

## Connect Academy: MCS Electives

Course	Description	Type	Grade	PreReq
Spanish I	This course will develop the language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in everyday situations. Grammar will be integrated throughout the course. Students will acquire insight into how language and cultures work by making comparisons to their own.	Standard	9-12	

Spanish II	<p>This course will continue the development of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Students will be able to satisfy basic survival needs and interact on issues of everyday life as they participate in simple conversational situations. Writing skills will be extended to composing related sentences which narrate, describe, compare, and summarize familiar topics. Grammar will be integrated throughout the course. Reading skills will be extended to the understanding of main ideas. Students will compare the influence of beliefs and values of the target cultures to their own.</p>	Standard	9-12	Spanish I
Health and Physical Education Grades 9-12	<p>This course will focus on stress management, nutrition/weight management, substance abuse, personal fitness, healthful lifestyles, social wellness, and appreciation for diversity. COURSE NOTE: This course satisfies the State Board of Education graduation requirement for Healthful Living.</p>	Standard	9-12	

Visual Arts I (Beginning)	<p>This course is an introductory course designed to give students practical experience in drawing, painting, sculpture, color, design, and crafts through the understanding and development of the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Art history, art criticism and art appreciation are also studied. An emphasis is placed on development of basic techniques and skills.</p>	Standard	9-12	
Success 101	<p>This asynchronous course helps students develop essential skills to succeed academically and personally. Topics include time management, goal setting, growth mindset, grit, and strategies for online learning, such as email etiquette, online discussions, responsible AI use, and test-taking techniques. The course also emphasizes the importance of mental well-being and resilience, equipping students with tools to manage stress, stay motivated, and overcome challenges. Students will explore how their brains work, gaining insights into their habits and thought processes to make more informed choices. Personalized and reflection-based assignments ensure students can apply these skills to real-life situations. By fostering a positive mindset and building effective strategies, students can be empowered to thrive in school, embrace challenges, and build a strong foundation for</p>	Standard	9-12	

	lifelong happiness and achievement.			
Journalism	Journalism is an elective course that will include photography, news reporting, sports reporting, news writing, website design, videography, social media and digital tools, radio broadcasting, podcasting, interviewing, and more. Students will learn about all of these aspects of journalism for the first nine weeks. In the second nine weeks, students will develop their own website and create items for the website based on the area of journalism that most interests them.	Standard	9-12	