



Course Selection: Frequently Asked Questions

What grade do I need to be placed in an honors or AP or honors course? Criteria for entry into all courses can be found in the course description of the ACCHS Program of Studies. Recommendations are initially based on **semester one averages** but can be reviewed at the end of the third quarter and/or at the end of the school year. Students should speak with teachers if they would like their grades to be reviewed before the last day of school. **The Studies Office must be notified of any changes by the end of the last day of school.**

What if I do not meet the requirements at course selection time? Students can ask their teachers to re-evaluate their placement at the end of the year. Criteria for moving from CP to Honors or Honors to AP is included in course descriptions. Please note that moving from a CP math course to an Honors level course requires taking and passing a placement exam. Some science courses also require that students take an honors math or get 85% or above on a math placement test.

What if I am interested in taking an online course? Students can only enroll in courses that are not available at ACCHS. Students must obtain a contract/application from the Studies Office. The Course Catalog can be found at vhslearning.org. Certain courses will have grade or pre-requisite requirements.

What if I am interested in an internship? Internships are for senior students only. Students need approval from the Studies Director. Students will be expected to spend 12 to 15 hours interning and are required to keep a journal and complete an academic paper and/or presentation depending on their placement. Students interested should choose a complete schedule when registering for classes and if the internship is arranged the student can drop one of their courses. Students should schedule a meeting with the Studies Director if interested in an internship.

What math or science course do I take next?

SCIENCE - All sophomores will be enrolled in either honors or college prep chemistry. Juniors and seniors should review their options by reviewing the chart found in the ACCHS Program of Studies and discuss their choices with their teachers or counselors.

MATH - Once students have completed Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry they should review their options in the Program of Studies and discuss their choice with their current teacher. How do I advance in my math class projection? There are several math courses offered either online, at the student's home school district, or at area colleges. **Students who are considering taking any summer course MUST acquire approval from the Studies Office if they want the course to allow them to change their schedule and/or be included on their high school transcript.** Summer course grades are not included in the GPA. Additional information can be found in the ACCHS Program of Studies.

How do I sign up for LCTI? Students who reside in Lehigh County need to complete the application on the LCTI website or pick up an application from the School Counseling Office. Additional program information can be found at lcti.org.

What are graduation requirements? All students need to accumulate 26.5 credits. All students need to pass all courses they are enrolled in. Students are required to take at least 6 major (one credit) classes every year. More specific course requirements can be found in ACCHS Program of Studies.

How do I know if a course is NCAA approved? A list of courses that are NCAA approved can be found under Athletics on the school website, www.acchs.info/athletic-forms-policies. How many years of a world language to take to meet college requirements? Students are required to take at least 2 consecutive years of a language. Some colleges may require 3 years of a language. Students should check with colleges they are interested in attending.

If a student does not take Honors Modern America or AP US History in grade 11 can they still take the Honors Government/Econ or AP Government in their senior year? Students who do not take Honors Modern America or AP US History during their junior year need to take a course over the summer to familiarize themselves with American 20th century history, politics, and economics. There is a 3-week online Modern America survey course offered by ACCHS that enables the student to enroll in the honors or AP Government and Politics course.

How will parents know what courses their students are enrolled in?

Upcoming Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors: After students register on Sapphire, department chairs review their selections. The student's selected courses will then be posted on Sapphire.

Parents and students will be asked to acknowledge and confirm these courses. Instructions on how to do this will be included in the email that notifies families this list is accessible.

New students and freshmen: Course placements are mailed out the second week of July along with instructions on how to create a Sapphire account. All schedules will be posted on Sapphire by mid August. An email will be sent out when they are available for review.

When do I find out if I am not able to get all of my selected courses?

Upcoming junior and senior students will be notified by the end of the school year if there are any courses that conflict or if a course is dropped due to low enrollment. Upcoming junior and senior students should select an alternative major elective course in case this is needed.

Since **Sophomore** courses are standard, conflicts are very rare. Parents would be notified if a conflict does exist before the end of the school year.

Can students request a change after the courses are confirmed?

Changes can only be made based on grade changes until the end of the current school year. Changes can only be made if a student's final grade indicates that they now meet the criteria for an honors or AP course. If a student's final grade no longer meets the criteria for an upper level course, they could be dis-enrolled from an honors or AP course.

There is no guarantee that other late change requests can be honored after scheduling has begun. Once schedules are issued at the beginning of the next school year, **no courses may be dropped or changed** unless there are extenuating circumstances.