

HighMark Charter School

9th Grade Class Choices

2026 – 2027

Hello! Thank you for choosing HighMark! We are excited to have you enrolled for the 2026 – 2027 school year! We are excited to offer a lot of class choices for this year. Please read the instructions carefully as some things have changed from previous years.

Instructions

All class choices will be selected on the back side of this page. Students will have a total of 8 credits for the school year. Required courses have already been selected on the left-hand side of the page, except for a Science class. **You will need to circle one of either: “Earth and Space Science” or “Biology.”** Many students forget this step, if it is not selected, a science class will be chosen based on seat availability. Next, please choose elective classes totaling 3.5 credits. A 1 credit class indicates the class is yearlong (both semesters), while .5 credit classes only last a semester.

The classes you list on the left-hand electives table will be your first choices. List these in order of preference, with 1 being your first preference, as indicated by the column labeled “order”. You do not need to fill out all the slots, you simply need to fill out 3.5 credits. For example, if Spanish 1B is my first choice, I will list it under number one and mark that it is a 1 credit class. I now have 2.5 credits remaining which I can fill with any combination of 1 and/or .5 credit classes.

Next, select 3 classes as alternates and list them under the alternate choices heading. These will be scheduled if your first choices are not available. If your student has an IEP, please fill out this registration form normally, and the Special Education teachers will help schedule your student in the appropriate courses.

This form must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and returned to your Business SOAR teacher by **Monday, April 6th** (the Monday after Spring Break). The entire course catalog of class descriptions can be found on the Highmark Counseling Website and will also be emailed to all students and parents.

If your student has been accepted as a member of next year’s Yearbook team, list “Yearbook” as your first elective choice on this form. This is a 1 credit class. Some additional classes require a separate audition or application, which will happen after class choice takes place. If your student is interested in one of these classes, simply request it and make sure to do the audition/application when it happens. If the student is not accepted into the class, an alternate will be used.

Teacher and Office Aides will also be selected based on an application basis and will not be requested on this form. If your student wishes to be an Aide, they will complete the aide application when it becomes available. If they are selected as a teacher or office aide, one of their elective classes will be replaced.

High School Credit

As 9th graders, students begin to receive High School credit for classes completed this year at HighMark. All classes taken in 9th grade will be listed on a student’s High School transcript. Grades, citizenship, and graduation requirements become essential to students in 9th-12th grade. Throughout the year, your students will be meeting with the School Counselor as well as members of the Admin team to ensure that they are on track for graduation and are taking the classes needed. We try our best to make sure that every student leaves HighMark well prepared for High School. If you have any additional questions about graduation or high school transcripts in general, please contact the School Counselor.

Honors Classes

Honors credit will be associated with the general curriculum for any core class. A separate “honors” class does not need to be registered for. More information will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

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Code	Required Courses: Class Name	Credits
9010	Language Arts 9	1
9020	Secondary Math 1	1
9030 9035	Earth and Space Science OR Biology (Circle One)	1
9040	Geography	.5
9050	Digital Business Applications (satisfies the HS Digital Studies Requirement)	.5
9060	PE—Participation Skills and Techniques	.5
Total Required Credits:		4.5

Next: fill in the remaining **3.5 credits** with elective classes from the list on the right. Write the classes in order of preference, with 1 being highest preference.

Order	Code	Elective Courses: Class Name	Credits
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
Total Elective Credits:			3.5

ELECTIVE COURSES

Fine Arts:

7000 Art Foundations 1	.5 cr.	7300 Beginning Band	1 cr.
8000 Art Foundations 2 *Art 1 Prerequisite	.5 cr.	7350 Symphonic Band *Beginning Band prerequisite or teacher approval	1 cr.
9000 Painting *Art 2 Prerequisite	.5 cr.	7500 Music Appreciation	.5 cr.
7200 Beginning Choir	1 cr.	7600 Beginning Guitar	.5 cr.
8200 Coro Alato *by audition only	1 cr.	7150 Theatre 1	.5 cr.
7860 Beginning Percussion	.5 cr.		

Career and Technical Education:

9700 Food and Nutrition	.5 cr.	9803 Digital Media	.5 cr.
9850 Photography	.5 cr.		

Foreign Language:

9100 Spanish 2 *Spanish 1B Prerequisite	1 cr.	8100 Spanish 1B *Spanish 1A Prerequisite	1 cr.
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Other Electives:

8550 Intro to Yoga	.5 cr.	9200 Speech and Debate	.5 cr.
9600 Current Events	.5 cr.	8600 Creative Writing	.5 cr.
9065 Strength and Conditioning	.5 cr.	9750 Mental Performance Strategies	.5 cr.

Alternate Class Choices (Fill in all 3):

Code	Class Name	Credits

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____