

# TRI-COUNTY JR/SR HIGH FAQs

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**WHAT IS THE CLASS CYCLE FOR JR/SR HIGH?** For a complete yearly listing of specific history, science, and literature classes, see the Tri-County website under Front Office.

### Jr High:

- History classes are offered on a 4 year cycle. Jr High students (7th/8th) will rotate through 2 of the years depending on when they enter Jr High: Ancient History, Middle Ages, US History I, and US History II
- Science classes are General Science (typically 7th) and Physical Science (typically 8th)
- Language Arts includes writing using Institute for Excellence in Writing principles (IEW) with introduction to Literary Analysis through short stories and novels that correlate to the historical period studied.

### Sr High:

- History classes are offered on a 4 year cycle: Government/Economics, World History I (Ancient History - 1600), World History II (1600- Modern History), American History
- Language Arts:
  - 9th graders: Essay Writing 1st semester and Speech 2nd semester
  - 10th-12th graders: 3 year cycle of British Literature, World Literature (plus 6-8 wk research writing unit), American Literature
- Science classes can be taken in any order: Biology (typically 9th), Chemistry (typically 10th). Advanced Biology and Physics are generally offered on an every other year cycle.

**DOES MY JR/SR HIGH STUDENT HAVE TO TAKE EVERY CLASS?** We understand that some students, especially juniors & seniors, may not need every class due to taking a course elsewhere, easing the load because of ICC classes, or only needing a specific course; however, 11th-12th graders must take at least 1 class to be eligible for the spring drama production. Each 7th-12th grader must sign a Student Parent Agreement form along with their parent at the beginning of the school year that lets the teachers know at what level the student will be participating: 1) All assignments will be completed; 2) Some assignments will be completed; 3) Student will be auditing the

class. If an upper level student needs to opt out of a class, the parent includes what the student intends to do during that class hour on the form. The Board will give the final approval for the request.

**ARE GRADES ASSIGNED?** Suggested grades will be given by High School teachers.

**WHAT ARE FALL ELECTIVES?** During the fall semester, a variety of electives are typically offered for 7th - 12th graders during the 12-1 pm timeframe during Regular and 5-12 co-ops. Co-op moms (and sometime dads) volunteer to teach a subject that they are particularly gifted/talented or just passionate about. Electives are optional. Some examples of electives that have been offered in the past are: CPR & First Aid, Cooking classes, various art classes, Self-Defense, Creative Writing & Poetry, Biblical Personal Finance, American Sign Language, and Basic Car Maintenance.

**WHAT IS THE DRAMA COMMITMENT?** During the spring semester, a drama or musical (alternates between the two each year) is offered for 7th - 12th graders. Students must be taking at least 1 class at Tri-County to participate. Participation is optional and students may choose to act in the production or join the tech team, but those who do choose to participate are required to attend all rehearsals and sign a Drama or Tech Crew Contract of Expectations. The rehearsals are held during Regular and 5-12 co-ops from 12 - 1:45 pm. Some additional rehearsals outside of co-op are required, especially close to the drama production.