

RHS 2019-2020 FRESHMEN ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Students take 20 elective credits their freshmen year. 5 credits (one semester) of Health is REQUIRED and 5 credits (one semester) of one of the following courses: Prod 301/College & Career Choices, Leadership Intro to ASB or Survey of Agriculture. These single semester courses will be paired with Health to make 10 credits (one year) of instruction. The remaining 10 credits will be chosen from the list of year-long electives below.

Please see the Course Description Booklet available on our website at www.righetti.us for more detailed course descriptions.

COURSES TO BE PAIRED WITH HELTH (required for all freshman)			
Course	Description	Credits	A-G
Health REQUIRED (Pair with a course below)	Health is a semester course which will cover mental health, human growth, body systems, nutrition, chemical dependency, STD's and family planning. Emphasis will be on long term lifestyle changes to promote a long and healthy life. The curriculum includes: Personal Safety awareness, Mental Illness, the relationship between Diet and Disease, an investigation of Communicable Diseases, the critical components of a Healthy Pregnancy, and a broad overview of Family Planning Methods. This course will provide 5 units of Health.	5	No
Prod 301/College & Career Choices	Introduces students to a decision-making process that will help them envision and plan for a future career that is productive, achievable, and stimulating. This course culminates with the development of a 10-year career/education plan used for advisory and academic purposes. This personalized 10-year plan provides students with the focus and intrinsic motivation to succeed in high school, college, at work, and in life.	5	No
Leadership Intro to ASB	This class is designed specifically for freshman students only. Leadership skills are developed through participation in the planning and implementation of a variety of student and staff activities.	5	No
Survey of Agriculture	This course is designed for 1st year students and will offer an exciting, hands-on understanding of Agriculture. Topics include: Agri-science, Plant Science, Animal Science, Ag Mechanics, Ag Biology, Careers, Leadership Development and numerous Agriculture related topics. This course will also contain an FFA component and students will be heavily encouraged and required to participate at a minimum level of activities.	5	No
A-G APPROVED COURSES (recommended for college bound students and meet A-G requirements for college entrance)			
French 1	This course is designed to introduce the student to basic communication skills in French. All skills for language development will be stressed: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Students will also begin to learn about French culture and history. Individual and group work is required, and students will be expected to participate in producing short dialogues in French.	10	Yes
Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3	Students in this course will learn how to communicate about themselves, their family, their friends, and their interests. Students will be exposed to information about various Spanish-speaking cultures. Students work individually, in partnerships, and in groups to produce simple dialogues. Students are expected to gradually improve their skills so that they can respond in Spanish only.	10	Yes
Intro to Spanish for Spanish Speakers	This course will prepare Spanish speakers to be successful in subsequent Spanish for Spanish speaking courses. Students are fully immersed in a Spanish speaking academic environment. Instruction will address all areas of reading skill including phonemic awareness, vocabulary development, reading comprehension, grammar and writing. Struggling Spanish speakers will gain confidence through relevant and authentic activities such as class discussions, dialogues, oral presentations and daily journals.	10	Yes
Intro to Art	This course is designed to explore basic principles of design and color utilizing exercises in various media, including: paper cutout, poster colors, felt tip pens, pencil, colored pencil & ink with emphasis placed on practical application. Additional emphasis will be placed on portfolio presentation of work.	10	Yes
Theatre Arts 1	This course will introduce the basic skills of theatre arts in four major content areas: acting, theatre history, play reading & playwriting and technical theatre/career applications. Students will develop performance skills, gain an understanding of the theatre in historical context, utilize creative writing skills and be introduced to set design, costuming and make-up.	10	Yes
Art & History of Floral Design	Students will become acquainted with theories and principles of artistic design and their influence on the floral industry. Students will gain knowledge and skills to understand artistic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context. Assignments will be based on abstract, two- and three-dimensional designs, historical culture, theory, color theory, and analytical critiques of various floral art works.	10	Yes
Photo 1	This "hands-on" course provides training and experience in the basic to intermediate technical and artistic elements of photography. Students learn about and use professional-level camera features to develop their compositional and technical skills. Students will use a variety of techniques to refine and present their photographs. Throughout the process students see, critique, and learn from the best of the world's photographs, as well participating in displays of student work.	10	Yes
Video/Film Production 1	This course is designed to introduce students to the art of filmmaking and video production. Students will learn filmmaking techniques using the camera, computer and various software as tools to tell stories through sound and visuals. Students will learn the language of film and the history of film. Students that would like to take this class should be willing to learn to work within a group environment.	10	Yes
Songwriting & Music Production	In this "hands-on" course, students will compose and record songs and other forms of music. They will learn about music theory, composition, arrangement, the history of song, instrumental performance, signing and lyric writing. Students will learn and utilize music recording equipment and software. Students who have no prior skills in songwriting, playing an instrument, or singing are welcome, but must receive instructor approval and will be expected to adequately develop one or more of those skills during the year.	10	Yes

A-G APPROVED COURSES (recommended for college bound students and meet A-G requirements for college entrance) – cont'd			
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Marching & Concert Band	This year long, performance course is designed for all students with performance experience of a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. Students enrolling in this class will participate in required performances such as assemblies, sporting events and concerts. There are required performances outside the regular school day. Students must provide appropriate attire as outlined in the band handbook.	10	Yes
Marimba Band	Marimba Band is a yearlong, performing music ensemble class. Traditional and contemporary music from Latin America with an emphasis on Mexican music genres will be explored along with performance skills. Students will participate in public performances both on and off campus. This class allows students from all backgrounds to experience and understand dance as a component of the Mexican heritage.	10	Yes
Concert Choir	Concert Choir is a beginning course for all students interested in choral music. This course develops basic music skills, basic music vocabulary and beginning sight reading. Students will learn about breathing, pitch and tone, vowel sounds, diction and how to follow a part in written music. This group sings in all the concerts. This course may be repeated until ready to audition for Varsity Choir and Madrigals.	10	Yes
Guitar	This course is open to all students interested in learning to play the guitar or to improve their existing skills. Individuals as well as groups will work on learning the fundamentals of playing the guitar, as well as music fundamentals including music reading, and basic music theory. Students will also work on learning advanced chords, finger picking, and working with different musical styles. In addition, students will learn the history of the guitar and related instruments.	10	Yes
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSES (fulfill the graduation requirements for ERHS but do not meet A-G requirements for college entrance)			
Beginning Band	This class provides an opportunity for students to begin instrumental study. It is especially valuable to those who have not had a previous opportunity. Students may have the opportunity to move up to the Marching/Concert band if the student receives the band director's recommendation.	10	No
Chorale A/B	Chorale is a beginning course for students interested in choral music. This course develops basic music skills, basic music vocabulary and beginning sight reading. Students will learn about breathing, pitch and tone, vowel sounds, diction and how to follow a part in written music. This group sings in all the concerts. This course may be repeated until ready to audition for Varsity Choir and Madrigals.	10	No
Beginning Mexican Dance	This is a yearlong, non-performing dance class. Traditional Mexican dance technique and vocabulary will be developed. The purpose of this class is to teach students the fundamentals of Mexican folk dance and prepare students for the Intermediate Mexican Folk Dance A/B class, as well as auditioning for the Ballet Folklórico. Auditions for following year's Ballet Folklórico are held during the Spring Semester.	10	No
Ag Mechanics	This class is designed to make students aware that an advanced educational background is necessary to pursue a career in agriculture repair or general farming. The class will teach basic shop skills including woodworking, rope work, plumbing, electrical and tool sharpening. Taking class enables the student to participate in FFA activities.	10	No
Ag Welding 1	This course focuses on theory, practice and application of various metal joining processes, including oxy-fuel welding, brazing, flame cutting, electric arc processes and an introduction to mig welding. Students will develop competencies in shop and tool safety. Students will have the opportunity to build their own BBQ pit. Taking class enables the student to participate in FFA activities.	10	No
Ag Bldg & Construction	This course introduces students to hand and machine woodworking equipment, methods and materials while constructing a variety of wood projects. Projects will include bird houses, butcher blocks, furniture and decorative wood projects. Casework, door and drawer construction are also explored. Class is 40% lecture and 60% activity.	10	No
Ag Leadership & Communication	This course is designed to instruct and train students to meet the necessary leadership and communication skills needed for a career in the agriculture industry. This course will provide instruction and meaningful experiences in personal development, career awareness and planning, management, and presentation of FFA leadership activities and Community Service Projects. Students will also be required to compile an individual career plan and portfolio.	10	No
Computer Apps A/B	The purpose of this course is to expand the student's technology skills and knowledge through utilization of 21 st Century technology tools, as well as other school coursework. Students will learn the basic features of Microsoft Office including Word, Power Point, Excel and Publisher. Advanced Internet research for various types of reports will also be covered. Students will use Typing Master Pro software to improve keyboarding skills.	10	No
Culinary Arts 1	Culinary Arts I is designed to provide students with the competencies needed in the areas of food and nutrition. Students will learn basic concepts of nutrition, resource conservation, food preparation, food preservation, use of consumer resources and agencies, and the relationship of nutrition and physical fitness to good health.	10	No