

## Excelsior Classes Grade Level Pathways – CORE CLASSES

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| GRADE            | ENGLISH                           |   | HISTORY  |  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 4 <sup>TH</sup>  | Beginning English                 |   | Animals of American History<br>Symbols of American History<br>Heroes of American History<br>More Heroes of American History  | Any combination of these courses in any order is sufficient for these grade levels.  |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup>  | Introduction to Language Arts     |   |  |  |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup>  | Language Arts Bridge              |   | Foundations of World Geography   | These courses may be taken in any order.   |
| 7 <sup>TH</sup>  | Language Arts I                   |   | Foundations of World History   |  |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup>  | Language Arts II                  | Students wanting to focus exclusively on writing may choose the following if grammar skills are strong.<br>• Foundations of Comp<br>OR<br>• Research Writing for Beginners  | U.S. History Up Close: Colonial and Revolutionary America<br>U.S. History Up Close: Westward Expansion   |  |
| 9 <sup>TH</sup>  | English I                         | Other one-semester courses may be used in various combinations to satisfy one year of English credit replacing English I, II, III, or IV.<br>• Foundations of Comp<br>• Research Writing for Beginners<br>• Building Confident Writers<br>• Grammar & Composition Workshop<br>• Speech<br>• Introduction to Journalism & Podcasting<br>• Mythology<br>• Screenwriting<br>• Write Your Novel<br>• Creative Writing<br>• Thematic Literature Courses such as Women Who Wrote the World, Justice for All, Bookshelf to Box Office<br>• Independent Studies | World Geography  | Other one-semester courses may be used in various combinations to satisfy one year of English credit replacing World Geo, World History, and US History.<br>• History Detectives<br>• Civil War<br>• Military History: Airpower<br>• Medieval History<br>• Renaissance & Reformation History<br>• WWII History<br>• Judge for Yourself: Constitutional Law |
| 10 <sup>TH</sup> | English II                        |   | World History<br>OR<br>US History  |  |
| 11 <sup>TH</sup> | English III                       |   | World History<br>OR<br>US History  |  |
| 12 <sup>TH</sup> | English IV                        | Foundations of Government and Economics   |  |  |
| Dual Credit      | Advanced Composition A & B (LETU) | College-bound students eager to earn dual credit may take these courses to satisfy English credits and could substitute for other high school English credits above.  | World Regional Geography (LETU)<br>Western Civilization I & Western Civilization II (LETU)<br>American Government (LETU)<br>Intro to Criminal Justice (LETU)<br>Intro to Psychology (LETU)<br>Human Development (LETU) | College-bound students eager to earn dual credit may take these courses to satisfy social studies credits and could substitute for other high school history credits above.  |

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| GRADE            | SCIENCE   |  | MATH                          |
|------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>TH</sup>  | Inquisitive Scientists: Biology   | More choices are coming soon!  | Beginning Math – Coming Soon! |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup>  | Inquisitive Scientists: Chemistry   |  | Introduction to Math          |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup>  | Earth Science   |  | Math Bridge                   |
| 7 <sup>TH</sup>  | Life Science  |  | Fundamentals of Pre-Algebra   |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup>  | Integrated Chemistry & Physics  |  | Pre-Algebra                   |
| 9 <sup>TH</sup>  | Biology   | Most universities require at least Biology and Chemistry and three lab sciences; STEM majors will have additional requirements. Other one-semester courses may be used in various combinations to satisfy one year of science credit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Astronomy</li> <li>• Space</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Healthy Cooking</li> <li>• Intro to Technology &amp; Engineering</li> </ul> | Algebra I                     |
| 10 <sup>TH</sup> | Chemistry   |  | Geometry                      |
| 11 <sup>TH</sup> | Choose from the one semester courses to the right or these full-year courses for another two years of science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy &amp; Physiology</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Aviation Science</li> <li>• Environmental Science</li> </ul> |  | Algebra II                    |
| 12 <sup>TH</sup> |   | Pre-Calculus – Coming Soon!  |                               |