



2020-2021 Course Selection

Parent Meeting
January 30, 2020

CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

Foundations Plan + Endorsement *Distinguished*	
Courses	Credits
English	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Endorsement	4
Language Other Than English	2
Fine Arts	1
PE	1
Health	.5
Electives	1.5
Total Credits for Graduation:	26

THE COURSE SELECTION PROCESS: STEP-BY-STEP

- **Counselors** will review every student's transcript and verify credits earned and credits still needed for graduation.
- **Counselors** will guide students on what they still need to take. These include:
 - English, math, science, social studies
 - Endorsement elective
 - Required electives still needed (PE/health)
- **Students** are able to choose Pre-AP, AP or Dual Credit core classes instead of on-level classes.
- **Students** are able to choose their language other than English classes. (Spanish or French, regular or native, Pre-AP, AP or Dual Credit)
- **Students** are able to choose their Fine Arts class.
- **Students** are able to choose other classes instead of PE (Athletics, JROTC1, Band, Sweethearts, and Cheer).
- **Students** are able to choose their remaining electives not required for graduation.

THE COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

This process is driven by the credits the student has earned and the credits they still need to earn to meet graduation requirements.

Students will select 8 classes:				
	9th	10th	11th	12th
1 English	English I <i>(On-Level or Pre-AP)</i>	English II <i>(On-Level or Pre-AP)</i>	English III <i>(On-Level or AP)</i>	English IV <i>(OL, AP, or Dual Credit)</i>
1 Math	Algebra I <i>(On-Level or PAP)</i> Geometry <i>(On-Level or PAP)</i>	Geometry <i>(OL or Pre-AP)</i> Algebra II <i>(OL or Pre-AP)</i>	Algebra II <i>(OL or Pre-AP)</i> 4th Math <i>(OL, PAP, & AP)</i>	4th Math <i>(OL, PAP, & AP)</i> 5th Math <i>(OL, PAP, AP, & DC)</i>
1 Science	Biology <i>(On-Level or Pre-AP)</i>	Chemistry <i>(On-Level or Pre-AP)</i>	Physics <i>(On-Level or Pre-AP)</i>	4th Science <i>(OL, PAP, & AP)</i>
1 Social Studies	World Geo. <i>(OL or PAP)</i> AP Human Geography	World History <i>(OL, Pre-AP, or AP)</i>	US History <i>(On-Level or AP)</i>	Economics <i>(OL or AP)</i> Government <i>(OL or AP)</i>
1 Endorsement	Endorsement Elective I	Endorsement Elec II	Endorsement Elec III	Endorsement Elec IV
3 Other Courses, including Foreign Language, Fine Arts, PE, Health, and other Electives.				
<i>*Counselors will prioritize Foreign Language, Fine Art, & PE credits first.</i>				

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER: PRE -AP/ AP & DUAL CREDIT

- Woodrow offers Pre-AP, AP, and Dual Credit classes.
- These classes are **academically challenging** and help prepare you for college.
- You could earn free college credit while in high school!
- **To do well in these courses**, you must be motivated, have good time management skills, and be able to work independently.
- Students in grades 9-12 may select pre-AP or AP classes, but will be **REQUIRED** to sign a **Pre-AP/AP contract**. (copies available tonight)
- Students in grades 11 or 12 may take dual credit classes offered by DCCCD (Dallas County Community College District) but must apply and be accepted into the program.
- The dual credit application process is taking place soon. See your counselor if you're interested in taking a dual credit course.

PRE-AP/AP AND DUAL CREDIT COURSES OFFERED

Pre-Advanced Placement (PAP)		Advanced Placement (AP)		Dual Credit (DC)
• English I	• English II	• English III	• English IV	• English III
• Biology	• Chemistry	• Biology	• Chemistry	• Pre-Calculus
• Physics	• W. Geography	• Physics 1, 2, & C	• Environmental Science	
• W. History	• Algebra I	• Human Geography	• World History	
• Algebra II	• Geometry	• US History	• US Government	
• Pre-Calculus	• Pre-Calculus	• Psychology	• Comparative Government	
• Spanish III	• Spanish Native IV	• European History	• Economics (Macro/Micro)	
• Span Native V	• French III	• Calculus (AB/BC)	• Statistics	MORE AP CLASSES
• Studio Art I	• Studio Art II	• Spanish IV	• Spanish V	• Computer Science Prin.
• Music Theory	• Computer Science	• French IV	• Studio Drawing	• Computer Science A
		• 3D Design Studio	• 2D Design Studio	
		• Art History	• Music Theory	

LINK CREW

- Open to ALL juniors and seniors from all backgrounds on track to graduate
- Year-long program to mentor incoming freshmen
- For students who want to make a difference at Woodrow
- What would mentors do?
 - Each mentor would support a group of 8 freshmen for the year
 - Help with Orientation
 - Follow up with the group throughout the year
 - Attend the Link Crew class for training and support, run by Hall, Hlavaty, and Regenye during a lunch period (so there will be built-in time to regularly check in with all freshmen in each group)
- This looks great on college applications!



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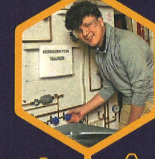
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NEXT STEPS

- Your student will receive a course selection sheet that lists their current schedule.
The students will receive these documents on:
 - Current **9th-11th** Grade- **February 5 & 6 (Wed/Thu)** through their **English** class.
 - Current **8th** Grade- Between **February 6- 10**. The middle school counselor will distribute.
 - If students are absent the day this is handed out, they will need to pick-up the documents from the counselor at their school.
- Students should share their course selection sheet with their parents.
- Students and parents should review the information and make selections on the sheet provided.
SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED!
- Please make sure you choose 3 alternate (alt) electives in the provided boxes on the course sheet.
- **Please have course selection sheets & Pre-AP/AP contracts completed by:**
 - **Monday, February 10-** Current **9th-11th** Grade
 - **Tuesday, February 11-** Current **8th** Grade

NEXT STEPS

- Over the next few weeks, counselors will be meeting with students through their **Social Studies** class to help finalize course selections and to input them into PowerSchool. **Counselors will be in classrooms for course selection on the following days:**
 - Current **8th** Grade- **February 11 & 12** (Tue/Wed)
 - Current **9th-11th** Grade- **February 10, 13, 18, 19, and 21** (Mon/Thu/Tue/Wed/Fri)
 - Current **10th IB** grade students- **February 7**
 - Remember, students will select their courses through their **Social Studies** class.
 - If students are absent the day we come to their class, they will need to complete the process with their counselor at a later date.
- All courses must be selected in PowerSchool no later than **Friday, February 28**.

NEXT STEPS

- Changes in Fall 2020 will be limited and will not include elective changes. Students and parents will have **one last opportunity to review their course selection and make changes in early May to lock choices in for the 2020-2021 school year.**
- **IB students** will have **separate break out sessions** throughout the Spring semester to assure accuracy of course selection for the IB Diploma Programme.
- Current Non-Dallas ISD students, please refer to the Woodrow Counseling website for more information on how to submit course selection sheets.

<https://wwhscounseling.webstarts.com/index.html>

NEXT STEPS

- If you have questions about credits and/or course offering for 2020-2021 school year before selecting courses, please e-mail your student's counselor:
 - IB- Mrs. Rodriguez (SHRODRIGUEZ@dallasisd.org)
 - Special Education- Mr. Leshinski (PLESHINSKI@dallasisd.org)
 - Current 8th- Contact your current middle school counselor.
 - Current 9th- Mrs. Pugh (KPUGH@dallasisd.org)
 - Current 10th- Ms. Mervine (AMERVINE@dallasisd.org)
 - Current 11th- Ms. Anderson (AMYANDERSON1@dallasisd.org)