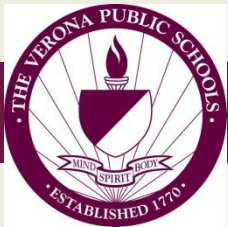

Verona High School Restructure of Elective Offerings

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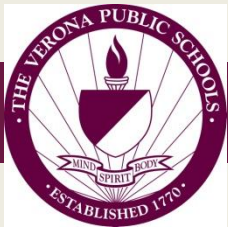
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NJDOE Graduation Requirements

- 5 credits in Visual & Performing Arts
- 5 credits in 21st Century Life & Careers/Technology

How Verona Currently Executes Requirements:

- Visual & Performing Arts
 - 6 full year performing arts electives (will remain)
 - 7 full year visual arts electives
- 21st Century Life & Careers/Technology
 - 15 full year electives
 - Some offered concurrently in the same class
 - Most have prerequisite requirements which limit student choice



Current vs. New Structure

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT STRUCTURE

- Verona offers fewer electives than all schools in comp group except Cresskill and Cedar Grove
- Verona offers fewest semester offerings in the group
- Prerequisite requirements decrease flexibility in student scheduling

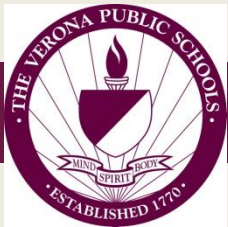
BENEFITS OF NEW STRUCTURE

- Increase student choice in course selection
- Diversify curriculum and the academic experience of our students
- Increased opportunity for student to do advanced level elective work
- Curriculum of new semester courses will be aligned with 2009 Visual & Performing Arts Standards and 2009 21st Century Life & Careers/Technology Standards



Proposed Structure

- Current broad, year long electives will be replaced with more advanced level, refined semester electives:
 - 22 new 2.5 credit semester offerings in 21st Century Life & Careers/Technology
 - 18 new 2.5 credit semester offerings in Visual & Performing Arts
 - 3 new technology-based semester offerings in Mathematics
 - 2012-2013 elective courses that will run will be based on student selection during the scheduling process
 - Freshman Seminar will continue to be a required full year course for all 9th grade students
 - Performing Arts offerings (vocal and instrumental offerings) will remain the same



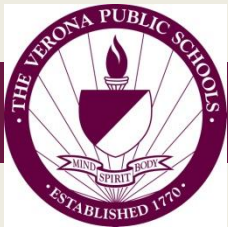
21st Century Life & Careers/Technology

Proposed Semester Electives

- Digital Design 1
 - Digital Design 2
 - Accounting I
 - Honors Accounting for the College Bound
 - Career Planning/Digital Portfolio
 - The Essentials of Marketing in the 21st Century
 - Promotional Concepts for Business
 - Sales: The Art of the Deal
 - Marketing Management - The Top of the Line
 - Sports, Entertainment and Recreation Marketing
 - Applied Technology
 - Wood Technology
 - Advanced Wood Technology
 - Advanced Woodworking
 - Introduction to Computer-Aided Drafting
 - Introduction to Structures and Engineering
 - Architectural Design
 - Industrial Design
 - 3D Animation
 - 3D Animation II
 - Advanced 3D Modeling and Design
 - Parametric Design and 3D Animation
- Technology-based math electives:
- Fundamentals of Computer Science
 - Software Engineering: Mobile Devices
 - Software Engineering: Game Development

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*Intro to Marketing, Intro to Business, Honors Marketing, and Web Page Design are current full year courses whose content will be absorbed by one or more of the above semester electives.



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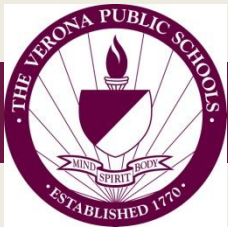
Visual & Performing Arts

Proposed Semester Electives

- Graphic Design – Digital Illustration
- Graphic Design – Image Development
- Graphic Design – Print Design
- Graphic Design – 2D Animation
- Advanced Graphics
- Digital Photography
- Intro to Fashion Design
- Advertising Design
- Painting and Drawing I
- Painting and Drawing II
- Collage, Printmaking, and Mixed Media I
- Collage, Printmaking, and Mixed Media II
- Ceramics and Mosaics I
- Ceramics and Mosaics II
- Introduction to Sculpture
- Sculpture II
- Advanced Art II
- Advanced Art III

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*General Art, Advanced Art I, Advanced Graphic Arts, Advanced Graphic Arts II current full year courses whose content will be absorbed by one or more of the above semester electives.

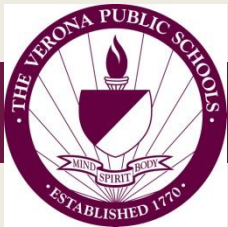


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Social Studies Electives

2012-2013

- Economics
- Global Perspectives
- Holocaust & Genocide
- Law and Criminal Justice in America

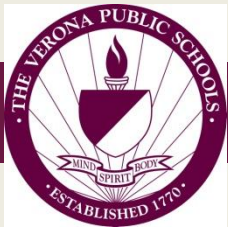


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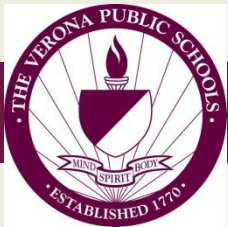
2013-2014

- Government
- International Relations
- Contemporary Issues
- Sociology
- History and the Hollywood Cinema



Next Steps...

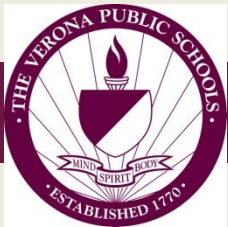
- Spring 2012: Will determine specific semester electives that will run in 2012-2013 based on student selection
- Fall 2012: Will examine possible semester opportunities in other subject areas for 2013-2014 school year – will allow for greater student choice and flexibility in scheduling



Review of Course Sequence Changes

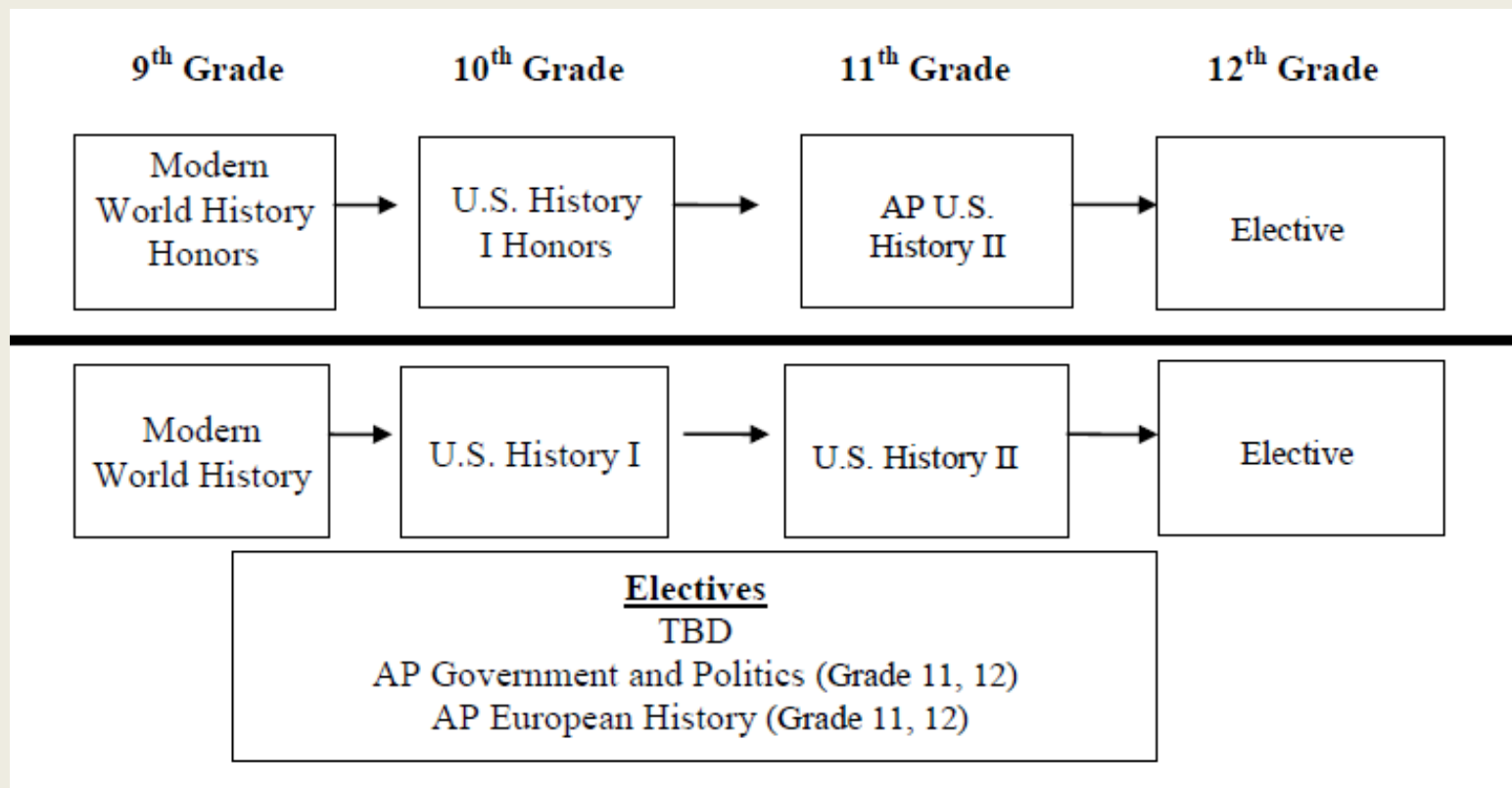
Impetus for Change:

- Alignment to new standards
- Elimination of repetition
- Necessity to change course titles as per College Board guidelines
- Encourage more students to achieve potential in AP courses

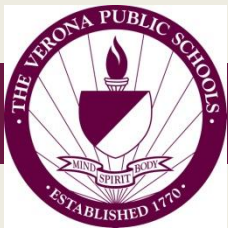


Social Studies Course Sequence

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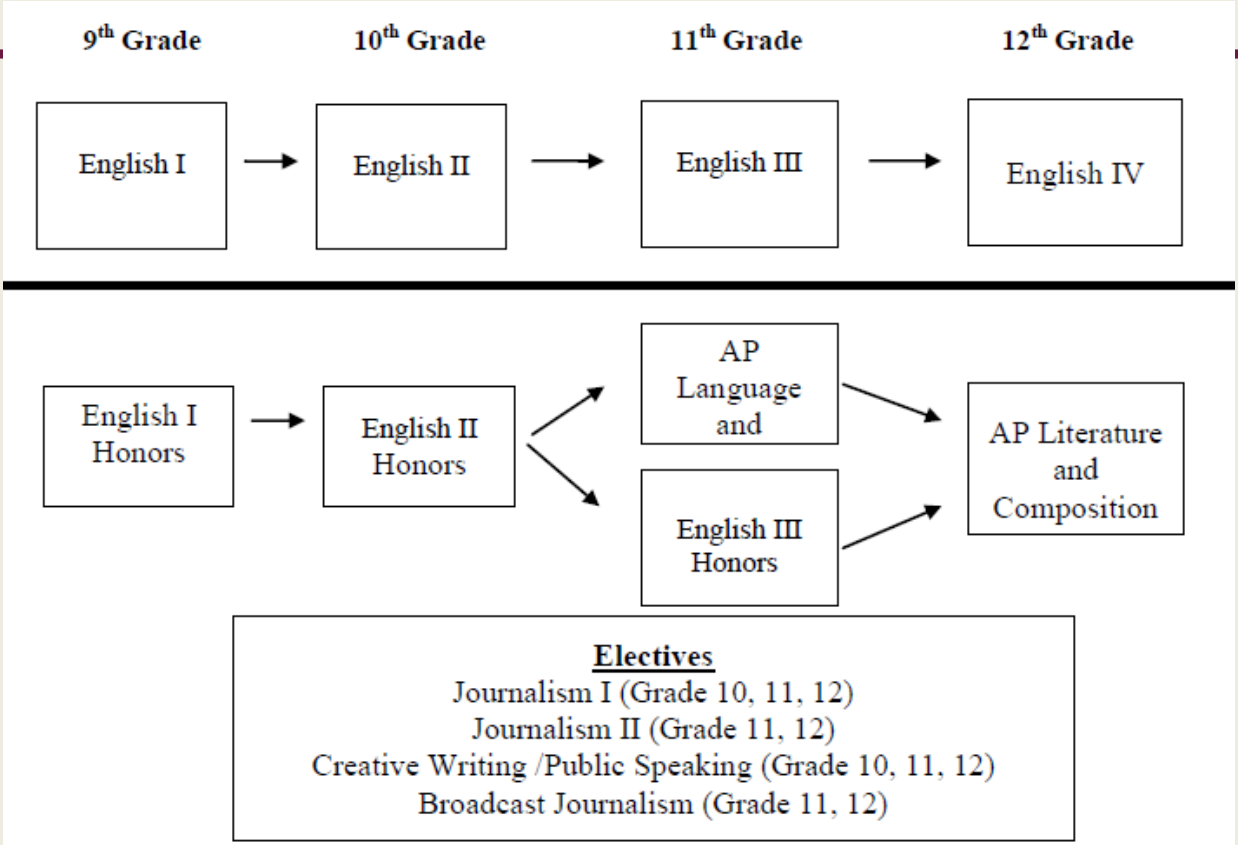


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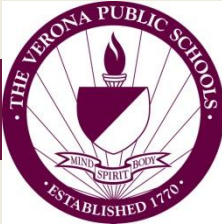


English Course Sequence

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*Honors English IV will no longer be offered after the 2011-2012 school year



2011-2012 AP Facts

| Year | AP Enrollment |
|-----------|---------------|
| 2010-2011 | 180 |
| 2011-2012 | 277 |

| 2011-2012 21 sections, 277 students | |
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| Lowest MP1 class average | 82% |
| Highest MP1 class average | 93% |

