



# School Info Night – Feb. 13, 2025

## Nathan Hale High School

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PowerPoint Presentation that was shared with families at the school info night on Feb. 13, 2025. Topics covered:

- Registration, Assignment, Open Enrollment, and Transition
- After Students are Enrolled at Nathan Hale
- Urban Farm
- Robotics Team – Robo Raiders
- Theatre
- Music Ensembles
- More Music Electives
- Digital Media Studies at the Radio Station
- World Language
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Nathan Hale High School

# Welcome to Nathan Hale High School



Ensuring ALL students become honorable,  
skillful, thinking, global citizens



# Registration, Assignment, Open Enrollment & Transition

- If you are new to Seattle Public Schools, your first step is to enroll in Seattle Schools by going SPS Enrollment
- Students currently enrolled in SPS will be assigned for 2025-2026 school year based on home address or HCC pathway. If student wants that assignment, no further action is required.
- If student wants to attend a different school, a school choice form is submitted during Open Enrollment: February 1 to February 28
- School choice applications accepted throughout Open Enrollment and processed all together after February 28.

# Open Enrollment and Assignment

All families will find school assignment information on the SPS Enrollment website in late April

Families who submit a choice application during Open Enrollment will either be assigned to the school of their choice or will be placed on waitlist for their requested school

# After Students Are Assigned

Information from Nathan Hale High School will be emailed and mailed to homes April

- Welcome letter

- Invitation to June New Family Evening

- Raider Day information

- Course Option Request Sheet listing courses

- Directions and the link for submitting Course Requests online

Incoming students will submit their course requests online in April

Schedules will be available to view on The Source before school starts

Nathan Hale High School  
is a place to do what you love  
and try something new





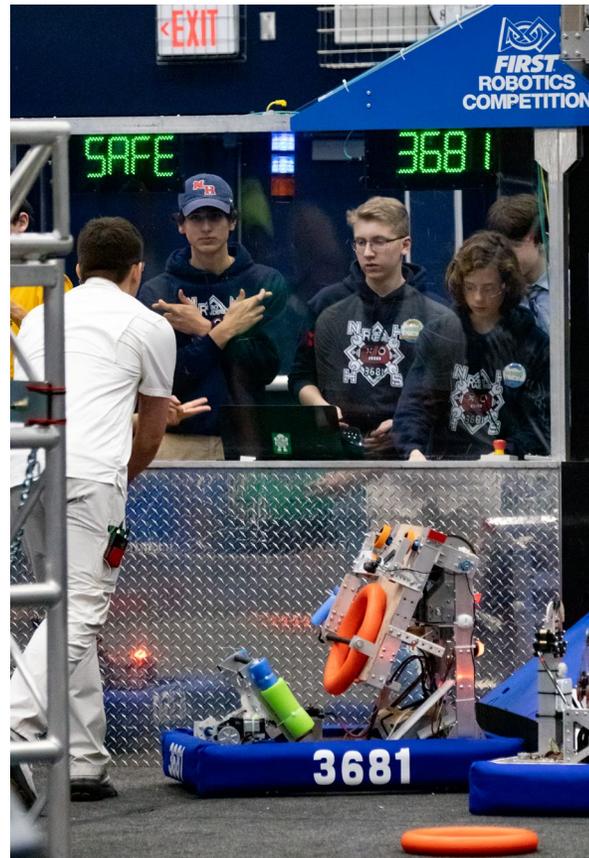
# NHHS Urban Farm

Horticulture

Plant Science

Farm to Table with Culinary Arts

# Nathan Hale Robo Raiders Robotics Team





# NATHAN HALE THEATRE

## Theatre Courses Offered:

- **Beginning Theatre:** Play games, study characters, & learn how to perform!
- **Advanced Theatre:** Expand on Beginning Theatre skills plus learn new ones like comedic scene work and stage combat!
- **Technical Theatre:** Use sketching, painting, crafting, and digital media to learn how to design for theatre – this class is all design – no performing necessary!



*A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
Fall 2024



# NATHAN HALE THEATRE

## Other ways to get involved in Theatre at Hale:

- **Drama Club:** build community through games, performances, and student organized events!
- **After School Productions:**
  - **Fall Play:** Performs in November
  - **Spring Musical:** Performs in May

**Student actors & technicians welcome!**



*Cinderella*

Spring 2024



# Music Ensembles



Concert Choir  
Concert Orchestra  
Symphonic Band  
Percussion Ensemble



Auditioned Ensembles (zero period)

Jazz Band

Vocal Jazz



# Vocal Jazz

Grab that mic  
and sing!



- Jazz musician Herbie Hancock said, “The spirit of Jazz is the spirit of openness.” Through improvisation you discover who you are, through swing you discover how to work with others while being yourself.

Vocal Jazz is an ensemble of singers and instrumentalists who perform not only Jazz but Funk, R and B, Blues and Soul music.

- If you want to start your days rock 'n' roll, then grab your mic and make some fabulous noise with us in Vocal Jazz.
  - Vocal Jazz has many opportunities to perform at various Jazz Festivals, Gigs and Concerts throughout the year.
  - We are also called the Breakfast Club because we rehearse before school and on many occasions have pancakes together.



# Concert Choir

Everyone is Welcome

Ella Fitzgerald said, “The only thing better than singing is more singing.” This is 100% true as singing in a group is scientifically proven to relieve stress, create community and inspire joy. So, why not do this every day?

The Nathan Hale Concert Choir is a community of singers who rehearse daily and perform a wide range of musical styles.

Concert Choir performs at Music Festivals, Concerts, Local Gigs and School Events.

Develop your voice, unleash your inner creativity, spread some joy and find your people in *Concert Choir*.

# More Music Electives

## Guitar Lab

Learn to play guitar

## Music Survey

Learn the history of hip hop

## Piano Lab

Learn to play piano





## Music Survey Black Lives in Music

Music Survey – In *Black Lives in Music* students experience the heartbeat of Seattle's music scene while diving deep into the roots of hip-hop culture.

In this one semester class students partner with Seattle artists, art organizations and musicians as they take a deep dive into the long lineage which gave birth to hip-hop.

Our collaborative work is created through fieldtrips, workshops and clinics.

Some of our partnerships include...

# Partnerships with Black Lives in Music

Yanvalou Drum School –  
Haitian/ West African Drum Clinic

Seattle Opera  
Building Community -Spirituals Workshops

KEXP- Where The Music Matters - 90.3  
Douglas Martin-Hip Hop DJ  
Podcast workshop with Martin Douglas -  
Creator of Black Constellation-Black Seattle Artist Collective

Rhapsody Project –  
Blues Singing and Guitar Workshop





# **Digital Media Studies** **@ the Radio Station**



- **Digital Media 1** (CTE , no-prereqs) **Podcasting, Music Industry, Social Media**

- **Digital Media 2** (CTE; Prereq: Dig Media 1) **Audio Production, Content Creation**

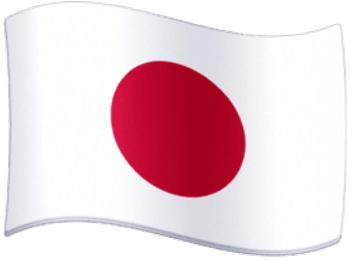
- **Digital Media 3** (CTE; Prereq: Dig Media 2) **Talent Development, Show Production**

- **Digital Media 4** (CTE; Prereq: Dig Media 3) **Music Selection, Promotions & Marketing**

***\*Open to 9-12th grade students!\****



# World Language



How many credits do I need...

...to attend a four-year college? 2-4 years required! UW wants 3 years or more!

...in the same language? Your WL credits should be consecutive years in the same language



What do I sign up for?

Spanish 1 → Spanish 2 → Spanish 3 → Spanish 4 or AP

Japanese 1 or 121 → Japanese 2 or 122 → Japanese 123 (Earn 5 college credits for each Japanese class with these College in the High School courses!)

French 3 → French 4 → French 5 Independent Study



How does the WL Proficiency test help me?

You can receive up to 4 HS credits in the language from testing and will be qualified to receive state or global Seals of Biliteracy.

You are required to be able to speak, read, listen and write in another language. HS credits earned will give you credentials for college applications.

# INTRO TO MEDIA ARTS



# GRAPHIC DESIGN



# PHOTOGRAPHY

## BEGINNING & ADVANCED



NATHAN HALE

# INTRO TO RADIO

## DIGITAL AUDIO & PODCASTING



# MEDIA ARTS

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**Media Arts, Design, & Graphics**

**Intro to Media Arts**  
Grade 9-12 / Semester / 3 credits  
Type of credit: CE or AE

**Prerequisite:** None

Are you ready to take your first steps into the digital content creation world? This course is the perfect course to take baby steps into digital content creation. Intro to Media Arts helps you build confidence in your skills for creating digital content. This course is available through graphic design, photography, and audio classes. Students will learn how to use software tools for creating digital content. This course is available through graphic design, photography, and audio classes. Students will learn how to use software tools for creating digital content. This course is available through graphic design, photography, and audio classes. Students will learn how to use software tools for creating digital content.

**Graphic Design Beginning**  
Grade 9-12 / Semester / 3 credits  
Type of credit: CE or AE

**Prerequisite:** None

Have you ever wondered how your posters, logos, and social media graphics are made? Graphic Design Beginning teaches you the tools and tricks to turn ideas into eye-catching visuals. From digital tools to design principles, you'll explore how to share messages through images and build your own artistic style. Great projects you'll be proud to share online or in print, and discover a world that's both fun and future-focused.

**Graphic Design Advanced**  
Grade 9-12 / Semester / 3 credits  
Type of credit: CE or AE

**Prerequisite:** Graphic Design Beginning

Take your design skills to the next level! Graphic Design Advanced lets you create polished, professional-quality projects that benefit your school, community, or personal goals. You'll tackle more complex design challenges, develop your unique creative voice, and work on real-world projects like event posters or branding ideas. Perfect for anyone looking to build a portfolio, grow their creative skills, or create work that turns heads.

**Photography Beginning**  
Grade 9-12 / Semester / 3 credits  
Type of credit: CE or AE

**Prerequisite:** None

Want to level up your photography? Photography Beginning will teach you how to take amazing pictures that stand out. You'll learn how to master your camera, play with lighting, and compose shots that tell a story—all while exploring your creative side. Whether you want to snap perfect selfies, capture stunning landscapes, or express yourself through visual art, this class will give you the skills to make every photo pop.

**Photography Advanced**  
Grade 9-12 / Semester / 3 credits  
Type of credit: CE or AE

**Prerequisite:** Photography Beginning

Ready to build on your photography skills and create incredible images? In Photography Advanced, you'll explore new techniques and take your creativity further. For an entire quarter, you'll go all-in with this camera—learning to shoot, develop, and make your own prints in the darkroom. Combine these classic methods with modern digital photography to refine your artistic style and produce photos that stand out. Whether you're creating for portfolios, social media, or personal projects, this course is all about taking your vision to the next level.

**Digital Media Intro 1: Intro to Radio, Digital Audio, and Podcasting**  
Grade 9-12 / Semester / 3 credits  
Type of credit: CE Prerequisite: None

**Course Objectives:** Students will gain basic technical ability and broadcast law and ethics knowledge necessary to operate CBS. This includes: Recording/Editing with audio software and releasing to the larger picture of mass media, learning regulations of radio broadcasting, writing & editing their scripts, learning sound techniques to meet their needs, learning the operation of various types of broadcast equipment, and practicing audio editing techniques.

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# NATHAN HALE

# CTE Pathways at Nathan Hale

**CULINARY ARTS**



**RADIO/DIGITAL MEDIA**



**CAREER CONNECT**



**MEDICAL CAREERS**



**MEDIA ARTS**



**C89.5 RADIO**





## Food Truck Project in Culinary Arts

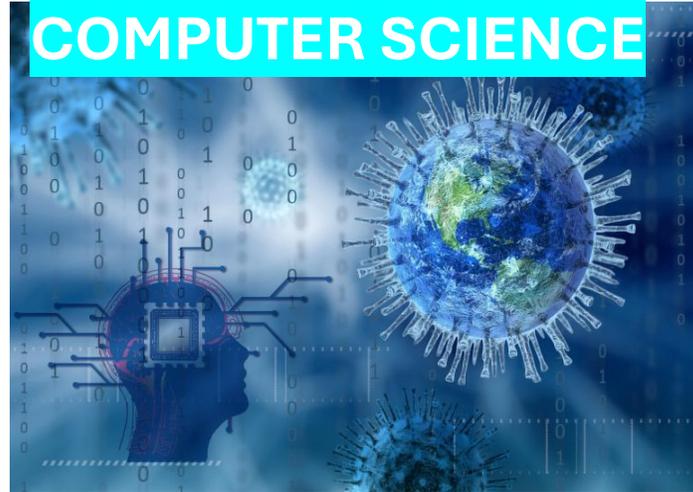
Students design their concept, fabricate their food truck, design the menu and prepare their menu items

# CTE Pathways at Nathan Hale

**PSYCHOLOGY/HEALTH**



**COMPUTER SCIENCE**



**MEDICAL CAREERS**



**HORTICULTURE**



# Pathway Example: CTE Health Science

## 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades

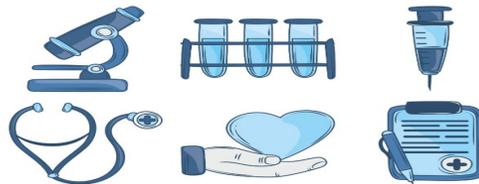
Intro to Medical Careers: 0.5 credit

Anatomy and Physiology 1.0 credit

## 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

Anatomy and Physiology 1.0 credit

Systems Medicine 1.0 credits



# NHHS Athletics

Over half of our students participate!



**Fall Sports** – Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Golf, Football, Girls Volleyball, Girls Swim & Dive, Girls Slowpitch Softball, Boys Ultimate Frisbee (Club)

**Winter Sports** – Gymnastics, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Swim & Dive, Wrestling, Bowling, Flag Football, Competitive Cheerleading

**Spring Sports** – Baseball, Boys Soccer, Girls Fastpitch Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Lacrosse (Club), Girls Ultimate Frisbee (Club)



# Features of Ninth Grade at NHHS



Ninth Grade Mentorships

Wednesday All-Ninth Grade  
Orientation Meetings led by student  
leaders

Cohort of peers to get to know well

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

Language Arts 9 A & B \*

World History I & II \*

Physics A & Chemistry A \*

Math \*

Family Health/Personal Fitness

Electives

\* Honors designation available

# 10th – 12th Grade

All 10th graders take Humanities

World Literature

World History

All 11th graders take College in the High School (CIHS) courses:

ENG101 (English)

USHIST 147 & USHIST 148 (US History)

All 12th graders take

Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature

POL 101- American Government

# Math Classes

Ninth graders take the next math class following their (eighth grade) math class in this sequence:

Eighth Grade Math -> Algebra I

Algebra I -> Geometry

Geometry -> Algebra II

Algebra II -> Pre-Calculus

Pre-Calculus -> AP Calculus *or* AP Statistics

# IEP & ELL/ Services

## Students in Grades 9-12

Support is provided by:

- Grade Level and Program IEP Specialists
- ELL Specialists
- Bilingual and IEP Instructional Assistants

IEP and ELL goals are met in:

General Education Classes- through inclusion support models such as co-teaching and collaborative planning

Study Skills and ELD Classes- provide specially designed instruction through the general education curriculum in addition to support with coursework choices and curriculum in preparation for graduation and a successful transition to life beyond high school.

# College in High School (CIHS) Courses Offered at Nathan Hale

MATH 151 - Calculus

USHIST 147\* & 148\* - US History

ENGL 101\* - English Composition

POL 101\* - American Government

ECON 120 - Economics

BUS 130 - Financial Algebra

JAPN 121, 122 & 123 - Japanese

The college course titles appear on the high school transcript. For a college transcript, students register with the college. The tuition is paid for by Washington State.

\* All NHHS Juniors and Seniors are enrolled in these CIHS courses.

# Advanced Placement (AP) at Nathan Hale

AP Statistics

AP Environmental Science

AP Computer Science

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Japanese Language

AP Spanish Language

AP English Literature (all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students)

# Running Start

Juniors and seniors may take college courses at one of the Seattle Colleges either part - time or full - time.

Interested students attend Running Start information sessions both at Nathan Hale and at North Seattle College in the spring of sophomore year.

# SPS Skills Center

## Skills Center Classes

### 10th – 12th grade

- Teaching Academy: Careers in Education (Franklin High School)
- Medical Assisting (Lincoln High School)
- Advanced Manufacturing: Aerospace and Maritime (Rainier Beach High School)
- Automotive Technology (West Seattle High School or Washington Middle School Skills Center Building)
- Construction Trades (Rainier Beach High School)
- Fire Fighting and Emergency Medical Services (Washington Middle School Skills Center Building)
- Maritime Vessel Operations (Center for Wooden Boats and Seattle Maritime Academy, Seattle Colleges)
- Media Arts: Creating for Social Media (NOVA High School)
- Nursing Assisting (Franklin High School)
- Video Game Design (NOVA High School)

## Summer Skills Center

### Incoming 9th graders – 12

- Great opportunity for incoming 9th graders to earn high school credit
- Check SPS Skills Center website in the spring to see details

# Upcoming All School Events



50th Anniversary Celebration  
of Naha/NHHS Exchange

Unity in the Community

Climate Action Day

Student planned and facilitated

Full day of workshops and activities

40 Workshops offered by community  
and student presenters

# Reaching Out to Students & Families

- \* Daily Bulletin (posted on NH website)
- \* Principal's Friday Message
- \* Hale Mail
- \* Nathan Hale Website
- \* Nathan Hale Sentinel School Paper
- \* The Source
- \* Schoology

# At Hale, We Encourage Connections for **Students**

**Students** connect with school & each other through:

- \* Ninth Grade Cohorts
- \* Activities
- \* Clubs
- \* Athletics
- \* Community involvement
- \* Strong, positive relationships with peers  
and staff

# At Hale, We Encourage Connections for **Parents & Guardians**

**Parents & Guardians** connect with school & each other through:

- \* NHHS-CO (formerly PTSA)
- \* Nathan Hale Foundation events
- \* Sports Boosters
- \* Music Boosters
- \* Theatre Boosters
- \* Friends of NHHS Urban Farm
- \* Volunteer opportunities
- \* Representation on Senate, our building leadership team

# Thank you so much for coming!

Questions?

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