AGVA Textbook/Software Requirements for 2026-27:

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Please note: Items listed below are subject to change. All costs are approximate and vary by supplier. **Please contact the course instructor directly for questions or the most up-to-date information.**

See the **Technology Requirements** for all courses on the AGVA website.

OK in first column = instructor reviewed/revised for 2026-27, **??** = still revising, **blank** = no instructor response

	Course/Instructor	Textbook/Software Requirements
English		
1. OK	**English 9** Karie Mindock mindots@yahoo.com (full-year course)	*myPerspectives 2022 Grade 9 Digital courseware* (Do not order since the instructor will set up class through an AGVA account. Parents or school will be invoiced the $32.50 cost through AGVA TADS when tuition is invoiced.) *Animal Farm* by George Orwell is available online, but a paper copy is preferred.
2 OK	**English 10** Erin Laabs erin.laabs@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	*myPerspectives 2022 Grade 10 Digital courseware* (Do not order since the instructor will set up class through an AGVA account. Parents or school will be invoiced the $32.50 cost through AGVA TADS when tuition is invoiced.) *Night* by Elie Wiesel is available online, but a paper copy is preferred.
3. OK	**American Literature** Nichole LaGrow nichole.lagrow@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	American Literature uses an OER textbook as the main resource for our class. Students will also be asked to select authors from provided reading lists to complete independent assignments on a poem, a short story, a play, and a novel written by an American author in the twentieth or twenty-first centuries. The independent assignment readings will either be available online or through their local library. OER Text: Kurant, Wendy, "Becoming America: An Exploration of American Literature from Precolonial to Post-Revolution" (2019). *English Open Textbooks*. 19. https://oer.galileo.usg.edu/english-textbooks/19. Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International License.
4. OK	**World Literature** Erin Laabs erin.laabs@amazinggraceva.org (2nd-semester course)	*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe *myPerspectives 2022 Grade 12 Digital courseware* (Do not order since the instructor will set up class through an AGVA account. Parents or school will be invoiced the $32.50 cost through AGVA TADS when tuition is invoiced.)
5. OK	**Creative Writing** Erin Laabs erin.laabs@amazinggraceva.org (2nd-semester course)	No textbook required.
6. OK	**Science Fiction/Fantasy Literature** Kristin Knickelbein kristin@cityglow.com (1st-semester course)	• *1984* by George Orwell • *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury • *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adam • A Novel of Choice (Science Fiction or Fantasy) • *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* by F. Scott Fitzgerald • *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman, *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau, or *Maze Runner* by James Dashner The remaining readings and activities will be provided in the course. Software: Access to a Google account
7. OK	**Speech** Nichole LaGrow nichole.lagrow@amazinggraceva.org (2nd-semester course)	***Stand Up, Speak Out: The Practice and Ethics of Public Speaking*** is licensed under Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License and published by the University of Minnesota. This is a free online textbook that you can read online or download to your computer.

Fine Arts		
8.	**Music Appreciation** (New Instructor) Jade Wells jade.wells@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	(Under review by new instructor) No textbook required. Free *SmartMusic* online account; teacher will invite students to be a part of class on SmartMusic
9. OK	**Art: The Creative Process** Sherrie Styx styxriverart@yahoo.com (1st-semester course)	No textbook required
10.	**Art and Architecture** Beth Dobberstein dobberbm@mlc-wels.edu (2nd-semester course)	Archi-Doodle: An Architects Activity Book, Bowkett (2013) Laurence Publishing LTD (Available on Amazon.com) The Art of Construction: Projects and Principles for Beginning Engineers and Architects (Ziggurat Book), by Salvador. (2000)
11. N/A	Not offered in 2026-27 **Da Vinci Club** Beth Dobberstein dobberbm@mlc-wels.edu (1st-semester course)	Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself. Anderson. Nomad Press (January 1, 2006)
12. N/A	Not offered in 2026-27 **Digital Photography** Sherrie Styx styxriverart@yahoo.com (2nd-semester course)	No textbook required.
13. OK	**AP 2D Art and Design** Sherrie Styx styxriverart@yahoo.com (full-year course)	No textbook required.
Mathematics		
14. OK	**Pre-Algebra** Jeremy Seeger jeremy.seeger@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	*Saxon Math Course 3 Student Edition* by Stephen Hake ISBN #1-5914-1884-4 Access to a scanner or free smartphone app (Camscanner) to upload daily work as pdf files.
15. OK	**Algebra 1** Emily Schafer emily.schafer@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	*Algebra 1*, Pearson/Prentice Hall © 2012 ISBN-13: 978-0-13-3185485 ISBN-10: 0-13-3185486 Access to a scanner or free smartphone app (Camscanner) to upload daily work as pdf files.
16. OK	**Geometry** Jeremy Seeger jeremy.seeger@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	*Saxon Geometry*, Student Edition, ISBN # 978-1602773059 *Geogebra* Classic *6* – free app from www.geogebra.org/download Access to a scanner or free smartphone app (Camscanner) to upload daily work as pdf files.
17. OK	**Consumer Math** (New Instructor) Benjamin Springer benjamin.springer@amazinggraceva.org (COMING SOON) (full-year course)	*Mathematics: For Business and Personal Finance* – Lange Rousos; Glencoe, 2010
18. OK	**Algebra 2** Jeremy Seeger jeremy.seeger@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	*Saxon Algebra II* Student Edition, ISBN #978-1-602-77303-5 A TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculator (other graphing calculators may be suitable, but instruction will be given on these two models) Access to a scanner or free smartphone app (Camscanner) to upload daily work as pdf files.
19. OK	**AP Precalculus** Sarah Gierach sarah.gierach@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	Abramson, Jay. Precalculus. OpenStax, 2025. *(This is a free online textbook. There is no need to purchase the physical copy.)* Also needed: a binder or two, access to a printer, a way to access Moodle besides a phone, a way to clearly upload work such as a scanner or free smartphone app (Camscanner) as a pdf, and strongly recommended, any calculator from

		the approved list from AP for the Precalculus exam. This instructor is familiar with TI and will be modeling with a TI-83 Plus.
20. OK	**AP Calculus AB** Sarah Gierach sarah.gierach@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	*Strang, Herman, et al. Calculus, Volume 1. OpenStax, 2025.* & *Strang, Herman, et al. Calculus, Volume 2. OpenStax, 2025. (Both of these are free online textbooks. There is no need to purchase the physical copy.)* Also needed: a binder or two, access to a printer, a way to access Moodle besides a phone, a way to clearly upload work such as a scanner or free smartphone app (Camscanner) as a pdf, and strongly recommended, any calculator from the approved list from AP for the Calculus AB exam. This instructor is familiar with TI and will be modeling with a TI-83 Plus.
Physical Education/Health		
21.	**Physical Education** Angela Hanson angela.hanson@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	Phone or camera capable of taking and sharing pictures and video Not required, but recommended: fitness mat & wearable fitness tracker (should measure heart rate, workout length, steps – various models available on Amazon for $20-$60)
22.	**Health** Angela Hanson angela.hanson@amazinggraceva.org (2nd semester course)	(same as Physical Education)
Religion		
23. N/A	Not offered in 2026-27 **Bible Overview -** Aaron Jensen pastor.aaron.jensen@gmail.com (full-year course)	Bible (Any translation you are comfortable with. Class materials will use NIV.)
24. N/A	(Course not offered in 2026-27) **How the Church Grows (Acts)** Randall Styx styxrd@mlc-wels.edu (1st-semester course)	Bible (KJV, NIV, EHV, Holmann, ESV, or NKJV)
25. N/A	(Course not offered in 2026-27) **Old Testament History – Digging Deeper** Randall Styx styxrd@mlc-wels.edu (2nd-semester course)	Bible (KJV, NIV, EHV, Holmann, ESV, or NKJV) Access to free version of Google Earth encouraged
26.	**Life of Christ (Gospels)** Randall Styx styxrd@mlc-wels.edu (1st-semester course)	Bible [Recommended translations: Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) or New International Version (NIV) (1984 or 2011)] (Other usable translations: KJV, RSV, Hollmann, ASV, etc.)
27.	**Old Testament Christian Faith** Randall Styx styxrd@mlc-wels.edu (2nd-semester course)	Bible (KJV, NIV, EHV, Holmann, ESV, or NKJV)
28. N/A	(Course not offered in 2026-27) **Living Christianity** Daniel Cole daniel.cole@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	*Luther's Catechism*: Northwestern Publishing House. Copyright 2017. ISBN 978-0-8100-2816-6.
29. N/A	(Course not offered in 2026-27)) **Daily Christian Living** Daniel Cole daniel.cole@amazinggraceva.org (2nd-semester course)	*Luther's Catechism*: Northwestern Publishing House. Copyright 2017. ISBN 978-0-8100-2816-6.
30. OK	**What Others Believe** Daniel Cole daniel.cole@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	Bible
31. OK	**Say Pastor, I was Wondering** Daniel Cole daniel.cole@amazinggraceva.org	Bible

	(2nd-semester course)	
Science		
32. OK	**Physical Science** Elizabeth Behmer elizabeth.behmer@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	**No required textbook**, however a CK-12 Physical Science online textbook is available (https://flexbooks.ck12.org/cbook/physical-science-essentials/) but you must first create a **free** CK-12 account.
33.	**Biology** Paul Wegner pastor.wegner@gmail.com (full-year course)	No textbook required.
34. OK	**Astronomy** Daniel Fenske fenskedj@mlc-wels.edu (2nd-semester course)	Required textbook: OpenStax Astronomy, which is free. Required software: Stellarium (free download) (www.stellarium.org)
35. OK	**Medical Terminology** Daniel Fenske fenskedj@mlc-wels.edu (2nd-semester course)	No textbook required. Optional reference book: Ayers, Donald M. (1972) Bioscientific Terminology. Tuscon, AZ, University of Arizona Press ISBN: 978-0816503056
36. OK	**Chemistry** Elizabeth Behmer elizabeth.behmer@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	No textbook purchase required. Digital access to the textbook will be provided within the course site.
37.	**Human Anatomy and Physiology** Greg Diersen greg.diersen@amazinggraceva.org (full-year Honors course)	OpenStax College. (2022). *Anatomy & Physiology*. Retrieved from OpenStax-CNX Web site: https://openstax.org/details/books/anatomy-and-physiology-2e Free to view the text online or to save the pdf. Download it from the link on the site. If you prefer a paper copy of the 2nd edition, go to Amazon for the 2nd edition - (Make sure to order the color print version). ($60) Subscription to *Visible Body* app $40/yr (contact instructor for details)
38. OK	**AP Environmental Science** Elizabeth Behmer elizabeth.behmer@amazinggraceva.org (full-year "Advanced Placement" course)	G. Tyler Miller, and Scott E. Spoolman. *Environmental Science.* Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole, 2012, copyright 2013, 14th edition, ISBN 978-1-111-98893-7 (see Textbooks.com for used copies of this text)
39. OK	**AP Physics 1** Leanne Stob lstob@blc.edu (full-year course)	Online access to Open Stax College Physics, AP Edition, and The Physics Classroom.
Social Studies		
40. OK	**World History** Evan Kolander evan.kolander@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	No textbook required.
41. OK	**U.S. History** Evan Kolander evan.kolander@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	McClay, Wilfred M. (2021). Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story. New York: New York, Encounter Books. ISBN - 1594039372 Available in hardcover, paperback, and as an ebook.
42.	**Geography** Martin Santos martin.santos@amazinggraceva.org (2nd Semester Course)	*No textbook required.*
43. OK	**Introduction to Psychology** Greg Bork gbork@apostlessj.org (2nd-semester course)	PSYCH 5, Introductory Psychology, 5th Edition by Spencer Rathus, **ISBN-13:** 978-1305662704 **ISBN-10:** 9781305662704 Available in new, used, and e-text (Kindle) formats from Amazon.com
44. OK	**Economics** Brandon Gierach brandon.gierach@amazinggraceva.org (2nd-semester course)	Clark, Anthony. *Economics Through Everyday Life.* Zephyros Press, 2016. ISBN-13: 978-1623156688 ISBN-10: 1623156688 Housel, Morgan. *Same As Ever.* Harriman House, 2023. ISBN-13: 978-0593332702 ISBN-10: 0593332709

45. OK	**AP Psychology** Greg Bork gbork@apostlessj.org (full-year "Advanced Placement" course)	*Psychology: Themes and Variations* by Wayne Weiten, **11th ed. 2022**. Pub. Cengage Learning; 9 edition (January 1, 2012) ISBN-10: 0357374827 ISBN-13: 978-0357374825 See Amazon.com for purchase of new and used hard and soft copies, as well as purchase or rental of e-textbooks.
46. OK	**AP United States History** (New Instructor) Jade Wells jade.wells@amazinggraceva.org (full-year "Advanced Placement" course)	Access to the following two free online textbooks: ● Access to the online textbook, American Yawp at https://www.americanyawp.com/ ● Access to the Bill of Rights Institute online textbook, Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. *APUSH Ultimate Review Packet + Exam Slayer* online access (Do not order. Parents or school will be invoiced the $30.00 cost through AGVA TADS when tuition is invoiced.)
47. OK	**Modern West (European History)** Brian Hopp hoppbp@mlc-wels.edu Peter Baganz baganzpa@mlc-wels.edu (2nd semester "Dual-credit" course)	● *Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career* (1986 or 2003 edition), James M. Kittelson ● Jackson Spielvogel, *Western Civilization* 12th Edition, Cengage Learning, 2025. *See note on AGVA's Dual Credit page
48. OK	**Government/Civics** Brandon Gierach brandon.gierach@amazinggraceva.org (1st Semester course)	Lewis, Michael, editor. *Who Is Government?: The Untold Story Public Service.* Riverhead Books, 2025. ISBN-13: 979-8217047802 Conrad, Jessamyn. *What You Should Know About Politics . . . But Don't: A Nonpartisan Guide to the Issues That Matter.*5th ed., Arcade Publishing, 2024. ISBN-10: 1648210074 ISBN-13: 978-1648210075 ***Please get the 5th edition.***
Technology/Business		
49. OK	**Computer Applications** Kurt Gosdeck kurt.gosdeck@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	No textbook required. A Chromebook or a computer with the most recent version of the Google Chrome web browser - https://www.google.com/chrome/, access to the Internet, and a Google account is required. (Full Time students will have an @amazinggraceva.org account)
50. OK	**Introduction to Digital Media and Design** Emily Platzer emily.platzer@amazinggraceva.org (2nd-semester course)	No textbook required. Students need to have a *Google Account* in order to access some of the digital media sites used.

51.	**Introduction to Programming**
	Aaron Spike
	aaron.spike@amazinggraceva.org
	(1st-semester course)
		No textbook required, but you need the following:
		Access to a computer or Chromebook with internet access and the following software tools and to YouTube:
		● The most recent version of the Google Chrome web browser - https://www.google.com/chrome/
		● Any programmer's text editor - VS Code is available online at https://vscode.dev/ or can be locally installed from https://code.visualstudio.com/
		● A web server to allow access to some of the more advanced features in Unit 10 and following
		  ● On Windows: Rebex Tiny Web Server - https://www.rebex.net/tiny-web-server/
		  ● On Chromebooks: The Web Server for Chrome extension - https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/web-server-for-chrome/ofhbbkphhbklhfoeikjpcbhemlocgigb?hl=en
		  ● On Mac OSX: available though the Python interpreter included in the OS

52. OK	**Game Programming** Rachel Pierson rachel.pierson@amazinggraceva.org (2nd semester course)	No textbook required. Technology requirements: ● A PC or Mac computer with internet access and at least 8GB of RAM ○ Unity Editor is not compatible with Chromebooks. Students will need access to a Windows, macOS, or Linux computer in order to complete the course. ● Access to YouTube and Unity version 2022.3.9 ● A portable device (64 GB flash drive or hard drive) to store projects
53. OK	**Web Page Design** Rachel Pierson rachel.pierson@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	No textbook required Web Access to:CodeHS.com W3Schools HTML Course https://www.w3schools.com/html W3Schools CSS Course https://www.w3schools.com/css
54.	**Computer Graphics** - Joshua Schoeneck joshua.schoeneck@amazinggraceva.org (2nd-semester course)	No textbook required. Students will need access to photopea.com, figma.com, and canva.com. A Chromebook or a computer with an up-to-date web browser and access to the Internet is required.
55.	**Personal Finance** Brandon Gierach brandon.gierach@amazinggraceva.org (1st-semester course)	Burkholder, Steve. *I Want More Pizza: Real World Money Skills for High School, College, and Beyond*. Overcome Publishing LLC, 2017. ISBN-13: 978-0996519403 ISBN-10: 0996519408 Housel, Morgan. *The Psychology of Money: Timeless Lessons on Wealth, Greed, and Happiness*. Harriman House, 2020. ISBN-13: 978-0857197689 ISBN-10: 0857197681
56. OK	**AP Computer Science Principles** Rachel Pierson rachel.pierson@amazinggraceva.org (full-year "Advanced Placement" course)	*"Intro to Python Textbook - CodeHS CodeHS.com YouTube.com"*
57.	**AP Computer Science A** Joshua Schoeneck joshua.schoeneck@kmlhs.org (full-year "Advanced Placement" course)	No textbook required. Students will use the free curriculum on CodeHS.com. A Chromebook or a computer with an up-to-date web browser and access to the Internet is required.
World Languages		
58.	**American Sign Language 1** Kelly Rickert kelly.rickert@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	Textbook is not mandatory, it may be purchased to use as a reference. Master ASL - Level One (DVD is not needed). Sixth Edition. Author: Zinza, Jason E. Burtonsville, MD: Sign Media, Inc, Published 2006. ISBN-10: 1881133206. Note: You can purchase a used textbook. You do not need to have the DVD that comes with that textbook.
59.	**American Sign Language 2** Kelly Rickert kelly.rickert@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	(Note: This is the same textbook used in ASL 1.) Master ASL - Level One (DVD is not needed). Sixth Edition. Author: Zinza, Jason E. Burtonsville, MD: Sign Media, Inc, Published 2006. ISBN-10: 1881133206.
60. OK	**German 1** – Rebekah Foxen rebekah.foxen@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	No textbook required. A new spiral notebook Headphones, microphone, and web camera required.

61. OK	**German 2** – Rebekah Foxen rebekah.foxen@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	Cafe in Berlin by Andre Klein- digital (Amazon, $2.99) or hardcopy (NOT THE AUDIOBOOK) Microphone, headphones and camera capabilities A new spiral notebook Open access to ChatGPT
62. OK	**German 3** – (New instructor) Rebekah Foxen rebekah.foxen@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	**Novel: Momo by Michael Ende** Microphone/headphones for speaking/hearing audio
63.	**German 4-** (New instructor) Rebekah Foxen rebekah.foxen@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	**Under review by new instructor** **Deutsch Aktuell Level III** eText and online study material (Passport) (purchase from instructor at jeanmarkneitzel@gmail.com) **Damals war es Friedrich** by Hans Peter Richter **ASIN** : B07H43LK2C **Publisher** : dtv; 1st edition (April 1, 2015) **Language** : German Questions: Contact instructor at 612 272-2985. Microphone/headphones for speaking/hearing audio
64. OK	**Latin 1** Alexander Ring akring@mac.com (full-year course)	*North American Cambridge Latin Course* ***Unit 1*** *Student's Book,* 5th edition. Amazon and Cambridge University Press. ISBN-13: 978-1107690639 ISBN-10: 1107690633 Note: online access to Cambridge Elevate, which contains a webbook for all 4 levels (units), as well as access to Cambridge's online resources for students can be purchased for $20 per year. A Latin dictionary, such as the SPQR app.
64. OK	**Latin 2** Alexander Ring akring@mac.com (full-year course)	*North American Cambridge Latin Course* ***Unit 2*** *Student's Book,* 5th edition. Amazon and Cambridge University Press ISBN-13: 978-1107699007 ISBN-10: 1107699002 and *North American Cambridge Latin Course,* ***Unit 3*** *Students' Book. 5th ed.* Cambridge and Amazon links. ISBN-13: 978-1107675780 ISBN-10: 1107675782 Note: online access to Cambridge Elevate, which contains a webbook for all 4 levels (units), as well as access to Cambridge's online resources for students can be purchased for $20 per year. The Vulgate (not the Neo-Vulgate). Free electronic versions available. A Latin dictionary, such as the SPQR app.
66. OK	**Latin 3** Alexander Ring akring@mac.com (full-year course)	*North American Cambridge Latin Course,* ***Unit 3*** *Students' Book. 5th ed.* Cambridge and Amazon links. ISBN-13: 978-1107675780 ISBN-10: 1107675782 A Little Book of Latin Love Poetry. published by Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc ISBN 978-0-86516-601-1 Note: online access to Cambridge Elevate, which contains a webbook for all 4 levels (units), as well as access to Cambridge's online resources for students can be purchased for $20 per year. The Vulgate (not the Neo-Vulgate). Free electronic versions available. A Latin dictionary, such as the SPQR app.
67. OK	**Latin 4** Alexander Ring akring@mac.com (full-year course)	Note: online access to Cambridge Elevate, which contains a webbook for all 4 levels (units), as well as access to Cambridge's online resources for students can be purchased for $20 per year. Ovid: A Legamus Transitional Reader. published by Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc ISBN 978-0-86516-604-2 A Little Book of Latin Love Poetry. published by Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc ISBN 978-0-86516-601-1 The Vulgate (not the Neo-Vulgate). Free electronic versions available.

68. OK	**Spanish 1A** Amy Springborn senora.springborn@gmail.com (full-year course)	No textbook required. A Chromebook or a computer with an up-to-date web browser and access to the Internet and Youtube is required. Microphone and camera are required for recordings. Headphones are needed in the case of a video chat.
69. OK	**Spanish 1B** Amy Springborn senora.springborn@gmail.com (full-year course)	No textbook required. A Chromebook or a computer with an up-to-date web browser and access to the Internet and Youtube is required. Microphone and camera are required for recordings. Headphones are needed in the case of a video chat.
70. OK	**Spanish 1** Amy Springborn senora.springborn@gmail.com (full-year course)	No textbook required. A Chromebook or a computer with an up-to-date web browser and access to the Internet and Youtube is required. Microphone and camera are required for recordings. Headphones are needed in the case of a video chat.
71. OK	**Spanish 2** Amy Springborn senora.springborn@gmail.com (full-year course)	No textbook required. A Chromebook or a computer with an up-to-date web browser and access to the Internet and Youtube is required. Microphone and camera are required for recordings. Headphones are needed in the case of a video chat.
72. OK	**Spanish 3** Elizabeth Behmer elizabeth.behmer@amazinggraceva.org (full-year course)	*Avancemos! Level 3.* Holt McDougal, © 2013. (Digital copy of the textbook will be provided to students free of charge).