

Beaver Country Day School

Upper School Typical Course of Study

Grade 9

English:	Telling Stories
Mathematics:	Algebra II
Modern Language:	Chinese, French, Spanish or Arabic. Level chosen depends Grade 8 credit and student interest and aptitude
Science:	Conceptual Physics
History:	U.S. History: Nation and Nationalism
Arts:	a) Visual Arts b) Performing Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choral: Circa or Men's Ensemble & A Cappella• Instrumental Music: Instrumental Ensemble I or Ikonoclastic• Foundations of Theater (Acting & Technical)

Grade 10

English:	American Literature: Identity & Morality
Mathematics:	Geometry
Modern Language:	Chinese, French, Spanish or Arabic. Level chosen depends on student interest and aptitude.
Science:	Chemistry: Atoms & Reactions; Quantitative Analysis
History:	U.S. and World History: From Power to Superpower
Arts:	a) Visual Arts b) Performing Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choral: Circa or Men's Ensemble, A Cappella, Select Singers (Honors - By Audition)• Instrumental Music: Instrumental Ensemble I or II, Ikonoclastic• Foundations of Theater (Acting & Technical), Acting: Intermediate, Technical Theater: Design Lab

Grade 11

English:	Rhetoric: The View & Protest
Mathematics:	Pre-Calculus or an Elective
Modern Language:	Chinese, French, Spanish or Arabic. Level chosen depends on student interest and aptitude.
Science:	Biology: The Structure & Function of Life, Ecology & Systems Chemistry: Atoms & Reactions
History:	World History: Empires Rise and Fall
Arts:	a) Visual Arts b) Performing Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choral: Circa or Men's Ensemble, A Cappella, Select Singers (Honors - By Audition)• Instrumental Music: Instrumental Ensemble III, Ikonoclastic, Jazz Workshop, Afro Caribbean Ensemble• Theater: Foundations of Theater, Acting - Intermediate, Acting: Scene Study, Technical Theater: Design Lab, Main stage Design Independent Study

Grade 12

English: Literature electives required for two terms

Other subjects: Electives

Seniors are required to complete 55 credit units during their senior year, passing a minimum of 15 credits per term in graded courses (i.e., courses not taken on a PASS/NO PASS basis). The college counseling office recommends that all seniors take 20 credits per term.

X-Block: Each of the 4 courses in a student's course rotation (the A, B, C & D blocks on the schedule) has an X-Block once a week from 2:25-3:25 (last period). There is an X-Block every day except Monday. It is left to the teacher's discretion how best to use the time. Teachers may elect to use their X-Block for extra help with a small group of students, to review material with the entire class (but not to introduce new material), or to give students time to work together on a group project. If a student is not required to attend the X-Block meeting that day, he or she should use the time to study independently.