

Non-Departmental Courses

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION - GENERAL EDUCATION SKILLS

Grades: 11-12

Credits: N/A

Repeat for Credit: N/A

Prerequisite: Administrator approval

General Education Skills (GES) is designed to improve skills in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social science. GED test preparation materials are used. This program is only for students who wish to obtain their GED. Official testing is administered at Rogue Community College or North Medford High School.

AVID 9

Term: Year

Repeat for Credit: No

Prerequisite: Application required

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Achievement) is a rigorous college readiness class designed to enable students to develop skills to be successful in high school and college. AVID focuses on writing, inquiry, collaboration, and organization. AVID students participate in study groups (tutorials) with tutors to aid in acquisition of learning. Students participate in college field trips, community service, apply for scholarships, and complete college applications. This program is for highly motivated students with average and medium to high standardized test scores and GPA. The course includes college exploration activities and family/community events. Students who apply and are selected to be in the AVID elective class will stay in it throughout their time at South. Interested students will be interviewed by the AVID selection committee during the early spring prior to the following school year. Over 90% of students who start and finish the AVID elective course are accepted into a four-year university!

COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE

Grades: 11-12

Credits: 0.5 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Instructor approval

Students who work for local businesses 10 hours per week or more, working a total of 180 hours minimum per semester who turn in pay stubs as verification and attend monthly meetings at South may earn elective credit. Students may not work for their family business. Self employment will not count.

CREDIT RETRIEVAL

Grades: 10-12

Credits: Varies

Repeat for Credit: N/A

Prerequisite: Assigned by counselor

Credit Retrieval offers students the opportunity to recover credit for core courses that were failed through the use of an online learning tool. Students may only earn 1.0 credit in each core subject area.

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ENGAGE

Grades: 11-12

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Credits: .5 EL

Prerequisite: Administrator approval

Engage supports the success of each student in their current classes by focusing on individual needs and by reinforcing habits that lead to academic success, including prioritization, organization, perseverance, self-advocacy, and awareness of focus. In addition, students can retrieve credits in core subjects by completing projects, some of which include career interest exploration. The classroom environment is personal, encouraging, and supportive.

LINK CREW

Grades: 11-12

Credits: 0.5 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Instructor approval

LINK Crew is a responsible group of upperclassmen who will mentor 9th grade students throughout the year. These students have numerous positive qualities and will be trained by staff members on the methodology of the LINK program. There will be mandatory training sessions such as May Development Day, Link Leader Training in August, Frosh Orientation and other sessions throughout the year. In addition, these students will be asked to participate in numerous leadership and community service activities.

LEADERSHIP

Grades: 11-12

Credits: 1.0 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition required

This program is the cornerstone for much of the activities that take place at SMHS and is comprised of LINK Crew members. It requires dedication, creativity and intense participation. Leadership students will learn about community service, spirit activities, service to the school, organization, assembly planning and leadership attributes and skills. Students will spend a great deal of time and effort developing into young community leaders; embracing integrity, empathy, passion, accountability, responsibility, people skills, compassion, problem solving and other related character traits and skills.

MILITARY SCIENCE 100

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Grades: 11-12

Credits: 0.5 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: None

This class develops leadership by gradually increasing levels of individual responsibility. Students will study various topics with a focus on basic military knowledge. Skill and strategies will be taught and demonstrated in a practical setting.

STUDENT AIDES

Grades: 10-12

Credits: 0.5 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Instructor approval

A student aide will support the staff member to which they are assigned through task completion that will support the teaching and learning environment. Regular attendance and dependability are required to earn credit.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Instructor approval & election

The Associated Student Body officers will consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each class office will consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. All elected officers will be enrolled in Student Government during their term of office. The elected students in this course are pivotal in furthering the mission and vision of SMHS, and work closely with Links and Leadership. It requires dedication, creativity and intense participation. The class will follow The 4 Seasons of ASB. Students will learn about community service, service to the school, spirit, organization, gathering and analysis of data and leadership attributes and skills.

TUTORIAL COURSES

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Instructor approval

Tutorial offers a structured study hall for those students on Individualized Education Plans.