



Road to Recognition

Traversing the
Transition

IMPORTANT TASKS FOR 8TH GRADE YEAR

- Selecting courses that support your long-term educational goals for both 8th and 9th grade
- Researching application programs and high schools
- Contacting schools in early September for shadowing dates and Discovery Nights
- Creating your 4-year plan for high school



Course Selection

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES THAT EARN HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

To graduate from high school, you must have a 2.0 GPA. When you take the below courses, you impact your high school GPA. That means if you earn an “A” in your first high school course, you will start your GPA at a 4.0, but if you earn a “C” in your first high school course, your GPA starts at a 2.0.

- English 1 Honors (weighted)
- Algebra 1 Honors (weighted)
- Geometry Honors (weighted)
- Physical Science 1 Honors (weighted)
- Pre-AP World History and Geography (weighted)
- Pre-AP Visual Arts (weighted)
- Spanish 1/2 (unweighted)
- French 1/2 (unweighted)
- Digital Information Technology (unweighted)



HIGH SCHOOL COURSES THAT EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Dual Enrollment (DE)



	Dual Enrollment (FT/PT)	Advanced Placement- AP	International Baccalaureate- IB	Advanced International Certificate of Education- AICE
Course Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All high schools have PT Dual Enrollment • Sophomore students apply by Feb 10th for Early College in their junior year (FT) • Junior students apply by Feb 10th for Early Admission in their senior year (FT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP classes available at every high school • High schools offer different selection of AP courses. See the school website for specific information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma programs available at St. Petersburg, Largo, and Palm Harbor University High Schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma programs available at Hollins, Clearwater, and Tarpon Springs High Schools. • AICE courses available at 16 high schools
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA for academic college credit courses • 2.0 GPA for technical courses • 7 high school core credits • Qualifying score on appropriate sections of college placement tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pre-requisites or entrance criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-requisite courses: Algebra I Honors • Test Scores: Standardized Reading and Math Stanines > 8 and FAST scores of Level 4 and 5 • Final Academic Grades > B in middle school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-requisite courses: Algebra I Honors • Test Scores: Standardized Reading and Math Stanines > 8 and FAST scores of Level 4 and 5 • Final Academic Grades > B in middle school • No entrance criteria for courses at traditional schools
Exit Requirement for College Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must earn a C or better to receive college credit. • Impacts college and high school GPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take AP exam at the end of the year • A qualifying score of 3,4 or 5 earns college credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take SL/HL exams in junior/senior year • A qualifying score of 4, 5, 6 or 7 earns college credit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take AICE exams (2 days per exam) at the end of the year. • A qualifying score of e or better earns college credit.



Next
Steps

Start Planning to reach your Educational Goals NOW!

- What is your plan after high school?
- Are you researching high schools that best fit your academic/career path?
- Are you taking advantage of SAT Prep that your school offers?
- How are you setting yourself apart from your peers?
- Do you challenge yourself with rigorous coursework?
- What academic supports are in place for taking rigorous courses?



Questions