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Message from the Principal

It is the mission of Tiverton High School to ensure that every student has the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential to become productive and knowledgeable citizens in a global society. We also believe that all our graduates should be able to demonstrate that they are proficient in standards-based content as well as applied learning. Our goal is to help all graduates achieve skills that would enable them to demonstrate college readiness, whether they choose the work force, college, serve their country, or start their own business.

Employers and colleges want graduates who are competent in oral and written communication skills, have a strong foundation in math, demonstrate the ability to work in teams, and have the critical thinking skills necessary to research and solve problems effectively. Students need to achieve high standards so they can apply their knowledge in real world situations. We strive to provide an environment where students enter the doors to a school that consistently supports an individual's academic and social-emotional needs. As we continue to develop an academic structure aligned to the Rhode Island high school diploma system, our students will need the personal reinforcement of a supportive staff and community. We look forward to observing and guiding student development and proficiency as they move onto graduation. Good luck.

Policy of Non Discrimination

It is the policy of the Tiverton School Department not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, color, or handicap in its educational programs, activities and employment practices in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Additionally, the lack of English language skills of national origin minority persons will not be a barrier to admission and participation in vocational education programs.

Inquiries regarding compliance with laws related to sex discrimination or related to handicapped accessibility may be directed to Superintendent William J. Rearick. Tiverton School Department, telephone 1-401-624-8475.

Any questions related to equal educational and employment opportunity may also be directed to Robert L. Bailey IV, Office for Civil Rights in Education, Rhode Island Department of Education, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI, 02903-3400, telephone 1-401-277-2648 or to the United States Office of Civil Rights, Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02107, telephone 1-617-233-4405.

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Tiverton High School's Core Values

Tiverton High School's core values provide the foundation and opportunity for all students to develop the 21st Century Learning Expectations and skills in the cognitive, social, and technology areas that will prepare them for success in post-secondary education and careers; the school environment promotes a global and innovative approach to independent and collaborative learning.

To accomplish this mission Tiverton High School will, for all students:

1. provide a safe and respectful environment.
2. provide multiple, challenging, and purposeful learning opportunities
3. provide and promote a partnership with families and the community
4. promote good citizenship with a global perspective

Academic Expectations:

Students will:

- A1. be able to read, write and communicate effectively
- A2. use technology to research, communicate and solve problems effectively and ethically
- A3. demonstrate proficiency in visual/performing arts and technology
- A4. be able to analyze, interpret and evaluate information critically
- A5. make presentations and speak fluently and confidently before an audience
- A6. solve problems independently and collaboratively
- A7. demonstrate knowledge of subject matter through a variety of common course assessments

Social Expectations:

Students will:

- S1. demonstrate respect for themselves, others and the community
- S2. work cooperatively in a personalized environment
- S3. be encouraged to live healthy lifestyles

Civic Expectations:

Students will:

- C1. complete seventy five hours of community service
- C2. demonstrate good practices that result in protecting and sustaining the environment
- C3. be open to appreciate multiple viewpoints in order to understand people, issues, and events
- C4. demonstrate knowledge of rights, responsibilities, and privileges of citizens in a democratic society

The expectations addressed in each department will be listed at the end of each department description.

Tiverton High School Graduation Policy

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

PHILOSOPHY & INTENT

Every graduate of Tiverton High School will be prepared to successfully enter the work force or to pursue further post-secondary education. Students will have multiple opportunities to reach proficiency and successfully complete course work which is aligned with current State Standards and local requirements, as approved by the Tiverton School Committee.

The Tiverton High School Academic, Social and Civic Expectations for learning as approved by the New England Association for Secondary Schools and Colleges and the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Diploma System Requirements drive this policy.

Academic Requirements:

Students will need to successfully complete the following Carnegie units in the designated content areas: (1 unit = a full year of study)

Subject Area	Carnegie Units	Total Credits
English	4	20
Social Studies (including 2 US History)	3	15
Mathematics	3	15
Science	3	15
Physical Education	1.5	7.5
Health	.5	2.5
Performing/Visual Arts	.5	2.5
Technology	.5	2.5
Math Related Course	1	5
Electives	5	25
TOTAL	22	110

*Students will be required to take an additional year of advanced mathematics or an applied mathematics course that has been mapped to the RI Grade Span Expectations for mathematics. Applied mathematics courses include: Contemporary Topics in Math, Chemistry, Physics, Accounting, Drafting, Architectural Design, Principles of Engineering, Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Marine Carpentry Technology.

*Students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in Fine Arts and Applied Technology. Courses that qualify in the fine arts area are Introductory Art, Ceramics I, Music Theory, Concert Chorus, Band, String Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar Lab, Piano Lab, and the History of Rock and Roll. Courses that qualify for technology proficiency include: Computer Applications I and II, Personal Finance, Career Pathways and Introduction to DEEW Technology, Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Computer Integrated Manufacturing. Students may participate in an alternate pathway to proficiency during their four years at the high school in the areas of Fine Arts or Technology. They may also choose to demonstrate proficiency on a local technology assessment that measures the required standards.

Proficiency-Based Requirements:

1. Successful completion of a Senior Project is required for graduation. Students will choose a topic and complete a project which includes the following: an annotated bibliography; a physical product or demonstration related to the research; 15 hours of documented time with a mentor (usually an expert in the topic area); a portfolio documenting the process; and a final oral presentation. Specific details and timelines will be provided on the Senior Project web page at www.tivertonschools.org and at an informational assembly at the end of junior year.

2. Multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate proficiency will be provided through end of course and common assessments in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, and Technology. Proficiency will be determined by a student's successful completion of course requirements and overall performance on all course assessments throughout the year. Performance on the state assessment in ELA, Math, Science, and the Senior Project will also serve as measures of proficiency. Proficiency requirements for Social Studies, Technology, and Fine Arts will be aligned to state and national standards.

All major elective courses (i.e. World Languages and Fine Arts and Careers) will also require student demonstration of proficiency on midyear assessments, end of course and common assessments.

Community Service Learning Requirements:

Students will complete 75 hours of approved community service learning beginning in grade 7. Students must also successfully complete all required reflective writings based upon their community service.

WAIVERS TO REQUIREMENTS:

Students requesting alternate means of meeting the above graduation requirements, such as credit for prior experience or dual enrollment shall have their transcripts and other evidences of proficiency reviewed by a Graduation Review Committee that shall include members from the school administration and the Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements Team.

Individual situations not addressed within this process will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the school administration level. Students and families wishing to appeal the Graduation Review Committee's decisions must cite the reasons, in writing to the Superintendent within ten business days. Students and families will be notified of the outcome of the Superintendent's review within ten business days.

TRANSFERRING STUDENTS

The following guidelines shall apply to students who transfer into Tiverton High School:

1. A Senior Project must be successfully completed during the senior year. Senior Project requirements for students entering after the first term of their senior year will be prorated as outlined in the Senior Project Handbook.
2. Students who have completed a proficiency-based requirement of their previous high school, comparable to Senior Project will be exempt, so long as that requirement of their previous high school was approved by the Rhode Island Department of Education.
3. Community service requirements for all transfer students will be prorated as outlined in the Student Handbook and Community Service Learning Handbook.

COMMUNICATION & PROGRESS MONITORING

As part of a comprehensive guidance program, and advisory program, Tiverton High School students shall complete an Individual Learning Plan. Individual Learning Plans are mapped academic plans and profiles that reflect each student's unique set of interests, needs, learning goals, and graduation requirements. A team, including the student, his/her family, the advisor, and other support personnel help the student write an ILP, which includes authentic and challenging learning experiences that help each student to succeed. As a team, they are mutually responsible for helping the student with his/her personal plan and they review, evaluate, and update the ILP as the student progresses. The process allows students to become active, responsible participants in their educational development and planning.

Students, in consultation with responsible adults, will establish academic, career and personal/social goals. In addition, students will develop plans and actions to achieve these goals. THS advisory teachers will monitor their advisees' progress toward successful completion of a Senior Project, Community Service Learning and other graduation requirements throughout their four-year experience. This process will help to ensure that all students are well-supported to reach the goal of becoming a productive and knowledgeable citizen as stated in the Tiverton High School mission statement.

Families will receive ongoing communication from teachers and school counselors regarding their children's progress towards these graduation requirements through quarterly, mid-year, and end-of-year progress reports. "Aspen Parent Portal" is available to parents for academic monitoring throughout the school year. School administrators and school counselors will meet with Seniors who are making insufficient progress towards graduation requirements at the end of the first semester of the Senior year to review opportunities for successful completion of all diploma requirements. Final determination of ineligibility for graduation will be conveyed to students and families five business days prior to the graduation ceremony.

APPEALS

Students who have been denied a diploma may appeal the decision in writing to the Principal of Tiverton High School. The appeal shall cite specific reasons for disagreement, and if the student is under the age of 18, it must be co-signed by a parent/legal guardian. A response to the student/legal guardian appeal will be made within 2 business days.

If the appeal is due to unsuccessful completion of the Senior Project the written letter of appeal must be filed to the Principal of Tiverton High School within 2 business days of the Senior Project presentation. An independent Appeals Panel that will include members from the school administration and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements Team will consider the appeal. No member of the Appeals Panel will have participated in the appellant's Senior Project presentation. If the Appeals Panel is presented with substantial evidence supporting the appeal, then the panel may authorize another Senior Project presentation to be conducted by a new team of evaluators.

If the Appeals Panel denies the appeal, the student may further petition the decision to the Principal. If denied by the principal, the appeal may be presented following the normal appeal procedure through the Superintendent, the School Committee, and the State Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Guidance Department

The mission of the K-12 Tiverton School Department Guidance Curriculum is to develop students' life-long skills and abilities in the areas of learning, living, and earning through the guidance curriculum, individual planning, responsive services, and support systems.

The K-12 Tiverton School Department guidance program is modeled after the American School Counselor Association National Model and the RI Framework for Comprehensive K-12 School Counseling Programs. The foundation of these models addresses the belief and mission that every student will benefit from the school counseling program; it also contains the counseling standards, the basis of the counseling program. Our focus is, "How are students different as a result of the work of school counselors."

Through the use of Individual Learning Plans (ILPs), counselors will assist students to realize their full potential by helping students in the areas of:

Academic Development by helping students:

- ⇒ Acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the life span;
- ⇒ Complete school with the academic preparation essential to choose from a wide range of substantial post-secondary options, including college;
- ⇒ Understand the relationship of academics to the world of work and to life at home and in the community.

Career Development by helping students:

- ⇒ Acquire skills to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions;
- ⇒ Employ strategies to achieve future career goals with success and satisfaction;
- ⇒ Understand the relationship between personal qualities, education, training, and the world of work.

Personal / Social by helping students:

- ⇒ Acquire knowledge, attitudes, and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others;
- ⇒ Make decisions, set goals, and take necessary action to achieve goals;
- ⇒ Understand safety and survival skills.

Counselors will routinely and for specific purposes call students to their offices for conferences. Students are encouraged to make appointments with their counselors if they have questions, problems, or wish to discuss academic / career plans.

Course Selection

Counselors, teachers, and department chairpersons or coordinators will review each student's plan annually. All courses will be available to all students providing stated prerequisites are met. Course availability shall be determined by grade level. Seniors will have first preference, followed by juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. Students must turn in course selection sheets by the stated deadline to be eligible for course placement. Those who fail to turn them in on time will be placed on a waiting list if the class is at capacity.

Since the middle school years are exploratory, special attention must be given to the selection of courses as the student progresses from the 8th to the 9th grade. Each 8th grade student will select a course of study for the 9th grade year with the help and advice of his or her middle school guidance counselor. The student's plans for the future, his or her achievement, interests, aptitude, and capabilities will all be considered in making the final selection for courses.

High school is the time for students to explore their capabilities, to increase their knowledge of self and the world in which they live, and to prepare themselves for future employment for further education. Access and opportunity allows all students to explore a rigorous curriculum; however, students are strongly encouraged to utilize the recommendations and guidance of their teachers and counselors.

Course Selection Process

1. Counselors provide registration orientation and distribute the Program of Studies and course selection sheets to students in English classes.
- 2. Students obtain teacher recommendation for all courses by having them initial next to the recommended course.**
3. Students and parents review teacher recommendations and choose courses for the following school year.
4. Course selection sheets are signed by the parent / guardian and are then returned to the student's English teacher.
5. English teachers will turn in all received course selection sheets on the designated due date.
6. Counselors and department chairpersons or coordinators will review the selections and then approve or meet with students who have made questionable selections.
7. Students with scheduling conflicts will be contacted by their counselor to make alternate choices.

Summer Course Assignments

Summer course assignments will be given in AP and Level I courses for the purpose of readiness, relevance, and rigor. Assignments will be given to students entering grades 9-12 prior to leaving for the summer recess. Assignments will also be posted on the school's website. Students who choose not to do the summer work and drop the AP or Level I course, must do so by 7/11/16 to ensure scheduling into an alternate level class. **(Notification must be in writing directed to the Guidance Chairperson or by email.)** All summer work is due in the high school main office no later than the 3rd Friday in August (8/19/16). Parents must contact the school administration prior to the due date if extenuating circumstances prevent a student from meeting this deadline. Late assignments will be penalized 20 pts. each day they are late beginning with the Monday following the due date. This grade will count for 10% of the first term's overall grade.

Policy on Changing Course Requests

Generally, once a student and his/her parent or guardian has made the selections and the counselor has agreed to them, change is not permitted. This is especially true after the close of school in June. Thereafter, the counselor and ultimately principal will permit course changes only for compelling reasons that will be determined.

Request for course change will not be considered after the first two weeks of the first marking period. However, levels of courses may be changed throughout the year if determined appropriate by the classroom teacher with the permission of the department chairperson or coordinator, counselor, and principal.

Credits

Credits are point values given to a subject depending upon the number of times it is scheduled in a six-day cycle. A course that meets every day for a full year is designated as a five-credit course. If it meets for a half year, (i.e. for a semester), it is a 2.5 credit course. In like manner, if a course meets three times in a six-day cycle for a full year, it is a 2.5 credit course. Students need to receive a final grade of a 65 or better to pass and receive credit for any course.

Credit Requirements for Promotion

TO GO TO GRADE	CREDITS REQUIRED
10	27.5
11	55
12	82.5

In order to be promoted to the succeeding grade, each student must successfully complete 27.5 credit hours in each year of study.

Students are not required to repeat subjects that were passed with a minimum grade of 65. Students who earn less than a passing grade must either repeat that course during the following school year or attend an approved summer school program. Students must meet the criteria and have prior approval in order to take a summer school course. Please refer to the Summer School section of the Program of Studies (p. 15). It is recommended that the student who fails a course take the summer school option when permissible. Students should always check with their counselor to clarify graduation requirements. All exceptions to the graduation requirement must be recorded in writing by the department chairperson, counselor, principal, and superintendent.

Course Load

ALL students must carry a minimum of 27.5 credits each year. It is recommended that each student try to carry 32.5 credits of coursework. As a result, the student will have greater exposure to course offerings. Furthermore, in the event of failure, a credit deficiency will not be created.

Although the guidance counselors will contact students and parents when a credit deficiency exists, it is the responsibility of the student to be sure that he or she has enough credits for promotion as well as graduation.

Graduation Requirements

A graduate of Tiverton High School must earn a minimum of 110 credits. Specifically, each graduate must successfully complete coursework in the following subjects:

Subject Area	# of Years	Credits/Year	Total Credits
English	4	5	20
Social Studies (including 2 US History)	3	5	15
Mathematics	3	5	15
Science	3	5	15
Physical Education	4	1.875	7.5
Health	4	.625	2.5
Performing/Visual Arts	½ year or 3x/week full year	2.5	2.5
Technology	½ year or 3x/week full year	2.5	2.5
Math Related Course	1 (senior year)	5	5

TOTAL = 85 Credits

The remainder of credits required will be earned through courses chosen by the student.

⇒All students will be required to successfully complete the Senior Project for graduation.

⇒All students will participate in end of the year departmental assessments, which include proficiency tasks.

⇒Students medically excused from Physical Education must submit proof of limitations to the principal in writing.

⇒All students graduating from Tiverton High School must have a completed ILP (i.e. individual learning plan).

Please refer to the Tiverton School Department Policy for Graduation found on pages five through eight of the Program of Studies.

Honor Roll Requirements

1. A student cannot be placed on an honor roll if he/she has a grade below B- in any subject (major or minor).
2. A student cannot be placed on an honor roll if he/she has an incomplete grade after the two-week make-up period.
3. A student must carry a minimum of four major subjects.
4. Honors will be based on grades earned for each quarter, not cumulative.
5. All graded subjects will count toward honors tabulation.
6. First Honors: All A's.
7. Second Honors: A's and B's.

Class Rank and Weighted Grades

There are three levels of instruction in the curriculum. Courses taught at the highest level are given more weight toward determining class rank at the end of the junior year and in the middle of the senior year. Tiverton High School uses a 4.0 scale for determining class rank and grade point averages. A student's final GPA is dependent upon the weight of the courses they have taken.

This brief explanation is given to assist in understanding how class rank is determined. Students should always choose courses that meet their academic needs and abilities. Questions on this matter should be directed to the student's guidance counselor or the department chairperson.

Description of Levels of Courses

All courses with the Level I designation are designed to offer in-depth study of the subject matter on a highly competitive level. These courses are the most challenging in the curriculum. If a Level I course also carries the AP designation, students will learn college level material. Students who are enrolled in AP courses will be given the opportunity to earn college credit (based on the individual college's guidelines) if the required Advance Placement exam is passed.

All courses with the Level II designation offer a comprehensive study of the subject matter. These courses will help to prepare students for college and career readiness.

College Level Transitional Programs

Advance Placement Courses (AP) – Students enrolled in advance placement courses have an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Advance placement courses are designed to academically challenge the students. Class enrollment is limited to fifteen students and homework averages approximately 3 hours per night. Please refer to the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com) to get specifics regarding grade requirements for individual colleges and universities. **It is required for students to take the Advanced Placement Exam offered in the Spring and are responsible for payment of all applicable fees. Information for parents and students regarding fees and financial assistance for Advanced Placement exams is available in the guidance office.**

AP Online Opportunities

Opportunities for online Advanced Placement courses may be available to students who choose to challenge themselves independently within their course of study at Tiverton High School. Students can select from a list of AP courses that are not currently offered in the teaching schedule. See your guidance counselor for more information.

Early Enrollment Program (EEP) – In addition to AP course offerings, Tiverton High School provide college level courses in conjunction with Rhode Island College. Students who successfully complete these courses have the option of enrolling with participating RI Colleges and receive college credit. Current state funding covers student tuition credit fees. Students should ask the EEP coordinator for the names of colleges and universities that recognize and accept EEP credit.

Concurrent Enrollment – Under certain circumstances, students are allowed to take college courses and earn both college and high school credit. For example, Bristol Community College offers qualified students a variety of college level courses such as CVTE and Dual Enrollment. Ask your counselor to explain the requirements and procedures for enrolling in Bristol Community College courses or the ACCESS program at Johnson and Wales University as well as courses offered by local institutions of higher learning. Students may be eligible for tuition waivers when attending an approved college program in Rhode Island.

CVTE (Career Vocational Technical Education) Program – Tiverton High School and Bristol Community College have formed a partnership that will allow certain courses at the high school to be accepted for college credit at BCC. Once a student is accepted into this program, he/she will then be allowed to take classes at BCC while they are still enrolled in high school. Classes taken at the college must meet after 4:00 pm or on Saturday or Sunday. There will be no charge for tuition.

Articulation Agreements with Local Colleges- Tiverton High School offers several articulated classes with CCRI and New England Tech. Similar to the CVTE Program, these classes are designed to provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit for classes that are linked through credit transfer agreements. Courses that are part of the current articulation agreements are designated in the Program of Studies with the college acronym. If you have any questions regarding these courses, please see your guidance counselor.

Independent Study

Independent study may be arranged with a teacher in any department or area. Teacher participation in this activity is voluntary. The student must submit a written plan. The specifics of this plan must be approved by the department chairperson or area coordinator and by the principal. Independent studies are offered primarily to seniors in good academic standing. All independent studies will be offered on a Pass/Fail basis and will not be calculated in the student's GPA or Class Rank.

Summer School Policy

Students are permitted to attend summer school to make up failures in prerequisite and required courses. There are specific criteria that must be met before permission will be granted for a student to attend summer school (including a minimum grade of 50 in his/her regular course earned during the school year). Students wishing to attend summer school must obtain the Failure Make-up Criteria Form available in the Guidance Office. This form must be completed and returned to the Guidance Office prior to the last day of the school year. Note that the department chairperson and teacher permission is required.

Community Service

All students will be expected to complete 75 hours of after school community service and the related reflection workshops and essays as a graduation requirement. It is recommended that students average 18.75 hours per year. The high school's Community Service Coordinator administers this program. It is the coordinator's responsibility to assist students with placements and monitor their progress. The school recognizes that many students have commitments after school; therefore, the Tiverton High School administration will try to be flexible in the placement of its students.

Departmental Proficiency Final Exams

End of year departmental exams in freshman, sophomore, and junior classes will include an applied learning task that will count for 50% of the final exam grade. The applied learning task may be assigned during the second semester. Effective 2008, all grade level course final exams will meet this proficiency profile.

Individual Learning Plans (ILP's)

Each student is to map out his or her high school educational journey using an Individual Learning Plan. In cooperation with a parent/guardian, teachers, advisors and counselors, each student must design his or her ILP based on his/her goals for the future. To be used to prepare for life after high school, the plan must be signed by the parent/guardian as well as the student's advisor and guidance counselor. Naturally, the student will be allowed to modify this plan each year as the student adjusts his or her life goals.

Fine Arts and Careers Department

This is a department formed from the merger of Art, Music, Business Education, Culinary Arts and Industrial Technology Education.

Business Department: The business courses offered are in place to prepare students for 21st century technology and career success. Students learn to work both collaboratively and independently to problem solve and achieve academic success using a variety of technology tools and resources. All students of Tiverton High School are required to take 2.5 credits in a technology area as one of their graduation requirements. Computer Applications and Career Pathways fulfill this obligation in the Business Department. It is suggested that grade 9 students select a computer course to acquire the necessary skills for completion of senior project, digital portfolios, and performance based tasks related to end of the year departmental proficiency and final exams.

* refers to the CVTE Program through Bristol Community College and New England Institute of Technology.

*COMPUTER APPLICATIONS I	601 - II	2 Terms	5 Periods/Cycle	2.5 Credits
	602 - II	4 Terms	3 Periods/Cycle	2.5 Credits

This course is designed to provide students with the principles of Digital Literacy, Microsoft Office Word, PowerPoint, and Publisher through Microsoft's IT Academy. Students will use the applications of Microsoft to create professional documents, Presentations, and publications. Almost every job today requires technology skills. This course is designed to prepare students for industry-recognized certification at the end of the course. The Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification is industry-recognized and shows that the student has mastered these important technology skills.

*COMPUTER APPLICATIONS II	603 - II	2 Terms	5 Periods/Cycle	2.5 Credits
	605 - II	4 Terms	3 Periods/Cycle	2.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of course #601 or 602.

This course is designed to provide students with the principles of Digital Literacy, Microsoft Office Excel, and Access through Microsoft's IT Academy. Students will use the applications of Microsoft to create spreadsheets, charts, graphs, and complex databases. Students will learn how to integrate the various software packages to enhance business organizational needs. Almost every job today requires technology skills. This course is designed to prepare students for industry-recognized certification at the end of the course. The Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification is industry-recognized and shows that the student has mastered these important technology skills.

CAREER PATHWAYS 611 - II 4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

This course is designed to help students develop and clarify career and educational goals. Students will make use of the Internet as the primary source to help students explore educational and career opportunities. Software such as Way To Go RI will be used. Students will also follow a personal financial planning program which was created to educate high school students about sound money management skills and the financial planning process. This course will serve as an important resource for students seeking work or applying to college upon graduation.

***ACCOUNTING I 631 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of two years of Math. (Articulation w/ NEIT)

This course introduces students to the basic principles of financial accounting methods that are used by all businesses. Students will learn journal entries, the purpose of accounts, and how to prepare financial statements. It should be taken by all students planning to pursue a business major in college and by those seeking an entry-level position after graduation from high school.

***ACCOUNTING II 632 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Accounting I. (Articulation w/ NEIT)

Students will learn advanced accounting procedures and will use current accounting software. After successfully completing two years of accounting, a student will be prepared for employment, or pursuit of an accounting or business management degree in college. In addition, the student will be prepared with a variety of records management skills for use in starting a business. Students completing Accounting II will earn four credits at BCC. This course is suggested for Grade 12 students.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING 647 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

6470 - II 4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Computer Skills Basic or Advanced or teacher approval.

Students in this course will produce print and web publications using Adobe InDesign 2.0. Students will study page design, image editing, and typography. Students will use the computer for writing, editing, imaging, layout, and graphics. Importing pictures from the Internet and scanning software are all part of the Desktop classroom design.

PERSONAL FINANCE I 629 - II 4 Terms 3 periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

This course is designed to educate high school students about sound money management skills and the financial planning process. Topics include saving, budgeting, credit, loans, investing, protecting against loss and checking account management. Students will also learn how to prepare a Federal Income Tax form. Successful completion of this course fulfills the technology requirement for graduation.

Industrial Technology Education

Students will explore the major areas of today's technologies through a series of "hands-on" activities and projects. It is recommended that incoming ninth graders take TE-700: Introduction to Drafting, Engineering, Electrical, and Woodworking Technology, which serves as a prerequisite to many of our other courses. Students in grades 10-12 are encouraged to continue with our pathways such as Woods/Marine Carpentry, Drafting/Architecture, Electronics, and Project Lead the Way coursework beginning with Introduction to Engineering Design. Students earn course/module credit through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and select college credit with PLTW participation. Scholarships are available for seniors through the New England Institute of Technology. It is the mission of the Career Education Department to provide activities so students will gain technical knowledge, self-confidence, and experience while becoming better thinkers, problem-solvers, and communicators.

EXPECTATIONS: A1 A2 A5 A6 A7 S1 S2 C2 C3 C4

*refers to the CVTE Program through Bristol Community College

INTRODUCTION TO DRAFTING, ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND WOODWORKING TECHNOLOGY (Articulation w/NE Tech & NCCER)

700 - II

4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

This course is designed to familiarize ninth graders with the four major areas of the Industrial Technology Education Department. Students will spend one term in each area to determine their area of interest. This course can also be used as a prerequisite to TE-714: Introduction to engineering Design/Project Lead the Way.

First Quarter Drafting
Project: Multiview Drawings

Second Quarter Electricity/Renewable Energy
Project: Cell Phone Charger

Third Quarter Woodworking
Project: Small Furniture Pieces

Fourth Quarter: Engineering Design Principles
Project: Team Based Project (TBA)

WOODS I (Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

701 - II

2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Intro to Tech 700.

Students will learn the basics of general woodworking and shop safety. Covered will be an introduction to various hand tools, portable power tools, as well as limited use of the larger floor machinery. Students will begin with group project(s), and will later be assigned individual projects as their abilities and confidence increases.

WOODS II (Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

702 - II

2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Woods 701.

This course is designed to take skills acquired in Tech Ed Woods I and offer more advanced areas of technology, as well as more challenging activities.

ELECTRONICS TECH 1 (Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

705 - II

2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Intro to Tech 700.

Students will learn the fundamentals of electricity and its applications in everyday life. Covered will be current, voltage, resistance, and how it works in simple circuits. Student activities will include "hands-on" projects, such as basic house wiring, soldering, and small electronic kit construction.

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY I 710 - II 2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits
(Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Electronics Tech 705.

Students will use knowledge and skills acquired in Electricity I to perform experiments and projects of more challenging nature, such as circuit board construction and the fundamentals of microprocessors.

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY II 711 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
(Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Electronics I & II.

This full year course is the third in our Electronics series. Students will study more advanced topics in Electronics and Electricity, such as communications, digital and large group projects that deal with robotics and future technologies. Students will be expected to design and build a project that will demonstrate the applied skills that will be acquired from participating in this program.

WOOD & MARINE TECHNOLOGY 725 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
(Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 700, 701, or 702.

Students will construct challenging, long-term projects such as making furniture with a strong emphasis on extreme attention to accuracy and detail. Students will also learn and perform basic skills in boat/skiff design and construction.

DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY I 730 - II 2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits
Prerequisite: Successful completion of 700. (Articulated w/ NETech)

In this half-year course, students will learn the fundamentals of mechanical drawing and the proper use of tools and instruments. Drawing projects will include geometric figures, single-view, pictorial, and isometric drawings.

DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY II 735 - II 2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits
Prerequisite: Successful completion of 730. (Articulated w/ NETech)

This half-year course is designed to take acquired fundamental skills from Drafting Tech I to complete more challenging, problem-solving design projects.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND DESIGN-I 740 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
(Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 730.

In this first-year architecture class, students will learn the complete planning and design of residential building projects, such as a small garage/workshop and/or a one-story house. Some of the material covered will include choosing a house lot, contractor, floor plans and elevations. Each student will also produce a full set of working blueprint drawings and a balsa/scaled framed model of their project.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND DESIGN-II 741 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
(Articulation w/NE Tech and NCCER)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of TE-730 and TE-740.

Using prerequisite skills from TE-740, students will focus on architectural projects that develop individual creativity. Projects will include a "dream home" such as a log or vacation home. Cost estimation of a building project will also be covered. Computer software (Chief Architect) may be used to perform detailed plans and renderings.

INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING

DESIGN (IED)

714 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

In this full year class, students will study the engineering design process while applying math, science and engineering standards to various hands-on projects. Using 3D modeling software, students will work both individually and in teams to design working solutions to a variety of problems. An engineering notebook will be kept to document all work. Students should have solid math skills, have an interest in an engineering pathway and be recommended by their guidance counselor. Curriculum and assessments are established by the Project Lead the Way program.

PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING (POE) 715 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Introduction to Engineering Design

This course exposes students to the major concepts in an engineering course of study. Students explore a broad range of challenging engineering topics including mechanisms, the strength of materials and structures, automation and kinematics. The course applies skills in math, science and technology. Students develop skills and concept understanding through project based learning and solve engineering and science problems within a collaborative work environment. Curriculum and Assessments are established by Project Lead the Way program.

COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING (CIM)

716 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Introduction to Engineering Design/Principles of Engineering

This course explores manufacturing history, individual processes, system, careers and technical concepts. Finance, ethics and engineering design are incorporated. Students will design and build their own automated manufacturing system utilizing computer modeling, computer software and robotics, while factoring in cost and efficiency. Students demonstrate course knowledge by solving open ended problems to build a manufacturing system. Curriculum and Assessments are established by Project Lead the Way program.

MARINE CARPENTRY TECHNOLOGY 790 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits (Articulation w/NE Tech, CCRI & NCCER)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of TE-725 OR 702

Students will use pre-requisite skills from TE 725 Woods and Marine Technology II to build a full size skiff or dory for the local fishing community. Seniors will also receive OSHA-10 safety certification as well as NCCER (National Center for Construction and Education Research) credit. Students will also experience career insight through field trips, guest speakers and site visits.

Art Department

The Visual Arts Department offers a variety of courses to students of all levels of artistic ability. Introductory Art is the foundation and is a prerequisite for all of the visual arts classes. After the successful completion of Introductory Art, students who wish to expand their artistic ability can do so through a variety of intermediate and advanced art classes. Those classes include: Art II, Ceramics I&II, Photography I&II, Advanced Studio and Advanced Placement Art.

EXPECTATIONS: A2 A3 A4 A5 A7 S1 S2 C4

INTRODUCTORY ART **900 - II** **2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits**
901 - II **4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits**

Introductory Art is designed to appeal to the student with little experience in art, as well as those who have sincere interest and enthusiasm in this area. Students experience a studio environment. Areas of study include color theory, painting, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture. Students will be introduced to the history of art through slides and films. Evaluation is based on class participation, completion of assignments, and occasional quizzes and written assignments.

EXPECTATIONS: A2 A3 A4 A5 A7 S1 S2 C4

ART II **902 - II** **4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**
Prerequisite: Introductory Art 900 or 901

Art II is a continuation of ideas and techniques introduced in Introductory Art. Students strengthen drawing and observational skills through life drawing assignments. Areas of study include drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. Students work with ink, pencil, pastels, paint, collage and three dimensional assignments. Artworks and artists throughout history will be discussed. Slides and films will be shown. Evaluation of each student is based on completion of studio assignments, class participation, and personal growth in his or her work.

ADVANCED STUDIO **909 - I** **4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**
Prerequisite – Successful completion of Art II.

Advanced Studio can be taken for two years. It is offered to juniors and seniors who have successfully completed Art II and are interested in developing further skills. Art related careers will be addressed through guest speakers from various art schools and colleges. Extensive drawing with pencil, charcoal, and colored pencil will be a focus. Students will also work with acrylics and oils as well as 3D materials. Occasional homework and one research paper are required.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ART **910 - I** **4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**
Prerequisite: Advanced Studio one year, and six summer assignments must be completed. These assignments will be given May.

Intensive drawing skills and strong motivation are required. Open to juniors and seniors. AP Art must be taken with Advanced Studio. Mandatory six completed summer assignments. Weekly homework assignments of three to four hours each week will be mandatory. Note that the student is responsible for the AP examination fee.

3D Design**922 - II****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits*****Prerequisite: Students must successfully complete Intro to Art***

This course is recommended for sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in studying and creating pieces in the round. Students will be introduced to basic three-dimensional processes and materials. A heightened awareness of form and space will be developed through lecture, assigned projects and critiques, in order to generate a working knowledge of expression in three-dimensional form. Students will apply their knowledge of the elements and principles of design to their work in a variety of media such as clay, wire, paper mache and found objects. Creating pieces in the round will also develop a personal awareness of problem solving, experimentation and critical analysis.

PHOTOGRAPHY-I**907 - II****4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits*****Prerequisite: Students must successfully complete Intro to Art***

In this course, students apply the language of art in producing photographs. Tiverton High School's program is anchored in traditional black & white film photography. Students explore the techniques and chemistry involved in producing darkroom-based photography, then become able to apply these concepts and find parallels when learning about digital photography and image manipulation. Most experiences in the first part of the year will center around the use of a 35mm SLR (single lens reflex) camera, film processing, darkroom techniques, print production and the presentation of work. Technical skills evolve through the introduction of pinhole photography, contact printing and other forms of alternative photography. Experiences throughout the course will include composing, exposing, processing, enlarging images in the darkroom and basic experiences in digital imaging. Assignments outside the class time are required.

PHOTOGRAPHY-II**908 - II****4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits*****Prerequisite: Students must successfully complete Photography-I.***

Photo 2 is an extension and continuation of building upon the skills learned in Photo 1. Growth of knowledge of both dark room and digital image manipulation will be covered. A \$30.00 materials fee will be charged. A portfolio of images will be assembled.

ENGLISH 11**145 - II****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

This course continues and expands upon the concepts and themes in American literature introduced in grade 10. Students will develop the skills needed to attain proficiency in state standards in reading, writing, speaking and listening through individual and group projects, class and homework assignments, oral presentations and essays. Skills and knowledge will be assessed through a variety of means, including common tasks and end-of-course exams.

ENGLISH 12 SENIOR PROJECT**197 - II**

All grade 12 students will complete a Senior Project. The project, on a topic of their choosing, will include the following: an annotated bibliography; a physical project related to the research; 15 hours of documented time with a mentor (usually an expert in your topic area); a portfolio documenting the process; and a final oral presentation. Senior Project class will provide assistance in choosing a topic and specific instruction in the major components of the project. Additional details, including forms and timelines, will be provided in a Senior Project Handbook and at an informational assembly at the end of your junior year. This is a graded class. Successful completion of Senior Project is a requirement for graduation.

ENGLISH 12 (EEP)**160 - I****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade.

This course, originally developed in conjunction with Rhode Island College, consists of two distinct but interrelated semesters. In addition to receiving their normal high school credit, students have the option of enrolling with Rhode Island College and receiving credit from that institution for either or both semesters. These credits are transferable to many other colleges. Additionally, Senior Project will be completed in this class.

Semester I: English 118E: Studies in Literature

This introductory course develops critical understanding of literature as an art form and as the expression of diverse cultural voices. Not intended as a historical survey, the course includes writings by women, minority and non-Western authors as well as at least one recent critical essay. The course is writing-intensive and seeks to develop students' mastery of prose style and form.

Semester II: English 113E: Approaches to Drama

This introductory course develops a critical understanding of dramatic literature through close reading of plays representative of varied historical and cultural origins. Classical Greek drama and Shakespeare are well represented. Other American and European playwrights are studied along with some non-Western dramatic literature. The course provides an overview of both tragic and comic elements in drama. As in Semester I, the course is writing-intensive and seeks to develop students' mastery of prose style and form.

ENGLISH 12**165 - II****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Critical Analysis of British Literature and the advanced study of grammar and style will form the core of this course. The class will explore the Anglo-Saxon, Medieval, and Elizabethan periods, and twentieth century prose. Students will develop the skills needed to meet state graduation standards in writing, reading, listening, speaking and technology.

**WRITING TO INFORM
AND EXPLAIN****181 - I****2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Completion of Summer Assignment required and counts toward term I.

This is an honors level course developed in conjunction with Early Credit High School Program at the University of Rhode Island. Students will explore various modes of writing: exposition, narration, description, persuasion, etc. Later writing activities will focus on development of critical analysis and research skills. In addition to THS credits, students have the option of enrolling with URI and receiving three college credits. These credits are transferable to other colleges. This course is open to juniors and seniors during one semester (two terms) and will be offered in the fall and spring semesters.

ENGLISH & THE HUMANITIES 185 - I**2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits**

This course is open to juniors and seniors in terms 3 and 4. To study humanities is to examine the human culture. For this reason, humanities courses vary widely in scope and encompass art, history, cultural values, social movements, philosophy and many other areas. The Humanities course at Tiverton High School this year will present an overview of the arts in America through an exploration of modern decades. This course will look at artwork, music, stories and film, in an attempt to discover more about our modern culture and cultures of the past. We will also be looking at how the culture of the past affects our culture now. This course will follow Writing to Inform and Explain in the same time slot in terms 3 and 4, thus providing a sequence of courses totaling 5 credits.

**AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE &
COMPOSITION****190 - I****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Prerequisite: This course is open to juniors and seniors who have successfully completed 10th and/or 11th grade English. Completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade. (Enrollment is limited to 15 students.)

AP Language and Composition is a college-level class with college-level requirements. At the end of the spring semester students will have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the Advanced Placement Examination in English Language and Composition. English Language and Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Mastery of sound language and writing skills will be developed through daily writings in journals and weekly writing in the form of narrative, exploratory, expository, argumentative, and persuasive student generated pieces. Note that the student is responsible for the AP examination fee. **Additionally, all senior students will complete a Senior Project.**

**AP ENGLISH LITERATURE &
COMPOSITION**

191 - I

4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: *This course is open to juniors and seniors who have successfully completed 10th and/or 11th grade English. Completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade.. (Enrollment is limited to 15 students.)*

Advanced Placement English is a college-level class with college-level requirements. At the end of the spring semester students will have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the Advanced Placement Examination in English Literature and Composition. The concentration of content in this course is the study of artistic use of language of increasing complexity. Mastery of sound writing skills will be developed through a series of short, at least weekly, writing assignments focusing on critical approaches to the study of literature. Note that the student is responsible for the AP examination fee.

Additionally, all senior students will complete a Senior Project.

ENGLISH INDEPENDENT STUDY

195 - I

4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: *Senior status and submission of pre-approved proposal.*

The English department occasionally offers independent study programs to students of exceptional ability and interest in language arts. Program descriptions and credits are subject to school policy for independent study.

SENIOR PROJECT

197 - II

4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

This course is for all seniors to provide additional assistance and time to complete the Senior Project part of English 12. It will include specific instruction in the four components of the Senior Project. They include the research paper, portfolio, oral presentation and field work with their mentor. Classes will meet every other day all year.

JOURNALISM I

1961 - II

4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

Journalism will provide students with the basic foundation for news writing. Students will use teamwork to complete a camera-ready newspaper that will be distributed to the high school and surrounding community. Specific assignments will include writing and editing news, feature, editorial and sports articles and layout and design of the newspaper. Grades will depend upon class participation, written assignments, proofreading of final copy and teambased efforts.

JOURNALISM II

1962 - II

4 Terms 3 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

This course is open to students who have completed Journalism I. It will run concurrently with Journalism I, but the emphasis will be on production of the school newspaper. Students will explore advanced news writing and production techniques in print and video media and investigate student-generated topics with guidance from the instructor. Note: If more than 25 students enroll for Journalism I and II, those enrolling in Journalism I will have priority.

ADVANCED ALGEBRA II 475 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: 8th grade Accelerated Algebra I

Advanced Algebra is offered to students who have shown a high degree of ability in Algebra I. This course is treated as an accelerated course. The topics covered are usually identical in scope with Algebra II but differ in the speed and depth of presentation. A graphing calculator is strongly recommended. **Completion of the summer assignment is required and counts as 10% of the term one grade.**

TRIGONOMETRY 481 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II

This course is recommended for students who are college bound. This course will cover topics such as trigonometric functions and their graphs, right triangles, unit circle, exponential and logarithmic functions and analytical geometry. A scientific calculator is required.

PROBABILITY AND

STATISTICS 482 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II

This course is recommended for students who are college bound and is a good introduction to college level statistics. This course will cover statistical topics involving the production, organization and analysis of data. It will also include probability topics such as chance, odds and calculating both theoretical and experimental probabilities.

CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN

MATHEMATICS 404 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

This is a fourth year math course intended for students who want to complete their mathematics graduation requirement. One semester will be topics of Personal Finance to enhance money management skills. Topics presented include but are not limited to banking, creating and analyzing budgets, payroll and loan calculations. The other semester will be Problem Solving which will develop logic and reasoning skills through investigations of a elimination, pattern recognition, working backwards and Venn diagrams. Other topics may be included at the teacher's discretion.

PRE-CALCULUS with

TRIGONOMETRY 485 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Advanced Geometry

This is a pre-calculus course that is a study of algebraic and trigonometric functions, derivatives of algebraic and circular functions, maxima, minima, matrix algebra and conic sections. This is essentially an in-depth study of the elementary functions. Topics also include trigonometric functions and their graphs, right triangles, unit circle and exponential and logarithmic functions. A graphing calculator is required (Preferable TI-84). Completion of a summer assignment is required and counts as 10% of the term 1 grade.

Music Department

The Performing Arts Department offers a variety of courses to students of all levels of musical ability. General music classes include: Guitar Lab, Piano Lab, and Preparatory Band. Intermediate to Advanced level classes include: Marching/Concert Band, Chorus, String Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble.

EXPECTATIONS: A3 A6 A7 S1 S2 C4

CONCERT CHORUS	953 - II	4 Terms	3 Periods/Cycle	2.5 Credits
	955 - II	4 Terms	5 Periods/Cycle	5 Credits

Prerequisites: 1. Students must have the ability to match pitch. 2. Students must take a placement exam at the end of the previous school year (seating purposes). 3. If applicable, students must have been considered a member in good standing of the middle school choir.

**Students are required to attend all dress rehearsals and performances. Dress rehearsals take place during and after school. Students enrolled in this course will learn to sight read music and will develop their vocal ability. Previous vocal experience is preferred but not required, assuming the prerequisites have been met. Students will take singing tests throughout the year.

BAND	963 - II	4 Terms	3 Periods/Cycle	2.5 Credits
Concert and Marching	965 - II	4 Terms	5 Periods/Cycle	5 Credits

Prerequisites: 1. Students should be proficient in a band instrument at an intermediate level or above. 2. Students must have been considered a member in good standing in the middle school band program. 3. Students must take a placement audition at the end of the previous school year (seating purposes). 4. Students are also required to attend band camp. Band camp schedules are given to students after the audition process.

**Students are required to attend all dress rehearsals and performances. Dress rehearsals and performances take place during school, after-school, weekends and certain holidays. Students are also required to perform both marching and concert band material throughout the school year.

HISTORY OF ROCK AND ROLL	969 - II	4 Terms	3 Periods/Cycle	2.5 Credits
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History of Rock and Roll focuses on the link between rock and roll music and American History. Students will examine the evolution of rock and roll from its beginnings in the 1950's and explore how it reflects the political and/or social values of a time period. The course offers opportunities for student appreciation of the various music genres through listening, analyzing and evaluating the artists that best represent the eras or styles of music. Areas of emphases include, but are not limited to: rockabilly roots, teen idols, surf, Motown, British invasion, protest songs, psychedelic rock, heavy metal and grunge. Meets the Fine Arts graduation requirement for all students.

Physical Education / Health Department

Physical Education is an integral part of the student program and is required at all grade levels. The major aim of this program is to ensure the physical development of students as well as their intellectual and emotional growth. The goal of the program is the promotion of Life long physical activity and fitness. The program allows students to learn "necessary skills to perform a variety of activities, to become physically fit," and understand the importance of daily physical activity that will help to achieve wellness.

EXPECTATIONS: S1 S2 S3

Activities Include:

Touch Football	Street Hockey	Basketball	Ultimate Frisbee	Archery
Badminton	Weight Lifting	Volleyball	Golf	DDR
Fitness Walking	Lacrosse	Tennis	Wiffle Ball	Softball
Racquet Games	Cup Stacking	Table Tennis	Dance	Pilates
Group Games	Team Handball	Dance Games		

Physical Education I **001 - II** **3 Terms** **3 Periods/Cycle** **1.875 Credits**

Physical Education II **002 - II** **3 Terms** **3 Periods/Cycle** **1.875 Credits**

Physical Education III **003 - II** **3 Terms** **3 Periods/Cycle** **1.875 Credits**

Physical Education IV **004 - II** **3 Terms** **3 Periods/Cycle** **1.875 Credits**

Adaptive Phys Education **013 - II** **3 Terms** **3 Periods/Cycle** **1.875 Credits**

Health Education is designed to provide all students with the knowledge and skills needed to make independent and responsible decisions. The Health curriculum helps students to develop skills to prepare them for present and future roles in society. This course is scheduled separately from the Physical Education schedule and will carry its own credits. Students will be required to pass both Health and Physical Education to meet the state requirements for graduation.

EXPECTATIONS: A1 A2 A4 A5 A6 A7

Health Education topics include:

Decision Making Model	Family Life	Relationships	Substance Abuse
Nutrition	HIV/AIDS and STDS		Environment
Fitness and Wellness	CPR/AED Training	Mental Health	First Aid

Health I **009 - II** **1 Term** **3 Periods /Cycle** **.625 Credits**

Health II **010 - II** **1 Term** **3 Periods /Cycle** **.625 Credits**

Health III **011 - II** **1 Term** **3 Periods /Cycle** **.625 Credits**

Health IV **012 - II** **1 Term** **3 Periods /Cycle** **.625 Credits**

Adaptive Health **014 - II** **1 Term** **3 Periods / Cycle** **.625 Credits**

Science Department

All students at Tiverton High School are required to successfully complete three years of Science. The sequence of courses is Physical Science (Physics 1st), Chemistry, followed by Biology in the junior year. This three year sequential curriculum is designed to have each course build upon the foundational knowledge of the previous course(s) and is aligned to the current state standards. This sequence is also designed to best prepare students to be successful on the state NECAP Science assessment given in the spring of the junior year.

Physical Science, Chemistry and Biology are offered on two levels, Level I, II. The scope and sequence for each course is the same regardless of level, but differ mainly on depth and pacing. Level I is more in depth and involves more independent work than Level II. Level I Chemistry and Biology also include additional concepts and laboratory investigations to prepare those students who wish to pursue further study in AP Chemistry and/or AP Biology.

Electives in science are designed to meet the interests and needs of all students. Those students who are interested in pursuing a career in a related science field are encouraged to complete four years of science. Fourth year science course offerings include Anatomy and Physiology, Physics, Oceanography/Environmental Science as well as AP Biology and AP Chemistry.

EXPECTATIONS: A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 S1 S2 S3 C2 C3

PHYSICAL SCIENCE 513 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Completion of the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade

This honors course investigates the processes and natural laws that govern our physical environment. This course prepares students for more advanced study in science by expanding their knowledge in physics and earth and space science, while further developing their scientific skills. The topics included are force and motion, waves and light, electricity and magnetism and the origins and evolution of the Earth and Universe.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE 512 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

This course investigates the processes and natural laws that govern our physical environment. This course prepares students for more advanced study in science by expanding their knowledge in physics and earth and space science, while further developing their scientific skills. The topics included are force and motion, waves and light, electricity and magnetism and the origins and evolution of the Earth and Universe.

CHEMISTRY 533 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra-I and Physical Science and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade.

This honors course investigates such topics as properties and states of matter, chemical formulas and equations, conservation of matter, the periodic table and trends, energy in chemical reactions, nuclear chemistry and the gas laws. Laboratory investigations are an integral part of the course, and reinforces the concepts and skills in Chemistry and include mathematical applications.

PHYSICS 542 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra-II and Geometry.

Dealing with the composition of matter and reactions among various forms of matter and energy, physics pertains to simple particles, processes, and interactions. The major categories covered are mechanics (forces and energy), heat, waves (sound and light), and nuclear physics. Measurement and data analysis along with the development of problem solving techniques will be stressed.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 544 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Chemistry and Biology and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade.

This course is intended, but not limited to, the student who wishes to pursue a career in a medical or related biological field. The structure and function of the human body along with representative examples of other mammalian systems are emphasized. Topics include medical terminology, body tissues and the following body systems; the integument, skeletal, nervous, muscular, cardiovascular, respiratory and digestive systems. Laboratory investigations are an integral part of this course and include dissections which are assessed in a lab practical setting. Students enrolled in this course earning a final average of "B" or better are also eligible to apply for 4-6 credits at New England Institute (NEIT) when enrolled in the following programs: Clinical Medical Assistant Technology, Electronic Medical Records Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology, Physical Therapy Assistant Technology, Respiratory Care and Surgical Technology. Credits can be applied for with a course transfer tuition reduction upon completion of one quarter at NEIT and within one year of high school graduation.

AP BIOLOGY 546 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Chemistry and Biology and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade.

This intensive elective is for students who plan to continue their college studies in the life sciences. Students should have a strong record of accomplishments in honors chemistry and physical sciences. Course emphasis consists of cellular biochemistry, cells and cellular processes including photosynthesis, genetics, evolution, organisms, and populations and some human anatomy and physiology, along with related laboratories. Students must be highly motivated and be capable of doing independent work. In addition, students are expected to take the Advanced Placement Examination offered in the Spring and are responsible for payment of all applicable fees.

AP CHEMISTRY 547 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Chemistry-I, Algebra II and Geometry and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade.

This intensive elective is for students who plan to continue their college studies in the sciences. This second year of chemistry includes all the topics in a college-level freshman Chemistry course and meets the objectives as outlined by the AP Chemistry course description. While laboratory work will be an integral part of the course, an emphasis will be placed on problem solving skills with a review of 1st year chemistry topics. New topics include kinetics, equilibrium, thermodynamics, electrochemistry and acids-bases. Students must be highly motivated and capable of doing independent work. In addition, students are expected to take the Advanced Placement Examination offered in the Spring and are responsible for payment of all applicable fees.

LABORATORY TECH 550 - I 1 - 4 Terms 1– 3 Periods/Cycle 1-3 Credits

Laboratory technicians will aid teachers in laboratory preparation, set-up and equipment maintenance. Interested students must apply through, and receive department chair approval. This will be considered an independent study and consequently the number of periods and credits will be based on the student's participation and schedule in conjunction with the supervisory teacher and/or department chairperson review.

Social Studies Department

The social studies department strives to prepare our students to become productive and knowledgeable citizens in a global society. We accomplish this goal by exposing the students to the cultural heritage and accomplishments of their and other societies, past and present through a variety of course offerings in the social sciences. Upon graduation our students will be equipped with the skills necessary to participate successfully in an increasingly international society.

EXPECTATIONS: A1 A2 A4 A5 A6 A7 S1 S2 S3 C2 C3 C4

All students at Tiverton High School are required to complete three years of Social Studies coursework. The sequence of courses begins in the 9th grade with **Modern World History**, continues in the 10th grade with **US History Part 1**, and is followed by **US History Part 2** in the junior year. This coursework emphasizes not only the key social studies skills but are also aligned to the current state standards.

MODERN WORLD 212 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
HISTORY

This course provides the broad-based knowledge needed to help understand U.S. history, government, economics and the electives in the social studies department. Students will examine the past, using the themes of political, economic, religious, social, intellectual and artistic history. Critical thinking standards emphasized in the course include, but are not limited to; interactive listening; informational writing; organizing and conveying informational text; exhibiting understanding; and making judgments of non-fiction texts through both written and oral assignments. In addition, students will practice a variety of reading comprehension strategies, gaining a deeper understanding of past world events and multiple perspectives of history. Finally, students will focus on building their note taking, research, essay writing, oral presentation and class participation skills. This course is more deliberately paced and emphasizes both skill development and content knowledge.

MODERN WORLD**213 - I****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle****5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade.

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US HISTORY Part 1**217 - I****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle****5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade.

U.S. History Part 1 will examine what it means to be an American in a multicultural and diverse society. This course will focus on the settlement of our country through the Civil War period. Students in this course continue to develop the broad-based knowledge and skills needed to study history effectively. Students will be expected to apply their learning to the complex events and issues that have shaped the development of the American nation. Students will develop their critical thinking skills by analyzing and interpreting various documents, citing evidence from historical text, writing reflective essays, and writing thesis-driven research papers. Students will also further their oral communication skills through discussions, class debates and class presentations. A variety of instructional methods and materials will enable students to confidently research and interpret events of historical significance, effectively communicate through writing and speaking, and accurately establish and defend arguments. This course is designed for those students with a high interest level in social studies.

UNITED STATES HISTORY Part 1**218 - II****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle****5 Credits**

U.S. History Part 1 will examine what it means to be an American in a multicultural and diverse society. This course will focus on the settlement of our country through the Civil War period. Students in this course continue to develop the broad-based knowledge and skills needed to study history effectively. Students will be expected to apply their learning to the complex events and issues that have shaped the development of the American nation. Students will develop their critical thinking skills by analyzing and interpreting various documents, citing evidence from historical text, writing reflective essays, and writing thesis-driven research papers. Students will also further their oral communication skills through discussions, class debates and class presentations. A variety of instructional methods and materials will enable students to confidently research and interpret events of historical significance, effectively communicate through writing and speaking, and accurately establish and defend arguments.

US HISTORY Part 2**228 - II****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits*****Prerequisite: Successful completion of United States History Part 1***

U.S. History Part 2 will examine what it means to be an American in a multicultural and diverse society. This course will focus on the era of Reconstruction and the country's developing role as a world power. Students in this course continue to develop the broad-based knowledge and skills needed to study history effectively. Students will be expected to apply their learning to the complex events and issues that have shaped the development of the American nation. Students will develop their critical thinking skills by analyzing and interpreting various documents, citing evidence from historical text, writing reflective essays, and writing thesis-driven research papers. Students will also further their oral communication skills through discussions, class debates and class presentations. A variety of instructional methods and materials will enable students to confidently research and interpret events of historical significance, effectively communicate through writing and speaking, and accurately establish and defend arguments.

US HISTORY Part 2**229 - I****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits*****Prerequisite: Successful completion of United States History Part 1 and completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade.***

U.S. History Part 2 will examine what it means to be an American in a multicultural and diverse society. This course will focus on the era of Reconstruction and the country's developing role as a world power. Students in this course continue to develop the broad-based knowledge and skills needed to study history effectively. Students will be expected to apply their learning to the complex events and issues that have shaped the development of the American nation. Students will develop their critical thinking skills by analyzing and interpreting various documents, citing evidence from historical text, writing reflective essays, and writing thesis-driven research papers. Students will also further their oral communication skills through discussions, class debates and class presentations. A variety of instructional methods and materials will enable students to confidently research and interpret events of historical significance, effectively communicate through writing and speaking, and accurately establish and defend arguments. This course is designed for those students with a high interest level in social studies.

SOCIOLOGY**230 - II****2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits**

This course introduces students to the basic concepts, theories and methods used in a formal study of society. Topics such as "culture", "the environment", "race & ethnicity" and "education" will be explored with a particular focus on how social scientists attempt to understand the human causes of environmental change. Evaluation is based on written examinations, oral and written reports, video analysis, supplementary reading and class participation.

PSYCHOLOGY**232 - II****2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits**

This course is an introduction to the field of psychology. It includes human development, memory, emotions, learning, and theories of personality, abnormal psychology and the physiological bases of human behavior. It is recommended for college bound students, especially those interested in the fields of human services, health-care, business, criminal justice or administration, or any of the social sciences. Evaluation is based on written examinations, oral and written reports, supplementary reading and class participation.

AP PSYCHOLOGY**233 - I****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade.

The Advanced Placement course in psychology is equivalent to an introductory college course in psychology. It presents a systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. It includes psychological facts; principles and phenomena associated with each of the major sub fields within psychology and the methods psychologists' use in their science and practice. Admission to AP Psychology depends upon the student's interest and academic record. Motivation to do the required work is key to success in this course. Evaluation is based upon written examination, class discussion, independent study projects, supplementary reading, research papers and oral reports. All students are expected to take the AP Psychology examination of the College Board.

ANCIENT HISTORY**237 - I****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Senior Status.

This course includes a study of the activities of man prior to the emergence of the modern world. Early civilization of the Near East, the Nile, and the Mediterranean follow an introduction to prehistoric people. The impact of religion and the beginning of medieval time are included. Students will develop critical thinking skills by analyzing and interpreting various documents, citing evidence from historical text, writing reflective essays and writing thesis-driven research papers. Students will also further their oral communication skills through discussions, class debates and class presentations.

LAW**240 - II****4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits**

Prerequisite: Senior Status

The college-bound senior with a high interest in the law should select this course of study. The curriculum includes activities such as class discussion, case studies, mock trials, role-playing, and small group exercises. Evaluation is based on research assignments, both objective and essay tests, and activity participation.

CONTEMPORARY WORLD ISSUES 260 - I 2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Status

This course will provide the opportunity to explore major themes of challenge in our world of today; ethnic and religious conflicts, demographic trends, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, AIDS and other high impact diseases, globalization and economic equality, human rights and the environment.

This class is designed to eliminate much of the confusion surrounding these issues and allow students to form their own opinions on matters that affect their world. Students will evaluate the issues and propose solutions from a variety of perspectives. The utilization of a variety of school and community resources will anchor the instruction of this class, including The Brown University Choices Program, the Naval War College, the internet, journals, newspapers and magazines. Guest speakers may be brought into class to enhance the overall quality and interest level of instruction.

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY 261 - I 2 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 2.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Junior and Senior Status

The purpose of the Human Geography course is to introduce students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use and alteration of Earth's surface. Students learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and application. This course combines economic and cultural geography to explain relationships among humans and includes topics such as "population and Migration", "Cultural Patterns and Pressures" and "Industrialization and Economic Development". Work in Human Geography will also support skills reflective of those established by the state ELA assessment in reading and writing as well as the revised National Geography Standards.

AP US HISTORY 250 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Completion of Summer Reading/Writing assignment is required and will count toward the term one grade.

This course is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems in United States History. Students will learn to assess historical materials, both primary sources and historiography. Students will be able to argue, reason, and evaluate a variety of historical sources in order to establish their own historical interpretations which will be expressed in a variety of written and spoken formats. Students will be required to demonstrate their knowledge, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of history through document based questions, informal essays, and research papers, using a variety of historical sources and methods. Supplementary readings from a variety of sources are also used. This course is open to high school students who are motivated and willing to do college-level work. Students who sign up for this course are expected to take the AP Exam in May.

Special Education Department

The Special Education Department offers study skills and co-taught classes according to each student's needs as outlined in their Individual Education Plan (IEP). Student plans are developed by an IEP team comprised of educational professionals, parents, and students. These plans allow students to participate in the curriculum while maintaining the Least Restrictive Environment. The Special Education Department promotes the rigorous learning experiences of a 21st Century Learner.

EXPECTATIONS: A1 A6 S1 S2 C3

ACADEMIC STRATEGY INSTRUCTION

ASI	270	4 Terms	3 Periods/Cycle	2.5 credits
ASI	271	4 Terms	5 Periods/Cycle	5 credits

Prerequisite: Current Individualized Education Program (IEP)

This course provides learning opportunities for students to develop skills in self-advocacy, organization, note-taking, and content area skill-building according to the goals of their IEP. Students are required to maintain and bring plan books, notebooks, and content area textbooks to use as a foundation for learning strategies necessary to gain skills and apply them to their content area classes. Specialized instruction will be provided by a special education teacher. Students receive credit on a term by term basis.

Transition to Work

Prerequisite: Prior approval of Special Education Department Chairperson/Administrator

Eligible students with a current IEP receive credit for successfully demonstrating work skills at an approved job site.

World Language Department

The World Language Department of Tiverton High School recognizes one simple truth: to relate in a meaningful way to another human being, one must be able to communicate, and the study of a second language is an educational essential for today's student. To study another language and culture enhances one's personal education in many ways. In the 21st century, new times and new social roles mandate new goals. In such a global and multi-cultural society, as we see today, it is imperative that our students, studying a second language have the ability to use the language, not simply know the grammar and the literature.

Familiarity with one or more languages not only helps broaden a person's cultural perspective but also has practical benefits, as our world's communities have become increasingly interconnected through science, business, communications and other areas. Our courses are designed to give students the opportunity to develop some degree of proficiency, be it fluency or communicative competency, in a second language and an appreciation for other people's customs and culture. To study another language and culture gives one the powerful key to successful communication: knowing how, when and why to say what to whom. It is difficult to imagine a job, a profession, a career, or a leisure activity in the twenty-first century that will not be enhanced by the ability to communicate efficiently and sensitively with others. All World Language courses are designed around the National World Language Standards which are posted in each classroom.

Students enrolled in our courses will have a language lab component on a weekly basis as an integral part of their oral assessment. Classes meet five periods per cycle, are open to any student in Grades 9-12 and are worth 5 credits. Additionally, most 4 year universities and colleges require 2-3 years of a World Language for acceptance.

THS ACADEMIC, SOCIAL AND CIVIC EXPECTATIONS: A1 A2 A4 A5 A7 S1 S2 C3

SPANISH I 310 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
PORTUGUESE I 320 - II

The first year of language study will introduce the student to the target language and develop a cultural awareness of the country whose language they are studying. The course will introduce students to the expressions, vocabulary, and idiomatic structures of the language. These will provide the student with the communicative skills. Concentration on listening and speaking skills will be developed with development of the reading and writing of the target languages. Assessment is based on student's oral participation, written objective testing, written and oral quizzes, short projects, presentations and homework.

SPANISH II 348 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
PORTUGUESE II 358 - I

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the full first year of the language and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade.

Students who have successfully completed the 8th grade Spanish program will be able to sign up for Spanish II. This is a sequential course designed to meet the needs of the highly motivated student. Instruction is given strictly in the target language at a rapid pace with greater emphasis on grammar and syntax. Students will experience a continued balanced development of the four basic skills and will be exposed to some culture and customs of the country. Assessment is based on student's ability to orally communicate, oral and written tests, quizzes presentations, projects and homework.

SPANISH II 345 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
PORTUGUESE II 355 - II

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the full first year of the language.

Students who have successfully completed the 8th Grade Spanish program will be able to sign up for Spanish II. These courses are designed to continue the development of the basic skills acquired in the 1st year - Level II classes. The study of grammatical structures is continued with emphasis toward a greater oral proficiency and understanding of the target language with a gradual development in writing techniques. Assessment is based on tests, quizzes, classroom participation, and short-term projects.

SPANISH III 375 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
PORTUGUESE III 385 - I

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the full second year of the language and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade.

These courses are geared to the highly motivated student with a greater stress on oral and written proficiency within the target language. Classes will be conducted primarily in the target language. Advanced grammar and syntax will be taught, and the history and culture of the country will be studied. Assessment is based on exams, short and long term projects, oral developed communicative skills and discussions based in the target language and creative writings.

SPANISH III 370 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
PORTUGUESE III 380 - II

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the full second year of the language.

This course is designed to further enrich the student with reading, writing, and speaking in the target language. In this third phase of the foreign language, classes are conducted with emphasis upon the target language with reinforcement of the reading, and writing skills. Assessment consists of tests, quizzes, as well as oral and written individual and group presentations, short and long-term projects.

PORTUGUESE IV 393 - II 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits
SPANISH IV 395 - II

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the third full year of the language.

This course offers a natural progression towards significant language immersion. Writing skills, appropriate vocabulary development and fine-tuning of grammar will be constantly reinforced. The oral component, as well as the students' ability to express themselves directly in the language is a significant evaluative tool along with tests, quizzes, writing assignments, projects and presentations. The frequent use of the Language Lab will reinforce and evaluate the students' auditory comprehension and language proficiency. Sample literary passages (or exurbs) will be introduced to provide a flavor of the language's literature. Also, significant historical dates/events will be cursorily addressed. Assessment is based on exams, short and long term projects, individual and group presentations, creative writings and oral discussions.

SPANISH IV 394 - I 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of the third full year of the language and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade.

This course strives to take the student from significant to near total language immersion. Writing skills, extensive vocabulary development and fine-tuning of grammar will be constantly reinforced. Oral and language proficiency are the most significant factors in the students' evaluation. The course will focus on all 4 language skills and will use a variety of evaluative tools which will also include the use of the Language Lab. Listening comprehension is enhanced with various TV programs, videos, movies and Language Lab; Speaking skills are reinforced via many skits, presentations, projects, and routine use of the language in class; Reading is enhanced with authentic materials such as newspaper articles, magazines and electronic media; Writing skills are reinforced with journals, compositions and written activities. A cursory overview of the literature and history of the country is also a component of this class. Assessment is based on exams, short and long term projects, individual and group presentations, creative writings and oral discussions.

PORTUGUESE IV (EEP) 396 - 1 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of the third full year of the language and the Summer Assignment that counts toward the Term 1 grade.

This is an honors level course developed in conjunction with Rhode Island College and is equivalent to Intermediate Portuguese 113 at RIC. In addition to receiving normal high school credit, students also have an option of enrolling with Rhode Island College to receive undergraduate credit upon completion of the course. These credits are transferable to many other colleges upon their approval. This course is designed to emphasize proficiency and advanced speaking, reading and writing skills. Students will be doing lots of small readings, class projects, oral skits and activities, grammar reinforcement, journal writings and cultural discussions. Students will be graded according to the school-wide and department rubrics regarding the topic when necessary. Additionally, students will be assessed at the end of every chapter to demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter.

AP SPANISH LANGUAGE V 397 - 1 4 Terms 5 Periods/Cycle 5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of the fourth full year of the language and the Summer Assignment that counts towards the Term 1 grade. The AP Spanish Language course is a course designed to prepare students for the AP Spanish Language Examination. *All students are expected to take the AP exam in May. Students are responsible for the AP exam fee.

Emphasis is placed on the mastery of all four Spanish language skills, listening, writing, speaking and reading. The exam format will be practiced extensively throughout the year with lessons and activities based on the TEMAS AP Spanish Language and Culture textbook. Students will express themselves in Spanish in class discussions, chats and comprehend different genres. The use of the language lab and the online TEMAS textbook site offer many opportunities for students to enhance their listening skills of the various native accents. History and culture are incorporated in lessons through readings, discussions, writing activities and authentic audios.

