High School Electives
Visual Arts
▶ **Art/ Drawing**
  - Explore the elements and principles of design through a variety of drawing media including pencil, charcoal, pastel, scratch board, colored pencil, and pen and ink

▶ **Craft Design 1**
  - Learn about and create crafts using paper, plaster, metal, paint, fiber, and glass

▶ **Painting**
  - Create landscapes, still life, and fantasy paintings using watercolor and acrylic paints

▶ **Ceramics**
  - Introduction to pottery making (must have 2 years of middle school art)
Ceramics 2

Students will use advanced techniques in sculpting and decorating and practice basic wheel throwing techniques. Must have successfully completed Ceramics 1.

Honors Studio Art

This course is especially designed for the serious art student and those who have successfully completed at least 2 art classes and may plan to pursue art as a career. There is greater time given for independent study and research and development of art portfolios for college or scholarships. Art teacher recommendation is required.
Career and Technical Education

Arts, Audio/Video, Tech & Communication
Computer Systems Information

- Explore computer concepts, operating systems, networks, telecommunications, and emerging technologies

Advanced Computer Information Systems

- Work with advanced computer maintenance activities, website development, programming, networking, emerging technologies, and employability skills. (Must have CIS first)

Design, Multimedia, & Web Technologies

- Develop proficiency in creating desktop publications, multimedia presentations/projects, and websites using industry standard application software.

Programming

- Implement programming procedures using one or more programming languages; explore graphical user interfaces; design and develop interactive multimedia applications
Principles of Global Business

- Discover the roles of business and marketing in the free enterprise system and global economy. This is the pre-requisite for the Amazon Cloud Technologies courses offered in 10th-12th grades.

Cloud Technologies 1 & 2

- Students will be introduced to cloud computing technologies used by Amazon Web Services (AWS) to enhance business operations. These courses are self-paced and provide students with options to explore a variety of cloud careers and can lead to AWS Cloud Practitioner Certification. Successful completion of Principles of Global Business and/or instructor permission is required.

Medical Systems Administration

- Learn how to use medical terminology and apply administrative procedures necessary to be a productive employee in a health care environment.
Career and Technical Education

Community Based Programs
Exploring Careers (11th grade only)

This course consists of an in-depth study of career clusters through a variety of investigative activities.

Mentorship (12th grade only)

This program offers students an opportunity to participate in real-life, hands-on experiences in a career area of interest. An application and a minimum GPA of 2.8 is required.
Career and Technical Education

Finance
Economics and Personal Finance

- Evaluate the impact of the principles of economics on personal finances; analyze how career choice, education, and skills affect income; develop personal money management skills
- Must be taken before graduation. Also available at the honors level
Career and Technical Education

Education and Training
Child Development & Parenting
  - Evaluate parenting practices that maximize human growth and development

Early Childhood Education & Services 1
  - Prepares students for careers in home-, family-, or institution-based child care services
Career and Technical Education

Human Services
Independent Living

Explore strategies for living independently by actively participating in practical problem solving, managing resources in the areas of apparel, nutrition & wellness, and housing. Learn to make consumer choices in a global environment.

Intro to Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation

Focus on developing professional skills and using emerging technologies to prepare for employment in this global industry. Program includes the industries of lodging, food, and beverage; travel and tourism, recreation and fitness.

Nutrition & Wellness

This course focuses on making choices that promote wellness and good health. Food labs are a requirement as students learn to prepare healthy foods.
Sports Medicine 1 (11th & 12th only)

- Students will study the anatomy and physiology of the skeletal and muscular systems, kinesiology, and CPR, as they relate to the care and prevention of athletic injuries. This course is year-long and requires some class time outside of school hours; an application is also required.

Sports Medicine 2 (11th & 12th only)

- Students will build on the concepts learned in Sports Medicine 1. Students must successfully complete Sports Medicine 1 and have the recommendation of the instructor.
Career and Technical Education

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)
Applied Engineering 1

- Students use 3-D computer modeling software as they learn the engineering-design process and solve design problems for which they develop, analyze, and create product models.

Applied Engineering 2

- Students continue to explore the engineering profession and the fundamental aspects of engineering problem solving.

Engineering Drawing & Design

- Students continue to learn more complex product design, technical illustration, assembly, and aeronautical drawings. This can be taken for Dual Enrollment credit in grades 11 & 12.
Architectural Drawing & Design
- Students learn the principles of architecture and increase understanding of working drawings and construction techniques learned in Applied Engineering. This course can be taken for Dual Enrollment credit in grades 11 & 12.

Digital Visualization
- Students will learn computer animation by using graphics and design concepts. Students solve problems involving 3-D object manipulation, storyboarding, texturizing/mapping, lighting concepts, and environmental geometry.

Imaging Technology
- Introduces students to the basic principles of photography while providing a strong emphasis on digital imaging and learning to use image-editing software to manipulate images.
Creative Writing

The objective of this course is to stimulate imagination and create through the power of words. Students work on essays, poems, short stories, and scripts.

Advanced Creative Writing (10th-12th)

Students will focus on one particular aspect of creative writing and will complete an independent project agreed on by the student and the instructor. Successful completion of Creative Writing is required.

Mass Communications (11th & 12th only)

Students develop skills in publishing, layout, design, digital photography, editing, and journalist writing. Students will produce the school yearbook and produce the school news weekly broadcast.
Concert Band

This course is open to any student with previous band experience.

Symphonic Band

An audition is required for this course. Please see Ms. Cole for more information.

Jazz Band

This course offers instrumental jazz instruction. An audition is required. Please see Ms. Cole for more information.
Beginning Chorus

This course is designed to teach the basics of music theory, ear-training, reading music, and sight reading, vocal technique, and concert etiquette. No previous experience is needed.

Concert Choir

This course is for students who have demonstrated knowledge of basic music theory and vocal technique. A teacher recommendation is required and an audition may be requested by the instructor.

Chamber Singers and Treble Choir

These groups both require an audition. If interested, please see Ms. Harner
Guitar 1 & 2

- Beginning student will learn basic guitar technique and chords while more advanced students will focus on songwriting and accompaniment.

AP Music Theory

- This is a college level course covering topics such as musicianship, theory, musical materials, and procedures. This course requires instructor permission and summer work.
Theatre

Introductory course intended to familiarize students with all aspects of performance and public speaking.

Advanced Acting

This course is intended for the student who wishes to further develop as an actor. Students need to take Theatre first or have written permission form the instructor to take this course.

Theater Arts - Design & Production

Students in this course will study, develop, and produce scenic, lighting, costume, prop, and sound design, as well as learn the elements of stage management. Instructor permission and/or successful completion of Theatre are required.

Theater Arts - Directing

This course is designed as an intensive immersion into the process of writing plays for the stage as well as realizing a script for performance. Instructor permission and/or successful completion of Theatre are required.
Social Studies
Sociology (11th & 12th only)
- This course is an introduction to the science of society, social institutions, and social relationships.

Psychology
- This course is an introduction to the study of human behavior and will examine topics such as the role of the brain in determining behavior, development over the lifespan, and development of personality.

AP Psychology
- This is a college level course focusing on the study of human behavior and will examine topics such as the role of the brain in determining behavior, development over the lifespan, and development of personality.
Practical Law (11th & 12th)

Units in this course will cover certain areas of civil law including, insurance, torts and other types of law suits, marriage and divorce law, retirement planning, wills, taxes, real estate, and employment problems.

Holocaust & Genocide Studies (11th & 12th)

This course will provide students with an in depth look at the Holocaust and other contemporary world genocides. This course requires signed parent permission.

Local History: Study of Life in Staunton

This course provides students with the opportunity to study the local history of Staunton.
World Languages
- American Sign Language
- French
- Latin
- Spanish
When filling out your elective course selection form, make sure you choose 4 primary (1\textsuperscript{st}) choices, and 4 alternate (2\textsuperscript{nd}) choices.

You must put your FIRST and LAST name on the form or we will not know whose choices they are and you may not get any of your choices.

If you do not turn in a form, you will be randomly placed in elective courses.

If you want more information about a course, look in your Program of Studies book, or talk to a school counselor.

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