

***** MARCUS 9TH GRADE CAMPUS COURSE VERIFICATION 2019 – 2020 *****

Use this form if changes are needed. Return it to: _____ by: _____

At this time, please review your 9th grade course list using your SKYWARD account (Schedule >> 19-20 Requests). This is your final opportunity to review, edit, & finalize your class selections for Marcus9! If you wish to change a class, please complete & return this form to your middle school. Many Alternate courses have already been used or could be used going forward. Remember that courses are scheduled from oldest grade levels down to the youngest grade.

All students **MUST** use Skyward to select an Endorsement as well as create a Career Plan/Four-Year plan. See other packet for more info.

The courses listed below are **CLOSED/FULL**. Students may be assigned alternate courses. No additional students will be added to these courses. YOU MAY NOT REQUEST THESE COURSES NOW:

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| Art 1 | Money Matters | Interpersonal Studies |
| Art 2 classes | Web Technologies | Human Growth & Development |
| AVID | Floral Design | Lifetime Nutr & Wellness |
| College Transition | Career Center classes | |

******* THIS WILL BE THE FINAL CHANCE TO REQUEST SCHEDULE/COURSE CHANGES. *******

_____	_____	BMS	DMS	LMS
NAME OF STUDENT	ID NUMBER	MIDDLE SCHOOL: CIRCLE ONE		

COURSE(S) TO DROP:

COURSE(S) TO ADD: (If you are adding a PAP/AP course, please make sure you are aware, and agree to, the MHS Level Change Policy. Teacher sig required for Band/Orch).

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

BlendED classes: Interested students should use the link below to request optional BlendEd courses. Students may take a max. of one BlendEd course, which will be offered in the Spring. The online form allows students to rank the BlendEd courses in their preferred order. This information will be helpful in case your first choice of BlendEd course does not make or conflicts with your other course selections: <https://tinyurl.com/M9blend>

VLA classes: Please indicate here if you are enrolling in an optional Summer VLA, online course. Make adjustments to your next year class selections as needed, above. I'm taking _____ this summer (ex: Algebra). *Note: Students must register for VLA classes through Skyward.*

_____	_____
STUDENT SIGNATURE	PARENT SIGNATURE

Class of 2023 Reminders & Announcements:

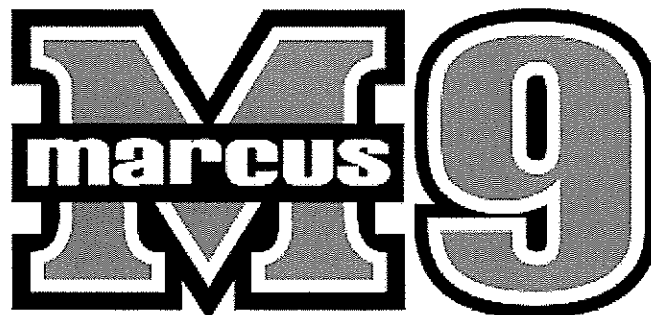
- **Marauder Camp** (Freshman orientation): August 1, 2019 (more info to come)
- Summer Reading is required for students in **Humanities**. Students can find details about book title selections and expectations on the Marcus9 website. Students should be prepared to test in early September.
- AP Biology students are reminded to complete their required summer course work and turn it in before or on August 3rd. Students will be receiving an email with details of the summer assignment and the student codes for classroom, e-text/Mastering Biology in the 2nd /3rd week of May to the email address provided during the orientation meeting. Please contact the AP Biology teacher at durvasulas@lisd.net with any questions.
- Students who were recommended for **All-Year Algebra** by their middle school have been enrolled in the course (Alg AY & Alg Enrichment). If changes to your electives are needed, please use the reverse side of this form. Recommended students will be enrolled in the course unless their parent declines the course, in writing. See your middle school counselor or 8th grade math teacher with questions.

LISD Back to School Fair: Saturday, Aug 3, 2019

Lewisville Independent School District's goal is to assist families in preparing for the start of the new school year by connecting families with needed resources such as immunizations, school supplies, medical screenings, and much more. This event is open to any student and their family currently enrolled at a Lewisville ISD campus. The Fair will be held August 3rd from 9am-2pm at Lewisville High School Main Campus. Register to attend by June 30th: <https://tinyurl.com/LISD2019>.

Follow Us on Social Media!!

- Marcus9 website: <http://www.lisd.net/mhs9>
- Follow us on Twitter: @mhs9 #connectmhs9
- Marcus PTSA website: marcusptsa.org or Twitter: @marcusptsa



Foundation w/ Distinguished Level of Achievement

Name: _____

Required Courses for 4X4 Diploma (Multidisciplinary)	Grade	FALL		SPRING	
		1st 9 Weeks	2nd 9 Weeks	1st 9 Weeks	2nd 9 Weeks
<input type="checkbox"/> English 1 <input type="checkbox"/> English 2 <input type="checkbox"/> English 3 <input type="checkbox"/> English 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Math <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Math <input type="checkbox"/> 5th Math (for STEM only) <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> IPC, Chemistry, or Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry or Physics <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Science <input type="checkbox"/> W. Geo, W. Hist, or AP Human Geo <input type="checkbox"/> World History or 2 SS Electives <input type="checkbox"/> US History <input type="checkbox"/> Government (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Economics (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language, Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language, Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art (1.0) <input type="checkbox"/> PE (1.0) Total Number Needed to Graduate 26 State Credits	9th	English 1			
	10th	English 2			
	11th	English 3		US History	
12th	English 4		Govt	Econ	

9 Weeks = .5 Credit

18 Weeks = 1.0 Credit

Endorsement Options

• Academic Endorsements

- Multidisciplinary (4 X 4)
 - Perfect for Student Athletes
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
 - 5 Math Courses or
 - 5 Science Courses

• Elective Endorsements

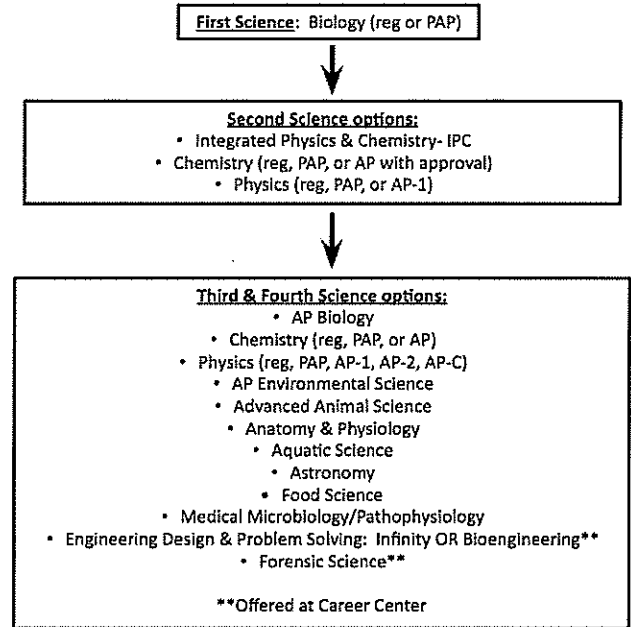
- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Industry
- Public Services

***Endorsements should be entered in Skyward by the end of 8th grade**

***Students will have the chance to revise their endorsement each year during the registration process**

***Students can pursue and earn more than 1 endorsement.**

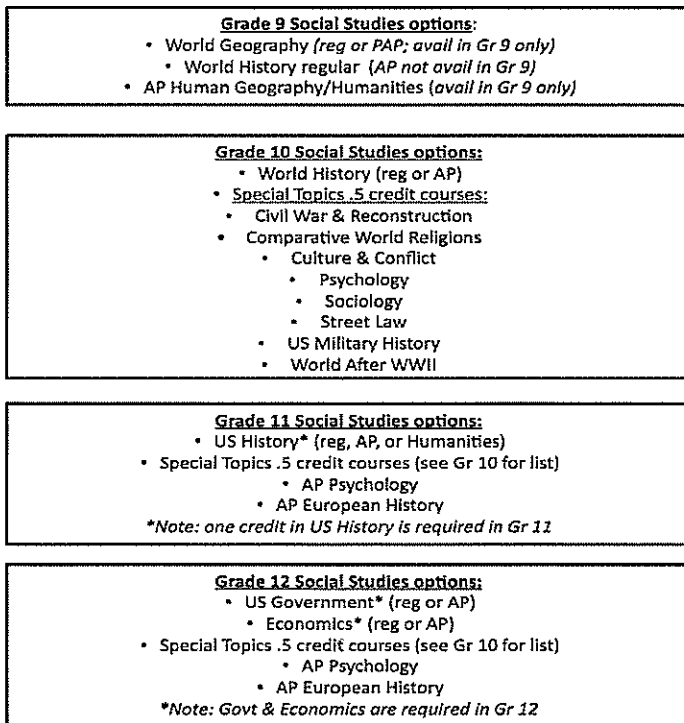
Marcus Science Course Flow Chart



Please Note:

- See your current science teacher to discuss your appropriate placement for next school year.
- See LISD Course Description Guide for any pre-requisites for science courses.
- Science requirements vary based on Endorsement. Check core class requirements for your Endorsement.

Marcus Social Studies Course Sequence

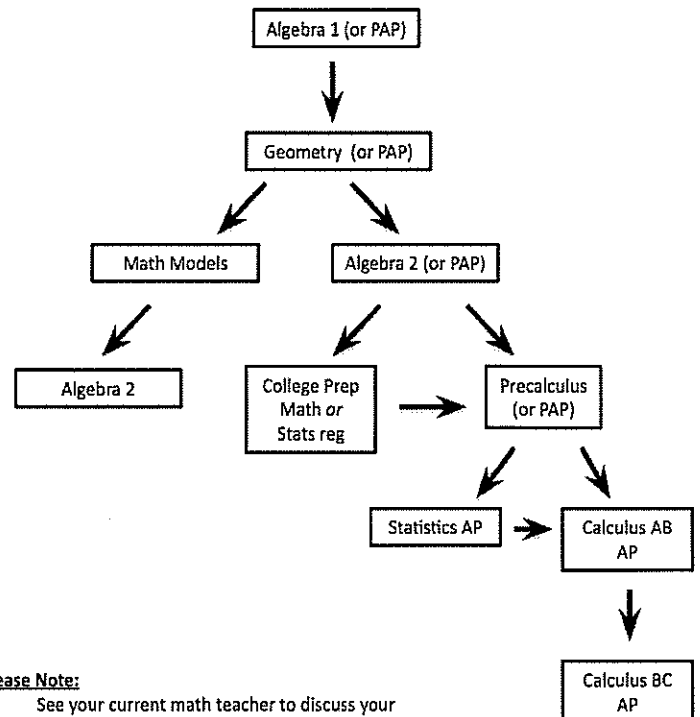


Please Note:

- See your current Social Studies teacher to discuss your appropriate placement for next school year.
- See LISD Course Description Guide for any pre-requisites for Social Studies courses.
- Social Studies requirements vary based on Endorsement. Check core class requirements for your Endorsement.

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Marcus Math Course Flow Chart



Please Note:

- See your current math teacher to discuss your appropriate placement for next school year.
- AP Computer Science & Engineering Math (career center) can count as a 4th math course, following Alg 2.
- See LISD Course Description Guide for any pre-requisites for math courses.
- Math requirements vary based on Endorsement. Check core class requirements for your Endorsement.

Endorsement & Career Plan (4-yr-plan) FAQ's

1. ***What is a Career Plan & why is it important at this time?*** State mandates call for 8th graders to create a four-year plan prior to entering high school. That said, a four-year plan is a living document that should continue to evolve & change throughout a student's high school years. LISD uses Skyward's "Career Plan" tool as the means for creating & maintaining the four-year plan. Doing so allows the school counselor to have access to a student's updated plan as needed.
2. ***How do I know the sequence of core classes needed to create the four-year plan?*** Refer to the course sequence charts provided in your packet to create your plan for core classes. These can be fine-tuned year after year as students determine if options such as PAP, AP, Blended, or Dual Credit are something they wish to do.
3. ***Can I request to double up on Math classes?*** Yes- students who wish to double up on math courses (or science courses) may self-select them in their Career Plan/four-year plan. Classes cannot be overloaded to accommodate students trying to double up on classes, however. In this case, students would be scheduled into alternate elective classes.
4. ***How do I enroll in programs like Band or Athletics?*** Using Football as an example, students should select Fall/State Football as well as Spring/Local Football for each year of their four-year plan. Directors and coaches will make final placements from year to year.
5. ***What if I have classes tied up as Alternates that I want to take in grades 10, 11, or 12?*** Once the new school year starts, students can incorporate Alternate classes into their Career Plan in Skyward. This process should be repeated year after year.
6. ***How do I know if I am allowed to take certain classes in certain grades?*** While some Marcus classes have grade level restrictions not shown in the Career Plan, it is recommended that students complete their four-year plan as they wish at this time. From year to year students will receive a grade-specific course selection card which students can use to fine-tune their class choices in Skyward.
7. ***Can I enter career center classes or things like Senior Out on my four-year plan?*** Yes! Students should enter their desired classes in their Career Plan. This helps students set goals and stay on pace to reach them. Many students enjoy senior in/out after working hard to earn this privilege.
8. ***If I plan to take an online class should I still include it in my four-year-plan in Skyward?*** If the online course is a required course for graduation, then yes, the student should go ahead and plug it into their Career Plan. This allows the counselor to see the student has plans to take the required course in either capacity.
9. ***How can I be sure I am on track for meeting the graduation requirements?*** Students can see that they are on track to meet graduation requirements within the features of the Career Plan.
10. ***What is an Endorsement?*** An endorsement is a focus area while in high school or a pathway towards one's diploma. Diploma requirements vary for each endorsement. Refer to the LISD Course Description Guide for details: <https://cdg.lisd.net/>.

Endorsement & Career Plan (4-yr-plan) FAQ's

11. ***How should I go about declaring an Endorsement at this time?*** Keeping all future plans open is important as students enter high school. Selecting the Multidisciplinary endorsement allows a student to have free selection of electives/sports while maintaining four core classes per year (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies). Students who are on pace to take five math courses in high school align with the STEM endorsement. The three other endorsements center around specific clusterings of electives and could be a bonus/add-on endorsement prior to graduation.
12. ***Is it possible to graduate with more than one endorsement?*** Yes! We expect many students will graduate with multiple endorsements. For example, a band member who took Algebra in 8th grade as well as four core classes all four years, would graduate with the following endorsements: Multidisciplinary, STEM, and Arts & Humanities.
13. ***Can a required course for graduation also count towards my Endorsement requirements when applicable?*** Yes! Courses can be used to “double dip” meaning they satisfy a graduation requirement as well as an endorsement requirement simultaneously. This helps maximize student use of time and keep schedule options as open as possible.
14. ***Can I change my Endorsement in the future?*** Yes- each year students can revise and update their endorsement selection during the registration process.
15. ***What is the name of my diploma?*** Students now pursue what is called the Foundations High School Program (FHSP) diploma. By default, all LISD students are on pace to earn the highest version of this diploma which is called the Distinguished Level of Achievement or “DLA.”
16. ***Are there other distinctions or honors one can achieve in addition to their diploma?*** Yes! The State uses Performance Acknowledgements as a means to give credit for achievements such as taking three levels of a foreign language, getting a Commended score on the PSAT, earning a trade certification via a career center class, or scoring a 3 or higher on an AP test. See the Course Description Guide, for more information on Performance Acknowledgements: <https://cdg.lisd.net/>.
17. ***How can I keep from getting overwhelmed in this process?*** Selecting four core classes each school year is recommended for all students. Refer to the course sequence charts provided as a guide. Freely select the electives and/or sports of your choice knowing you can revise and edit your four-year plan anytime. The four-year plan will continue to evolve and change each year of high school.
18. ***When & how do I sign up and take online classes?*** Students can take online courses through the LISD Virtual Learning Academy or VLA office starting the summer after 8th grade. Courses are held in the summer as well as during the academic year. Registration is done via Skyward web access. See www.lisd.net/vla for the course catalog and more info!
19. ***When can a student take Dual Credit courses?*** Dual credit courses can be taken as early as 10th grade. Dual credit classes yield high school credit as well as college credit with NCTC. Dual credit classes are a great value compared to college courses at approx. \$300 per course. For more information log onto: <https://www.lisd.net/domain/5472>