more details. A variety of instructional materials will be used and each student will be supplied with necessary music and text. The final assessment will include a public performance which demonstrates the student's progress. Students who enroll in his class will then be placed into freshman for the second and third trimester.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (WELLNESS AND ESSENTIAL LIVING SKILLS)

**PE 111 – 1 Semester
.5 Credit**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

If you are looking for something entertaining and competitive that will get you on the road to fitness, this course is for you. All students taking this class will participate in activities such as basketball, flag football, floor hockey, volleyball, soccer, and team handball. This class is also designed to expose students to a variety of leisure time pursuits. Activities will be selected from, but not limited to, the following: badminton, tennis, golf, archery, table tennis, and aerobic fitness.

**PE 121 – 1 Semester
.5 Credit**

HEALTH (9)

Health is a trimester course, which focuses on positive decision making with emphasis upon physical, mental, and social wellness. Respect and responsibility form the groundwork for student in first aid, CPR, stress management, decision making skills, fitness and nutrition awareness, adolescence, communicable diseases, relationships and prejudice, and substance abuse.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

**SC 102A/B – 2 Semesters
1 Credit**

BIOLOGY (9) - REQUIRED

Biology is a required course for graduation from East Kentwood High School. It is divided into two trimesters, Biology A and Biology B. In the first trimester (Biology A), students will study topics in Scientific Method, Taxonomy, Ecology, Introduction to Organic Chemistry, and Cell Biology. In the second trimester (Biology B), students will study Photosynthesis-Respiration, Mitosis, Meiosis, Heredity, DNA-RNA-Protein Synthesis, and Evolution-Natural Selection. In each trimester, many common assessments are used to determine student proficiency. The class period will include lecture, discussion, Power Point, labs, videos and other activities. It is required that Biology B students will have passed Biology A as preparation for Biology B.

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

**SS 102A/B – 2 Semesters
1 Credit**

U.S. HISTORY (9) - REQUIRED

This required course is designed to give the students a broad perspective on the forces and events that shaped the nation in the twentieth century.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**TL101 – 1 Semester
.5 Credit**

TEEN LEADERSHIP
Meets Civic Literacy Requirement

This is a required course for all 9th grade students that builds responsible citizens, builds self-confidence and hope, helps students acquire the skills they need to succeed, teaches leadership and develops effective public speaking skills. This course also meets the graduation requirement of a Civic Literacy course.

THEATER DEPARTMENT

**TH101 – 1 Semester
.5 Credit**

INTRO TO THEATRE
Meets Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Requirement
NO Pre-Requisites

This introductory course is for students wishing to learn more about Theatre. It is intended for students with a curiosity, but no past experience, in the performing arts. Basic lessons on theatrical elements, performance, design, and interpretation will be covered. Reading, writing, drawing, speaking and memorization will be used to complete this course of study. This class is an excellent opportunity for the student who wishes to experience the basic concepts of Theatre and gain a new appreciation for the fine arts.

**TH211 – 1 Semester
.5 Credit**

THEATRE ARTS
Meets Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Requirement
NO Pre-Requisites - prior experience or interest in further Theatrical study is recommended

This introductory course is designed for students who are considering the opportunity to continue their studies into Theatre 2 and 3. Prior experience is a plus, but it is not required. If you have performed as an actor, singer or dancer or have an interest in design or script writing, this class is for you! A detailed approach to stagecraft will be covered as we explore the elements that create a theatrical production. Students will be required to read, interpret, and design using the playwright's words as the blueprint. Written work, performances, and extensive design projects will all be used to complete this course of study.