

Athens Drive High School

Course Recommendation Guide for Middle Schools

2016-2017

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***Athens Drive High School uses data to help place students in academic courses for success. Please note that the guidelines below in BOLD are the criteria that we will use in addition to teacher recommendations to place students in courses. Students need to be aware that their placement could change based on EOG scores in 8th grade.	
Course for Athens Drive 2016-2017	Criteria for Recommending
ENGLISH	
English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Student performs at or below expected level in Language Arts ◆ Student may have some difficulties understanding reading ◆ Student may need help in writing—has difficulty grasping the overall necessary concepts for writing
ICR English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students need to have In-Class Resource indicated on their IEP to be enrolled in this course
H English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Student completes homework regularly and successfully ◆ Student enjoys reading and can multi-task ◆ Student has an understanding of writing concepts: thesis statements, organization, and elaboration. ◆ Students scoring at a level IV on the 8th grade EOG will be placed in H English I
STEM English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students who have applied to the STEM Program (See application on our web site) ◆ STEM English I is either Academic or Honors (see criteria above). ◆ STEM students should hold an interest in studying within an interdisciplinary environment and be able to work with hands-on learning and be able to complete projects both individually and collaboratively
MATH	
**** Students entering 9th grade taking Math I will take Math I in some form in semester one. Athens Drive will not offer Fundamental Math or Intro Math in semester one.	
Students in the STEM Program will choose the level of Math where they are in the sequence of Math. Where possible, we will offer STEM Math I, II, III and Pre-Calculus	
Course for Athens Drive 2016-2017	Criteria for Recommending
Fall: Math I (Semester long)- Accelerated Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students who show a high mastery of 8th grade Math ◆ Students who are ready to study Math I the first semester of 9th grade ◆ Students who score a Level IV on 8th grade math EOG will be placed in Math I in a semester setting ◆ Students with high Level III and IVs on past EOGs.
Fall: Math Plus Spring: H Math II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students who have had Math I in 8th grade ◆ Students who are not ready to go into Math I and would benefit from review of key concepts before taking H Math II the first semester of High School
Fall: Foundations of Math IA Spring: Common Core Math IB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All students who have passed 8th grade Math with a C or lower will take this class. ◆ Students at Athens Drive will begin in this course, and we will determine if students need Fundamental Math or Intro Math at the end of semester one. ◆ Students who are ready to go into Algebra the first semester of High School, but would benefit from a slower pace ◆ Students who have a pattern of Level III on Math EOG
ICR Math I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students should have in-class resource Math indicated on their IEP to enroll in this course.
Honors Math II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students currently taking Math I in Middle School
Honors Math III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students currently taking H Math II in Middle School
Pre-Calculus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students who have already received credit for Math I, II and III.

SCIENCE	
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Earth Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ For students with a C or D in 8th grade science and going into Math I A and IB ◆ Students who score level III on 8th grade Science EOG
Honors Earth Science (with Common Core Math I or Common Core Math II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ For students with an A or B in 8th grade science and going into Math I ◆ Students who score level IV on 8th grade Science EOG ◆ Taking Math I as a 9th grader
STEM Earth Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students who are accepted into the STEM Program will take this foundational Earth Science class (required) ◆ There is an academic and Honors section of STEM Earth Science
Honors Biology (with Honors Common Core Math II or higher)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Taking at least Honors H Math II or H Math III as a 9th grader ◆ Planning to take AP Environmental Science ◆ Students who score level IV on 8th grade Science EOG
SOCIAL STUDIES	
Course for Athens Drive 2016- 2017	Criteria for Recommending
World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ This is the standard version of World History
Honors World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Student completes homework regularly and successfully ◆ Student enjoys reading and can multi-task ◆ Student has good study skills and regularly performs well on assessments in middle school social studies.
STEM World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Students who are accepted into the STEM Program will take this STEM World History course ◆ There is an academic and honors version of STEM World History
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	
Course for Athens Drive 2016-2017	Criteria for Recommending
French I and French II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who have passed the 8th grade French EOC/Exit Exam should sign up for level 2. ◆ All other students should sign up for Level I. ◆ It is strongly recommended that students begin French I in their Sophomore year.
Latin I and Latin II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who have passed the 8th grade Latin EOC/Exit Exam should sign up for level 2. • All other students should sign up for Level I. • It is strongly recommended that students begin Latin I in their Sophomore year.
Spanish I and Spanish II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who have passed the 8th grade Spanish EOC/Exit Exam should sign up for level 2. • All other students should sign up for Level I. • It is strongly recommended that students begin Spanish I in their Sophomore year.
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	
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ESL I (year-long)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reading median – 13/15-22 ◆ Writing median (stories)– 2; Oral mostly A ◆ Student here a full year and scores in this range, place in ESL 1.
ESL II (year-long)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reading median – 28 ◆ Writing median (stories) – 5 ◆ Oral median - B
ESL III (year-long)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reading median – 34 ◆ Writing median (stories) – 6 ◆ Oral median – D
STEM	
<p>Students interested in the STEM Program should fill out the on-line application. Students may apply to the STEM Program if Athens Drive is their base school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in the STEM Program will take their academic classes in a cohort model with English, Earth Science and Social Studies. • Students who are interested in band, chorus and orchestra and also STEM may have to decide to skip a semester or two of band to complete the course requirements for STEM. 	

What about Band, Orchestra, Drama and Chorus?

These courses are nice niches for students to create an identity with the school, but often students cannot elect these courses because they want to fulfill the Healthful Living Requirement. Freshmen have few open spots in their schedules after they sign up for core courses (Math, Science, Social Studies, English). Healthful Living is an important course, but many Freshmen who are interested in Performing Arts defer the Healthful Living credit to their sophomore year to pursue music or drama. After the Freshmen year, there are typically more open spots in a student's schedule.

Students at the middle school level should register for the beginning level of arts courses. If a student has demonstrated or can demonstrate mastery at a higher level, the teacher of the course will initiate a level change.

- **BAND:** There is no level I Band at Athens Drive HS. All Band students should register for 2 semesters of Band II.
- **CHORUS:** Students should register for Chorus I and II for the year. Chorus I will be the fall semester; chorus II will be spring
- Students who wish to demonstrate mastery of arts courses at a higher level should contact the teachers listed on the Registration page for Athens Drive High School