



HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION AND PLANNING AHEAD

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COURSE SELECTION TIMELINE

January 16	During Rock Time students looked at their High Schools Academic Advising Presentation / Website
January 21-23	Middle School Counselor Presentation during Civics Students enter course selection into SIS
Jan. 27-Feb 7	RR Counselors meet with 8th graders 1-1 (during Civics)
February 28	Course selections are locked
After March 1	Any schedule changes must be made by High School Counselors

OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

- Know the course selection timeline.
- Understand what graduation requirements are and the necessary courses to sign up for 9th grade and beyond.
- Practice entering courses into SIS StudentVue

DIPLOMA OPTIONS

STANDARD DIPLOMA OPTION

Standard Diploma Course Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-51)

Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics ¹	3	1
Laboratory Science ^{2,5}	3	1
History and Social Sciences ^{3,5}	3	1
Health and Physical Education	2	
World Language, Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed ⁶	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives ⁴	4	
AP, HN, DE or IB Course, Career and Technical Education Credential, or High-Quality Work-Based Learning Experience ⁷		
First Aid/CPR/AED Training ⁸		
Total Credits ^{9,10}	22	5

ADVANCED DIPLOMA OPTION

Advanced Studies Diploma Course Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50)

Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics ¹	4	1
Laboratory Science ²	4	1
History and Social Sciences ³	4	1
World Language ⁴	3	
Health and Physical Education	2	
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives ⁵	3	
AP, HN, DE or IB Course, Career and Technical Education Credential, or High-Quality Work-Based Learning Experience ⁶		
First Aid/CPR/AED Training ⁷		
Total Credits ^{8,9}	26	5

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OVER 2 YEARS

9th Grade

English	English 9 English 9 HN World Civilizations*
History	World Geo/History 1 World Geo/History 1 HN World Civilizations*
Laboratory Science	Environmental Science Biology Biology HN
Math	Algebra 1/Algebra 1 HN Geometry/Geometry HN Algebra 2 HN Precalculus HN
HPE or Elective	HPE 9
Elective or World Language	Check Graduation Requirements based on diploma type
Elective	Check Graduation Requirements You need 2 sequential electives

*Specific to certain high schools

10th Grade

English	English 10 English 10 HN
History	World Geo/Hist 2 World Geo/Hist 2 HN AP World History
Laboratory Science	Biology Chemistry Chemistry HN
Math	Geometry/Geometry HN Algebra 2 HN Precalculus HN AP Stats/AP Comp Sci/AP Calc
HPE or Elective	HPE 10
Elective or World Language	Check Graduation Requirements based on diploma type
Elective	Check Graduation Requirements You need 2 sequential electives

HIGH SCHOOL MATH SEQUENCING

Currently Taking	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
PreAlgebra	Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 HN	Geometry or Geometry HN	Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 HN	Probability and Statistics or Trigonometry and Discrete Math or Trigonometry and Probability and Statistics or Precalculus/Precalculus Honors or AP Computer Science or AP Statistics or Computer Science (with a career concentration completer)
Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 HN	Geometry or Geometry HN	Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 HN	PreCalculus or Precalculus HN	AP Statistics or AP Computer Science or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC

HIGH SCHOOL MATH SEQUENCING

Currently Taking	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Geometry HN	Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 HN	PreCalculus or Precalculus HN	AP Statistics or AP Computer Science or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC	AP Statistics or AP Computer Science or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC
Algebra 2 HN	PreCalculus w/ Trig HN	AP Statistics or AP Computer Science or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC	AP Statistics or AP Computer Science or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC	AP Statistics or AP Computer Science or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC

REGULAR CLASSES VS HONORS CLASSES

You have the option of taking Honors level core classes or regular classes.

Honors level classes cover the curriculum a little faster, go more in depth and include a little more work.

You should take Honors classes if you are interested in that subject area, are organized and turn your work in on time and are willing to put in a little more effort.

Taking Honors level classes boosts your Grade Point Average by .5.

WHAT IS AP?

AP stands for Advanced Placement

In High School AP courses are actually college level courses. Teachers have additional training to be an AP teacher.

At the end of an AP course you will take an AP exam, which covers material from the entire course and depending on how you do on the exam you may earn college credit.

AP courses boost your GPA by 1 point.

Letter	Percent	GPA	Honors	Advanced Placement
A	93-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
D-	60-62	0.7	1.2	1.7
F	50-59	0	0	0

Letter Grades

Percent on 100 point scale

Grade Point Average 4 point scale

Honors .5 point boost

Advanced Placement 1 point boost

NEXT STEPS

- Go home and talk with your parents about what courses you want to take in 9th grade.
- Choose your classes on your Course Selection Sheet.
- Enter your projected courses into SIS StudentVue before meeting with your counselor
 - These entries are not set in stone but will help guide the conversation with your counselor during the 1-on-1 sessions.
- Complete any follow-up conversations with teachers & parents after 1:1 counselor meeting.
- Make sure final decisions are entered in SIS StudentVue by **Friday, February 7th** .

HOW TO FIGURE OUT WHO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR IS.

- ❑ Go to your High School website.
 - ❑ chantillyhs.fcps.edu
 - ❑ westfieldhs.fcps.edu
 - ❑ centrevillehs.fcps.edu
- ❑ Click on Full Menu (upper left side)
- ❑ Click on Student Services Arrow
- ❑ Click on Staff or Meet the Team
- ❑ High School Counselors are assigned alphabetically by last name. (You will have the same counselor all 4 years)
- ❑ Write down the name and email of your High School Counselor on your Course Selection Sheet

HIGH SCHOOL ADVISING INFORMATION

Chantilly High School

[Advising Website Homepage](#) updated 25-26

[Curriculum Information \(i.e., Electives Videos\)](#) updated 25-26

[CHS Course Selection Sheet](#) updated 25-26

Centreville High School

[Advising Website Homepage](#) updated 25-26

Includes Rising 9th Grade Presentation and Course Selection Sheet

Westfield High School

[Advising Website Homepage](#) updated 25-26

[WHS Course Selection Sheet](#) updated 25-26

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in summer school opportunities please do the following:

1. Review the summer school information located here: <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/summer-learning>
2. Discuss the details for each course offered including the required midterm and final exam dates with your parents.
3. Students should speak with their school counselor **BEFORE** registering online.

Please note we do not recommend students take a math course over the summer for advancement.

If a student wants to take a summer school course in order to access a different class the following school year (for example, take Health & PE 9 over the summer before 9th grade to make room for another elective class), students must register for the summer school course before a change can be made to course requests. Students should register for a summer school class as soon as possible to guarantee placement in the elective course for next year.

After you register for the summer course - follow-up with an email directly to your middle school counselor with the course you wish to take in its place during the 2024-2025 school year.

****Registration must take place prior to March 7th to guarantee your spot in the next level class or elective. In other words, if you register for Geometry HN after March 6th you will not be guaranteed to have Algebra 2 HN in your schedule next school year****

SIS ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS - CORES & PRIORITY ELECTIVES

1. Login to [SIS StudentVue](#)
2. Click on the tab 'Course Request'
3. Click on the blue button that says 'Click here to change course requests'

The screenshot shows the SIS StudentVue interface. In the top right corner, there are buttons for 'My Account', 'Help', and 'Close'. Below these is the text 'FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' and 'Good afternoon, [blank], 1/3/2023'. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with items: Home, Messages, Calendar, Attendance, Class Schedule, Course History, **Course Request** (highlighted with a red arrow and 'Step 2'), Grade Book, Health, Report Card, Student Info, FCPS Links, Test History, and Documents. The main content area is titled 'COURSE REQUEST' and contains a welcome message: 'Welcome to the District's online course request selection website!'. Below this is a yellow banner for 'Chantilly High School (703-222-8100)' for the '2023-2024 School Year, Grade: 09'. To the right of the banner, it says 'Selection Time Period: 1/3/2023 - 3/10/2023' and 'Counselor:'. A blue button labeled 'Click here to change course requests' is highlighted with a red arrow and 'Step 3'. Below the banner is a table titled 'Selected Course Requests'.

Course	Credit
Course ID 730000 Course Title Health & PE 9 Elective No	1.000
Total	1.000

SIS ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS - CORES & PRIORITY ELECTIVES

4. Search for courses through the box.
5. Enter the whole Course ID number to make sure you are entering the correct course.
6. Click
7. The requested course will then appear under selected course requests.

Chantilly High School (703-222-8100) Selection Time Period: 1/3/2023 - 3/10/2023
2023-2024 School Year, Grade: 09 Counselor:

Click here to return to course request summary

Action	Course	Credit
	Course ID: 730000 Course Title: Health & PE 9 Elective: No	1,000
Total		1,000

Search Courses

Enter a search value to filter any of the applicable course fields.

Step 5 →

Req	Alt	Course
<input type="button" value="+ Add Request"/>	<input type="button" value="* Add Alternate"/>	Course ID: 314336 Course Title: Geometry HN Elective: No Credit: 1,000 School: Chantilly High School

Step 6 →

Chantilly High School (703-222-8100) Selection Time Period: 1/3/2023 - 3/10/2023
2023-2024 School Year, Grade: 09 Counselor:

Click here to return to course request summary **SUCCESS!!**

Action	Course	Credit
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID: 314336 Course Title: Geometry HN Elective: No	1,000
	Course ID: 730000 Course Title: Health & PE 9 Elective: No	1,000
Total		2,000

Search Courses

Enter a search value to filter any of the applicable course fields.

No Data to Display

SIS ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS - ALTERNATIVE ELECTIVES

8. Search for courses through the box.
9. Enter the whole Course ID number to make sure you are entering the correct course.
10. Click .
11. The requested course will then appear under selected alternate course requests.

Click here to return to course request summary

Action	Course	Credit
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 144600 Course Title Film Study Elective Yes	1,000
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 314336 Course Title Geometry HN Elective No	1,000
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 551000 Course Title Spanish 1 Elective No	1,000
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 730000 Course Title Health & PE 9 Elective No	1,000
Total		4,000

Search Courses

Enter a search value to filter any of the applicable course fields.

Step 9

Req	Alt	Course
<input type="button" value="+ Add Request"/>	<input type="button" value="* Add Alternate"/>	Course ID 511000 Course Title French 1 Credit 1,000 School Chantilly High School

Step 10

Action	Course	Credit
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 144600 Course Title Film Study Elective Yes	1,000
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 314336 Course Title Geometry HN Elective No	1,000
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 551000 Course Title Spanish 1 Elective No	1,000
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	Course ID 730000 Course Title Health & PE 9 Elective No	1,000
Total		4,000

SUCCESS!!

Action	Priority	Course	Credit
<input type="button" value="X Remove"/>	1	Course ID 511000 Course Title French 1 Elective No	1,000

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Thank you for joining us today! Please reach out to your child's counselor if you have any further questions.

ACADEMY COURSES

