

**Ponchatoula High School**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives for 2020-21**  
**(Students must meet all requirements; choose one under each category)**

**PE/ROTC (choose 1)**

**JROTC I (in place of PE, if elected)** - JROTC I is designed for high school freshmen and sophomores. It introduces the students to the major subject areas to lay a foundation for the grade levels to follow. This course emphasizes fellowship, development of leadership traits, and Marine Corps drill and ceremonies. \$5 class fee, \$10 PT shirt, \$20 insurance fee.

**Physical Education I** - offers students a variety of state approved team sports. The following will be offered to our students: flag football, golf, softball, and three elective activities. Only the basic fundamentals will be stressed. Game play will be included as part of the overall course. Students must dress in an approved uniform. Grades will be determined by skill tests, written tests, dressing out and participation

**Elective**

**Select your 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2 alternates.**

**Agriscience I** - This course is the beginning class for agriculture and involves basic plant science, animal science, and FFA leadership training, including parliamentary law. A student enrolled in this course should become a member of FFA. Class fee of \$25 includes FFA membership and the FFA student handbook.

**Art I** - The student is introduced to the basic principles of design, value and color. The course instills creative thinking skills, self-discipline and self-confidence through explorations in drawing, painting, and basic sculpture.

**Band** - A study of the music literature of all styles with rehearsal and performances on the highest level achievable. The band performs at local parades, all football games, several concerts, and many competitions during the year. A student enrolling in band must be committed to after school rehearsals, performances, and band camp in the summer two weeks before school begins. Attendance will affect student's grade. There is a \$45 fee required.

**Basic Wood Technology** - This course focuses on the basics of wood technology, safety, hand tools, portable power tools, and stationary equipment. In addition, units on wood history, products and design techniques, basic wood joinery, and sanding and finishing processes will be taught. Pen turning on the lathe is also a part of this course. Fees: \$40 lab fee

**Beginning Choir** - No previous experience is necessary. Beginning Choir (Vocal Ensemble) is a non-auditioned ensemble comprised of incoming freshmen interested in choral music and students with limited choral experience. Students will be expected to learn basic music theory skills, basic vocal techniques, elementary ensemble singing, appropriate rehearsal behavior, and concert etiquette. In addition, students will learn to play the soprano recorder in order to reinforce theory and music reading skills. Students will be expected to sing a variety of sacred, secular, and/or holiday songs. One year of membership in Vocal Ensemble is mandatory for membership in other choral groups.

**Creative Writing** - This year-long course focuses on writing in a variety of genres. The purpose of this class is to encourage students to cultivate the habits, attitudes and flexibility of a professional writer in a professional writing community. Students will be expected to enter final products into professional and/or student contests as well as the school's literary magazine, to conference with the instructor, participate in writer response groups, research and read contemporary published authors, keep and regularly write in a writer's notebook, and experiment with and revise writing routinely.

**FCS - Family and Consumer Science** - This course examines multiple life roles and responsibilities of individuals and family members. The focus is on the areas of personal and family living, nutrition and foods, financial management, living environments, appropriate child development practices, and transferring school skills to life and work. Through simulated experiences, students learn to fulfill their responsibilities associated with work of the family and relationships are reinforced in this course. Lab experiences are included. **Lab Fee \$15**

**NCCER Core** - This is an elective course that emphasizes the core curriculum of safety, construction math, hand tools, power tools, introduction to construction drawing, rigging, communication, employability skills, and introduction to materials handling.

**Principles of Business** - Principles of Business is a one-year course designed to help students with managing personal finances, savings and investment, banking, consumer credit, and career planning in the fields of business. This course is an overview of our country's economic and free enterprise system and encompasses business management, consumer rights, social and ethical responsibility, protection from economic risks and our global economy.

**Quest for Success** - an innovative, new, high school-level, career exploration course designed to prepare all Louisiana graduates for career and life success. The new course will help all students to develop essential 21st century workforce skills, the ability to communicate, collaborate, and lead, explore new and exciting careers and industry sectors and learn about themselves and their interests to successfully navigate high school, postsecondary education and career pathways.

**Speech I/Theatre I** - It is an informal practical course designed to improve the communication abilities of the students by helping them to project their personalities through effective speech, body language, and acting. The course focuses on the performance of a variety of informative, demonstration, and persuasive speeches, as well as conversations, interviews, pantomimes, oral interpretations, duet acting, and social ritual speeches, radio, drama, and listening skills. It is primarily a performance-oriented class.