PERFORMING ARTS
Each of the following electives will fulfill a requirement in the Technical Education / Foreign Language / Fine Arts graduation requirements. All students must pass 3 full courses in that block to graduate from high school.

Instrumental Ensemble (Marching Band—Percussion Only):
This course is only for percussionists that are members of the marching band grades 9-12.

Intermediate Band:
This course is for wind and percussion students that perform at GMEA Music Levels II-III grades 9-12.

Beginning Women’s Chorus:
This course is for all female students interested in singing.

Beginning Men’s Chorus:
This course is for all male students interested in singing.

Intermediate Orchestra (Mr. Lineberry):
This course is for wind and percussion students that perform at GMEA Music Levels II-III grades 9-12.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
* Students must complete Health & PE prior to taking either of the options below.

Body Sculpting* (Girls only): Basic instruction on methods to condition the body; lifting weights & physical fitness training. PE & Health during the summer are prerequisites for enrollment into this course.

Weight Training* (Boys only): Focus on building strength & endurance; requires lifting weights & physical fitness training. PE & Health during the summer are prerequisites for enrollment into this course.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Each of the following electives will fulfill a requirement in the Technical Education / Foreign Language / Fine Arts graduation requirements. All students must pass 3 full courses in that block to graduate from high school.

Marketing Principles: Open to all students! Learn the basics of bringing products to market, public speaking, trends in the marketplace, problem solving, selling and interview skills. You will use your creativity in developing projects and presentations.

Early Childhood Education I: The Early Childhood Education I course is the foundational course under the Early Childhood Care & Education pathway. This course explores prenatal development as well as the growth and development of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and middle childhood.

Plant Science & Agriculture (Natural Resource Management): This is a relatively new course offered to all Grayson students. This course will satisfy the 4th year science requirement as well as a technical education credit. The students learn about plant science with a focus on working in our greenhouse. Students will have the opportunity to continue this pathway in a variety of creative ways.

Jr ROTC—Army:
Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is a program that teaches students (Cadets) character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity. Collectively, these lessons motivate students to be better citizens. In addition to promoting citizenship, JROTC also prepares students for college. Health and physical fitness requirements are met by completing three years of JROTC instruction. JROTC is a voluntary elective. Cadets are required to wear the Army Service Uniform one day per week. Cadets must maintain an acceptable standard of academic achievement, maintain an acceptable standard of conduct and must be able to participate in the physical education program. Extra-curricular teams include; Academic, Leadership, Raider, Drill and Color Guard.

Intro to Business Technology: This course provides an overview of business and technology skills required for today’s business environment. Students will master Microsoft Office word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software, as well as publish professional appearing business documents. This is the first course in the Financial Pathway at Grayson High School.
ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

All AP courses are taught and evaluated at the college level. These courses will require 5-10 hours of study per week and the commitment is for the entire school year. AP Exams will be administered in May with the opportunity to earn college credit. It is the expectation that if you take the course, you take the AP exam. The AP course of study is based on a national curriculum and should not be confused with Honors level courses. All of the following electives will count in a student’s HOPE GPA.

**AP Human Geography:**
Study of patterns & processes of human languages, religion, politics, and population. There is a strong emphasis on vocabulary as well as how geography impacts the economic and political development of nations. **Great course for being introduced to the rigors of the AP Curriculum.**

**AP Environmental Science:**
College level course work that covers ecology, energy resources & conversation, pollution, and biotechnology. This course has a high level of homework and outside labs for students to complete. **Great course when teamed with AP Human Geography.**

**AP Computer Science Principles:** AP Computer Science Principles (CSP) is an intellectually rich and engaging course that is focused on building a solid understanding and foundation in computer science. Rising 9th graders who are interested must have good work ethics, should be genuinely interested in Computer Science and should be able to work both independently or collaboratively.

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

All of the following electives will count in a student’s HOPE GPA.

**World Geography:** Understand the roles, responsibilities, & relationships of people & places throughout the world. Great for students prepping for Gateway during their 10th grade year. Offered at the College Prep and Honors level.

**Foreign Language:** German is the only entry level Foreign Language available.

**Peer Leadership:** The mission of LEAD is to bring together students at Grayson High School on a journey of self discovery, community and unity. LEAD is a Social Studies elective class that is offered at Grayson High School. This leadership class is a year long class that will count for one elective credit and will be factored into your HOPE GPA. Lead is open to any GHS Student who wants to learn more about enhancing their leadership potential.

**AP Human Geography, AP Environmental Science, or AP Computer Science Principles:** Course descriptions are above.

**Journalism (Magazine):** This is a new course offered to rising 9th graders interested in writing and producing a magazine for Grayson High School. The course counts as a Language Arts elective.

ONLINE COURSE OPTIONS

We partner with Gwinnett Online Campus to offer students some additional electives if students are interested. Interested students must be proficient at various computer based programs as well as highly motivated. The student will be given a period during the school day and report to a computer lab on a daily basis. The courses are below and if you have any additional questions, please email Dr. Seth Rhine at Seth_Rhine@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

**Social Studies Electives:** Law (one semester), Controversial Issues (one semester), Psychology / Sociology (year long)

**Science Electives:** Environmental Science


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