9th Grade Scheduling FAQs

***Are there any required courses in 9th grade?***

If you are planning on taking math, science or social studies at the Academy, English is also required. All students who attend Academy classes must take English during 8th and 9th grade. Exceptions to the English requirement would be world language and Intro to Art History. Those two subjects can be taken alone, without English.

***How many classes can I take my freshmen year?***

Technically, as many as you’d like. However, unless you earned strong A’s in each class as an 8th grader, I strongly recommend taking three or fewer as a freshmen. The content only gets more challenging each year and it is important to keep a balance. English MUST be one of your choices.

***How will I know if there will be a bus for me when I need one?***

You just need to trust that we always create schedules that will work with current bus transportation. Typically, Central Academy schedules its courses first and the home school schedules around us. We WILL make sure you can get to and from Central for your classes.

***Can I choose when I have my classes at Central?***

We definitely have more flexibility with the high school schedule so we can attempt to accommodate either AM or PM if you have a preference. Sometimes that is not possibly due to when courses are offered.

***Do I have to take PE?***

Yes. The ONLY exemption would be if you play a high school sport AND have a full schedule. PE can be taken at Central OR at the home high school.

***Can I take Central Campus classes as a freshman?***

There are very few options for freshmen at Central Campus. Junior ROTC and Iowa Energy and Sustainability and Urban Leadership are the only options.

***What if I get a C in 8th grade?***

If a student receives a C in English semester two, we strongly encourage he/she takes all classes at their home high school for their 9th grade year, knowing that the Academy is an option again in 10th grade. Teachers can make exceptions if there are extenuating circumstances. If a student earns a C in any subject BUT English, he/she would simply that that subject at their home school for 9th grade.

***Will I have a study hall in 9th grade?***

Not automatically like you did in 8th grade. If you’d like to schedule a Directed Study into your schedule, you can request one. I actually would advise this whenever possible. We will also be offering a “Mindfulness” Directed Study next fall where part of the block will be spent on learning mindfulness techniques.

***What will my schedule look like in 9th grade?***

Unlike 8th grade, you likely will not come to Central at the same time each day. In fact your schedule could look very different each day. You could possibly have two CA classes one day and none the next. It all depends on when classes are offered and how many classes you request.

***Can I take a subject in 9th grade at Central that I did not take in 8th grade?***

Absolutely, and the reverse is true also. Just because you didn’t take social studies with us in 8th grade doesn’t mean you can’t in 9th, for example.

***Home School Course Offerings***

Central Campus: <http://centralcampus.dmschools.org/programs/>

Lincoln High School: <http://lincoln.dmschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-2017-9th-Grade-Course-Catalog.pdf>

Roosevelt High School: <http://roosevelt.dmschools.org/academics/counseling-office/academic-scheduling/>