

Beyond Freshmen Year

Looking at the **BIG PICTURE**

Graduation Requirements

Graduation Requirements (Class of 2020 & Beyond):

A minimum of 26.00 credits must be earned including the following:

| Course | Grade | Length | Units |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| English | 9, 10, 11, 12 | Eight semesters | 4.0 units |
| Mathematics+ | 9, 10, 11 | Six semesters | 3.0 units |
| Science | 9, 10 | Four semesters | 2.0 units |
| Social Science | - | - | - |
| AP Human Geography or World History | 9 | Two semesters | 1.0 units |
| Global Economics++ | 10 or 12 | One semester | 0.5 units |
| American Government | 10 or 12 | One semester | 0.5 units |
| US History | 11 | Two semesters | 1.0 units |
| Physical Education+++ | 9, 10, 11, 12 | Seven semesters | 3.5 units |
| Health | 10 | One semester | 0.5 units |

+ State law requires students to take Algebra and Geometry, leaving one additional elective math unit.

++ Global Economics may be replaced with AP Macro Economics, Introduction to Business, or Personal Finance to fulfill the state consumer education requirement.

+++ Physical Education is required only for each semester a student is in attendance at a District 300 school, which may be less than 3.5 units if a student graduates early.

++++ Driver's Education may be taken for course credit at the high school or for no credit if completed privately, although course completion will be reflected on the transcript to fulfill the state requirements.

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Elective Strand Requirements (Class of 2020 & Beyond)

Strand requirements ensure that students graduating from District 300 schools receive a well-rounded education. This permits students to experience a variety of courses in numerous subject areas. All students must earn a minimum of 1.0 credit in each of the three strands to graduate, although students have the ability to opt out of one of the three strand numbers to take additional elective(s) in the other two areas.

| Strand Number | Subject Areas |
|---------------|--|
| 1 | Art, World Language, Music |
| 2 | Electives in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies |
| 3 | Business, Family and Consumer Science, Industrial Technology |

Elective Choices at a Glance: **Freshman Year**

- 2 Electives
 - If enrolled in AVID- 1 elective
 - If enrolled in Music- 1 elective
 - If enrolled in Music and AVID- No electives
 - May also be reduced if intervention classes are needed
 - Algebra 1 Extension
 - Reading and Thinking
- Is it possible to open my schedule for more electives?
 - Summer School- Art Fundamentals, Automotive Technology 1, Culinary Arts 1, World History
 - Flex PE (Application Process)

Elective Choices at a Glance: **Sophomore Year**

- 2 Electives
 - If enrolled in AVID- 1 elective
 - If enrolled in Music- 1 elective
 - If enrolled in Music and AVID- No electives

Is it possible to open my schedule for more electives?

- ASP Opt Out (GPA Requirement)
- Summer School
- Flex PE (Application Process)
- Alternative to Economics Class Taken (Introduction to Business, Personal Financial Concepts, or AP Macro Economics)

Elective Choices at a Glance: **Junior Year**

- Full schedule in the building- Take 8 classes and a lunch
 - Flex PE
 - Summer School
- **Early Release/Late Arrival-** (GPA Requirement)
- **Work Program**
- **Internship** (Application process)
- **ECC Accelerate College** (Application process)
 - All classes taken at ECC
 - Students meet at Jacobs weekly
 - Students that complete Junior and Senior year programs graduate with high school diploma and Associate's Degree

Elective Choices at a Glance: **Senior Year**

- Full schedule in the building
 - Flex PE
 - Summer School
- **Early Release and/or Late Arrival** (GPA Requirement)
- **Work Program**
- **Internship** (GPA Requirement)

Elective Choices at a Glance: **Senior Year**

- **ECC Tech Prep/ABC Cosmetology** (GPA Requirements)
 - Half day at Jacobs and half day at ECC or ABC Cosmetology School
- **ECC Middle College** (GPA Requirement)
 - Take classes at ECC
- **ECC Accelerate College** (Application Process)
 - All classes taken at ECC
 - Students meet at Jacobs weekly

Why is this important to know now?

- Many options have a minimum GPA requirement.
- Planning is needed to be prepared and make sure graduation requirements are met.
- Planning ahead of time allows students to meet prerequisites for classes later on.
- There are many options and many programs and the more we hear about them the better we understand our options.

Questions?