

11th Grade Scheduling Q&A

What's the timeline for deciding on and finalizing your class choices for next year?

The course selection portal opens January 17th and closes February 2nd.

Will we be doing our schedules by ourselves or with our counselors before the deadline?

You will most likely choose and enter your course requests on your own. However, you can find your counselor in the Mountain Room in the Library during Tutorial on 1/19, 1/24, 1/31, or 2/2. You can also swing by the counseling office before/after school or during lunch to see if your counselor is available. You can make an appointment request but the next couple weeks will be pretty busy so we may or may not get to you before 2/2.

How many classes am I required to take?

Seniors are allowed to sign up for a minimum of 5 classes and a maximum of 9 (with 0 and 8th period)

How do I sign up for TA/Peer Tutor/or Free Period?

In your StudentVUE, on the course requests page, you can search for "IWE" and the options will populate.

How can you tell if you will have a scheduling conflict with your electives when you register?

You can't. Our Master Schedule (when classes are offered and how many times during the day) is built based on course sign-ups. We should have a better idea of what that looks like toward the end of the school year (May/June). Our goal is to be able to troubleshoot conflicts before the summer.

Do I have to take science? Can I double up on science?

As long as you have passed Physics in the Universe, Living Earth, and Chemistry in the Earth Systems, then you have satisfied your graduation and college eligibility requirement in the area of science. But we have a lot of cool options so if science is your thing, feel free to load up.

I'm a heritage Spanish speaker, how do I know which level to take? Is there another option?

We are offering Spanish for Spanish Speakers next year which could be a great option for you! Seek out Mr. Aparicio in room 201 during lunch or tutorial to ask about the class. If that doesn't seem like the right fit, he can also help you figure out the appropriate Spanish level for you - 5-6, 7-8, or AP.

Do I have to take a math?

If you have passed three years (six semesters) of math, including Algebra 1-2, then you have met your graduation requirement in the area of math. If you are planning to apply to a 4-year college, then a senior year of math is **strongly** recommended. If you aren't sure what the next class should/could be, then talk to your math teacher.

Can I take Precalc in the summer to advance into Calculus?

Yes, all students are allowed to import up to 20 credits from outside of Tam HS. See your counselor for the Alternate Credits Request form for pre-approval and then sign up for your math class through an accredited online provider of your choice. We *will not* advance your course request for next year until you provide a transcript for at least the first half/semester of the course.

If I'm in Precalc now, do I have to take AP Calc AB or can I skip to AP Calc BC?

Talk to your teacher about which course would be the best fit for you. Students are allowed to skip AP Calculus AB and go directly into AP Calculus BC, but there isn't always space available.

I don't see the online class I already took on my transcript, how do I fix that?

You need to request an official transcript from your online provider and have it sent directly to your counselor so that we can update your transcript here at Tam.

If I haven't taken my art yet, can I skip ahead to the honors or AP level?

Probably not. But if you have taken art classes outside of Tam, then you may be able to get teacher approval to skip one or more levels of our art curriculum. You can also consider taking AP Art History or Artist's Voice, which have no prerequisites.

Is a C minus failing?

A C- is totally passing! A C grade earns full credit toward graduation and satisfies college eligibility requirements. If you want a better grade, commit to spending extra time with your teacher for help.

If I got a D or F, will there be summer school?

TUHSD is no longer offering summer school to make up low grades. If you receive an F in a class that is required for graduation, then talk to your counselor about signing up for Edgenuity to get back on track. If you receive a D in a class that is required for college, then talk to your counselor about independent online options that you can pay for.

Can I drop a class during the semester if it's too much or I'm not interested anymore?

The drop deadline for each semester is one week after the R1/R4 grades are posted. If you request to drop a class after this deadline, you will receive an automatic F on your transcript - so don't wait! However, seniors should be aware that if you want to change your schedule after you have submitted college applications, then you will need to notify your colleges of the change and that may or may not impact your admission, depending on where you have applied and to what major. Plan your year carefully and with intention.

How many honors/AP classes are recommended for senior year?

This is a very individual question, but if you are already taking honors/ap classes, then in general, you will at least maintain the same amount. If you have struggled to balance your workload, then don't be afraid to take less! The more important question is what will be the right balance for you and your context, which includes your interests, activities, responsibilities, and commitments.