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ACTIVITY

View the presentation and answer the following questions.

1. What is a credit?
2. How many total credits do you need to graduate under the Distinguished Graduation Plan?
3. How many of each core class (English, Science, Math, Social Studies) are required to graduate under the Distinguished Graduation Plan?
4. How many credits do students need to earn for Languages Other Than English (LOTE)?
5. Name 3 things that you should consider when selecting Advanced Courses?



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Graduation Requirements & Electives





Requirement

**something that you must
do or need**

**Can you name a few classes that fall
under the required courses for all
middle school students?**

Credit

A measurement of how many classes a student has taken and completed successfully.

A student must earn at least 26 credits to complete the Distinguished Achievement High School Program.





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Graduation Requirements & Electives (4-year Plans)



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Core Class Requirements



English

+English Language Arts: 4 Credits

- English I (on-level or Advanced)
- English II (on-level or Advanced)
- English III (on-level, AP, or Dual Credit)
- English IV (on-level, AP, or Dual Credit)



Mathematics

The math courses are listed in sequence. Select your next math course. If you have questions regarding your next course ask your current math teacher or middle school counselor.

+Mathematics: 4 Credits

Math Sequencing **(select one from the first three options)**

- Algebra I (on-level only)
- Geometry (on-level or Advanced)
 - *For students currently enrolled in Algebra I*
 - *Advanced Geometry is recommended*
- Algebra II (on-level or Advanced)
 - *For students who have credit in Algebra I and Geometry from Middle School*
 - *Advanced Algebra II is recommended.*



Science

+Science: 4 Credits

Science Sequencing

- **Biology (on-level or Advanced)**
- **IPC or Advance Science**
- **Two Additional Advanced Science Courses**



Social Studies

+Social Studies: 3 Credits

Social Studies Sequencing

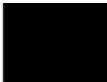
- ***World Geography (On-level only) or**
- ***World History (On-level or AP)**
- **U.S. History (On-level, AP, or Dual Credit)**
- **Economics/Government (on-level, AP, or Dual Credit)**



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Elective Requirements



Language Other Than English

If you are currently taking level I, you will take level II of that language in 9th grade.

If you are NOT taking the first level of a language, then you may choose to start your LOTE graduation requirements in 9th grade OR you may wait to begin your LOTE sequence in 10th grade.

+Language Other than English (LOTE): 2 Credits

- **French (not at all campuses)**
- **German (not at all campuses)**
- **Latin (not at all campuses)**
- **Spanish**
- **American Sign Language (not at all campuses)**



Other Requirements

+Other Requirements

- **Fine Arts - 1 Credit**
 - Band, Color Guard, *Orchestra, Choir, Dance, Theater, Visual Arts
- **Physical Education - 1 Credit**
 - Athletics, PE, Fall Marching Band, Dance
- **Other Electives - 6 Credits**
- **Health - .5 Credit**

*not at all campuses



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Challenge Yourself!





Advanced Academics

Advanced Courses

Courses that cover the material in greater depth requiring more critical thinking skills, stronger reading comprehension, and higher order thinking

AP Courses

Courses that are designed to prepare students for the future by developing the skills and content base needed for success in college. Passing an AP exam may result in earning college credit at colleges and universities across the country

Advanced & AP courses earn weighted points which boost GPA (Dual Credit & OnRamps are also weighted)



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Success in Advanced & AP Classes

Students will continue to develop the following skills:

Problem solving /analytic skills

Time management skills

Oral & written communication skills

Reading (on or above grade level) for comprehension, analysis and interpretation

A strong work ethic

Self motivation and initiative

Long-term educational goals



+Commitment to Advanced and AP Classes

Be careful to select classes that will give you BALANCE in your school and personal life.

- **Select Advanced and AP classes in areas where you have an interest or passion.**
- **Advanced and AP classes may require more time outside of the school day; consider your other commitments.**
- **Advanced and AP classes may move at a faster pace than on-level classes; be sure to ask for help as soon as you need it so you do not become overwhelmed.**



Gifted & Talented (GT)

- If you are identified as GT in one or more areas, you will need to select an advanced course in that area
- GT in Math or Science means taking at least one advanced course within STEM (math or science)
- GT in Language Arts or Social Studies means taking at least one advanced course within humanities (English, Social Studies, or World Languages)





AVID

Advancement via Individual Determination

Benefits of Being an AVID Student

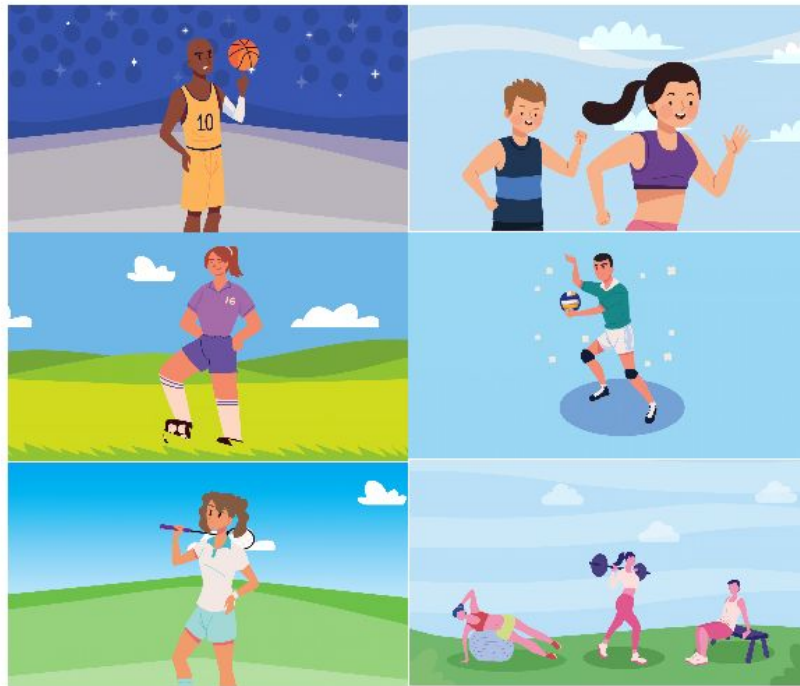
- Increased probability of acceptance into a 4-year college or university
- AVID graduates complete college at a higher rate than non-AVID students
- You will learn skills and strategies to help you succeed in high school and beyond
- You will learn about and be supported throughout the college and financial aid application processes
- You will gain an AVID family of classmates and teachers to support you throughout high school
- Your successes will be celebrated!





Athletics

- You **MUST** have a physical on file in order to participate in any sport
- Most sports require tryouts. Students who are cut after tryouts will go to PE
- You will need to provide your own transportation for practices, which are often before and/or after school
- Playing different sports throughout the year may result in schedule changes that require you to change class periods and/or teachers for other classes, based on the master schedule





Sample Four Year Plan

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English I	English II	English III	English IV
World Geography	World History	U.S. History	Government/Economics
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Precalculus
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Environmental Science
Spanish I	Adv Spanish II	Adv Spanish III	Health
Introduction to Engineering Design	Principles of Engineering	Digital Electronics	Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Concert Band I	Concert Band II	Concert Band III	Concert Band IV
Instrumental Ensemble I	Instrumental Ensemble II	Instrumental Ensemble III	Instrumental Ensemble IV

4x4 Foundational requirement

LOTE requirement

Fine Arts requirement

Program of Study requirement

PE requirement

Health

Other electives

