

## Grade Nine Overview

### Classroom Structure:

King's High School is on a block schedule which includes four daily classes that meet for 75 minutes, completing one course in two nine-week semesters, or one term. One block of 50 minutes over the entire school year (except Chapel days) meets at the beginning of each school day. Students take nine or ten classes per year. The school day runs from 8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Spiritual Life:

- **Chapel:** Christian living, youth culture, lifestyle issues and practical applications of Biblical truth to daily living are emphasized.
- **Bible Studies:** Our weekly Bible study called "The River," meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Drama Studio. All high school students are invited to come and pray for King's, encourage each other in faith, listen and share testimonies and worship God in song.
- **Christian Service:** Annual service projects of 40 hours per year are completed by each student as part of the Bible curriculum. In lieu of the service project, students have the option of taking a final exam.

### Academic Life:

- **Bible:** The Life of Christ (from the four Gospels) is covered with an emphasis on what it means to be a follower of Christ.
- **English:** Multi-paragraph expository writing is taught with emphasis placed upon the development of a thesis with support and discussion. Literature includes a variety of short stories, plays, poems, novels and informative texts. The Honors English class focuses on critical analysis of complex literature and in-depth writing instruction.
- **Mathematics:** Students in the college bound trajectory take Algebra 1 which is offered in both one term and yearlong formats. Students who took Algebra 1 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade take either Geometry or Honors Geometry (by teacher recommendation).
- **Science:** Freshmen Biology focuses on Cell Biology, Genetics and Ecology. Honors Biology has math and science prerequisites and requires completion of a self-assessment and a teacher recommendation. Students who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra 1 and Science with a B+ or higher are recommended for Honors Biology.
- **Foreign Language:** Spanish should be started by grade 11 to fulfill the two-year foreign language graduation requirement. If a student desires to complete all of the Spanish courses offered, this should be started between grades 8 and 10.
- **Health and Fitness:** Freshmen will take a full year course of Healthy Living Fitness. This course aims to equip each student with awareness, knowledge and skills to make healthy choices in all aspects of their life: socially, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually.

## Elective Options:

- **BIBLE:** Leadership
- **ENGLISH:** Mock Trial Foundations, FILM, Journalism, Digital Storytelling
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** Spanish 1 & 2
- **HISTORY:** Social Justice, History in Film, Culture and World Religions, Pre AP World History
- **MUSIC:** Abundant Life, Concert Choir, Orchestra, Band, Guitar
- **FINE/PERFORMING ARTS:** Art Design 101, Cultural Arts, Introduction to Improv, Introduction to Acting, Advanced Drama, Graphic Design, Pottery 1, Studio Art 1, Studio Art 2
- **CAREER CONCENTRATION:** Business 101, Marketing/DECA, Journalism Production & Design, Robotics, Advanced Robotics, Gaming Software Development, Web Design & Communications, Computer Aided Design (CAD), Mobile App Design
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Power Weight Training, Fitness and Sport, Low Intensity Fitness
- **ADDITIONAL COURSES:** Traffic Education

## Textbooks:

- **Bible:**
  - IISB (International Inductive Study Bible, NASB) and department generated text and materials
- **Math:**
  - Holt Algebra I (Holt, 2007)
  - Geometry Common Core (Pearson, 2015)
- **Science:**
  - Biology, Miller/Levine (Prentice Hall 2010)
  - Campbell Biology: Concepts & Connections (Pearson 2015)
- **Spanish 1:**
  - Piratas (TPRS Publishing, 2008)
- **Spanish 2:**
  - Los Baker van a Peru (TPRS Publishing, 2007)

## Extra-Curricular Life:

- **Activities:** “Kaleidoscope” – our first fall dance; Tolo; Winter Ball; Homecoming and Spirit Week; Knight of the Arts; Daddy & Daughter Dinner, Drama Productions; Clubs; National Honor Society; ASB Sponsored Dances
- **Competitive Academic Teams:** DECA, Mock Trial, Robotics, Speech and Debate
- **Sports:** Volleyball, Football, Cross Country, Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Track, Cheerleading, Boys & Girls Golf; Girls Tennis, Boys Baseball
- **Link Crew:** Freshmen mentorship program with training and specific times to mentor inside and outside of the classroom
- **Student Government and Leadership:** Interhigh (a Cascade League leadership training program), class and ASB council positions

- **Recent Mission & Service Trips:** In addition to trips within the United States, groups have recently gone to Cuba, Panama, Israel, Nicaragua, Jamaica, Honduras, Uganda and Rwanda in Africa, Guatemala, Mexico, Laos, China, England and France (trips vary annually)