

## 9th Grade Scheduling Q&A

### ***Do 9th grade grades count?***

Yes! All grades count toward graduation and most grades count for college eligibility. Private and out-of-state colleges will use your weighted academic GPA from 9th-12th grade to determine admission decisions. UC/CSU schools will use your weighted academic GPA from 10th-11th grade to determine admission decisions but will use your 9th grade coursework to satisfy course requirements. The best thing you can do is always do the best you can!

### ***Is a C- 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.

### ***What is the timeline for entering classes?***

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

### ***How can I find out more about what electives are being offered next year?***

Refer to your course selection worksheet, look up the course guide, go to the elective fair, and talk to your teachers.

### ***Is Engineering being offered?***

Yes! All our elective courses are offered based on student sign-ups. If you are interested in Engineering, then please sign up so we can recruit a teacher as soon as possible.

### ***Is a Language other than English required to graduate?***

Nope. But two years of the same language is required for minimum, college eligibility (three years are recommended).

### ***If I'm in Spanish 3-4 now, does that count as my second year of language?***

Yes! Colleges view language other than english in terms of \*level\* not time in a high school classroom.

### ***So currently I am in Spanish 5/6 and I took Spanish in middle school. Does that count as three years? Or do I have to take another year of spanish next year to make it 3?***

Language level 5-6 counts as your third year.

***Why do I need to pick alternates? Do I need an alternate for my language class?***

We cannot guarantee every single student will always get their first choice requests. Sometimes there are conflicts, sometimes, classes are full, sometimes (unfortunately), we cannot find a teacher. So it's important to choose viable alternates to have the best chance of ending up in a course you're actually interested in. You do not need an alternate for your language class unless you are at the 7-8 or AP level because some years, those fill up with seniors and juniors.

***Can I take geometry in the summer?***

Firstly, consider why you are interested in advancing in the math sequence - do you loooove math? Are you a strong independent learner? Do you have the time? If you can answer yes to all of these questions, then you can sign up for online math 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. See your counselor for the pre-approval form.

***Can I take living earth online and take chemistry next year?***

You are allowed to take The Living Earth from an accredited online provider. However, you will not be able to take Chemistry in the Earth System here next year because we do not have space for sophomores in our Chemistry classes.

***Is there a limit to how many online classes I can take?***

You can take as many classes as you want. However, TUHSD students can only import up to 20 credits (equivalent to two yearlong classes) onto their Tam transcripts.

***Can I do online PE because I'm an athlete/dancer?***

No. We only make online PE available to students who are medically unable to participate in modified physical education.

***How do I sign up for zero period PE?***

If you can get up early and want to make space in your schedule for an extra elective, then you can sign up for zero period PE by signing up for three elective classes (for a total of 8 classes). The class does sometimes fill up so we cannot guarantee you'll get in so make sure your electives are added in order of importance, just in case.

***How do I sign up for leadership or peer resource?***

Check your email for the application information and sign up for the course in your StudentVUE if you are notified that you got in. Pay attention to the application deadline!

***Can I still join AVID?***

Yes! Check your email for the application information and sign up for the course in your StudentVUE if you are notified that you got in. Pay attention to the application deadline!

***What honors/AP classes can I take?***

Refer to your course selection worksheet and the AP/Honors matrix for prerequisites. Options may include: Honors Physiology, Honors Physics, Honors Spanish 7-8, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Art History. Keep in mind that the AP and Spanish classes may fill up with seniors and juniors; sophomore seats will have lower priority.