



Navigating the Course Request Process
for Parents/Guardians:
Grades 9-11

December 2021

Agenda

- Welcome!
- State of Affairs & Impact on Scheduling
- Review of Process
- DC Panel
- Q&A



WELCOME:

Dr. Taya Kinzie,
Associate Principal, Student Services

STATE OF AFFAIRS AND THE IMPACT ON SCHEDULING:

Dr. Pete Bavis,
Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction

COURSE REQUEST PROCESS



Ms. Cuevas, School Counselor



Course Request Process

Nov 30-Dec 3

- Counselor Group Session with Juniors

Dec 7-10

- Counselor Group Session with Freshmen and Sophomores

Jan 18-21

- Freshman Course Request Form Submission and Review in FASH

Jan 11-Feb 4

- Individual Conference with Counselor (Classes of 2023 and 2024)



New Pathway to Honors Courses

Mathematics:

- 2 Algebra
- Algebra in Entrepreneurship
- Precalculus



New Courses for 2022-2023

CTE:

- Advanced Game Design & Programming (PTH)

Fine Arts:

- 2 Piano (PTH)
- 3 Music Technology (PTH)
- Learn to Play Music (PTH)

Math:

- Data Science (PTH)

Science:

- Biotechnology (PTH)



Individual Counselor Conference

Counselors Review:

- Graduation Requirements
- Summer School/ Credit Recovery (if applicable)
- Course Prerequisites
- Teacher Course & Level Recommendations
- Rigor/Balance
- Post High School Plans/Interests



How to prepare

- Utilize online resources (Counselor Google Classroom)
- Explore & research core courses and electives that tie into interests/future plans ([Course Request Guide](#))
- Review Course Prerequisites
- Review teacher recommendations (Have discussions with teachers when necessary)
- Review iCAP Activities in SchooLinks
- Complete and submit Course Request Form with your student before counselor meeting/conference
 - Form is housed in Counselor Google Classroom



Things to Keep In Mind

- Consider all extracurricular commitments
- A well balanced schedule is encouraged
- You know your child best, consider the following:
 - Time management (Quality time with family and friends, extracurricular activities, employment)
 - Stressors (How does your child handle stress)
 - Self Advocacy (Asking for assistance when needed, taking advantage of academic supports)

All students are unique individuals striving for their own personal best - try not compare your child to other students.



Helpful Tips for Parents/Guardians

- Start the conversation now regarding course requests for next year.
- Review resources and materials in your child's counselor's Google Classroom
- Review current schedule, any challenges, and/or stressors.
- Keep balance and wellbeing at the forefront of conversations.
- Reach out to teachers (if you have questions) regarding course and level recommendations before meeting with counselor.
- Attend virtual evening programs relevant to your child's interests.
- Empower your child to request courses of their own personal interest.
- Counselor conferences are limited to 20 minutes, students should come prepared with completed, signed and **submitted** Course Request Form.
 - Students should reach out to their counselor prior to their conference with specific questions.



Department Chair Panel

- Introductions
- Things To Keep In Mind



Department Chair Panel

Q & A Session





FROM COURSE REQUESTS TO
SCHEDULES AND
EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN:

DR. PETE BAVIS

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Please reach out to your child's counselor with any questions.

If you have specific questions regarding curriculum, courses, or specific programming, please reach out to the respective department chair.

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