



SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTION

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Guidance

SENIOR NEEDS LETTER

Every senior is required to take the following:

- ❖ Math
- ❖ English
- ❖ Senior Project (Capstone, Senior Seminar, or Science Research)

Other courses necessary for graduation should be listed in this letter, however, we strongly encourage juniors to look through their transcript and make sure there are no oversights. **Oversights = NO GRADUATION!**

Turn to Course Selection Sheet

COURSE SELECTION

Helpful advice:

- ❖ Senior year is NOT the time to take FIVE AP courses, if you've only taken one or two in the past school years
- ❖ In fact, due to different and additional senior year commitments, we strongly suggest to choose AP courses wisely
- ❖ Pay attention to the West Shore Diploma of Distinction requirements—accelerations, leadership, service hours
- ❖ ONLINE CLASS
- ❖ Senior schedule IS on transcript and college applications. We are also required to notify colleges should your schedule change after you apply

COURSE SELECTION

LANGUAGE ARTS

- English 4 Honors
- AP English Literature

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Must have four year of Social Studies to include: World History, US History, Government/Economics, plus one elective course

MATH

- Precalculus
- College Algebra/College Trigonometry
- AP Computer Science
- AP Calculus AB/BC

COURSE SELECTION

SCIENCE

- Must have four year of Science to include: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, plus one elective course

WORLD LANGUAGES

- Must have three years of a consecutive language
- New this year—ARABIC. You may take this course as a senior if you are interested

ELECTIVES

- Student choice once all required courses have been chosen
- Your senior project class (Capstone, Senior Seminar, Science Research) will count as a Performing Fine Arts credit, but you need TWO to graduate
- Always the possibility that you may not get your chosen elective(s). Please leave a good summer contact phone number in the event we need to contact you about a schedule change.

DUAL ENROLLMENT/EARLY ADMISSIONS

There is a student/parent contract involved with this and students will be held accountable

Early Admissions students are REQUIRED to complete a Senior Project. Our Senior Seminar teacher will be available to meet with EA students on Fridays.

EA packets are due by MAY 9th! However, it is rolling admissions, so the faster you complete the application, the quicker you can schedule your Eastern Florida classes.

Counselors will be meeting with all DE/EA students the week of March 20th-24th to complete acceleration paperwork. Please have your STUDENT make these appointments ASAP

SENIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS

College applications...which can take HOURS per application

Senior Project/Capstone

Community Service (turned in BEFORE Winter Break)

SAT/ACT retakes

Fundraising for Grad Bash and other senior events

Senior Breakfast

Applying for Scholarships

TIMELY completion of online coursework for graduation

TAKE TIME TO HAVE FUN

Some of the best memories you will make in high school will happen senior year. Be sure to prioritize your senior year course selection and course workload so that you will be able to enjoy your friends, family, and senior year events 😊

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ❑ Choose four of the following five “mini-sessions” to attend:
 - Myron Campbell—Financial Aid (room 3-102)
 - Linh He—Ivy League (room 2-105)
 - Mike Perry and Joy Walton—Private School Perspective (room 2-104)
 - Kim Poppert and Jaime Curtis—State University Systems Perspective/UCF Direct Connect (room 3-101)
 - West Shore Guidance—Q and A (Cafeteria)
- ❑ We will end with a Q and A with West Shore seniors (for students) and a local parent who went through the college application process, both Ivy and public (for parents)