



Neuqua Valley Course Selection for Freshman Year 2020-2021

Course Catalog and additional information can be found online at <http://nvhsguidance.com>

Click on "2020-2021 Course Enrollment Information"

Step 1: Core Course Recommendations

- Your 8th grade teachers will recommend next year's core courses based on a variety of indicators including observations, grades and standardized test scores. Recommendations will be shared with students by January 15th. (English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language)
- Recommendations will be viewable in-Home Access Center starting January 15th at 7am.

Step 2: Research

Talk to teachers, counselors, and parents. All information related to course enrollment and selection can be found at <http://nvhsguidance.com>

Step 3: Select

January 15th - January 31st

- Enter elective choices in Home Access Center. **Complete this step by January 31st!** Home Access Center will close at end of the day.
- **Instructions:** Log into Home Access Center. First click the "Classes" tab, then click the "Requests" tab. Classes are found by clicking the "Edit" tab by department (Spend time exploring).

College Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement or Placement Questions? January 15th through January 31st

Your teacher will make his/her best recommendation based on a variety of indicators. You will notice these recommendations are locked in Home Access Center. If you disagree with a placement, your parent or guardian must take the step below.

Level Up Request (example: college prep to honors) -- Your parent/guardian must contact the appropriate high school department chair **by January 31st for review**. Department chairs for core courses are listed below. If the request is approved, the high school counselor will be notified and make the change in HAC. Once the change has been approved, you will see Home Access Center updated.

English: karen.lawson@ipsd.org Math: mary.nash@ipsd.org Science: paul.vandersteen@ipsd.org
Social Studies: tom.mcmanamen@ipsd.org World Language: tonya.koppin@ipsd.org

Level Down request (example: honors to college prep)—To move down a level, select the lower level course in Home Access by January 31st.

Step 4: Carefully review your entries in Home Access Center

Deadline: January 31st

- You will want your total credits to equal 7.0. If you are moving down a level, then your total may be 8.0 or higher. The high school counselor will remove the higher level and verify the 7.0 credits.
- If there is a conflict with the courses you selected, you will be contacted prior to the end of the school year.
- **IMPORTANT:** Level placement is final as of January 31st.

Step 5: Elective Change of Mind

May 18th-May 22nd

- During this week, you will receive course verification information. In addition, you may put in a request to change an elective. Instructions will be included at that time.
- Elective changes are not guaranteed and will be made on a space available basis.
- Core subject level changes will not be accepted at this time. See above regarding level changes.

See reverse side for Freshman Course Selection



NEQUA VALLEY REQUIRED FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTIONS

Freshman are required to take 7 classes plus lunch = 8 periods. Freshman will be enrolled in the required courses. To enroll in a full schedule for both semester, freshmen are eligible to fill the remaining credits with electives. See the below required and elective course selections. Check out the *High School Course Catalog and Planning Guide* for course descriptions and prerequisites as well as additional departmental information. <http://nvhsguidance.com>

<p><u>English - 1.0 credit for freshman year</u> 4.0 credits required for graduation GENGL1020 English 1 GENGL1000H Honors English 1 GENGL1035 Literacy Strategies 1 <i>(By Placement Only)</i></p> <p><u>English Language Learners</u> <i>(By placement only)</i> GELL1002 ESL English I GELL1101B Intensive ESL English 1 <i>(2.0 credits/2 periods)</i> GELL2001B Intensive ESL English 2 <i>(2.0 credits/2 periods)</i> GELL1000 ESL Resource</p>	<p><u>Mathematics - 1.0 credit for freshman year</u> 3.0 credits required for graduation GMATH1005 Math Foundations (travel to main) GMATH1002B Algebra 1 Block <i>(2.0 credits/2 periods)</i> GMATH1002 Algebra 1 GMATH1003 Geometry GMATH1003H Honors Geometry GMATH1004 Algebra 2/Trig & Stats (travel to main) GMATH1004H Honors Alg 2/Trigonometry</p> <p><u>Physical Education - 1.0 credit for freshman year</u> 3.5 credits plus .5 Health required for graduation GPE1100 Physical Education (.5 credit) and GPE1101 Physical Education (.5 credit) GPE1111BL PE Blended (.5 credit) and GPE1112BL PE Blended (.5 credit)</p>	<p><u>Science 1.0 credit for freshman year</u> 3.0 credits for graduation GSCI1005 Biology GSCI1005H Honors Biology</p> <p><u>Social Studies - 1.0 credit for freshman year</u> 2.5 credits required for graduation GSOC1005 World Geography GSOC1007A AP Human Geography GSOC1006A AP World History</p> <p><u>Student Services (By Placement Only)</u> GZSTSK1002 Study Skills GENGL1001B English 1-Academic Lit <i>(2.0 Credits-Placement)</i></p>
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FRESHMAN ELECTIVES

There are many opportunities to explore your interests through your elective choices. To help in your exploration, attend **8th Grade Open House** on January 15th.

The electives listed are each one semester long courses (.5 credit) unless noted as "1.0". Courses with prerequisites are indicated with an asterisk (*). Circle the courses below that interest you.

<p><u>Art</u> GART1021 Drawing 1 GART2021 Drawing 2 GART1017 Ceramics 1 GART1024 Sculpture GART2002 Computer Graphics I GART4000D Digital Photography I ART3003A AP Art History (1.0-travel to main)</p> <p><u>Business</u> GBUS1000 Business Orientation GBUS1003 Notetaking & Study Skills GBUS3000 Advertising GBUS1033 Visual Media GBUS1034 Emerging Technology GBUS1037 Coding</p>	<p><u>Driver Education</u> GDRVR2001 Driver Ed. S2 Students must be 15 by the start of each semester and must have also passed at least 8 classes in the 2 semesters preceding enrollment in the course.</p> <p><u>Family & Consumer Science</u> GFACS1000 Apparel Construction 1 (1.0-travel to main) GFACS1020 Culinary Arts 1 GFACS1021 Culinary Arts 2*</p> <p><u>Mathematics</u> MATH1008A AP Comp Sci Principles* (1.0 travel to main) MATH1006A AP Computer Science A* (1.0-travel to main)</p> <p><u>Music</u> GMUSC1004 Cecilian Singers (1.0) GMUSC1005 Bass Chorus (1.0) GMUSC1012 Concert Orchestra (1.0)** GMUSC1011 Concert Band (1.0)** **Music department will finalize placement after audition.</p>	<p><u>Technology & Engineering</u> GTEE1001 Engineering Technology 1 GTEE1002 Engineering Technology 2* GTEE1004 Power Mechanics GPLTW2000 PLTW-Intro to Eng. Design(1.0)* TEE1014D Media Comm. & Production-1 (1.0-travel to main)</p> <p><u>World Languages</u> GWLAN4001 Chinese 1 (1.0) GWLAN1001 French 1 (1.0) GWLAN1002 French 2* (1.0) GWLAN2001 German 1 (1.0) GWLAN 3001 Spanish 1 (1.0) GWLAN3002 Spanish 2* (1.0) GWLAN5001 American Sign Language (1.0)</p> <p><u>IPSD 204 Online</u> MATH1003C Online Geometry (1.0) BUS1038C Online Video Game Design BUS1036C Online Web Design</p>
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Course Selections: 20-21

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