

USING THE COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

Students entering high school (and their parents/guardians) make important decisions about their futures. Richmond County School System (RCSS) believes that every student should be well-informed prior to making those decisions. For that reason, this Course Selection Guide is designed to assist students and parents in making the high school experience pleasant, informative and, most importantly, successful.

In today's highly competitive and increasingly global economy, it is imperative that every student be equipped with the competencies needed to participate fully in a knowledge-based, technologically rich and culturally diverse society. A high-quality high school education is the springboard to a successful and rewarding future. By planning ahead for life's choices, a solid foundation is built. Therefore, students are encouraged to take the choices they make regarding high school very seriously. Every student should strive to high standards by taking a rigorous and well-rounded course load. Students and parents/guardians alike must realize that the high school transcript is the official record of every course taken in high school and will follow the student throughout their adult life.

Please become familiar with the information in this Guide and utilize it to make the most of the high school experience. Additional assistance in this regard is available through CCHS' Guidance Office.



English/Language Arts

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
9th Grade Literature/Composition	1.0	R	8th Grade Language Arts
10th Grade Literature/Composition	1.0	С	9th Grade Lit/Comp
American Literature/Composition	1.0	R	10th Grade Lit/Comp
British Literature/Composition	1.0	С	American Lit/Comp
Multicultural Literature/Composition	1.0	С	American Lit/Comp
AP Language/Composition	1.0	С	American Lit/Comp
AP Literature/Composition	1.0	С	AP Language/Composition
Oral/Written Communication (Speech)	1.0	Е	None
Dramatic Writing/Advanced Composition	1.0	С	Non <u>e</u>
Journalism I-Yearbook (Year 1)	1.0	E	Instructor Approval
Journalism II-Yearbook (Year 2)	1.0	Е	Journalism I; Instructor Approval

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Communication Skills I	1.0	E	ESOL Assessments
Communication Skills II	1.0	Е	ESOL Assessments

Mathematics

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Algebra 1B/YL	1.0	R	Algebra 1A



Algebra 1	1.0	R	Algebra 1A
Geometry	1.0	R	Algebra 1B/YL-suggested
Algebra II	1.0	R	Algebra 1B/YL-suggested
Pre-Calculus	1.0	С	4 th option
Advanced Mathematical Decision Making	1.0	С	4 th option
AP Calculus AB	1.0	С	Pre-Calculus
AP Statistics	1.0	С	None
AP Principles of Computer Science	1.0	C or E	*can serve as a 4 th mathematics*
AP Computer Science A	1.0	C or E	*can serve as a 4 th mathematics*

Science

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Biology I	1.0	R	8 th grade Science
Environmental Science or Chemistry I	1.0	R	<u>None</u>
Physics I	1.0	R	Algebra 1B/YL-suggested
Human Anatomy/Physiology	1.0	С	4 th option
Forensic Science	1.0	С	4 th option
AP Biology	1.0	С	*can substitute for Biology I*
AP Chemistry	1.0	С	None
AP Environmental Science	1.0	E	None
AP Physics I: Algebra based	1.0	E	None
AP Principles of Computer Science	1.0	C or E	*can serve as a 4 th science*



AP Environmental Science	1.0	E	None_
AP Computer Science A	1.0	C or E	*can serve as a 4 th science*
Astronomy	1.0	E	None_

Social Science

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
World History	1.0	R	None
United States History	1.0	R	None
Economics	0.5	R	*Will pair with Personal Financial Literacy*
Personal Financial Literacy	0.5	Е	*Will pair with Economics*
American Government/Civics	1.0	С	None_
World Geography	0.5	E	None
Psychology	0.5	E	Non <u>e</u>
Sociology	0.5	E	None
AP Human Geography	1.0	E	None
AP Psychology	1.0	E	None_
AP World History	1.0	E	None
AP United States Government & Politics	1.0	Е	<u>None</u>
AP Macroeconomics	1.0	E	Economics suggested

Modern Language



Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	Prerequisite
French I	1.0	R	none
French II	1.0	R	French I
French III	1.0	R	French II
AP French Language and Culture	1.0	Е	French III
Spanish I	1.0	R	<u>none</u>
Spanish II	1.0	R	Spanish I
Spanish III	1.0	R	Spanish II
AP Spanish Language and Culture	1.0	E	Spanish III

Health/Physical Education (*can be substituted for Personal Fitness)

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
<u>Health</u>	0.5	R	none
Personal Fitness	0.5	R	none_
*Physical Conditioning	1.0	R	Advanced Weight Training
<u>Weight Training</u>	1.0	Е	none
Advanced Weight Training	1.0	E	none
*Body Sculpting	1.0	E	Advanced Weight Training
Introductory to Recreational Games	1.0	E	none
*Introductory to Outdoor Education	1.0	Е	none
Introductory to Team Sports	1.0	Е	none
*Aerobics	1.0	E	none



Pathways

Fine Arts

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Theatre Arts/Fundamentals I	1.0	Е	none
Theatre Arts/Fundamentals II & above	1.0	Е	Theatre Arts/Fundamentals I
Ethic Music Studies	1.0	E	none
Chorus	1.0	E	none
Chorus II & above	1.0	E	Chorus I
Beginning Band	1.0	E	none
Intermediate Band & above	1.0	Е	Beginning Band

<u>Art</u>

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Visual Arts Composition	1.0	E	<u>none</u>
Visual Arts Drawing	1.0	Е	Visual Arts Composition
Ceramics	1.0	Е	Visual Arts Drawing
AP Studio Art Drawing	1.0	Е	portfolio review
AP 2D Design	1.0	E	portfolio review
AP 3D Design	1.0	E	portfolio review



Web & Digital Design

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Introduction to Digital Technology	1.0	Е	none
<u>Digital Design</u>	1.0	E	Introduction to Digital Technology
Web Design	1.0	E	Digital Design

Food & Nutrition

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Food, Nutrition, & Wellness	1.0	Е	none
Food For Life	1.0	Е	Food, Nutrition, & Wellness
Food Science	1.0	E	Food For Life

Engineering and Technology

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Foundation of Engineering	1.0	E	none_
Engineering Concepts	1.0	E	Foundation of Engineering
Engineering Applications	1.0	Е	Engineering Concepts



Course Name Credit	Elect ive	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Fundamentals of Aerospace	1.0	Е	none
Flight Operations I	1.0	E	Fundamentals of Aerospace
Flight Operations II	1.0	E	Flight Operations I

Plant and Landscape Systems

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Basic Agricultural Science	1.0	Е	<u>none</u>
Gen. Horticulture & Plant Science	1.0	E	Basic Agricultural Science
Nursery & Landscape	1.0	Е	Gen. Horticulture & Plant Science

Plant and Floriculture Systems

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Basic Agricultural Science	1.0	E	none
Gen. Horticulture & Plant Science	1.0	E	Basic Agricultural Science
Floriculture Production & Management	1.0	E	Gen. Horticulture & Plant Science



Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Marketing Principles	1.0	E	none
Intro to Sports and Entertainment	1.0	Е	Marketing Principles
Advanced Sports and Entertainment	1.0	E	Intro to Sports and Entertainment

NJROTC

Course Name Credit	Elective	Requirement	Prerequisite Prerequisite
Naval Science I- Intro NJROTC	1.0	E	none
Naval Science II- Maritime History	1.0	E	Naval Science I- Intro NJROTC
Naval Science III- Naval Knowledge	1.0	E	Naval Science II- Maritime History
Naval Science IV- Ethics & Leadership	1.0	E	Naval Science III- Naval Knowledge