

Incoming Freshmen FAQ's

What is a weighted GPA?

An Honors or Advanced Placement course passed with a grade of 'C' or higher will receive an additional grade point in the calculation of the overall GPA. In regular coursework a GPA is calculated using the following numerical scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. Using a weighted scale, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=1, F=0. The total number of grade points are added together and divided by the number of classes used to determine that grade point total. All courses except for PE and Athletics are used in the calculation of the overall GPA, including high school level courses taken while in middle school.

How do I get into Athletics?

All students will be placed into PE 9, Beginning Dance, or PE Band. The only sports currently enrolling all students are Wrestling, Cross Country, and Football. All other sports are made by selection from tryouts or participation in the summer program. We recommend that students attend Extracurricular Night on May 3, 2023. More information is expected from the Athletic Department.

Can anyone join the THS Band or Colorguard?

Anyone can join the Band by selecting PE Band and Advanced Band (1st Year Band) when selecting courses on PowerSchool. You will also have room for an additional elective since PE Band is a 7th period class. Colorguard will have a tryout.

What is composite citizenship?

Each semester, a student receives an 'E, S, or U' citizenship mark for each class. If a student earns 3 or more 'U' marks in any of their 6 or more classes, they will earn a single 'composite' citizenship mark on their transcript or 'U'. To earn a composite 'E' mark, you must earn 'E' marks for all classes. Any other combination will earn an 'S' mark.

Why take Health in summer?

Taking Health in summer allows a student to take an additional elective their freshman year. This is typically done because a student has a particular interest in a subject being offered, but also wants to stay on track with 4 year college A-G requirements. Typically, 4 year college bound students enroll in a World Language, but sometimes they may also be passionate about Arts, Engineering, or a Career Technical Education course. Taking Health in summer allows a student to do both subjects, instead of having to choose between the two.

Is it better to take an Honors/AP class and get a 'C' or a regular class and get an 'A'?

This is always a difficult question to answer. You have to consider many things such as your student's goals, abilities, talents, work ethic, and study habits. Understand that Honor/AP courses are very rigorous. It is important to find the balance of challenging your student, but also finding the balance to where they can still be successful. It is also important to recognize the importance of their mental health and ability to manage their stress load. College admissions have become very competitive. Choose the curriculum that best suits your student, their goals, and their abilities.

Can I take Algebra 1 in summer so I can take Geometry next year?

Advancing in Math is typically not recommended. Algebra 1 is a foundational math that is linked to your student's future success in high level math classes. Mastery in content is very important and it is difficult to achieve this in a 6 week summer course.

Is there Independent Study PE for my student who plays organized Hockey (or another sport)?

If your student participates regularly in an organized sport for a minimum of 15 hours per week such as hockey, gymnastics, ice skating, martial arts, or another program not offered at THS, you can apply for Independent Study PE (ISPE). Please contact Student Services for further details.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Courses - Multi-year Engineering Pathways

Intro to Engineering Design is the first year PLTW course. Students who have completed a PLTW course at their middle school are eligible to take Principles of Engineering (POE). POE may be taken as a zero period course, letting students take 7 classes or it may be taken in the traditional school day, space permitting (priority is given to upperclassmen). After completing POE, students may take Aerospace Engineering, Engineering Design and Development, and/or AP Computer Science Principles.

Semester/Quarter Grades

In high school, the quarter report card is a progress report with your student's current grade being earned at the quarter. These grades do not appear on a student's transcript, except for PE, teacher's assistant, and office aide. The semester grades earned appear on your student's transcript and credit is issued for classes passed with a 'D' grade or higher. Once a grade is placed on a transcript, it is not removed. This means if a course is repeated due to a low or failing grade, both grades will appear on the transcript and the grade for the second time the course is taken is used in the GPA calculation. Students only earn credit for a class one time.