

Curriculum Guide

ARTS

Dance

Dance 1: Introduction to Dance Technique
Dance 2: Choreography and Performance
Dance 3: Advanced Technical and Creative Practice
Dance Honors

Film

Film 1
Film 2
Media Studies
Honors Media Studies (for Filmmaking)
Screenwriting: Features
Screenwriting: TV Pilots
Screenwriting Honors

Game Design Academy

Building Virtual Environments
Honors Programming for Games
Honors Game Design and Production
Honors Media Studies (for Game Design)

Music

Introduction to Band: Roots of American Music
Band Workshop Series
Raise Your Voice
AP Music Theory
Virtuoso Program: Chamber Music
Virtuoso Program: Orchestra da Camera

Theatre Arts

Theatre Arts 1: Introduction to Acting and Theatre
Theatre Arts 2: Contemporary, Shakespeare, and Sword Fighting
Theatre Arts 3: Advanced Acting
Technical Theatre
Theatre Honors

Visual Arts

Visual Arts 1
Visual Arts 2
Visual Arts Honors
Ceramics 1
Ceramics 2
Ceramics Honors
AP Art and Design (2D, 3D, and Drawing)

After-School Arts

Non-credit enrichment courses vary by year and often include (but are not limited to):
Private Conservatory Music Lessons
Ensemble: Chamber Music, Piano Ensemble, Flute, Choir, or Classical Guitar
Sinfonia
Theatre Performance Workshop
Dance Ensemble
Beginning Pointe
Hip-Hop Dance
Intermediate Ballet
Visual Arts Evening Elective

ENGLISH

(Four years required)
English 9
English 10
English 10 Honors
English 11: American Literature
English 12: Banned Books
English 12: Creative Writing
English 12: Dystopian Fiction
English 12: Mystery and Crime
English 12: Senior Composition
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition

Electives

Journalism
Advanced Narrative Nonfiction
Screenwriting
Screenwriting Honors

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)

Academic English Language 9
Academic English Language 10

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Human Development 9
Human Development Workshops

Physical Education Options

(Four semesters of Physical Education required)
SD Athletic Teams
SD Dance Class (during or after school)
Strength and Conditioning Class
Co-Curricular with PE-designated activity



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INTERDISCIPLINARY DESIGN AND CREATION (IDC)

Architecture and Engineering
Principles of Sustainable Design
Law, Public Policy, and Urban Planning
Augmented and Virtual Reality
Applied Physical Construction
Ethics of Science and Technology
Real Estate Investment Modeling

MATHEMATICS

(Three years required, four recommended)
Algebra 1
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra 2
Algebra 2 Honors
Precalculus
Precalculus Honors
Introduction to Statistics
AP Statistics
Calculus
AP Calculus (AB)
AP Calculus (BC)
Multivariable Calculus
AP Computer Science A

PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS, AND WORLD RELIGIONS

(Three years required)
Grade 9: Global Studies
Grade 10: Myth and Meaning
Grade 11: Social Justice

Electives

Ethics in Science
Philosophy: Existentialism in Literature, Television, and Film



SCIENCE

(Three years required, four recommended)
Conceptual Physics
Physics
Biology
Biology Honors
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors

Electives

Ecology
Human Biology
Physics in Engineering
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science

SOCIAL STUDIES

(Three years required)
Global Studies
Modern World History
Modern World History Honors
United States History
AP U.S. History

Electives

Economics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
Contemporary Global History Honors
Government and Civics
International Relations
Psychology
AP Psychology

WORLD LANGUAGES

(Three consecutive years required)
Mandarin 1
Mandarin 2
Mandarin 3
Mandarin 4
AP Chinese Language and Culture
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4: Debates in Latin America/Spain
AP Spanish Culture and Language
Advanced Seminar in Spanish
Students may petition to take a world language not offered at SD through approved online or off-site courses.

