



Scheduling for 10th Grade

Class of 2022



We'll discuss...

- The timeline for course selection process
- The choices that you'll get to make
- What you'll need to keep in mind while you make those choices
- What resources are available to you during the process
- Graduation Requirements

Timeline

- March 7th/11th: Class/Parent meetings to discuss scheduling
- March 12: Complete the Commitments & Workload Sheet in Advisory
- March 13: Receive placements in Advisory
- April 8: Online registration for classes OPENS
- April 16: Online registration and placement discussion window CLOSES
- May 17: Any revisions to placements will be communicated by Department Chairs to students
- Early August: Schedules are released

Choices that you'll get to make...

- **Arts:** all students must complete 4 semesters of Art/Music/Theater to graduate; keep personal interest, time commitments, and prerequisites in mind
- **Health & Wellness:** all students must complete 4 semesters of H&W to graduate - you've already completed 2, when you choose to complete the other 2 should be part of your scheduling discussions
- **Course Level:** Depending on placements, you may have a choice about whether to take an Honors level course, an Honors Seminar, or an AP Course; keep personal interest, time commitments, and overall course load in mind when thinking through this

10th Grade Specific Requirements

- Ethics - 1 semester, 2x per week
- Seminar - 1 semester, 1x per week (will be scheduled in the marking period opposite your Ethics class)

Two notes:

- Arts and H&W : you need to think about how these requirements fit into your overall scheduling plan, you are most likely half way done with both but need to consider where the other half will fit
- If you are considering changing languages next year, remember that you must complete level 3 of a language to graduate

How to think about scheduling...

- Performance and work/life balance: How did this year go in terms of grades, stress, workload, etc?
- Time: Will you have the same amount of time during/after school next year? More time? Less time?
- Have-tos: What requirements should you be working to complete?
- Co- and extracurricular commitments: what things - besides academic work - will take up your time both inside and outside of school?

Resources

- **Your Advisor:** this person will be walking you through this process step-by-step
- **Your Family:** these people have valuable advice and experience, ask them what they think (and try to listen)!
- **Your Dean:** I am available to talk through any questions or concerns that you have - you should work with your Advisor first but if you need another perspective, scheduling a meeting with me is always an option
- Older friends, teammates, castmates, bus mates, and so on have already been through this and will likely have some good ideas about balance and priority-setting

Credits & Graduation

- You need 138 credits in order to graduate
- “Major” courses are 3 credits per semester and meet 4 times per week
- “Minor” courses are 1.5 credits per semester and meet 2-3 times per week
- In addition to English, History, Math, Science, and Language requirements, you must complete the following in order to graduate:
 - 4 semesters of Art
 - 4 semesters of H&W
 - 1 semester of Ethics
 - 3 semesters of Seminar
 - 40 hours of community service

English

- Must take it all 4 years of Upper School
- Must take 1 semester of “Global Literature” in either Junior or Senior year

History

- Must take it for 3 years
- Must take two semesters of U.S History - one fall semester and one spring semester. Nearly 100% of students take this in junior year.
- There are additional offerings in 12th grade for interested students

A note:

Next year, the Department will offer an Honors History Seminar option to 10th graders *who have been approved for the course*. This class will meet 1x per week and is designed to accompany a student's work in Modern World History. There will be weekly reading assignments and frequent paper assignments.

Language

- Must complete level 3 of a language
- We recommend that all students take a language through the end of the their junior year, even if that means going beyond level 3.

Math: must take 3 years

Upper School Math Department Map: 2019-2020

If you are presently in:			
Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Hyper 9	AP Calculus BC Pre-Calculus (H)	Multivariable Calculus or Linear Algebra* AP Statistics*	Linear Algebra or Multivariable Calculus* Non-linear Dynamics* Electives incl. AP Stat
IMM 1H	IMM 2H	AP Calculus AB* AP Calculus BC*	Linear Algebra or Multivariable Calculus * AP Statistics* Non-linear Dynamics* Honors Electives
		Pre-Calculus (H) Pre-Calculus	AP Statistics*, AP Calc Honors Calculus Honors Electives Differential/Integral Calculus CP Electives
IMM 1	IMM 2	Pre-Calculus	Differential /Integral Calculus Honors Calculus* CP Electives
		Electives	CP Electives

*Needs departmental approval

And you presently take:

Science

- Must take it for three years
- Must take 1 semester of Physics in either 11th or 12th grade

Ethics/Seminar/Health & Wellness

Ethics

- Must take 1 semester in grade 10
- There are additional electives available to interested students in grades 11 and 12

Seminar - Must take 3 semesters, 2 in 9th and 1 in 10th

Health & Wellness - Must take 4 semesters, 2 in 9th and 2 elsewhere

Arts - Visual & Performing

- Must take 6 credits (4 semesters)
- 1 semester course = 1.5 credits
- Full year course = 3 credits
- There are “Major” courses available in the visual arts (Accelerated Portfolio Development and, later, AP Studio Art) - students must apply for entry
- If you haven’t started this work, you should plan to do so next year

Note: Your placement sheets won’t indicate your placement recommendation for next year in your art class. Your teacher will speak with you directly about her/his/their recommendation.

6th Major

- If you would like to take a 6th major (which would almost certainly be a second language), you must APPLY for it
- Even if you're already in two languages, you must apply to continue that program for next year
- The 6th Major forms will be available in Ms. Florio's office and must be submitted along with the rest of your scheduling materials to your Advisor.