

# Elgin Independent School District Course Guide 2017 – 2018

## ADDENDUM



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# Elgin Independent School District Information

## Awarding of Credits

### **Revised Transfer Grade Policy**

The following numerical values will be used for letter grades transferred to the school:

A+ = 98	B+ = 88	C+ = 79	D+ = 74	F = 65
A = 95	B = 85	C = 77	D = 72	
A - = 90	B - = 80	C - = 75	D - = 70	

### **Revised College Course Grade Conversions**

Upon course completion, Elgin High School will use the following numerical values for purposes such as calculating GPA and rank in place of the alpha grades assigned by the higher education partnering institution:

A = 95	B = 85	C = 75	D = 70	F = 65
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## Endorsement Pathways for Graduation

### **Revised Multidisciplinary Endorsement Pathways**

Course Descriptions are listed throughout all sections of the Elgin High School Curriculum.

#### **A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:**

1. Four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence.
  - a. Student earns an industry certification or
  - b. Student is considered college ready in English and Math as indicated by TSI scores
2. Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and Chemistry ~~and/or~~ physics
  - a. Student completes 4x4 plan and
  - b. Student completes Chemistry and Physics and
  - c. Student completes a math class senior year
3. Four credits in advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, languages other than English, or fine arts
  - a. Student completes at least 2 advance placement courses in the last two years of school as well as the corresponding AP exams
  - b. Student is enrolled in ECHS and has earned 12 college hours

# Elgin High School Curriculum

## Social Studies Courses

### *New Elective Social Studies Courses*

The courses listed below may possibly be used for endorsement credits or elective credits. Students should verify the allocation of credits for courses listed below with their counselor.

#### **Personal Financial Literacy – 8540**

**Credit: 0.5, Semester**

**Grade: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

Personal Financial Literacy is designed to be an interactive and research-based course. The course will teach students to apply critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to analyze decisions involving earning and spending, saving and investing, credit and borrowing, insuring and protecting, and college and postsecondary education and training. There are many references to conducting a cost-benefit analysis for spending and investing decisions. Students evaluate the necessity of the purchase, the quality or value of the purchase or investment compared to other alternatives, and the total cost of acquisition, particularly in the context of financing options. Students also understand the power of both compound growth on investments and compound interest on debt and how these concepts affect the ability to build wealth over time. (03380082)

## New Special Programs & Courses

The courses below are for elective credit.

#### ~~**AVID I – 8521, II – 8522, III – 8523, IV – 8524**~~

~~**Credit: 1, Full Year**~~

~~**Grade: 9-10**~~

~~**Prerequisite: Prior approval required**~~

~~**Removed– see replacement course (Path College & Career) below**~~

#### **Path to College & Career I – 8581**

**Credit: 0.5, Semester**

**Grade: 9**

**Prerequisite: ECHS student & prior approval required**

The Path-College/Career Prep courses advance intellectual curiosity, conscientiousness, dependability, emotional stability, and perseverance through tasks that foster deeper levels of thinking and reasoning in the four core content areas. Path courses focus on developing the habits and skills that are expected in college study and the workforce. (N1290051)

#### **Path to College & Career II – 8582, III – 8583, IV – 8584**

**Credit: 1, Full Year**

**Grade: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: Prior approval required**

The Path-College/Career Prep courses advance intellectual curiosity, conscientiousness, dependability, emotional stability, and perseverance through tasks that foster deeper levels of thinking and reasoning in the four core content areas. Path courses focus on developing the habits and skills that are expected in college study and the workforce. (N1290052) (N1290053) (N1290054)

## New Career, Technology, and Education (CTE) Courses

Endorsements indicated within course descriptions align with the pathways presented in this course guide and do not reflect all possible endorsements associated with a course.

### **Criminal Investigation – 8526**

**Credit: 1, Full Year**

**Grade: 11-12**

**Prerequisite: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security**

**Endorsement Pathway: Public Services – Law Enforcement**

Criminal Investigation is a course that introduces students to the profession of criminal investigations. Students will understand basic functions of criminal investigations and procedures and will learn how to investigate or follow up during investigations. Students will learn terminology and investigative procedures related to criminal investigation, crime scene processing, evidence collection, fingerprinting, and courtroom presentation. Through case studies and simulated crime scenes, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprint analysis, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, shoe and tire impressions, bite marks, drugs, tool marks, firearms and ammunition, blood spatter, digital evidence, and other types of evidence. (13029550)

### **Dollars & Sense – 8527**

**Credit: 0.5, Semester**

**Grade: 11-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Endorsement Pathway: Business & Industry – Business, Marketing, and Finance**

Dollars and Sense focuses on consumer practices and responsibilities, money-management processes, decision-making skills, impact of technology, and preparation for human services careers. (13024300)

### **Extended Career Prep I – 8533**

**Credit: 3, Full Year**

**Grade: 11-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

Career Preparation I provides opportunities for students to participate in a work-based learning experience that combines classroom instruction with business and industry employment experiences. The goal is to prepare students with a variety of skills for a changing workplace. Career preparation is relevant and rigorous, supports student attainment of academic standards, and effectively prepares students for college and career success. (12701305)

### **Extended Career Prep II - 8534**

**Credit: 3, Full Year**

**Grade: 11-12**

**Prerequisite: Extended Career Prep I**

Career Preparation II develops essential knowledge and skills through advanced classroom instruction with business and industry employment experiences. Career Preparation II maintains relevance and rigor, supports student attainment of academic standards, and effectively prepares students for college and career success. (12701405)

### **Global Business – 8030**

**Credit: 0.5, Semester**

**Grade: 10-12**

**Prerequisite: None**

**Endorsement Pathway: Business & Industry – Business, Marketing, and Finance**

Global Business is designed for students to analyze global trade theories, international monetary systems, trade policies, politics, and laws relating to global business as well as cultural issues, logistics, and international human resource management. (13011800)

**Interpersonal Skills – 8528****Credit: 0.5, Semester****Grade: 9-12****Recommended Prerequisite: Principles of Education and Training****Endorsement Pathway: Public Services – Teaching & Training**

Interpersonal Studies examines how the relationships between individuals and among family members significantly affect the quality of life. Students use knowledge and skills in family studies and human development to enhance personal development, foster quality relationships, promote wellness of family members, manage multiple adult roles, and pursue careers related to counseling and mental health services. (13024400)

**Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security – 8529****Credit: 2, Full Year****Grade: 12****Prerequisite: None****Endorsement Pathway: Public Services – Law Enforcement**

The practicum course is a paid or unpaid capstone experience for students participating in a coherent sequence of career and technical education courses in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Career Cluster. The practicum course is designed to give students supervised practical application of previously studied knowledge and skills in law, public safety, corrections, and security. Practicum experiences can occur in a variety of locations appropriate to the nature and level of experience (13030100)

**Turf Grass Management – 8535****Credit: 0.5, Semester****Grade: 10-12****Prerequisite: None****Endorsement Pathway: Business & Industry – Plant**

Turf Grass Management is designed to develop an understanding of turf grass management techniques and practices. This course centers around career opportunities and technical knowledge and skills related to horticultural systems and the workplace. Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations. (13001950)