**FRESHMAN COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**BIBLE:Young Men's and Young Ladies Bible I (1 credit)**

Young Men’s and Young Ladies’ Bible I is designed to help students grow in their relationship with the Lord through a selection of in-depth Bible studies that are taught to a separated boy and girl class. Students will be presented with the gospel. Each Bible study will include weekly classwork/homework, bible verse memorization, and tests

**ENGLISH: English I (1 credit) \*Honors course is available.**

Ninth grade grammar is designed to improve writing by focusing on conciseness, clear pronoun reference, subordination, parallelism, clear placement of modifiers, and use of active/passive voices. Literature I stories end with Think It Through questions and suggestions to develop each student's ability to organize his thoughts and to write them in an intelligent, orderly manner. Spelling and vocabulary lists are quizzed each week.

**MATH: Algebra I (9th grade, 1 credit) \*Honors course is available.**

Algebra I is designed to teach students thinking and reasoning skills. This course emphasizes the development of problem-solving skills to lay a foundation for the more advanced math courses. The course content includes basic operations in the real number system, solving word problems, understanding relations, functions, and graphs. Students are introduced to systems of linear equations and inequalities, integral exponents, all forms of polynomials and their factors, rational and irrational expressions, radicals, and quadratic equations.

**SCIENCE: Physical Science (9th-12th grade, 1 credit) \*Honors course is available.**

A college preparatory course in which each student will gain a fuller understanding of God's world through the study of diverse fields such as meteorology, oceanography, chemistry, geology, and physics. Each student will be required to research, develop and present a science project applicable to grade level ability.

**SOCIAL STUDIES: World Geography (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

This course is a study of God’s creation seen from a Christian view point. As we study the different countries of the world, we learn, not only about the physical and political aspects of them, but also about the people that live in these countries.

**Church History (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

This course is designed to help the student gain a better understanding of the history of the church as it lines up with the seven churches found in the book of Revelation. With an understanding of what is to come according the God's Word, students will have a better understanding of the importance of being an active witness for Christ now.

**P.E.: HOPE Physical Education Variation (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

The objective of this course is to help students learn fitness for life. Cardio training, strength building, and flexibility/conditioning are emphasized daily. Individual and team sport skills are sharpened along with Christ-like sportsmanship. All students will participate in the Presidential Fitness Challenge.

**HEALTH: HOPE Health Education Variation (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

True health involves far more than whether or not your body is working properly; it is holistic, including your physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual well-being. This course is designed to help students draw closer to God as they gain a deeper knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the body God has given them. Students will be encouraged to reach out to others and to live a happy, healthy life, as well as be challenged to keep themselves pure as they maintain a consistent walk with the Lord.

**Electives:**

**Computer Keyboarding (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

To get the most value from this high-speed computer age, users must be competent at the input end - the keyboard. Refining keyboard techniques, increasing communication skills and learning advanced word processing features will help students at school and college. Peniel uses the Century 21 Computer Curriculum. (Course description taken from Century 21 Computer Applications and Keyboarding, Seventh Edition)

**Speech (10th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

Freedom of speech is one of our most cherished liberties in American. In many ways, it is the key to our political and religious freedoms, for without free speech we cannot defend or promote our values and beliefs. This course in speech will teach students how to communicate the principles and truths we hold dear as Americans and as followers of Jesus Christ. Students will present/perform monologues, poems, stories, impromptus, personal testimonies, extemporaneous devotionals, debates and dramas

**SAT Preparation (10th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

This course is designed to strengthen a student's preparation for the SAT. The course will help students uncover the purpose of the SAT, practice general test-taking approaches, learn how to use the PSAT to get ready for the SAT and prepare for the critical reading, math and writing skills that are measured by the SAT. This is the Official SAT Course.

**Foundations in Personal Finance (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

This course is designed to teach financial literacy by exploring the areas of saving and investing, credit and debt, financial responsibility, money management, insurance/risk management and income/careers. Activities and current event projects encourage students to better understand topics presented and to become aware of how they are affected by the current financial climate.

**Beginning Weight Training (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

The purpose of this course is to enable students to acquire basic knowledge and skills in weight training, to improve muscular strength and endurance, and to keep their physical bodies in good health. This course also includes safety practices, terminology, the study of the musculoskeletal system, muscular strength and endurance, the study of biomechanical and physiological principles, theories, concepts, and skills, and the implementation of a weight training program. (Course description taken from FDOE State Standards)

**Yearbook (9th-12th grade, 1/2 credit)**

The purpose of this course is to produce the yearbook. This will include pre-planning, scheduling, selling and advertising. Students will receive instruction on the software used to generate the pages of the book, picture layouts, and picture cropping.