

TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL
2026 - 2027 - 9th Grade Course Selection - Electives

Welcome to Tam High School! We look forward to supporting your growth as a learner over the next four years. Please consult the [Course Guide](#) on our webpage for further descriptions of our program offerings. When your online Student Registration is complete, you will receive a link to a Google form to select your two 9th-grade electives.

Required Courses: Tam High School will automatically enroll all freshmen in the following required courses:

1. **Social Studies:** Life Lab (Semester1) & Community & Consciousness (Semester 2)
2. **English:** English 1-2
3. **Math:** Placement based on 8th-grade math course and teacher recommendation
4. **Science:** Physics in the Universe 1-2
5. **PE:** PE Core 1-2
6. **Elective:** Your choice (see below)
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Electives:

Schedules are created, and classes are made available by the choices YOU select on the Google Elective Choices Form. Review the 9th-grade options below and choose your electives and alternates *carefully*. **You will not be able to make changes later.** Please select **three alternate options for your elective choice**. This increases the likelihood of your schedule matching your interests.

- **Schedule changes in August are ONLY allowed for the following reasons:**
 - Inappropriate placement in a core class/wrong level of study OR computer error
 - Missing period/ hole in your schedule
- If no alternate electives are selected and the first choices are not available, school staff will make the selection for you!!
- Classes are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment
- Teacher requests and order of classes are **NOT** considered for schedule changes

9th GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS:

WORLD LANGUAGE

World language is not required to earn a diploma from TUHSD; it is considered an elective. However, two years of the same language is required by almost all universities. Three or more years are recommended by many. Language level is determined by the highest level completed in middle school and teacher recommendation:

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| ▪ Spanish 1-2 (1 st year) | ▪ French 1-2 (1 st year) |
| ▪ Spanish 3-4 (2 nd year) | ▪ French 3-4 (2 nd year) |
| ▪ Spanish 5-6 (3 rd year) | ▪ French 5-6 (3 rd year) |

VISUAL ARTS

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| ▪ Ceramics 1 - 2 | ▪ Photography 1- 2 |
| ▪ Drawing & Painting 1- 2 | ▪ Graphic Design 1-2 |

PERFORMING ARTS

- Beginning Band
- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Guitar
- Percussion 1 (beginning)
- String Orchestra (only string instruments)
- Concert Choir
- Music Technology (**Note: Does not fulfill college Art requirement**)
- Jazz Band (requires audition; zero period, 7:00-7:50 am; must also take concert Band or Symphonic Band during the school day)
- Beginning Drama 1-2

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

- Intro to Engineering Design 1-2
- Architectural Design 1-2

OTHER ELECTIVES

- AVID (Application Required)
- Leadership (Applications will take place in the fall)

TUHSD Graduation Requirements

Course Requirement	Credits 10 = 1 year	9th	10th	11th	12th
English	40	English 1-2	English 3-4	required but student choice of class	required but student choice of class
Math	30	Placement based on current math course and 8th-grade teacher recommendation. See course guide. Note: Algebra Foundations does not meet college A-G math requirements, but counts for graduation!			
Science	30	Physics in the Universe	Living Earth	Chemistry and the Earth	elective
Social Studies	40	Life Lab/ Community & Consciousness	World History	US History	Govt/Econ
P.E.	20	PE 1-2	PE 3-4		
Fine Arts	10	Open choice - can be taken over the 4 years			
Electives	50	Open choice - can be taken over the 4 years. Fine Arts, Applied Tech, World Language, Math, Science, and English electives all qualify			
Total	220				