Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program (MOCAP) SchoolsPLP Course Descriptions - Curriculum Only

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3D Modeling A/B	Heart valves, cars, cartoons, and buildings may not seem to have much in common, but they all share one spectacular attribute: all originated as a 3D model. 3D modeling has changed the way the world makes things, and in this course, you'll learn the basics to begin creating in 3D! You'll learn how different 3D models are built and how to practice using a variety of modeling methods. By the end of the course, you'll walk away with a portfolio of your ingenious modeling ideas. 3D modeling is an essential part of the modern world and soon, you'll be able to contribute yourself!
Accounting A/B	Accounting is the language of business. After completing this course, you will have a major advantage when taking college accounting and possess the skills necessary for entry-level accounting and bookkeeping careers. During the course of the semester, you will: prepare financial records, develop financial reports, enhance your general knowledge of business, and learn payroll and taxes.
Advertising	Throughout the Advertising course, students discover the various ways that advertisements touch their lives. This course presents a comprehensive introduction to the field of advertising, which includes its purpose and the theory behind it. In this course, students learn to identify target markets, distinguish different types of business, and interpret the information they gather to create a winning advertising plan. Students investigate the needs and wants of both the consumers to whom they are advertising and the companies for which they are creating the advertisement. Lessons will cover the basic skills and knowledge required to work in the advertising world and will guide students through the creation of a complete advertising plan. Students in this course are presented with a realistic idea of what a career in advertising entails.
Advertising and Sales Promotion I	Great marketing strategies can be powerful. Every year companies spend approximately $200 billion promoting their products and services – and that's just in the United States alone! Explore how marketing campaigns, ads, and commercials are brought to life and meet some of the creative folks who produce them. Learn about different marketing career opportunities and discover ways to be part of this exciting, fast-paced industry.
Aeronautics and Space Travel A/B	This course introduces students to the history and near future of space travel. Students will explore the possibilities of moon bases, Mars colonies, and visiting the outer planets in our solar system and their moons. Students will also discuss important ethical and legal issues around space exploration, such as asteroid mining and war in space. The course gives an expansive view of the technologies, science, and theories that will make far-fetched dreams into realities during the student's lifetime.
African American History	African American History is a survey course that spans the history of America, including ancient African society and culture through the presidency of Barack Obama. Students examine the African American struggle to secure their constitutional rights. This course explores the powerful and influential role of African Americans in U.S. history.
Algebra I A/B	In Algebra I, students explore variables, function patterns, graphs, and equations. They will describe and translate graphic, algebraic, numeric, and verbal representations of relations and use those representations to solve problems. Students will develop

	computational, procedural, and problem-solving skills throughout this course, building a solid foundation for further study in mathematics.
Algebra II A/B	In Algebra II, students analyze situations verbally, numerically, graphically, and symbolically. Students solve equations and inequalities. They extend their knowledge of algebraic expressions, absolute value, functions, and graphs. The Algebra II course prepares students for more difficult mathematical concepts and content.
American Sign Language I A/B	Did you know that American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most commonly used language in North America? Learn introductory vocabulary and simple sentences so that you can start communicating right away. Importantly, explore Deaf culture – social beliefs, traditions, history, values, and communities influenced by deafness.
American Sign Language II A/B	The predominant sign language of Deaf communities in the United States, American Sign Language, is complex and robust. Discover more of this language and its grammatical structures through expanding your vocabulary with acquiring hundreds of new signs. Additionally, explore interesting topics like Deaf education and Deaf arts and culture, and learn about careers where you can use your ASL skills.
American Sign Language III A/B	As you dive into more advanced ASL signing, including unique grammar features and advanced classifiers and locatives, you'll learn, compose, and present your new-found vocabulary and narratives by immersing yourself in Deaf culture and community. From opinions, slang, and idioms, to using technology and media that offers authentic Deaf perspectives. Explore how travel, cultural differences, and geography affect sign language. And gain a better understanding of Deaf culture by learning important events and examining topics such as education, science, and literature
Anatomy and Physiology A/B	The Anatomy and Physiology course allows students to discover the fascinating dynamics of the human body. Students begin by exploring the history of anatomy, essential anatomical terminology, and the hierarchical organization of the human body. Next, students are introduced to basic biochemistry and cellular processes, which includes a virtual tour of the cell. Students also investigate the structure, function, hierarchy, and diseases associated with each organ system. Completion of one full year of high school Biology is required in order to understand the numerous biological concepts presented in this course.
Animation I A/B	Have you ever watched a cartoon or played a video game where the animation of characters captivated you so much you wanted to create your own? If so, it's time to immerse yourself in the world of animation. Meet the industry players such as directors, animators, and 3D modelers. Develop your story by exploring design, the 12 principles of animation, creating a storyboard, and leveraging the tools of the trade. Let's bring your story to life with animation!
Anthropology I	This course examines family and kinship, religion, economics, politics, survival of indigenous groups, and Western influences from an anthropological perspective to gain appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity. Students gain an understanding of the differences and similarities, both biological and cultural, in human populations and recognize the characteristics that define their own culture while gaining an appreciation for the culture of others.

Anthropology II	This course examines family and kinship, religion, economics, politics, survival of indigenous groups, and Western influences from an anthropological perspective to gain appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity. Students gain an understanding of the differences and similarities, both biological and cultural, in human populations and recognize the characteristics that define their own culture while gaining an appreciation for the culture of others.
Aquatic Science A/B	In Aquatic Science students will test, predict, and learn about water and things pertaining to water. The first unit will guide students to think of water as a system. Learning the chemistry and physics of water, students will complete a course project by applying scientific methods to collect and analyze data on a local body of water. A survey of the physical properties of the ocean, including their formation and composition, will precede an inquiry into how the atmosphere and sun interact with the hydrosphere to create weather. Students will examine the elements and properties of aquatic ecosystems, including aquatic biology and marine and freshwater ecosystems. In the final unit, students will consider the relationship between humans and water, including challenges such as population growth competing for resources with agriculture and industry.
Archaeology	Imagine what it must feel like to uncover an artifact from the past! Archaeology helps us to better understand, through discovery and analysis, how ancient civilizations have shaped the modern world. Explore the techniques, methods, and theories Archaeologists use to conduct their studies to locate and unlock the secrets of a long and colorful past. Let's get exploring! Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 continue
Architectural Design III A/B	The focus of Architectural Design III course is to identify the common sequential processes used in computer-aided drafting (CAD). These processes will provide students with the foundation of creating drawings in CAD software including the use of lines, circles, arcs, text, varied text styles, multi-leaders, dimensions, dimension styles, crosshatching, object property commands, arrays, reference angles, layers, page setup, reusable content, and gradient patterns. Students will also explore concepts of ethics and legal responsibilities. They will identify how policies and procedures are used to develop company culture and professional standards. Students will have the opportunity to investigate career opportunities in the drafting professions. They will learn about the importance of developing a digital portfolio from their academic and professional experience. The course will culminate with a project that utilizes the processes they've learned in their readings
Art History A/B	This course enables students to develop knowledge of the history and theory of art and the relationship between artist, artwork, and society. Students research and critique periods, styles, and works of art from early civilizations through the Middle Ages. Emphasis is placed on the role of works of art based on subject matter, theme, concept, symbolism, or allegory/metaphor.
Art in World Cultures	Art tells a story. Go on a journey of when humans began creating art in prehistoric times to ancient Roman, early Christian, and Medieval periods. Explore the artistic characteristics of the Renaissance, Americas, Baroque, Romantic, and more. Learn the

	elements and design principles of art, and about some of the greatest artists in the world, while creating your own art, both on paper and digitally. It's time to tell your story through art.
Astronomy A/B	In Astronomy, students begin by discussing basic astronomical concepts and discoveries throughout history. They take an in-depth look at the first moments of the universe by studying the Big Bang. From there, they investigate the evolution of the universe, beginning with the first atoms and moving on to explore elements, stars, solar systems, and galaxies. Students gather information to determine if there is a possibility of life on other planets and in other solar systems. Students analyze the major space missions that have led to the modern study of cosmology, and they explore the possibilities of where this field may take scientists in the future
Audio Video Production A/B	Audio/Video Production I explores foundational principles in both audio design and video production. This course is broken down into four primary sections: preproduction, principal photography, post-production, and career preparation/portfolio development. Each section focuses on the primary elements found in each phase of production. Preproduction explores topics such as script and storyboard development, production documents, and production planning. Principal photography analyzes key crew roles associated with audio and video production, like the director, sound designer, producer, and actors, as well as shooting techniques, camera gear, and on-set safety. Post-production delves into topics such as video editing, copyright laws, and sound mixing and design. The course concludes by having the student create an audio/video portfolio, résumé, and cover letter to prepare for entry into college and the professional world.
Augmented and Virtual Reality Applications A/B	Separating hype from reality is hard… especially in the fast-growing and evolving space of augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR). Recent advances in technology has allowed AR/VR systems to become extremely sophisticated and realistic. This course introduces students to the technologies that underpin AR/VR systems. Then the course walks through 5 applications of AR/VR and how they will change and impact numerous aspects of our lives and the economy. Students will also learn about and discuss the risks and side effects of these systems, including health, privacy, and ethical implications.
Biology A/B	Biology covers a wide range of concepts in the field of biology. They are introduced to the concept of cell structure and function, and investigate Mendelian genetics and how humans inherit traits. Students also analyze the structure and mechanisms of DNA, as well as the role of biotechnology in today's society. This course presents the theory of evolution, including early ideas, how populations evolve, and the history of life on Earth. Students explore the concept of ecology, where they study the different principles of ecology, interactions that occur within ecosystems, the biosphere, and how humans have impacted ecosystems thus far.
Biotechnology I A/B	Dig deeper into the world of biotechnology! Learn how and why biotechnology is so important to the agricultural, pharmaceutical, and genetic fields of study. You'll learn about mapping the human genome, the role of antibiotics, how medicine is created to

	combat diseases, and the future of the biotechnology field. It's time to explore the depth and breadth of this fascinating field!
Building Maintenance Technologies I A/B	The Building Maintenance Technology course will focus on all aspects of the construction industry from health and safety to the tools that every construction professional needs in their collection. Students will learn about the various roles in the industry as well as job outlooks, educational and experiential requirements, and salary information. Some activities will focus on career exploration to discover career options that best align with interests and talents. Students will learn basic construction math and how it is applied during design and building phases of projects. They will learn specifics about carpentry, construction drawings, framing floor systems, framing walls, and framing roofs. Throughout, they will establish a foundation for what opportunities exist for them in the industry.
Business Applications	In Business Applications, students focus on business software and the corresponding skills required in the business world. The course begins with an overview of computers, including hardware, software, and operating systems. Students explore spreadsheet, word processing, presentation, and database software and discover how to fulfill a customer request using these skills. They also study web-based applications and additional software packages and learn about Internet technology. Students investigate common security concerns and discover how to prevent security issues. Finally, students experience the software development cycle where they learn how various professionals utilize business applications. They discover the importance of moral and ethical responsibility in an online community. Students must possess basic spreadsheet, word processing, and presentation software skills before entering this course. Additionally, students must be independent learners, and they must be comfortable learning new technology and researching software features and functions.
Business Management	Business Management guides students through examples of their roles as wage earners, consumers, and citizens as they explore the wide, exciting world of business. Students examine topics ranging from extensive credit use to the role of government in the U.S. economy. Students are encouraged to take Introduction to Business as a prerequisite to Business Management, as Business Management dives deeper into the different aspects of managing a business successfully.
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Career and Financial Management A/B	The Career and Financial Management course prepares students to make decisions regarding their life, career, and financial future. Throughout the course, they will investigate a variety of career pathways and determine how to make decisions that will affect their employment opportunities. Students will identify career readiness skills, and how education opens up opportunities for advancement and growth. Through lessons

	on leadership, communication, and technology, students will better understand the modern workplace. The second half of the course focuses on money management, and includes critical topics such as budgeting, saving, loans and credit, identity protection, investing, insurance, and taxes
Career Exploration in Dentistry A/B	This course introduces students to the exciting and varied career opportunities in the dentistry profession, from dental assistant all the way up through oral surgeon. Students will review the history of dentistry globally and in the U.S., and will learn key dental terminology. The course will introduce the roles and tasks done as well as skills and education required of nearly every member of the dental staff. Students will gain an understanding of what it takes to perform each position, and how they work together.
Career Exploration in Finance A/B	This course introduces students to the challenging and lucrative world of finance. While "Wall Street" may still get a bad rap after the 2008 financial crisis, finance careers still remain highly sought after and can be highly rewarding. The course reviews key financial terms and examines various groups, positions, and roles within financial institutions. Students will learn about resumes, interviews, and networking. Students will also discuss ethics on Wall Street and the role of finance within society
Career Exploration in Healthcare A/B	This course prepares students to demonstrate expertise in Adobe's Photoshop software and prepares them to obtain the Adobe Certified Professional Certification for Photoshop. Students will learn through engaging and interactive content, projects, and practice exam items aligned to the learning objectives outlined by Adobe's exam specifications. Students will leave this course with career-ready, real-time skills in one of the most popular software programs in the world!
Career Preparation I A/B	Career Preparation I provides opportunities for students to participate in a work-based learning experience that combines classroom instruction with business and industry employment experiences. The goal is to prepare students with a variety of skills for a changing workplace. Career preparation is relevant and rigorous, supports student attainment of academic standards, and effectively prepares students for college and career success.
Careers in Criminal Justice I A/B	Have you ever wondered what steps take place as people as they move through the court system? The criminal justice system is a very complex field that requires dedicated people willing to pursue equal justice for all. Explore different career choices and how the juvenile justice system, the correctional system, and the trial process all work together to maintain social order.
Chemistry A/B	Chemistry gives students a deeper understanding of the world around them as they investigate how chemistry is involved in everyday life. Students explore fundamental chemistry content and concepts, including the metric system, the periodic table, atomic structures, bonding, chemical reactions, and nuclear reactions. They apply their knowledge and science process skills through labs that use common, household objects in order to explore the practicality of chemistry. As a prerequisite to Chemistry, students must have completed Algebra I and must possess basic spreadsheet, word processing, and presentation software knowledge.

Child Development A/B	Child Development prepares students to understand the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth and development of children. The course is designed to help young people acquire knowledge and skills essential to the care and guidance of children as a parent or caregiver. Emphasis is on helping students create an environment for children that will promote optimum development. Students also investigate careers in child development.
Cloud Technologies and the Internet of Things A/B	First, we had the internet of computers. Then with the advent of email and social media, along with mobile technology, it became the internet of people. Today's world is increasingly becoming the internet of things. With advances in battery power, sensors, and computer chips, more and more devices are being connected to the internet. This will allow them to be monitored, controlled, and used more effectively for people and businesses. This course will examine the trends and opportunities surrounding the Internet of Things. Students will learn about the technologies, hardware, and software that underpin the Internet of Things. The course will examine a variety of end-market applications in our homes, businesses and cities. Finally, students will learn about the many career opportunities that the Internet of Things will enable
Coding I A/B	Learning to code is like learning a clandestine language, and now is your chance to get in on the secret! In this course, you will learn about the building blocks of coding. You'll explore how real-world problems can be broken into algorithms described through coding and then use the approachable and versatile coding language of Python to generate the output you're looking for. You'll cover both procedural and object-oriented programming and even create two text-based adventure games along the way. Are you ready to get in on the secret?
Commercial Photography I A/B	Commercial Photography I develops students' skills in the areas of digital photography, professional communication, and design. Commercial Photography is about more than simply taking a photo. It involves marketing, teamwork, management, design, and much more. Students learn concepts such as how to work with clients, edit images, pose portraits, style scenes, use a camera in manual mode, use the principles of design, prepare for their career, and create images with purpose. Real world projects and a broad scope of the career give students insight to what it is like to work in the creative production industry. Students leave Commercial Photography I with a wealth of knowledge and an industry-ready portfolio
Commercial Photography II A/B	Commercial Photography II advances students' skills in the areas of digital photography, professional communication, and design. In Commercial Photography I, students learned introductory concepts such as lighting, posing, retouching images, working with clients, styling, and shooting with a camera in manual mode. In Commercial Photography II, several of those concepts are discussed more in depth. Additionally, students are introduced to new concepts such as leadership, business ownership, conceptualization, architectural photography, stock photography, inspiration, and more. Through real world projects and a broad overview of different career paths in photography, students gain insight into what working in the creative production industry requires. The projects help students set goals and plan for their own future.

	Commercial Photography II students are encouraged to explore and take photos as often as possible. Students leave Commercial Photography II with a wealth of knowledge and an industry-ready portfolio.
Computing for College and Careers I	Technology has made an impact on nearly all facets of our lives, and it will continue to make an impact on yours as you make your way into college and career! In this course, you are going to pull back the veil on what goes into some of the technology we use every day. You will investigate computer hardware and software and learn what goes into building a computer while exploring programs and applications, you'll study the history of the internet and how to use its capabilities even more effectively, and you'll also dive deep into email and some of today's most powerful processing tools. Get ready to really know the technology you have at your fingertips so you can continue to make it work for you!
Concepts of Engineering and Technology	Learn how the momentum of science is continually propelling engineers in new directions towards a future full of insight and opportunity. Explore the different branches of engineering and how problem-solving, sketching, collaboration, and experimentation can change the very fiber of our human lives. By examining astounding engineering feats and complex ongoing issues, you'll begin to question whether the word impossible really exists.
Construction: Fundamentals and Careers A/B	This course introduces students to the evolving industry of construction! In addition to building on standard concepts such as technical skills, project planning, and regulations, students will learn about the variety of career possibilities within construction. They will also explore the entrepreneurial side of construction and discover what it takes to start and run your own business in this field. Finally, the course will look towards the future and analyze trends in green materials, energy efficiency, and technology to determine how these will impact the homes we build and live in
Cosmetology I	We all want to look our best, but did you know there is actually a science behind cutting your hair and painting your nails? Just like all careers, cosmetology requires certain skills and characteristics. You will learn about various beauty regimes related to hair, nails, skin, and spa treatments, and discover how to create your own business model quickly and efficiently while still looking fabulous, of course!
Cosmetology II	This vibrant industry needs skilled and personable professionals well-versed in the latest trends and technological advances. Explore what the day-to-day life of a cosmetologist is like, and discover that cosmetology is much more than knowing and applying techniques. Learn skin care and facials, how to give manicures and pedicures, how to apply artificial nails, and gain an understanding of different hair removal techniques. Discover the next steps towards launching a rewarding and creative career in cosmetology.
Cosmetology III A/B	Cosmetology is a specialized field with a high skill set. Examine the complexities of cosmetology by learning to perform a hair, scalp, and skin analysis. You'll learn about hair types, face shapes, and color theory. And, to effectively prepare you for a career in cosmetology, color techniques with an emphasis on salon and chemical safety is examined.

Counseling and Mental Health A/B	This course is a Career and Technical Education course for use in the Health Science or Human Services career pathways. The course covers general topics for personal and professional development (soft skills), such as time management, critical thinking, and problem-solving, communication, team building, ethics, and character. It also focuses on many mental health topics, including the history of mental health care, modern mental health care systems, the nervous system, mental health across life stages, stress, depression, and other mental disorders. Students research the professional development of workers in the mental health field, such as the scope of practice, ways to recognize abuse, and methods for adapting to change. Student and professional organizations for career development are discussed as well. The course ends with activities exploring careers and researching training opportunities.
Creative Writing	Creative Writing is a course in which students discover, analyze, and apply the methods and styles used in various forms of fiction, creative nonfiction, drama, and poetry. It emphasizes experimentation and practice, and it encourages students to take cues from published writers and poets. Students express themselves while learning various genres and their respective writing rules. Students also explore related topics, including word choice, diction, form, editing, idea generation, and other skills useful in nonfiction writing. Students do a great deal of writing in this course.
Criminology	Why do certain people commit horrible acts? Can we ever begin to understand their reasoning and motivation? Perhaps. The mental state of a criminal can be affected by many different aspects of life: psychological, biological, sociological, all of which have different perspectives and influences. Investigate not only how these variables affect the criminal mind but also how crimes are investigated and handled in the criminal justice system.
Culinary Arts I A/B	Thinking of a career in the food service industry or looking to develop your culinary skills? Explore basic cooking and knife skills while preparing you for entry into the culinary world. Discover the history of food culture, food service, and global cuisines while learning about food science principles and preservation. Prepare for your future by building the professional, communication, leadership, and teamwork skills that are crucial to a career in the culinary arts.
Culinary Arts II	Did you know that baking is considered a science? Discover how to elevate your culinary skills through the creation of stocks, soups, sauces, and learn baking techniques. Examine sustainable food practices and the benefits of nutrition while maintaining taste, plating, and presentation to truly wow your guests. Explore careers in the culinary arts for ways to channel your newfound passion!
Cursive Handwriting	In the Cursive Handwriting course, students will have the opportunity to learn the art of cursive handwriting. This course uses videos and written lessons to demonstrate and explain how each letter is written. Students will practice their cursive writing using engaging worksheets.
Cybersecurity A/B	In the Cybersecurity course, students will learn about the practice of protecting networks, systems, and programs from digital attacks. They will better understand the aim of these attacks, such as destroying information, extorting money and resources, or

disrupting business operations. They will learn about the challenges and opportunities that implementing cybersecurity measures can present. As attackers become more innovative, it is more important than ever to have effective cybersecurity channels in place to counter them. Students will learn about countermeasures and role recovery and their integral function in the cybersecurity realm. Additionally, students will learn what makes certain networks and systems more vulnerable to attacks. They will become adept at identifying potential viruses, worms, threats, and malware. The Cybersecurity course acts as a foundation on which to build extensive knowledge about threats to digital security.

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Digital Photography I A/B	Have you wondered how professional photographers manage to capture that perfect image? Gain a better understanding of photography by exploring camera functions and the elements of composition while putting theory into practice by taking your own spectacular shots! Learn how to display your work for exhibitions and develop skills important for a career as a photographer.
Digital Photography II	We are surrounded by images; in advertisements, on websites, in magazines, and on billboards. Learn how to effectively critique photographs so you can better understand composition and go on to create more eye-catching photographs on your own. Examine various aspects of the photography field including specialty areas, ethics, and famous photographers throughout history.
Early Childhood Education I A/B	The Early Childhood Education course is designed to provide an overview of the expectations and roles of the early childhood educator. The course provides details about childhood development, health, nutrition, and guidance strategies to help students understand the exciting and unique opportunities that a career in early childhood education can offer. The course is intended to prepare students for challenges they may face, but to emphasize the rewards of being able to influence the life of a young child. The ability to offer support to children as they learn, and grow is a point that is highlighted throughout each lesson.

Education & Teaching Advanced A/B	Teaching can be a highly rewarding profession. Throughout the course, students will explore career opportunities within the field of education. They will learn what it means to be a professional in the classroom, whether it be working alongside co-teachers or managing an inclusive and diverse group of students. Students will learn about the code of conduct expected of educational professionals. Students will explore the history and best practices in the teaching profession as well as professional development opportunities. They will discover what it means to emerge as leaders in the field.
English I A/B	English Language Arts 1 introduces students to elements of literature from classic to modern times using the genres of fiction and nonfiction. Through reading and the study of literary elements, such as plot and setting, character, narrator and voice, tone and mood, and symbolism and irony, students develop skills in literary analysis and interpretation. Students also examine form, style, and persuasion within nonfiction works. In this course, students strengthen their vocabulary, grammar, and mechanics. They also focus on the stages of the writing process
English II A/B	In English Language Arts 2, students focus on literature, grammar, and composition. They examine the different elements of a story, including plot, setting, character, narrator, and voice. Throughout the course, students also study various parts of speech, readings, and poetry. English Language Arts 10 presents students with many different types and styles of writing in order to provide a thorough examination of language and literature.
English III A/B	Students enrolled in English Grammar explore basic, intermediate, and advanced concepts of grammar, language, style, and composition. By analyzing word meaning and function, students will generate content using appropriate grammatical expressions. Students will examine provided writing samples and their own compositions to enhance their skills. The English Grammar curriculum is designed to cover a half-year of instruction, but it can be completed at each student's own pace
English IV A/B	English IV emphasizes the interpretation of various types of literature from different time periods. The genres covered include fiction, drama, and poetry. The dramatic play Cyrano de Bergerac is read and studied for its use of language to convey dilemmas and themes. Poetry studies include a survey of British poetry as well as ancient and modern poetry from various cultures and in various periods. Students are also given a wide range of writing assignments. For example, students produce a fiction story and a script. They also write essays evaluating literary elements. The course also includes research and writing arguments with logic. These various writing assignments help prepare students for end-of-course and SAT essay writing. Coverage is also given to analyzing and evaluating media and speeches, as well as using presentation and discussion skills.
English Language Arts 3 A/B	English Language Arts 3 focuses on expanding students' reading, writing, spelling, speaking, and listening skills. In this course, students read more complex texts and write to express themselves with greater sophistication. They practice reading at a natural pace while using intonation and expression appropriately. While reading, they interpret texts in more complex ways, by identifying cause and effect, determining tone and

	mood, and distinguishing shades of meaning in figurative language. This course introduce students to new genres, including opinion pieces, biographies, and blogs, while they continue to work with narratives, fiction, and informational texts. An emphasis is placed on grammar, punctuation, and spelling as students explore the functions of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs; categorize nouns; explain the differences between various verb tenses; write simple, complex, and compound sentences; and use capitalization, commas, and quotation marks correctly. They learn the spelling of words with various prefixes and suffixes; regular and irregular nouns, verbs, and adjectives; and contractions, compound words, homophones, and words with various vowel sounds. Students develop their speaking and listening skills by planning, writing, and delivering an oral presentation and by creating visual aids to accompany the presentation. English Language Arts 3 also introduces students to new forms of writing, such as scripts, autobiographies, and outlines. They practice drafting and revising their writing through the development of journal entries, short stories, opinion pieces, and narratives. Students expand their research skills by learning to take notes while researching and to organize their notes into categories. They also gather information using both print and electronic sources. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.
English Language Arts 4 A/B	Students in English Language Arts 4 focuses on expanding their reading, writing, spelling, speaking, and listening skills, with a heavy emphasis on solidifying their writing skills. They use narrative, descriptive, opinion, persuasive, and informative pieces to learn to state ideas, facts, and opinions clearly while correctly using introduction, body, and conclusion paragraphs. Students create a plan for writing, revise and edit their work, and improve their writing using feedback from an adult. Through their writing, they continue to master the conventions of English grammar, including quotations, relative pronouns, progressive verb tenses, modal auxiliaries, prepositional phrases, antecedents, coordinating conjunctions, compound sentences, capitalization, and punctuation, while avoiding sentence fragments and run-on sentences. They learn to spell words with a wide variety of prefixes and suffixes in addition to homophones, possessives, compound words, and words with silent letters. While reading, students identify, describe, and analyze story elements and compare and contrast these elements in stories, myths, and literature from various cultures. Students further develop their research skills by conducting short research projects, taking notes during research, and creating bibliographies. They develop more concrete speaking skills by creating and delivering presentations on various topics. In addition, students create audio recordings and visual aids to supplement their presentations. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.
English Language Arts 5 A/B	In English Language Arts 5, students solidify their foundational skills in reading, writing, spelling, speaking, and listening. Students read a variety of texts this year, including fiction, nonfiction, and informational texts. They identify the author's purpose in multiple forms of writing, such as descriptive, expository, technical, persuasive, and narrative passages. Through these texts, they learn to make inferences and analyze

multiple accounts of the same event. They also identify, interpret, and compare similes, metaphors, and idioms used in writing and learn to draw a plot diagram and to identify common themes in literature. This year, students write a five-paragraph essay and an effective thesis statement. They follow the writing process to develop essays, create outlines to organize their ideas, and revise and improve their original draft. Students also write a persuasive letter, a speech, and a script. This course teaches and reinforces spelling rules, such as i before e, while also focusing on the spelling of words ending in a silent e, commonly misspelled words, and words with multiple syllables. Students sharpen their research skills by learning to use note cards for research, gathering information about the same topic from multiple sources, and understanding plagiarism and the importance of writing in their own words. They also practice citing sources by creating a bibliography. Students enhance their presentation skills by reporting on a text or topic, telling a story, retelling an experience, or presenting an opinion in an organized way while using facts and details to support the main idea. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.

Entrepreneurship A/B	Entrepreneurship 1a: Introduction Starting a business is more than just having a good idea. Successful entrepreneurs know how to use and apply fundamental business concepts to turn their ideas into thriving businesses. Explore topics such as identifying the best business structure, business functions and operations, finance, business laws, regulations, and more! If you have ever dreamed of making a business idea a reality, take the time to establish a solid foundation of
Fashion Design	Fashion Design is an advanced course for students interested in learning the intricate process of how the fashion system works. Students will study the fashion business in sequential order from concept to consumer. They will examine all of the processes involved in the industry from producing raw materials, apparel, and accessories to the retail stores that sell fashion merchandise to the public. Students learn that the decision-making process is complex and not just about the latest designers, styles, or trends of an era. In this course, students will explore the history of fashion, including the looks and creations at every era. They will discover the equipment, tools, and fabrics used to create fashion, and they will learn how technology is used in fashion. Students have an opportunity to express themselves and their style through the creation of their own fashion design sketches and mood boards. Students will learn fashion terminology and how to forecast new and upcoming fashion trends.
Forensic Science I	Our notions of forensics are often fictionalized, containing fantastic notions of what forensic science really is. In this course, you'll explore the truth behind the science from its history to its modern-day developments. You will learn how detectives conduct thorough investigations as well as common equipment and methods that are used throughout the field. Finally, you will learn about collecting and analyzing the most common types of evidence found at a crime scene and how they guide investigators to answers. Let's track your interests and continue your pursuit of justice through science!

Forensic Science II	Fingerprints. Blood spatters. Gunshot residue. If these things intrigue you rather than scare you, then forensic science may be for you. Explore the riveting job of crime scene analysis, and learn the techniques and practices applied during a crime scene investigation, including how clues and data are recorded and preserved. Discover how technology is applied to make discoveries and bring criminals to justice.
Forestry and Natural Resources	Thriving forests are an essential part of the health of the planet, from our wildlife's ecosystem to providing humans with clean air to lumber and paper products. But forests cannot protect themselves and depend greatly on humans for conservation. Learn more about this meaningful relationship and how environmental policy, land use, water resources, and wildlife management all factor into current forestry issues. Forestry offers diverse professional opportunities, and for those concerned about the environment, it is a great choice.
Fundamentals of Bitcoin & Cryptocurrency A/B	Upon completion of this course, students will understand bitcoin, including its history, development, and context within the modern global economy. Students will learn the basic cryptographic principles that underlie bitcoin, and gain confidence by demonstrating strong security principles in storing and transaction bitcoin. Key principles such as mining, wallets, and hashing will be introduced. And finally they will be familiarized with the nascent industry of digital currencies and how they function.
Fundamentals of Blockchain & Cryptography A/B	Blockchain seems to be the latest buzzword that the business world is talking about. But what is it? And why should a high school student care? This course will seek to answer those questions. It will strip away the layers of complexity and sophistication to help students understand the key concepts of the blockchain. The course will introduce and discuss areas where blockchain has the greatest potential.
Game Design for Chromebooks I A/B	Does your love of video games motivate you to pursue a career in this field? Pursue your passion by learning about the principles of game design through the stages of development, iterative process, critiques, and game development tools. Put these new skills to work by designing your own game!
Gothic Literature	It was a dark and stormy night, and the vampires, ghouls, and undead were on the prowl… Gothic Literature is riddled with the spooky, but did you know that this genre is so much more than a scary form of entertainment? In Gothic Literature, you'll learn about how some of the world's greatest authors from the 19th century through today used Gothic elements to tackle issues that needed serious attention: the class system, gender norms, racism, social injustice, and more! Grab your monster gear and explore why Gothic literature has retained its appeal even with today's audiences.
Graphics Design and Illustration A/B	Graphic Design and Illustration I is an introductory course that explores the elements, principles, and tools of the graphic design and illustration industries. Students begin the course by analyzing the various elements of design such as color, shape, and value and applying them to unique works of their own. Personal projects include product label design, logo design, figure drawing, designing type, and more. The course focuses on design tool basics such as software applications and computer hardware. The student will practice design skills directly on computer applications while exploring other key professional skills such as creating design proposals, typography, cyber security,

	printing, copyright laws, artist critiques, and other career tools. The course concludes by having students assemble a graphic design and illustration portfolio. Their portfolio can be used for art school applications, job placement, or general professional development
Great Minds in Science	Does life exist on other planets? Will the issue of global warming ever be solved? Today, scientists, explorers, and writers are working to answer such questions. Like such famous minds from history as Edison, Einstein, Curie, and Newton, today's scientists are finding ways to revolutionize our lives and the world. Explore the extraordinary work of past individuals and how their ideas may very well shape the world of tomorrow.
Healthcare Management & Information Systems A/B	In this course, students will explore the comprehensive world of healthcare information and management. Throughout the modules, students will learn about the history of the healthcare system as well as the current best practices in the field. They will explore the innovative technologies being developed and applied in patient care and patient privacy. Students will become familiar with the specific terminology utilized within the clinical and information technology systems. Students will investigate the complexities of the business of healthcare including data organization and security considerations Finally, students will identify the ways in which communication and leadership go hand in hand with a thriving career in healthcare information and management systems.
Human Resources Management A/B	Are you ready to step into a critical leadership role that oversees the development of every successful business' most valuable resource? In this course, you will wear the shoes of a Human Resource Management (HRM) professional and will learn how to build and manage a team to help a company reach its goals. You will also explore and perform some of the key responsibilities of a HRM professional: research, interviewing, reporting, recruiting, hiring, assessing employees, and more! Are you ready to help develop invaluable human resources that are the heart of a company and help your company thrive? Learn how to create a winning culture through human resources!
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence A/B	This course teaches what every student should know about Artificial Intelligence. AI is a fast-moving technology with impacts and implications for both our individual lives and society as a whole. In this course, students will get a basic introduction to the building blocks and components of artificial intelligence, learning about concepts like algorithms, machine learning, and neural networks. Students will also explore how AI is already being used, and evaluate problem areas of AI, such as bias. The course also contains a balanced look at AI's impact on existing jobs, as well as its potential to create new and exciting career fields in the future. Students will leave the course with a solid understanding of what AI is, how it works, areas of caution, and what they can do with the technology.
Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits A/B	The course is designed to build a foundation for personal fitness, physical literacy, lifetime wellness, and healthy living. Students will apply the knowledge and skills to demonstrate mastery of concepts needed to achieve lifetime wellness. They will also participate in a variety of physical activities to understand how to attain personal fitness and lifetime wellness.

Literary Genres A/B	Literary Genres is a senior-level course in which students will explore and analyze a variety of literature. A grammar review precedes a study of rhetorical and literary devices, as well as a brief survey of the major literary forms. Students will read a variety of fictional selections and stories including The Canterbury Tales, various mythologies, Beowulf, Hansel and Gretel, Dracula, and Edgar Allan Poe's "The Masque of the Red Death." Students will better understand drama after reading excerpts from William Shakespeare's plays and will contemplate timeless poems by Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, Lord Byron, and other poets. Comparing and contrasting speeches by Barack Obama and Ronald Reagan will assist students in analyzing persuasive texts. The course concludes with a look at perspective in nonfiction texts, such as diaries and autobiographies.
Logic I	The Logic I course will improve the critical thinking skills of students through the study of informal logic. The course will challenge students to evaluate whether humans are rational or emotional beings. The majority of the course explores occurrences of faulty reasoning known as logical fallacies. Students will learn to recognize and expose fallacies when evaluating and critiquing arguments. Fallacies covered include appeal to fear, irrelevant thesis, straw man, false analogy, red herring, and misuse of statistics. Students will apply the study of types, components, and principles of argumentative dialogue in preparing a dialogue of their own. During the course, students will consider and analyze Aesop's Fables and "The Cave" by Plato. The course concludes with a comprehensive review of fallacies and a preview of formal logic
Logic II	Logic II introduces the student to the world of Aristotelian formal logic. Students will use classical tools, including the Porphyrian tree and Euler's circles to translate arguments into propositions organized within the categorical form. Students will also learn to analyze the validity of arguments using the square of opposition, terminological rules, Venn diagrams, and the Barbara, Celarent, Darii, Ferio mnemonic. The course concludes with an evaluation of presuppositional disputes and a survey of hypothetical syllogisms.
Mathematics 3 A/B	Students in Mathematics 3 focus on multiplication and division, as this course aims to build strong foundational skills in these areas. Students explore the relationship between multiplication and division and practice using the order of operations to solve problems, including one- and two-step word problems. In addition to using place value to perform multi digit arithmetic, students round numbers to the nearest ten or hundred. They refine their mathematics skills in relation to money by making change using a combination of bills and coins. Mathematics 3 presents area and perimeter to students as they explore linear and area measurements. They also work with fractions as numbers in this course, representing them on number lines, generating equivalent fractions, and comparing fractions with the same numerator and denominator. Finally, students explore the ways in which various types of data can be displayed. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.

Mathematics 4 A/B	In Mathematics 4, students refine their skills in the areas of place value, measurement, geometry, fractions, and decimals. They use the order of operations to solve problems with whole numbers up to 1 million, and they explore factors and multiples ranging from 1 to 100. Students use equations, arrays, and area models to explain multiplication calculations. They compare multi-digit whole numbers, fractions, and decimals using the symbols for greater than, less than, and equal to. Students practice converting measurements, such as feet to inches, and they use their understanding of size to determine whether measurements are reasonable answers to problems. Mathematics 4 introduces students to the protractor, which they use to measure angles in whole number degrees. Students learn to identify right triangles, and they sketch angles, lines, segments, and rays. Students look closely at fractions and decimals in this course by writing equivalent fractions, ordering fractions from least to greatest, comparing fractions with different numerators and denominators, and writing fractions as decimals and vice versa. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.
Mathematics 5 A/B	Mathematics 5 focuses on developing students' math skills and problem-solving strategies. Problems and activities are designed to get students reasoning abstractly and quantitatively, constructing arguments, and modeling with mathematics. Students add, subtract, and multiply fractions, divide fractions by whole numbers, and divide whole numbers by fractions. They perform multiple operations with decimals in addition to comparing, ordering, and rounding them. They use exponents to denote powers of 10. Students are introduced to volume and how to calculate it and classify two-dimensional shapes into categories. They also graph data on a plot line and the coordinate plane, using graphs to solve real-word and mathematical problems. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.
Mathematics 6 A/B	Mathematics 6 introduces students to rational numbers and explores the concept of absolute value. Students work with ratios and rates to analyze relationships, and they connect these concepts to percents. Students also apply all four operations to decimal numbers, using the concepts to solve real-world application problems. In this course, students begin their study of Algebra by learning about mathematical expressions, equations, and inequalities. They analyze data and display data using statistical methods. Students also explore two- and three-dimensional shapes.
Medical Microbiology A/B	Medical Microbiology explores the world of tiny (micro) organisms that are responsible for making people sick. Students learn about the common bacteria, viruses, and protists that cause sickness and disease in humans. Medical Microbiology delves into different ways these germs and diseases can spread from person to person, throughout a community, and eventually around the globe while discussing the best practices for stopping them from spreading. Students look into different medications and how they work to kill or slow the growth of different microorganisms. Students will also research why some antibiotic medications are no longer effective against the bacteria that cause

	disease. Medical microbiology also teaches laboratory skills in how to effectively grow and isolate different colonies of microorganisms in Petri dishes.
Medical Terminology A/B	Medical Terminology is a course for students with an interest in the medical field. This course provides students with knowledge of Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes in addition to combining forms and eponymous terms related to the many systems of the human body. Students are also able to learn more about the many professions, specialists, and treatment plans associated with different areas of the body. This course introduces new ways of looking at the body through the lens of medical terms and their origins.
MIddle School Investigating Careers A/B	In this course, students are introduced to various aspects of the workplace and are given guidance in career preparation. This includes guidance toward becoming work-ready, for job acquisition skills, for continued training for job advancement, and for work-life balance. Topics include self-evaluation for career choice, the labor market, personal and professional development, getting a first job, personal characteristics for work, and making decisions. The importance of teamwork and leadership are a main emphasis in the course. The course includes instruction on using online tools to review and assess interest in various careers.
Money Matters A/B	In Money Matters, students will investigate money management from a personal financial perceptive. Students will apply critical-thinking skills to analyze financial options based on current and projected economic factors. Students will gain knowledge and skills necessary to establish short-term and long-term financial goals. Students will examine various methods of achieving short-term and long-term financial goals through various methods such as investing, tax planning, asset allocating, risk management, retirement planning, and estate planning.
Music Appreciation A/B	Music Appreciation stimulates personal growth when listening to music by exposing the student to a large variety of music with provided listening maps indicating applicable music terminology. Students will be able to explain personal music preference and identify how music is impacted by technology, social values, and daily life of the composers. Students develop an understanding of composer's intent and the ability to rationalize personal interpretation of music works. Similarities and contrasts in music throughout the eras are identified as well as how previous compositions impact future compositions. This course is well suited for advanced upper-level secondary students who plan to focus on music during their post-secondary studies.
Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance A/B	The Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance course will expand the student's knowledge in the many areas of business and free enterprise. The majority of the course takes a comprehensive look at business disciplines such as analyzing goods versus services, economics, financial management, principles of personal finance, marketing, the global economy, and government in business. The student will gain soft skills such as understanding business ethics, leadership, and the management of employees. The student will gain hard skills such as product management, finances, marketing campaigns, and sales. The course then takes a practical look at career opportunities in business and the professional skills needed to excel within the industry.

	The student will finish the course with a broad grasp on the principles of starting, operating, and managing a successful company.
Principles of Education and Training A/B	Principles of Education and Training is designed to introduce learners to the various careers within the Education and Training Career Cluster. Students use self-knowledge as well as educational and career information to analyze various careers within the Education and Training Career Cluster.
Principles of Government and Public Policy A/B	Principles of Government and Public Administration (PGPA) introduces students to careers in public policy. PGPA explores government from the perspective of government and private sector employees as well as elected officials. In this course, students examine different career avenues and their ethical and professional standards. PGPA introduces students to theories of governmental development alongside the constitutional principles underlying America's federal and unitary forms of government. Students learn about the public official's responsibility to protect citizens' rights to due process and discover how interest groups influence public policy. Students then analyze the effect of policymaking on both the culture and society of the nation and foreign policy. The course concludes with an investigation into the role of government in a free-market economy, including its ability to stimulate invention and innovation
Principles of Health Science A/B	This CTE course is designed to help prepare students for a career in the health science field. It covers healthcare systems and the roles of team members within these institutions. The course has many opportunities for students to explore the various careers within the healthcare field. It emphasizes the personal and professional skills required to succeed in this arena, including personal character qualities, teamwork, and leadership. Coverage includes the science of healthcare, including measurement, SI system, anatomy and physiology, and safety practices. It covers topics of healthcare at various life stages, from birth to death. Laws and regulations, best practices, and professional ethics are discussed, as well. Because this course has a careers emphasis, other topics covered include career preparation, the role of student and professional organizations, and the state of the health-care career field
Principles of Human Services A/B	This course enables students to investigate careers in human services including counseling, mental health, early childhood development, family and community, and personal care services. Each student is expected to complete the knowledge and skills essential for success in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand careers. Skills learned in this course includes: responsible decision-making, setting both short- and long-term goals, and knowing how to react to and handle high stress crisis situations.
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security A/B	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security is a program to introduce students to law enforcement, protective services, corrections, firefighting, and emergency management professions.
Psychology	In Psychology, students explore the science of explaining and controlling human behavior. Psychology plays an integral part in everyday life because all decisions,

	relations, and emotions are closely tied to behavior and genetics. Within this course, students look at behavior, and they consider prominent psychologists who have made impressive and monumental discoveries through testing, research projects, and proving theories. Students study everything from the anatomy of the brain to psychological disorders.
Robotics: Applications and Careers A/B	It seems like many elementary to high school robotics courses are focused on coding a simple robot to move its mechanical arm up and down. This course, in contrast, teaches students what a robot is and how it relates to other key technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Then the course examines 10 applications of robots and how they will change and impact various aspects of our lives and the economy. Will robots simply steal our jobs, or will they be a tool that will create new opportunities and even free humans to use our creativity and curiosity to their full potential? Students will grapple with this and many other questions as they explore this vital, future focused subject.
Science 3 A/B	Science 3 guides students on an exploration of the natural world, its animals, its plants, and its terrain. They learn how clouds form, what causes the cycles of seasons and of day and night on Earth, and that light and sound are actually energy. Students examine the Earth's eight major biomes and identify how adaptations help plants and animals to survive varying conditions. They become junior meteorologists, able to explain weather and climate and to use weather instruments and knowledge of patterns to observe and predict the weather. Students recognize the information fossils can provide about the Earth's past and use geologic time scales to identify the eras when fossilized organisms lived. They explain how chemical reactions can change the properties of matter, and they investigate energy, magnetism, and electricity. Finally, students research topics and formulate questions, make predictions and observations, experiment and measure using scientific tools, and draw inferences and identify patterns based on their scientific inquiries. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.
Science 4 A/B	Science 4 lays a foundation for future excellence in the STEM fields by introducing technology and engineering concepts, such as simple and complex machines and the steps of the engineering design process. This course encourages students to become innovative problem-solvers equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to address twenty-first-century issues. Students explore the technical and sometimes surprising facts behind the things they see and experience every day. They expand their knowledge and understanding of topics in the areas of physics, chemistry, Earth science, ecology, biology, and space science. Students investigate genetics and the physical characteristics of living things, ecosystems and extinction, agriculture and sustainable resources, and pollution and recycling. They get to know the Earth's landforms and the types of rocks and soil and extend their learning beyond the Earth to the solar system and the Milky Way. Finally, students encounter important concepts in physics, such as the types and properties of waves, and in chemistry, such as atoms,

	molecules, and the conservation of mass. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning
Science 5 A/B	Science 5 puts the emphasis on doing science. Students build their knowledge by crafting models, conducting experiments, creating terrariums, and making electromagnets. They learn about plant and animal cells and their functions, photosynthesis, and the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers in an ecosystem. Students explore the global water cycle, the negative impacts of weather, and the relationship between weather and climate. They deepen their understanding of their home planet by investigating landforms, volcanic activity, the layers of the Earth's atmosphere and geosphere, the tilt of the Earth's axis, the impacts of its revolution around the Sun, and the Sun's role as the source of energy for life on Earth. Students are introduced to elements as the basic substances of all matter and the relationship between matter and particles; they also encounter such core concepts of physics as energy transformation, gravitation, and Newton's first and second laws of motion. They design simple and parallel circuits and use the engineering design process to generate solutions to real-world problems. Finally, they conduct research, formulate questions, make predictions and observations, conduct fair tests using the scientific method, record their findings, and draw conclusions for future investigation. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning.
Smart Cities: Technology and Applications A/B	This course will provide students with an overview of smart cities. The course will begin by providing a foundational explanation of what constitutes a smart city and why they are beginning to pop up around the globe. With a firm understanding of what a smart city is, the majority of the course will focus on various aspects of them such as energy, transportation, data, infrastructure, mobility, and Internet of Things devices. The course will conclude with an analysis of careers related to smart cities.
Social Studies 4 A/B	Social Studies 4 introduces students to critical analysis as they develop detailed knowledge of the United States, its regions, and the influence of individual perspectives on documents and events. Students assess and use a wide variety of primary and secondary sources to research compelling questions through supporting questions and present interpretations and arguments in both written and oral forms, supporting their positions with details drawn from reliable sources. Students learn the rights and responsibilities of citizens and how people and groups can work together to accomplish common goals. Students also explore how regional differences in physical environments and cultures affect how people live and work. This course fosters a command of the concepts and tools of geography, such as latitude, longitude, maps of various kinds, and scales. Students will also gain an understanding of core aspects of economics, including resources, production, consumption, and international trade. This course includes a Parent and Teacher guide that supports student learning.
Social Studies 5 A/B	Social Studies 5 puts American history front and center, as students learn about the Native American civilizations of the Americas, the discovery of the New World by European explorers, the founding of the United States, westward expansion, and the coming of the Industrial Revolution. Students leverage research skills to analyze

	historical events and documents, and they present their findings using arguments based on reliable sources with supporting facts. They refine their ability to distinguish fact from opinion in the context of historical investigation. Students also broaden their understanding of government by recognizing how the system of checks and balances works at both national and state levels, and they identify and interpret important songs and symbols of the United States. Civic responsibility is woven throughout the curriculum, and students recognize the value of public service and the traits of good leaders. Social Studies 5 also explores the themes, tools, and techniques of geography. Students learn how human interaction with the environment has caused change, both beneficial and detrimental, in the past and in the present. Finally, they learn how the U.S. economy functions, including the role of government and multinational organizations in domestic and international trade. This course includes a printed Parent and Teacher Guide that will help you support your student's learning
Social Studies 6 A/B	Students learn to study the Earth's landscape in Middle School Geography. In this course, students learn that geography extends beyond physical structures by exploring geographical facets such as regions, ethnicities, and trade routes, in addition to landforms. By studying the geography, history, culture, religion, and contemporary issues facing a certain group of people or a specific area of space, students discover a significant amount of information about people in the present and in the past.
Speech Communication	Speech Communication seeks to improve the interpersonal and public communication skills of students. Surveying the communication process, students will learn the components and functions of communication, differentiate between oral and nonverbal communication, and comprehend the listening process. Developing familiarity with self and personal strengths and weaknesses, students will boost self-confidence as public speakers in situations such as speeches or interviews. The course will culminate with students applying their acquired communication skills in researching, preparing, and giving a speech.
Sports and Entertainment Marketing	The bright lights. The roaring crowds. The chants and cheers and applause. If you are drawn to the electricity of large events and the challenge of making events successful, a career in sports and entertainment marketing may be for you! In this course, you will trace the development of these industries, dissect their dual nature, and discover what it takes to pitch, promote, and deliver on these services. You 'll also explore the necessary steps to chart your own career path from among the professional roles that these industries need to operate. Let's get off the sidelines and hop into the primetime of the sporting and entertainment worlds!
Startups and Innovation A/B	Students hear a lot of contradictory advice in life. On one hand, they may hear something like "Follow your dreams. Pursue your passion and the money will come!" On the other hand, they may hear something completely opposite, like "Most startups fail! It's much safer to get a safe, steady job." So which side is right? Given the massive changes to the economy and society, the skills of entrepreneurship are going to be critical in building a lasting career. The entrepreneurial mindset of searching for opportunities, creating value, and solving pain points will always be valuable. And this

	mindset applies not just to starting a business, but in any organization that someone is a part of: school, established companies, or non-profits. In this course, students will explore how to use this mindset to create the next world-class startup.
Teaching as a Profession A/B	Students in this course explore the culture of teaching, the role of a teacher, student learning, multicultural and diverse backgrounds, and the influence society has on education and learning.
The History of Gaming and Esports A/B	In this course, students will learn about the technologies and design principles that have been the foundation of the development of video game technology over the last 50 years. Students will examine and discuss the impact of video games on culture and the economy. Students will learn about the current gaming and e-sports landscape, including strategies and techniques of top teams and individuals. This course will also discuss the risks and dangers of video games and understand how to set appropriate time and content parameters. Finally, the course will identify career paths and opportunities for those who are passionate about gaming.
Transportation Technologies A/B	This course introduces students to the newest and most cutting edge futuristic transportation technologies out there. Students gain familiarity with the history of transportation development and understand a framework with which to evaluate new transportation modes. Then the course dives into 10 different technologies on the horizon. Students examine the technologies, the pros and cons of each mode, and explore potential career paths in these emerging fields.
Video Game Design A/B	Does your love of video games motivate you to pursue a career in this field? Pursue your passion by learning about the principles of game design through the stages of development, iterative process, critiques, and game development tools. Put these new skills to work by designing your own game!
Virtual Business	The Virtual Business course guides students through the basics of starting, operating, and managing an online company. This course is designed for students interested in starting a virtual business by creating a web presence, conducting online and offline marketing, examining and creating business contracts for online business, and exploring project-management systems. The student will also explore bookkeeping processes, applicable legal company business structures, managing telecommuting employees, maintaining business records, as well as entrepreneurship. Virtual Business also guides the student through potential online career pathways by conducting various personality and career pathway assessments. The student will conclude the course by applying learned skills to create a company, including a business plan, branding the business, and creating a website using common website builder tools.
Wearable Technology Innovations A/B	From hearing aids to pedometers to smart watches, humans have made and worn devices to overcome physical deficiencies, count their steps, and communicate. With the continue miniaturization of chips and sensors, combined with increasing sophistication of artificial intelligence, wearable technology has proliferated into countless end-markets. This course will introduce students to wearable technologies and the components and software that make these technologies possible. The course will also evaluate several applications of wearable technologies in various industries.

	Finally, the course will examine and discuss the implications of wearable technology, including its pros and cons, and potential implications to our health, privacy, and society
Web Communications	In Web Communications, students learn how to be good digital citizens. Rights, responsibilities, and digital communication tools are explored. Students learn how to search and choose valid internet sources for research while gaining a deeper understanding of new technologies. Students dive into the history of the Web and how it has changed over time. Topics such as internet safety, security, and cyberbullying are also analyzed. Using the knowledge gained in the course, students write a web-hosted blog post with HTML coding elements. The course ends with the fundamentals of web design and a project in which students create a simple webpage.
World Health Research A/B	What is public health? Who decides which diseases get funding and which do not? What are the reasons for health inequality? Study both infectious and non-communicable diseases as well as learn how we conquer these on a community and global level through various methods, including proper hygiene, sanitation, and nutrition. Explore the role of worldwide current and future technologies and the ethics and governance of health on a global scale, and discover unique career opportunities you can pursue to make a difference.