



HopePATHs Electives Course Guide

Hope Academy 2026-27

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Dear Hope Academy High School Scholars.

I'm so excited for you to explore all of the wonderful elective classes we will be offering for the 2026-2027 school year at Hope Academy! As you know, our electives are organized into different "Paths" to help you explore many opportunities that may help you in your planning for your future education and work. Electives paths include **HopeMED** (health & medical), **HopeBIZ** (business & entrepreneurship), **HopeSERVE** (human services & teaching), **HopeTECH** (engineering & computer science), **HopeTRADES** (woodworking & skilled trades) & **HopeARTs** (performing & visual arts). Throughout high school we hope you will explore many, if not all, of our HopePaths. Our goal in electives classes is to give you broad experience in trying different things out while also having the opportunity to go deeper into areas that you are most passionate about. We pray that you'll find ways to align your interests and giftings with some ideas about what might be available to you in the future. Our hope is that by taking these courses, you would develop a lifelong love of learning.

You'll take 2 electives in 9th grade, 4 in 10th and 5 in 11th & 12th grades. **Before graduating, you'll be required to have at least one HopeTECH, HopeARTs & HopeMED course, so keep that in mind as you register.** In addition to these requirements, you'll take 11 additional courses in the areas you're interested in or already excited about.

In this booklet you'll find a listing of all the electives we are considering for the 2026-2027 school year with descriptions of each. Later this spring, you'll register for your classes through a digital registration program in PowerSchool with the help of Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Hintz, based on your unique schedule. Please Teams chat any questions you have about specific classes to Mrs. Meg Hintz or Mrs. Bailey Sutton.

Sincerely,

Ben Johnson, High School Principal

ELECTIVES FAQ

What are HopePaths electives?

The purpose of electives at Hope Academy is to help scholars explore and discover their unique interests, aptitudes and opportunities with the goal of helping them discover what they would like to pursue for life and work after graduation. Electives are designed to introduce scholars to a variety of career fields and gain hands-on learning experiences that will serve them well in any career field. Scholars have the opportunity to take up to 16 different elective classes during their 4 years of high school at Hope Academy (2 as Freshmen, 4 as Sophomores, 5 as Juniors and 5 as Seniors).

Electives are sorted into the pathways of Business (BIZ), Medicine (MED), Technology (TECH), Trades (TRADES), Social Services & Education (SERVE) and Visual & Performing Arts (ARTS). Scholars are required to take at least one elective in the Medical, Technology and Arts pathways before graduation.

When are electives offered during the school day?

Electives are scheduled across 6 different periods to provide more flexibility and offer a wider range of course options. Because of this model, not all scholars will have access to every elective depending on their core-class schedule.

How do I choose my electives?

Electives are assigned based on your Power Scheduler Enrollment Survey in collaboration with oversight from the Academic Dean to ensure you remain on track for graduation. We strongly encourage scholars to select classes that you are interested in exploring based on your future career/education interests. While we do our best to match you with your top choices, availability depends on your assigned elective period.

What if I can't get into a class I want?

Due to scheduling constraints, some electives may not fit into your schedule. If your top choice isn't available, you will be placed into another elective you indicated interest in on your interest survey.

CO-OP SPORTS

What are Co-Op Sports?

Hope Academy partners with other schools to offer a wider selection of athletic opportunities than we would be able to on our own. These are called Co-Operative (Co-Op) sports. Co-Op sports at Hope include Cross Country, Football, and Track & Field. If you are participating in a **co-op sport**, your athletic participation counts for your 7th period elective credit and you will be registered in the “Fitness for Co-Op Athletes” class. Hope Academy reserves the right to disallow scholars from participating in Co-Op sport opportunities if deemed appropriate, this decision would be considered and communicated by Collin Quinn, Activities Director at Hope Academy.

How do I make sure I receive credit for my Co-Op sport?

Maintain **active participation** (attend practices and competitions) in your sport. Communicate any changes you need to make regarding participation with your coaches, Mr Quinn, & Mrs Sutton **before** making a decision to drop or to stop attending practices.

What if I decide not to go out for a Co-Op sport after I have registered for the class but before the season starts?

If you change your mind about the sport **before the season begins or within the first few days of the semester**, you must enroll in another elective. Be sure to notify Mrs Sutton as soon as possible to adjust your schedule.

What happens if I quit my Co-Op sport?

If you drop the sport too late in the quarter, you will be required to **make up the credit during the summer session**. This includes scholars who do not officially drop the sport but stop attending practices and games.

PSEO FAQ:

What is PSEO?

PSEO (Postsecondary Enrollment Options) allows eligible 11th and 12th graders to take college courses for both high school and college credit. Courses are college level and minimum GPA requirements are set by individual universities. The College and Career Office hosts an event each spring to explore and explain PSEO to families and scholars. Reach out to Mrs CasaDeCalvo with questions.

Who can take a PSEO Work Period?

Only 11th and 12th graders who are actively enrolled in an **approved PSEO online course** can take a PSEO Work Period. Proof of enrollment is required before a work period is assigned.

What courses qualify for a PSEO Work Period?

- The course must be designed for independent online learning.
- Courses requiring anything besides a study hall room (e.g., personal fitness, lab-based sciences) are **not allowed** due to space/material limitations.
- Courses must be a semester length and be at least 3 credit hours.

What happens if I drop, withdraw, or fail my PSEO course?

- If you withdraw too late in the quarter, you may not be able to enroll in another elective, meaning summer school will be required.
- Please notify Mrs Sutton if you are failing a PSEO course or if you drop a course.

What are the classroom expectations for a PSEO Work Period?

- It must be used **only** for dedicated work on an approved online PSEO course.
- It **cannot** be used as a study hall or to work on in-person PSEO classes.
- If you need a general study period, you should enroll in Study Hall (note: scholars may only take **two semesters** of Study Hall during high school).
- "Double dipping" credit is not allowed—if you're earning credit for an in-person PSEO class, you cannot also take a PSEO Work Period for that course.

If you have any questions, please contact the **Academic Support Dean (Mrs Sutton)**.

Switching Electives at Hope Academy

Switching into different electives from those on your schedule is generally discouraged. That said, sometimes courses need to be changed unexpectedly. This may only be done during the first week of a semester for the following reasons:

- Credits needed to graduate (based on specific path and limited time left)
- Student not able to participate in Co-Op sports opportunities after all
- Committing to participate in a Co-Op sport for a full season unexpectedly
- Student drops an online PSEO course in the first couple of weeks of a new semester
- Finalized post-high school plans and swapping into a course in related field
- Extenuating circumstances, evaluated on an individual basis

Process for changing electives

- Reach out to Mrs. Hintz and discuss reason change being requested
- If approved by Mrs. Hintz, reach out to Mrs. Sutton to identify available options

Requests must be made before the beginning of a semester for most approvals, or by the end of the 1st week of a new semester if because of a Co-Op sport or extenuating circumstances.

Graduation Requirements

All high school scholars must successfully complete the following elective requirements to be on track for graduation:

- **HopeARTs** = 1 Semester (0.5 credits)
- **HopeMED** = 1 Semester (0.5 credits)
- **HopeTECH** = 1 Semester (0.5 credits)
- **Additional Electives** = 11 Semesters (5.5 credits)

HopePATHs Elective Options

HopeARTs

Choir
Contemporary Music (Keyboard & Percussion) **
Classical Music (Cello, Piano, Violin) **
Music Production **
Film & Photography
Printmaking & 3D Art **
Ceramics Hand Building
Ceramics Pottery Wheel
Advanced Pottery Wheel
Oil Painting **
Watercolor & Acrylic Painting **
Drawing
Multimedia Art **

HopeBIZ

Entrepreneur
Business Internship
Business Finance

HopeMED

Intro to Healthcare
Medical Certification Training
(CNA & BLS) **

Nutrition
Fitness & Weightlifting
Fitness for Co-Op Athletes

HopeSERVE

Teacher's Assistant (TA)
Operations Intern (Ops)
Community Action
Home Economics **
Leadership & Ministry **

HopeTECH

Computer Science
Advanced Computer Science
Engineering
Advanced Engineering

HopeTRADES

Intro to Woodworking
Advanced Woodworking
Hope Construction

** = New or Redesigned Class!

HopePATHs Elective Course Descriptions

BUSINESS – Entrepreneur



- **HopePATH:** HopeBIZ
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** Entrepreneurship isn't just about starting a business. It's a mindset that can be applied to any pursuit in life. The goal in this class is to design and launch a small business. You will learn the basic process for selecting, designing and starting a business. Additionally, the hope is that you will be more equipped with Biblical truths regarding finances, drive and stewardship, things you will be able to carry with you regardless of your ultimate career path.

BUSINESS – Business Finance



- **HopePATH:** HopeBIZ
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course teaches scholars about managing money in the business world. In this course, we will cover topics like budgeting, investing and financial planning for businesses. Scholars will learn how to analyze financial statements, make informed financial decisions, and understand the importance of financial management in running a successful business. Through hands-on activities and real-world examples, this class equips scholars with practical skills to navigate the financial aspects of entrepreneurship and corporate finance.

BUSINESS – Business Internship



- **HopePATH:** HopeBIZ
- **Offered:** Grades 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Entrepreneur
- **PLEASE NOTE:** This course requires scholars to be to school by 8:00am multiple mornings per week in addition to being a class during the school day.
- **Course Description:** Entrepreneur Internship gives you hands-on experience running and/or starting a business. Scholars engage in scholar-run businesses already operating at Hope. Some semesters we will actively start a new scholar-run business but in every semester, scholars will be operating scholar run businesses that already exist. Scholars will go deeper into the

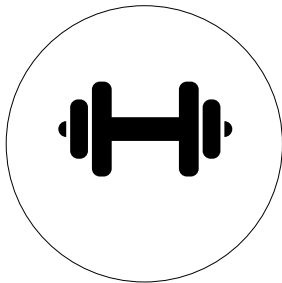
entrepreneurial mindset: growth mindset, grit, redefining failure, and seeking opportunity. There will be many ways to grow in the entrepreneurial mindset while running or starting a business, but this class will also dive deeper into each area so that you can apply this mindset more readily in every situation.

MEDICAL – Intro to Healthcare



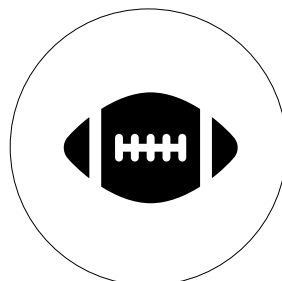
- **HopePATH:** HopeMED
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This class explores various aspects of healthcare from the history of healthcare to current issues in the healthcare system. Scholars will explore different healthcare careers, hear from guest speakers who are healthcare professionals, and visit at least one healthcare facility. The class will also introduce you to basic concepts of anatomy and physiology. When you complete this class, you will be certified in CPR and basic first aid.

MEDICAL – Fitness and Sports Medicine



- **HopePATH:** HopeMED
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course focuses on personal fitness so that by the end of class you will be able to organize and execute your own fitness plan. During this class scholars will spend at least 3 days per week working out in the weight room. Scholars will also learn about the field of sports medicine, the treatment and prevention of sports injuries, the development of sport specific exercise routines and the careers available in this field.

MEDICAL – Fitness for Co-Op Athletes



- **HopePATH:** HopeMED
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Must be a co-op athlete
- **See page 4 of this booklet for more information on Co-Op Sports**
- **Course Description:** This course is required for scholars who are Co-Op athletes. This class allows scholars to leave during the school day for their co-op sport as needed. **Fall Co-Op sports are Football and Cross Country. Winter's Co-Op is Wrestling. Spring's Co-Op is Track and Field.** Scholars will receive a grade for participation in a Co-Op Sport from Hope Academy. This course will also include a fitness component and a chance to learn about and engage in a variety of activities and sports.

MEDICAL – Nutrition



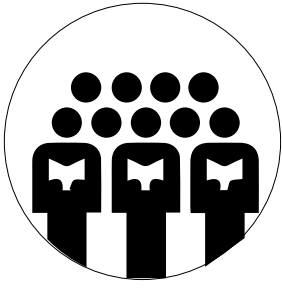
- **HopePATH:** HopeMED
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This class is designed to incorporate practical food prep experiences and to teach scholars the fundamentals of healthy eating, meal planning, and food preparation. Scholars will explore the science of nutrition, understand how food impacts their bodies, and develop lifelong skills for making informed dietary choices. Through research and discussions, cooking labs, and real-world applications, scholars will be prepared to make nutritious meals and snacks while learning the connections between diet, well-being, and sustainable food practices.

MEDICAL – Medical Certifications Training (CNA & BLS)



- **HopePATH:** HopeMED
- **Offered:** Grades 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This semester-long Medical Certification course provides students with the knowledge and hands-on training needed to earn certifications as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Basic Life Support (BLS). Students will develop essential healthcare skills, including patient care, vital signs monitoring, emergency response, and basic life support, while gaining real-world experience in clinical and simulated settings. **This course is designed for students interested in pursuing careers in healthcare and requires parental signature, a background check and \$75.00 participation fee to help cover certification and training costs.** Upon successful completion, students will be prepared to sit for state certification exams and enter the healthcare field with foundational credentials. Please contact Mr. Kite with specific questions about this opportunity. **This class is limited to 12 students, with priority given to 12th graders pursuing medical careers.**

MUSIC – Choir



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course is designed to assist scholars in exploring and expanding their vocal and performance abilities within multiple genres, as well as grow in their understanding of the language of music. Scholars will participate in a performance during the semester. Whether you're looking for a gateway to further musical/vocal study or are simply curious what "choir" is all about, this is the course for you with no previous experience required!

MUSIC – MU202. Production



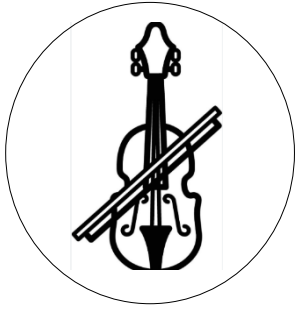
- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** - This course introduces students to the fundamentals of sound and music production, including recording, editing, and mixing audio. Students will learn how to use industry-standard software and equipment to create original music and audio projects, including writing their own music and lyrics. Through hands-on experience, they will explore beat-making, sound design, and basic acoustics. The class encourages creativity, collaboration, and technical skill development for students interested in music, media, or audio engineering.

MUSIC – Classical Music (Piano, Cello, Violin)



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course focuses on building strong piano, cello or violin skills through the study of classical music. Students will learn to play pieces from major composers across different historical periods, from the Baroque to the Modern era. Along the way, they will develop technique, musical expression, and confidence with their instrument. The class also includes guided listening and discussion to help students understand how classical music evolved and why it continues to matter today. By combining performance and listening, students will grow as pianists while gaining a deeper appreciation for the richness and influence of classical music.

MUSIC – Contemporary Music (Keyboard, Percussion)



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This is a hands-on, collaborative course where students learn to create and produce music without needing extensive music theory knowledge. Using chords, progressions, rhythm, and song structure as practical tools, students build musical skills through real-world application rather than theory-heavy study. Throughout the semester, the class works together across roles to write, rehearse, and produce original songs, culminating in the creation of a collaborative class album.

SERVICE – Community Action



- **HopePATH:** HopeSERVE & HopeBIZ
- **Offered:** Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** Community Action gives you a foundation in how to be active in the community with both direction and purpose. This class will be split into two parts: nonprofit and social entrepreneur. One quarter will be focused on how to start a nonprofit and the other quarter will focus on how to start a social entrepreneur business. A social entrepreneur uses business to specifically address social problems. Scholars will engage people in the nonprofit world as well as social entrepreneurs. The class will be required to find and address an issue in our area and build a nonprofit and business that will address the problem. Scholars will grow in the entrepreneurial mindset in this class: growth mindset, grit, redefining failure, and seeking opportunity.

SERVICE – Home Economics



- **HopePATH:** HopeSERVE
- **Offered:** Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This Home Economics course equips students with essential life skills for independent living. Students will gain hands-on experience in basic cooking, sewing and clothing repair, household management, family life and personal budgeting. Through practical projects and real-world applications, they will build confidence in caring for themselves and managing everyday responsibilities. The course emphasizes responsibility, stewardship, and wise decision-making in the home and beyond.

SERVICE – Leadership and Ministry



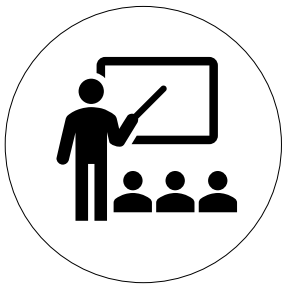
- **HopePATH:** HopeSERVE
- **Offered:** Grades: 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course explores the foundations of leadership, helping students understand what effective leadership is—and what it is not. Students will identify their own strengths, gifts, and leadership styles while learning how to lead with integrity, humility, and purpose. Through discussion, reflection, and practical experiences, they will examine how their faith shapes the way they serve and influence others. The class equips students to lead confidently in their communities, relationships, and future endeavors.

SERVICE – Operations Internships



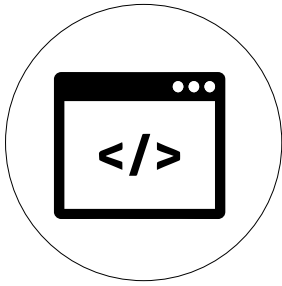
- **HopePATH:** HopeSERVE
- **Offered:** Grades: 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Must be in good standing in all courses and approved by the Academic Dean (Mrs Sutton) to be considered for this opportunity
- **Course Description:** Scholars will learn and assist with various behind-the-scenes roles at Hope Academy, depending on where assigned. Opportunities are available throughout the building for upper classmen to assist staff and teachers in a variety of ways. These internships may be in the office, in the ceramics room, in the café or elsewhere throughout the building. Scholars must be responsible and able to work independently under the direction of a staff member.

SERVICE –Teacher's Assistant



- **HopePATH:** HopeSERVE
- **Offered:** Grades 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** Scholars will receive an introduction to teaching and classroom management. They will then be partnered with a Lower School or Middle School teacher to work with as a Teacher's Assistant (TA) for the remainder of the semester. They will continue to refine and grow their abilities to build relationships, deliver instruction, and lead younger Hope scholars in a classroom setting. This course is ideal for scholars looking to add concrete work experience to a college application or resume.

TECHNOLOGY – Computer Science



- **HopePATH:** HopeTECH
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** The 21st Century has been described as the "Digital Age" because technology informs and influences our daily lives more than ever before. Our changing world creates the urgent need for students to develop the computational thinking and collaboration skills needed to thrive in the years to come, even for those who don't go into computer science-focused fields as a career. Students in the Computer Science class learn about how computer hardware works and how to develop the software solutions used to engage with computers. Learning these coding skills helps to prepare students for jobs that are among the most in-demand and well-paid opportunities of our time.

TECHNOLOGY – Advanced Computer Science



- **HopePATH:** HopeTECH
- **Offered:** Grades 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** A grade of "B" or higher in Computer Science or Developer or Engineer & approval from Director of HopeTECH (Mr Andy Johnson).
- **Course Description:** The Advanced Computer Science class offers students the opportunity to dive deeper into skills developed previously in technology electives completed at Hope. The teacher will work with the qualified student to develop a plan for their learning including the skills to build, software to use and projects to complete. This class is ideal for those who want to deepen their expertise in computer science skills like coding, programming, and more, preparing for college-level programs and career experiences.

TECHNOLOGY- Engineer



- **HopePATH:** HopeTECH
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** Every industry in today's world is influenced by technology and engineers use their skills to design and improve the ways that technology interacts with the physical world. Scholars in the Engineering class identify needs, learning the tools to use the engineering design process to solve problems and build solutions. They will explore topics like manufacturing processes, product design (CAD), 3D printing, robotics, and automation, and then design solutions for real-world manufacturing

problems. Exploring the various engineering disciplines will help to develop the tangible skills used to build and optimize systems that contribute to the world around them and lead to engaging careers.

TECHNOLOGY – Advanced Engineering



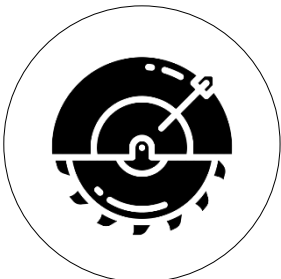
- **HopePATH:** HopeTECH
- **Offered:** Grades 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** A grade of “B” or higher in Engineer or Inventor or Robotics or Innovator.
- **Course Description:** The Advanced Engineering class offers scholars the opportunity to dive deeper into skills developed previously in technology electives completed at Hope. The teacher will work with qualified students to develop a plan for their learning including the skills to build, software to use and projects to complete. This class is ideal for those who want to deepen their expertise in engineering skills like CAD, 3D printing, robotics and more, preparing for college-level programs and career experiences.

TRADES – Woodworking



- **HopePATH:** HopeTRADES
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course will cover topics such as what are trades, and how trades fit into our society, woodworking specifically – different types/use, and then build projects – from birdhouses to buildings. The course will combine lessons and projects – and will include how trades drive our world, then hands-on woodworking projects, up to designing and building a wall. Projects will be based on scholar’s abilities and aptitudes – and could range from basic to advanced. Scholars will work on progressively advanced projects.

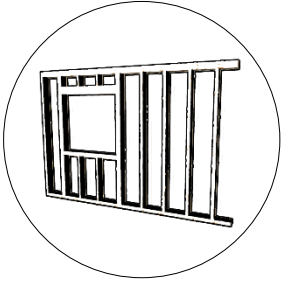
TRADES – Advanced Woodworking



- **HopePATH:** HopeTRADES
- **Offered:** Grades 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Must have completed Woodworking with a grade of a B or higher.
- **Course Description.** Advanced Woodworking builds on foundational skills through a combination of targeted lessons and hands-on projects, while offering deeper insight into how skilled trades drive the construction

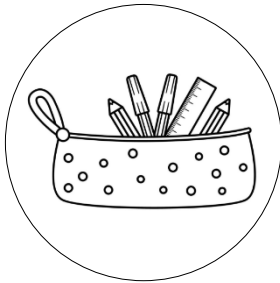
industry. Students will complete more complex woodworking projects and be introduced to modern tools and technology, including the use of CNC machines for precision design and fabrication. This course emphasizes craftsmanship, problem-solving, and attention to detail in both traditional and digital woodworking methods. Designed for committed scholars, this class expects students to show up on time, work hard, and actively pursue the development of real-world woodworking skills.

TRADES – Hope Construction



- **HopePATH:** HopeTRADES
- **Offered:** Grades 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Grade of B or higher in Woodworking
- **Course Description:** This is an advanced trades course. This course is for scholars who are interested in the trades as a career or want to develop their skills as future homeowners. Our assignments will be framing walls; framing and installing doors and windows; running electrical; installing sheet rock and mudding; as well as understanding how to find information in the Minnesota Code Handbook. This is an advanced course meant for scholars who will show up on time, work hard, and desire to learn real trade skills.

VISUAL ART – Printmaking & 3D ART



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** Explore the art of printmaking through hands-on projects using accessible materials to create repeated images. Students will carve their own blocks, design prints that transfer to paper, and experiment with techniques such as gelli printing and textured collage plates, making this an engaging introduction to a variety of printmaking methods. The course also introduces 3D art through imaginative sculpture projects using everyday found objects and materials like cardboard, paper mâché, wire, and yarn. Students will learn to transform simple materials into expressive three-dimensional artworks while developing creativity, problem-solving skills, and their unique artistic voice.

VISUAL ART – Ceramics Hand Building



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9,10,11,12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the world of clay. It is a great outlet for those who love to build things with their hands and want to spend much of their class time creating. You will learn how to construct clay vessels and forms by hand, decorating and glazing techniques and help with the firing process. These basic techniques will help lay the foundation for future development in clay work and are recommended to be taken before wheel throwing. No previous experience with clay is needed, only the desire to learn, work hard and create.

VISUAL ART – Ceramics Pottery Wheel



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 10,11,12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** This course is designed to introduce scholars to throwing pottery on the wheel. If you love using your hands, don't mind getting dirty, and are willing to learn and persevere, this class will be a good fit for you. During this class you learn basic techniques of how to throw on the wheel. There are instructions on how to center, pull a cylinder, shape the clay, trim, decorate and fire your pieces. Much of this class will be trial and error. Very few people immediately pick up this skill, it takes time and perseverance to learn. Classroom participation will factor highly in your grade, with the expectation of daily wheelwork practice. No previous experience with clay is needed, only the desire to learn, work hard and create.

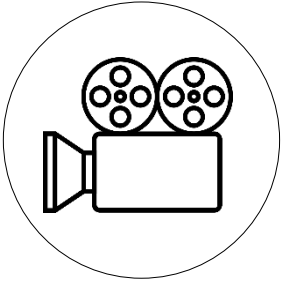
VISUAL ART – Advanced Ceramics



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Received at A in Ceramics Pottery Wheel and approval from Ceramics teacher (Mrs. Howard) required
- **Course Description:** This class will primarily be independent study with weekly check-ins and goal setting so scholars who are not at the level of independent work will not be accepted. Scholars who apply for this class must be able to demonstrate the following abilities: centering, cylinder pulling, trimming, handle attachment, and be able to create standard size

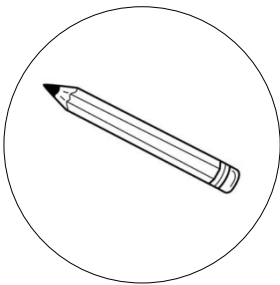
bowls and plates. This class focuses on building on the basic wheel throwing techniques and developing those skills further. Scholars will focus less on quantity and more on quality i.e... Throwing thinner walls, advanced trimming and decorating, larger scale pots, lids, and being able to create a matching set. Scholars are allowed to work at their own pace and embrace a growth mindset. Ideal for scholars who love clay and want to spend as much time as they can at the wheel.

VISUAL ART – Film and Photography



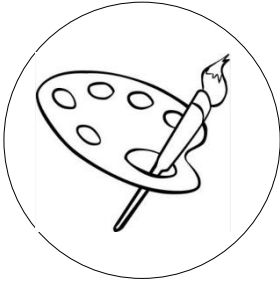
- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** In today's digital world, storytelling through images and video is more powerful than ever. This course explores the fundamentals of photography and film production, teaching you how to compose stunning shots, manipulate light, and edit like a pro. You'll discover how photography and filmmaking skills overlap—whether it's framing the perfect scene, understanding camera settings, or using visual techniques to evoke emotion. From capturing a single impactful moment to crafting a compelling video sequence, you'll develop technical skills and creative vision. Whether you're interested in content creation, fine art, journalism, or filmmaking, this class will give you hands-on experience with industry-standard tools and techniques. Get ready to see the world through a new lens and bring your creative ideas to life!

VISUAL ART – Drawing



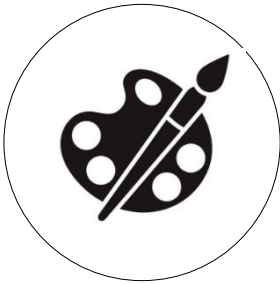
- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10,11,12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course Description:** Students who take this class will learn basic drawing skills (observation drawing with a focus on mark making, line quality and variety, value and form) and the use of a variety of mediums (graphite, charcoal, marker, colored pencil and pastels). This class is an ideal introduction class for students who want to focus on 2-dimensional art and grow into using other mediums. It is recommended (but not required) that you take this class before painting or multimedia.

VISUAL ART – Watercolor & Acrylics Painting



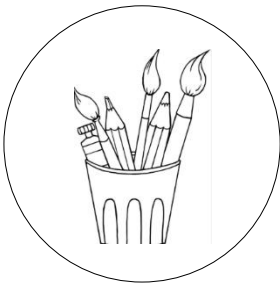
- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10,11,12
- **Prerequisites:** None (Drawing Recommended)
- **Course Description:** If you want to learn more about painting but don't know how to start this is the class for you. We will focus on 2 different painting mediums (watercolor and acrylic) learning distinctly different applications methods for each medium (along with color mixing and theory). We will be focusing on observational still life, abstract expression, and monochromatic paintings.

VISUAL ART – Oil Painting



- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 10,11,12
- **Prerequisites:** None (Drawing Recommended)
- **Course Description:** If you love painting and want to improve your skills while learning a classical method of painting this is the class for you. In this class we will be building on your painting skills by focusing on landscape and portrait painting. It is recommended that you have completed both intro to drawing and intro to watercolor and acrylic before taking this class (recommended, not required).

VISUAL ART – 2-Dimensional Multimedia Art



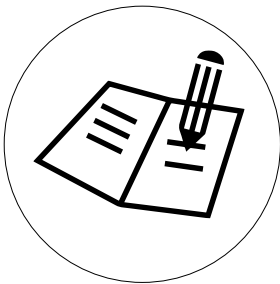
- **HopePATH:** HopeARTs
- **Offered:** Grades 9, 10,11,12
- **Prerequisites:** None (Drawing Recommended)
- **Course Description:** In this class we will be exploring non-traditional ways of making art using a variety of mediums. It will be a time of jumping into creativity and expression, pushing the boundaries of what can be used to create art.

PSEO Study Periods – Additional Courses



- **HopePATH:** PSEO (credit given based on completion of course)
- **Offered:** Grades 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Registered with a university/college's PSEO program
- **See page 6 of this booklet for more information on PSEO**
- **Course Description:** Course descriptions vary by course and university. Online PSEO courses may be taken through any accredited online college/university that offers online PSEO/dual enrollment classes. Students must apply and be accepted by the college/university of their choice through their PSEO student enrollment processes. After acceptance as a PSEO student, students must enroll in online courses themselves, ensuring all expectations for timelines and workload are understood. **Once registration is verified, you may be eligible for an Online PSEO Course Study Hall to give you time for this coursework during the school day.**
- **Examples of online course catalogs from partner schools:**
 - Crown College: www.crown.edu/academics/pseo/pseo-online/
 - Bethel University: www.bethel.edu/advising-center/prospective-students/pseo-dual-enrollment/online-course-list
 - University of Northwestern: my.unw.edu/externa/pages/online-course-offerings

Study Hall (NO CREDIT)



- **HopePATH:** No credit
- **Offered:** Grades 11, 12
- **Prerequisites:** Must be on track to earn 27 out of 28 total high school credits
- **Course Description:** Scholars are allowed **two total semesters** of study hall during their Junior (11th grade) or Senior (12th grade) years. No credit is given for Study Hall.