

Curriculum Changes for the 2018-2019 School Year

The Kalida Local Schools' teaching staff, administration and Board of Education strive to provide a relevant and rigorous curriculum. Relevance is somewhat dictated by legislation, trends, and demands; therefore, course offerings must be thoughtfully planned to provide opportunities for every student to succeed, no matter how broad or focused the career path. The basic standards and graduation requirements are established by the Ohio Department of Education; however, there is flexibility for local decisions to make additional offerings relevant to Kalida. With that in mind, we are adjusting our offerings for the 2018-2019 school year with the following coursework:

Senior Capstone Course

Expose. Explore. Experience. The purpose of this required, semester long course is to expose students to a variety of professions and to the college preparation or training that is required to perform those professions. Students will also continue to polish their writing, listening, and speaking skills through the creation of a scholarship essay, a college alumni interview, career professional interview, resume, reference sheet, cover letter, and a culminating exit interview and/or career presentation. Ultimately, the end result is to have KHS graduates who feel competent to enter college and the work force.

Business Education Department

Regardless of the career path any student selects, business concepts are integrated in their occupation. With that in mind, we are drastically increasing the opportunities students have to learn about business elements and their career choices. Many courses will still be direct teacher-led instruction, but course options will be available using Odysseyware, an online accredited resource that allows students to select electives in their area of interest; while possibly partnering with local businesses for real business world discussions and experiences.

Kalida Campus Courses Taught by KHS Personnel

Accounting I & II – year long courses

Money Matters – semester long courses required for graduation, usually for upper classmen.

Business Communications (Yearbook) – year long course for Grades 9-12

Career Explorations – Nine weeks course for Grade 7 students – Students will explore careers options. Technology use and financial literacy will also be discussed as they pertain to careers.

Odysseyware Online Courses facilitated by Mrs. Kneuve (All Semester Courses)

Essentials of Business – Grades 9-12 – The main focus is the functions of a company: finances, human resource management, marketing, operations, and strategic planning.

Business Law – Grades 11-12 – Provides legal concepts that relate to commerce, contracts, liability, regulations, international laws, treaties, consumer protection, and bankruptcy.

Principles of Business and Finance – Grades 11-12 – Components of business, investment capital, legal and ethical issues, working with banks, loans, investments, budgeting, human resources, communications, and personal presentations of yourself in business settings.

Small Business Entrepreneurship – Grades 11-12 – The basics of running your own business: legal issues, costs, financing, record keeping, marketing, and business plans, etc.

Introduction to Careers in Finance - Grades 9-12 – Provides fundamentals of the financial services industry and explores career opportunities in finance – security markets, investment companies, insurance and banking, etc.

Introduction to Careers in Marketing - Grades 9-12 – Overview of marketing, sales, strategic planning, the Four P's of marketing, technology and marketing, ethics in marketing, etc.

Agriculture and Agri-Business Education Department

The business of agriculture dominates much of the culture in Putnam County. Unfortunately, only three schools in the county still have an Agriculture Education and FFA program. With increased opportunities in this area, we hope modifications to the curriculum strengthen our program. Here are a few anticipated courses for next year; some instructor led and some online electives.

All eighth graders will take a nine weeks course, **Introduction to Ag and Ag Business**, examining career opportunities, agriculture related industries, and specific course options for high school.

Agriscience 1 – Designed primarily for **Freshmen**, students will examine principles of food science, natural resource management, animal science & management, plant & horticultural science, power technology, and bioscience. Students will examine the FFA organization and Supervised Agricultural Experience programs. This is a full year course.

Agriscience 2 – Grade 10 (full year) – Learn more in depth animal science, plant science, metallurgy in relation to hot and cold metals, sheet metal fabrication, personal safety, as well as communication and leadership skills.

Agriscience 3 – Grade 11 (full year) - Examine elements of personal finance, business, apply management skills, develop business plans, financial reports and strategic goals related to agriculture.

Agriscience 4 – Grade 12 (full year) – This course is tailored to student interest in different areas of agriculture. Areas of study shall include, but not limited to, communication skills, leadership skills, career development events, service learning, agricultural mechanical skills, and employability skills. Students will learn economic principles with emphasis on their application to the solution of agricultural industry problems. Possible work release will also be considered.

Odysseyware Courses – Blended courses that will contain online coursework with student access to classroom for lab activities. These courses are for students who cannot fit an Agriscience course into their daily schedules or for students who want to expand their knowledge on the industry of agriculture. These courses are semester long courses.

- **Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources** - **Plant Science** - **Agribusiness**
- **Animal Science** - **Food Science**

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