

# Fairfield Local High School Class of 2026 & 2027 Guidance Presentation

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# Class of 2023 & Beyond Graduation Requirements

1st step towards graduation

Completion of **21** credits including the following:

**4** credits of **English**

**4** credits of **Mathematics - must include Algebra II**

**3** credits of **Science** including **Physical Science** and **Biology**

**3** credits of **Social Studies** including **World Studies, American Studies, and American Government**

**1/2** credit of **Health** and **1/2** credit of **Physical Education**

**1** credit of **Fine Arts**

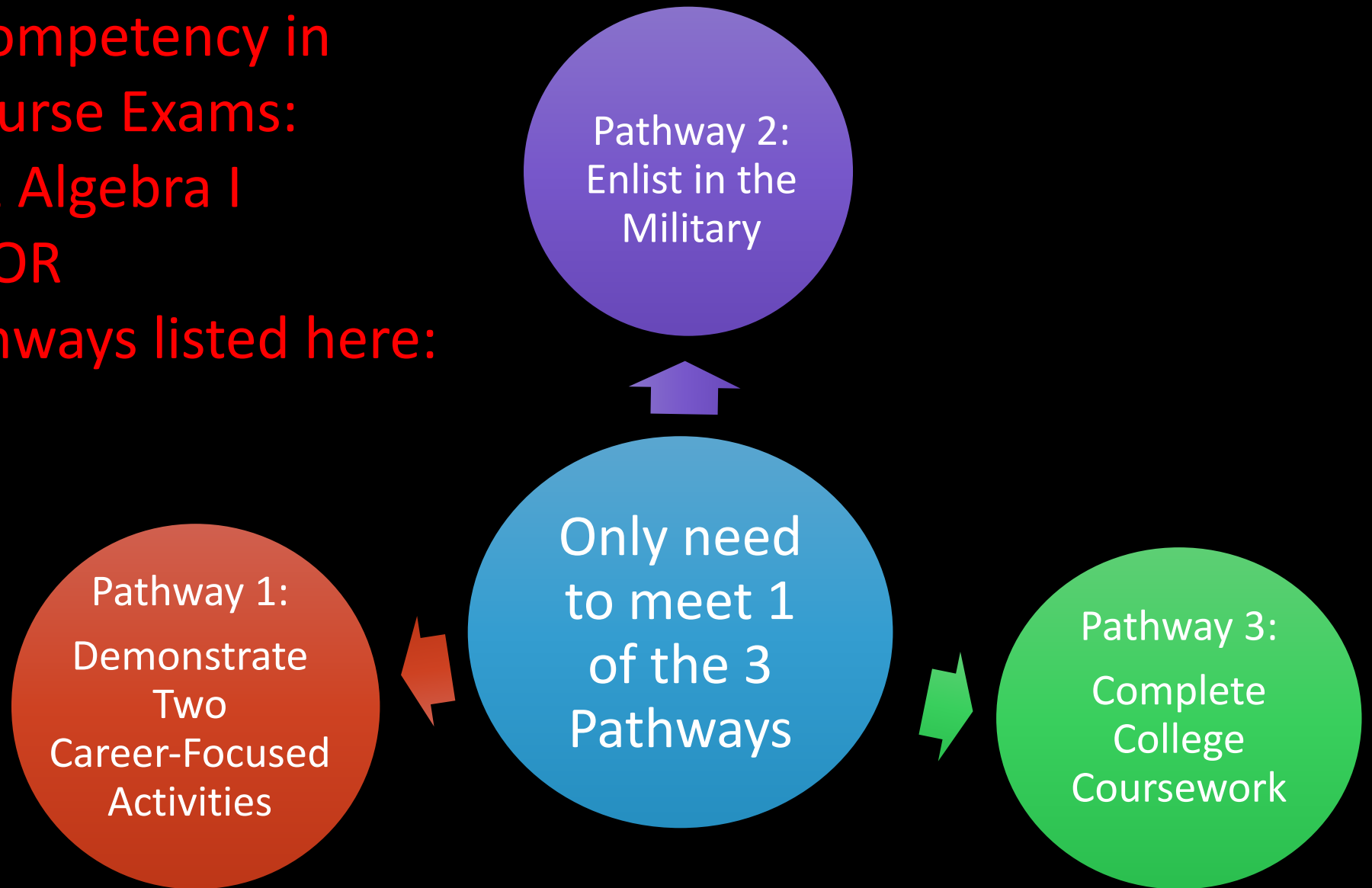
**1/2** credit of **Financial Literacy**

**5** credits of **Electives** (Class of **2025 Careers** & Class of **2026 Careers I & II**)

**20 Community Service Hours**

2nd Step Towards Graduation:  
Showing Competency in  
End of Course Exams:  
ELA II & Algebra I  
OR

One of the Pathways listed here:



# Pathway 1 Explanation: Must do 2 activities:

Foundational:  
\*Proficient WebXams  
\*12 point Industry Credential  
\*Pre-apprenticeship Program

Demonstrate  
Two  
Career-Focused  
Activities

Supporting:  
\*Work Based Learning  
\*Earn Required Score on WorkKeys Exam  
\*Earn the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal

# 3rd Step Towards Graduation: Show **Readiness**

Earn **2 Graduation Seals**: One must be a State Seal

## State Seals

- **OhioMeansJobs**
- Industry-Recognized
- **College-Ready**
- Military Enlistment
- **Citizenship**
- Science
- **Honors Diploma**
- Biliteracy
- **Technology**

## Local Seals

- **Community Service**
- Fine & Performing Arts
- **Student Engagement Seal**

# Course Types

**General:** courses required for graduation

i.e.: English, Physical Science, etc.

**College Prep:** (CP) courses that are paced quicker for students with the intention of entering a college, technical school, or university

i.e.: CP English 9, CP Physical Science, etc.

**Honors:** courses that have the most rigorous pace and course of study. These have an **additional .5 value** attached to them on the 4.0 weighted GPA scale.

i.e.: Honors English 9, Honors Physical Science

# Course Types, cont.

**College Credit Plus:** (CCP) courses that are taken through a local college - can be online, hybrid, or in-person. These courses have an **additional .5** added to their GPA.

- SSCC or other colleges

- i.e.: CHEM1120, PHYS1101: Intro to Physical Science

**Advanced Placement:** (AP) courses that are taken online; must pass the AP test in order to earn college credit. These courses have an **additional 1.0** added to their GPA.

- Florida Online Academy

- AP English Language & Composition; AP Psychology

CCP courses aligned with AP courses will have a 1.0 added to the students' GPA.

# 4.0 Weighted GPA & Suggested Honors Course Track

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nD8nwiB9s20yeC5JRUKvZTIP0JpIKY7u/view?usp=sharing>



# Academic Honors

## Valedictorian

The student(s) in a graduating class who earned an honors diploma or career/technical honors diploma and has the highest cumulative GPA. ***In the event of a tie, the highest ACT score (or SAT equivalent) will be the tie breaker.***

## Salutatorian

The student(s) in a graduating class who earned an honors diploma or career/technical honors diploma and has the second highest cumulative GPA. ***In the event of a tie, the highest ACT score (or SAT equivalent) will be the tie breaker.***

## National Honor Society

Candidates eligible for selection to the Fairfield Local High School chapter of the NHS must be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Upon meeting the grade level and GPA requirement, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character by the Faculty Council with a majority vote needed for admission.

## President's Award for Academic Excellence (Given by the US President's Office)

Requirements: 3.5 GPA and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile in math and/or reading on a standardized test (ACT or SAT)

## Academy of Scholars

Seniors who have been members for four years, wear gold cords at graduation. Students must be enrolled in at least 3 classes at the high school to be eligible. Requirements: 3.5 GPA for the first, second and third nine weeks. No grade lower than a "B-" and no exam grade lower than a "C-".

# Tentative Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude = 4.00 GPA & above

Magna Cum Laude = 3.75-3.99 GPA

Cum Laude = 3.5-3.74 GPA

# Honors Courses - 8th grade

## Honors Algebra I (8th grade only)

.5 Weighted Course

Elective Course

**Prerequisite: Must have achieved two of the three: Final grade of an B+ in 7th grade Math; Blue (equivalent to Advanced) in Spring MAPS test; or Advanced on Ohio State Test.**

Summer Math Requirement: Complete the Khan Academy “Get ready for Algebra I Course” assigned on google classroom in June.

This course covers the following concepts: computation with real numbers, order of operations, compare real number systems, algebraic properties, solve equations and inequalities, solve coin and distance word problems, calculate slope, midpoint, and distance; add, subtract, and multiply monomials and polynomials, divide monomials, negative exponents, scientific notation, factor polynomials, quadratic formula, solve absolute value equalities and inequalities, solve system of equations; trigonometry; probability; data analysis; scatter plots; geometric concepts; graph on number line; graph lines, quadratics, absolute value equalities, and exponentials.

This full year course is an honors course. The Curriculum for this course requires 1-2 hours a week of independent practice such as homework, reading, and projects. This course will require students to take more responsibility for their own learning, dedicate time outside of the classroom to practice the concepts and skills learned in class, and include deeper investigations of content and critical thinking practices.

We will be following EnVision Algebra 1 recommended math curriculum. Every effort will be made to stay on pace with its scope & sequence of activities.

# Honors Courses - 9th grade

## Honors Geometry

.5 Weighted Course

Elective Course

**Prerequisite: Must have achieved two of the three: Final grade of an A in 8th grade Algebra I; Blue (equivalent to Advanced) in Spring MAPS test; or Advanced on Ohio State Test**

Summer Math Requirement: Complete the Khan Academy "Get ready for Geometry Course" assigned on google classroom in June.

The Honors Geometry course is a comprehensive look at the study of geometric concepts including the basic elements of geometry, proofs, parallel and perpendicular lines, the coordinate plane, triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, circles, trigonometry, congruence and similarity, surface area, volume and transformations. Students will use their mathematical knowledge to reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others, use appropriate tools strategically, attend to precision, and look for and make use of structure.

This full year course is an honors course and will proceed at an accelerated pace with advanced rigor. The Curriculum for this course requires 3-4 hours a week of independent practice such as homework, reading, and projects. This course will require students to take more responsibility for their own learning, dedicate time outside of the classroom to complete practice of concepts and skills learned in class, and include deeper investigations of content and critical thinking practices. We will be following EnVision Geometry's recommended math curriculum. Every effort will be made to stay on pace with its scope & sequence of activities.

# Honors Courses - 9th grade

## Honors Physical Science

.5 Weighted Course

Elective Course

Grades Offered: 9

.5 Weighted Course

Elective Course

**Prerequisite: Must have achieved two of the three: Final grade of an A in 8th grade Science and a B+ in 8th grade math; Blue (equivalent to Advanced) in Spring MAPS test; or Advanced on Ohio State Test**

Honors physical science is an advanced first year course for high school freshmen. Emphasizes advanced application and science skills needed to understand the physical worlds we live in. Students will utilize technology, laboratory activities, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to enhance understanding and application of scientific reasoning. This course will cover topics in physics, Earth and space science, and chemistry. Students will learn the basic concepts of Newton's laws, energy, light, structure of matter, chemical equations, etc. Enrolled students will be required to complete at least one research project or paper that may be entered into a science competition. Extensive independent research and preparation will be expected of all students enrolled in this course. There will be an average of 5 hours of out of class work every week. Outside classwork is expected to be completed before coming to class in order to take a deeper dive into the world of the physical sciences.

Summer Science Requirement: Define vocabulary words as well as answering generalized science questions via Google Classroom.

# Honors Courses - 9th grade

## Honors English 9

.5 Weighted Course

Elective Course

**Prerequisite: Must have achieved two of the three: Final grade of an A in 8th grade ELA; Blue (equivalent to Advanced) in Spring MAPS test; or Advanced on Ohio State Test**

Welcome to Honors English 9! Through the course, students will discover the human experience through various pieces of literature. This course will expose students to significant works of literature, provide opportunities for in-depth instruction that prepares them for a rigorous and rewarding high school career. The course will emphasize effective writing, reading, speaking, listening, and language skills. The opportunity to learn these skills will be through a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, drama, poetry, short stories, novels, and through the analysis of works selected from authors of classical literature.

Throughout the course, students' hard work will be reflected in their classroom work in accordance with the curriculum, as well as 2 culminating research projects. Students will be expected to read a selected novel outside of class and then create a research project analyzing a key literary detail of their choice.

Students should be prepared to spend approximately 4-5 hours a week reading, writing, studying, and/or researching outside of class in order to be successful. During class, students should prepare to be valuable contributors and be actively engaged in discussion, reading, writing, listening, speaking, researching, and presenting. Honors English 9 will be a rigorous but rewarding experience for students, and I look forward to having you in class!

Summer reading and essay will be required, additional information will be released at a later date.

# Additional Resources:

## Fairfield High School Course Catalog

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mJfg\\_1nO\\_uxO9ia3v9h42d-FRtIf5GbX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mJfg_1nO_uxO9ia3v9h42d-FRtIf5GbX/view?usp=sharing)

## ODE Class of 2023 & Beyond Graduation Requirements

<https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Sections/Classes-of-2023-and-Beyond-Graduation-Requirements/GradReq2023.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>

## Diploma Seals Information

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H06YBjAKChtiMAaMEJSbQeSSHYif4voYs9YPsanEyTw/edit?usp=sharing>

# Student Schedule Worksheets

9th Grade Student Schedule Worksheet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sOphesaEYjCtRc2HxPb5IT7ERugFzCTI/view?usp=sharing>

8th Grade Student Schedule Worksheet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xloMpaOziD6JXGqGz8tt\\_Eto6xJMXwFB/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xloMpaOziD6JXGqGz8tt_Eto6xJMXwFB/view?usp=sharing)