

Chelsea High School
2015-2016 Registration Guide
for Current Students—Parent Meeting

Registration Process:

Day 1	Counselor presentations in English classrooms
Day 2-4	Complete course selection sheet with teacher signatures
Day 3:	Counselors available for student and parent questions
Day 5	Turn in completed form ***VERY IMPORTANT***

Registration Dates to Remember:

Week of February 2-6	Registration with current 11 th grade
Week of February 9-13	Registration with current 10 th grade
Week of February 17-20	Registration with current 9 th grade
March-April 10	Verification forms given to students and changes returned to Student Services
April 13 - June 5	Changes subject to administrator approval & \$25 fee
After June 5	No changes made

CHS Counselors:	
Kadrian Delaine	Freshmen kdelaine@shelbyed.k12.al.us
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Course selection sheets must be signed by parent/guardian. *Choosing the right courses and registering properly* are two of the most important things students and parents can do every year to ensure a quality educational experience. It is essential that both parents and students think carefully about long-range plans when making decisions about which courses to take. Every effort will be made to keep parents and students informed throughout this process. Students who receive sound parental input and give their full attention to selecting the appropriate courses are much more likely to attain their stated educational goals.

Teachers will sign all course sheets. Students with less than the required average to sign up for core or foreign language classes will need a parent waiver.

Students are required to choose AT LEAST two elective alternates in case of scheduling conflicts. If alternate courses are not listed on the form, courses will be chosen for them. Seniors have first priority on classes, then juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.

Classes and teacher assignments are based upon the requests we receive. A registration verification form will be given out in March. Return these forms to Student Services *only if you make any changes to your selections*. **No changes will be made by phone or email.** Furthermore, we do not honor requests for specific teachers. Any requests made after April 10, 2015 are not guaranteed and are subject to an administrator's approval and a \$25 schedule change fee.

Mandatory schedule pick up will take place during the summer before school starts. Dates and times will be mailed with the last report card.

AP courses: Any student registering for an AP (Advanced Placement) course is required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. Please see the Shelby County High School Academic Guide for more information.

Eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities: Please check with your coach or sponsor to confirm that all grades earned meet the eligibility requirements.

College admission: You need to check with the colleges of interest for core curriculum requirements, as they vary from one college to the next. For example: Some colleges require a minimum number of foreign language credits. College-bound athletes should be sure to review the current NCAA requirements for Division I and Division II schools on their website at <http://www.ncaa.org>. These requirements must be met, and students must register with NCAA Clearinghouse at <http://www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org> when they take the ACT during the eleventh grade year in high school. For Division II schools, you must register with the NAIA Clearinghouse at: <http://www.naiaeligibilitycenter.org>.

Please note that mailing address and phone numbers of juniors and seniors are given out each year to the U.S. Armed Forces. If you do NOT want your number given out, please notify the school in writing immediately.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian: Only one student with the highest GPA will be named Valedictorian. The student with the next highest GPA will be named Salutatorian. All other students who attain a GPA of 4.0 or are in the top 5% of the graduating class will be considered Honor Graduates. This determination will be made after the posting of 1st semester grades.

Diploma Requirements for Graduating Class of 2016 **Rising Seniors ONLY**

These are the basic requirements for graduation.
College admission requirements vary greatly, so please check individual college requirements.

	Advanced Academic Diploma	Regular Diploma
English	4 Credits 1 English 9 1 English 10 1 English 11 1 English 12	4 Credits 1 English 9 1 English 10 1 English 11 1 English 12
Social Studies	4 Credits 1 World History 1 US History 10 1 US History 11 1 Government/Economics	4 Credits 1 World History 1 US History 10 1 US History 11 1 Government/Economics
Math	4 Credits 1 Algebra I 1 Geometry 1 Algebra II/Trig 1 additional math course	4 Credits 1 Must include equivalent of Algebra I 1 Geometry 2 Additional Math courses (Algebra II for class of 2016)
Science	4 Credits 1 Biology 1 physical science 2 advanced sciences	4 Credits 1 Biology 1 physical science 2 additional sciences
Physical Education	1 Credit PE LIFE (Physical Fitness) or 2 years of Band	1 Credit PE LIFE (Physical Fitness) or 2 years of Band
Foreign Language	2 Credits (must be in same language)	
Health Education	½ Credit	½ Credit
Fine Arts	½ Credit	½ Credit
BTA or Career Preparedness	1 Credit	1 Credit
Additional Credits	3 Credits	5 Credits
TOTAL	24 Credits	24 Credits

Graduation Requirements for All Students EXCEPT Rising Seniors

ALL students will have as their default diploma the **Alabama High School Diploma**.

CTE – Career Technical Education AP – Advanced Placement IB - International Baccalaureate

Areas of Study	Requirements	Credits
English Language Arts	English 9, 10, 11, and 12 or any AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent option of these courses	4
Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II w/Trig or Algebra II, or their equivalent. Additional course(s) to complete the four credits in mathematics must be chosen from the <i>Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics</i> or CTE/AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent courses.	4
Science	Biology and a physical science The third and fourth science credits may be used to meet both the science and CTE course requirement and must be chosen from the <i>Alabama Course of Study: Science</i> or CTE/AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent courses.	4
Social Studies	World History, U.S. History x 2, and Government/Economics or AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent courses.	4
Physical Education	PE LIFE (Personal Fitness) <i>Two years of Marching Band credit may be used to meet this requirement</i>	1
Health Education	<i>Alabama Course of Study: Health Education</i>	0.5
Career Preparedness	Career Preparedness Course (Career and Academic Planning, Computer Applications, Financial Literacy)	1
CTE and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education	Students choosing CTE, Arts Education, and/or Foreign Language are encouraged to complete two courses in sequence.	3
Additional Credits		2.5
Total Credits Required for Graduation		24

Advanced Academic Endorsement All Students EXCEPT Rising Seniors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of Algebra II with Trig Credit • Chemistry • 2 Years Foreign Language Credit (same language) • 1 semester of a Fine Arts • Minimum of 2 AP courses with one in a core content or the equivalent (dual enrollment, dual credit, or IB)

CREDITS REQUIRED FOR PROMOTION AND GRADUATION	
To be a sophomore you must have earned	6 credits
To be a junior you must have earned	12 credits
To be a senior you must have earned	18 credits
To graduate you must complete	24 credits

Students take: ACT PLAN in 10th grade, ACT plus Writing in 11th grade, and ACT WorkKeys in 12th grade

Class Ranking and Grade Point Average Class rank is determined by ranking each student's overall grade point average within the graduating class. Final senior class ranking is done at the end of the first semester of the senior year. The grade point average (GPA) is computed using the following:

Regular Courses	Honors Courses (Quality Points + 0.5) or equivalent (Dual Enrollment or Dual Credit)	AP Courses (Q.P. + 1.0)
A = 4.0	A = 4.5	A = 5.0
B = 3.0	B = 3.5	B = 4.0
C = 2.0	C = 2.5	C = 3.0
D = 1.0	D = 1.5	D = 2.0
F = 0.0	F = 0.0	F = 0.0

Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors

Office & Library & Counselor Aides (No Credit)—Juniors and Seniors ONLY

Early Dismissal (No Credit)—Seniors ONLY

Shelby County College and Career Center

- **Rising Juniors**
- Students should have the required elective credits needed for graduation (PE Life/Band – 2 years/ROTC, Career Preparedness, health...) to attend CCC.
- Most programs are designed as two-year programs.
- Students will attend the CCC for 2 hours a day with the potential to earn 2 credits per year. They will take their 4 academic classes at their high school.

Cooperative Education

- **Juniors and Seniors ONLY**
- **Application required**
- This work experience must be in an approved occupation, and students must provide documentation of an average of 15 hours per week of work or the minimum of 270 continuous and successful hours of paid employment.

The Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Program

- **Juniors and Seniors ONLY**
- Allows high school students to enroll in college courses and receive both high school and college credit for the same course. Such arrangements allow students to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit. Shelby County Schools currently has an agreement with Jefferson State for Dual Enrollment credit.

- GPA of 3.5 is required (3.0 if students have taken Honors/AP Courses)
- Cost per semester is approximately \$390 tuition to Jeff State
- A book per course must also be purchased