

Course Selection Guide Layout

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*Course information and descriptions are available:

1. Google classroom (current students)
2. As an attachment to the Listserv announcements
3. Guidance Counselor Buzz (www.chelseabuzz.com)
4. Shelby County Schools High School Academic Guide: <https://www.shelbyed.k12.al.us/instruction/doc/19-20-HSAG.pdf>

General Information (p.1)

Course Selection Process:

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

Course Selection Dates to Remember:

- Week of Jan 27-31** Registration with current 8th grade
Week of Feb 3-7 Registration with current 11th grade
Week of Feb 10-14 Registration with current 10th grade
Week of Feb 18-25 Registration with current 9th grade
Mid/Late April Verification forms given to students; changes returned to the counselors in a 2 week period (*no fee*)
May– Aug Changes subject to admin approval & \$25 fee required

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- Classes and teacher assignments are based upon the requests we receive.
 - A registration verification form will be given out in mid/late April. Return this form to Student Services only if you make any changes to your selections. **No changes will be made by phone or email.**
- **Mandatory schedule** pick up will take place during the summer before school starts.
 - Dates and times will be posted on the Chelsea Buzz and Listserv.
- **AP courses:** Any student registering for an **AP** (Advanced Placement) course is no longer required to take the AP exam at the end of the year, but it is still strongly encouraged. Please see the Shelby County High School Academic Guide for more information.

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AHSSA Eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities:

- High School athletes each year must pass a minimum of 6 credit units with four of those credits being core classes. They must have a composite average of 70 for those 6 credits.
- Students who fail a core class must attend summer school to be eligible to play the next year. Only 2 failed classes can be recovered in summer school.
- It is a student's responsibility to meet with their coach to confirm that all grades earned meet the eligibility requirements.

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College Admission:

- Student athletes are responsible for making sure they are eligible to play sports at the next level.
- If a student athlete is interested in playing a sport in college, they should check with the colleges of interest for core curriculum requirements. For example, some colleges require a minimum number of foreign language credits. Students should register for the NCAA Clearinghouse at <http://www.ncaaeligibility.org> by the end of junior year. Each time the student takes the ACT or SAT they should have their score sent to NCAA.
- NCAA uses a sliding scale (Core GPA and ACT/SAT) when calculating a student athlete's eligibility. They look for 16 credits of core classes when calculating the core GPA.
- NAIA- some students will want to play a sport at a NAIA college. In this case they should look at NAIA's requirements and register with the NAIA Clearinghouse at <http://www.naiaeligibilitycenter.org>

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Mandatory State Assessments (Alabama Plan 2020):

- **PreACT in 10th grade** (practice for the ACT)
- **ACT plus Writing in 11th grade** (college component)
- **ACT WorkKeys in 12th grade** (career component)

Valedictorian/Salutatorian:

- Only one senior student with the highest GPA will be named Valedictorian. The student with the next highest GPA will be named Salutatorian. Only students that meet the Shelby County Advanced Academic Endorsement requirements are considered for these distinctions. 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 senior year.

Class Ranking and Grade Point Average (p.2)

Quality Points Earned

<u>Grade Scale</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Honors or Dual Enrollment</u>	<u>AP</u>
A (90-100)	4	4.5	5
B (80-89)	3	3.5	4
C (70-79)	2	2.5	3
D (60-69)	1	1.5	2
F (59 & below)	0	0	0

Course	Grade	Quality Points
English 11	A	4
US History 11	B	3
Alg II w/Trig	B	3
Zoology	A	4
Elective	B	3
Elective	B	3
Elective	B	3
GPA points Awarded = 23/7 Cumulative GPA after 1st semester = 3.28		

Course	Grade	Quality Points
English 11 AP	B	4
US History 11 AP	C	3
Alg II w/Trig Honors	C	2.5
AP Biology	B	4
Elective	B	3
Elective	B	3
Elective	B	3
GPA points Awarded = 22.5/7 Cumulative GPA after 1st semester = 3.21		

Graduation and Promotion Requirements (pgs. 2 & 3)

Alabama One Diploma

- 4 English
- 4 History
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 1 Physical Education
- ½ Health
- 1 Career Preparedness (Computer)
- 3 Electives (Career Technology, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language)
- 2 ½ Additional Credits
= 24 credits

Required: Pre-ACT (10th)/ACT with Writing (11th)/WorkKeys (12th)

ACT plus Writing will be given to all Juniors on March 10, 2020.

PSAT is an optional test & it is recommended that students taking honors courses in the 10th-11th grades sign up for it. This test is given in October.

Students earn a ½ credit each semester for each class

Sophomore: 6 credits Junior: 12 credits Senior: 18 credits Graduate: 24 credits

Advanced Academic Endorsement (p.3)

Advanced Academic Endorsement (24 credits)

- Minimum of Algebra II with Trig Credit or Algebra II with Statistics
- Chemistry
- 2 Years Foreign Language Credit (same language)
- 1 semester of a fine art class
- Minimum of 2 AP courses with one in a core content (math, science, English, or history) or the equivalent (dual enrollment, dual credit, or IB)

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Course Selection Overview

- **Teachers will sign course sheets for approved courses.** Students with less than the required average to sign up for a core or foreign language class will need a parent waiver.
- Please keep in mind that these recommendations are based on requirements from the Shelby County High School Academic Guide and made in the best interest of the student's academic success.

Course Selection Overview

- Please contact your child's teacher via email if you would like to discuss his or her recommendation.
- Students are **required to choose AT LEAST two elective alternates** in case of scheduling conflicts or else they will be chosen for them.
 - There are times in which even their alternates may not be available and elective is chosen for them, but please ask your student to bring it to our attention during the schedule change period at the beginning of the year and we will work with them.

Information for Freshmen

- Students in Algebra I or Spanish I that earn a 70 average for the year in the 8th grade will be awarded high school credit for the class.
- Students that have earned this credit **CANNOT** repeat the class for **ANY** reason once they are in high school.
- What does that mean?
 - If they receive credit for Algebra I, they cannot repeat it.
 - If they receive credit for Spanish I, they can stop there or take Spanish II. Spanish II is not required for graduation, but it is required for the Advanced Academic Endorsement high school diploma option.
 - **It is also the parent and student's responsibility to research potential college & university requirements in regards to how many years of a foreign language they require for admissions.**

Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors

Office & Library & Counselor Aides (No Credit)

Early Dismissal (No Credit, Seniors Only)

Cooperative Education

Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) (Rising Juniors Only)

Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit (Jefferson State or UA Early College)

Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) Programs

Automotive Technology

Healthcare Science

Biomedical Science

Plumbing

Collision Repair

Public Service

Construction Tech.

Robotics

Cosmetology

Welding

Culinary Arts

Dual Enrollment (p.11/13)

Jefferson State Community College requirements: Students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and meet the minimum ACT score requirement in order to sign up for these classes

- Cost per semester is approximately \$450 tuition to Jeff State (subject to college policy)
- A book per course must also be purchased

11th Graders: Western Civilization I/Western Civilization II

12th Graders: English Composition 101 & 102 (both semesters required/dual credit for Eng 12); Psychology/Speech

If a student wants information about other college opportunities for high school students such as UA Early College (online), they can get the information from a counselor during their grade level course selection week.

Dual Enrollment cont'd (p.11/13)

- Jefferson State tuition must be paid to the school online for the first semester before the school year begins (**Date TBA**). Tuition for the second semester is due before the end of 1st semester (**Date TBA**). It is also necessary that students complete an online registration for each semester enrolled. Students that do not complete registration and pay tuition will be dropped from the class by the 1st week of school.
- Students should also consult their prospective colleges and universities to determine if the credit is accepted by that college or university.
- More information about dual enrollment and other college related questions will be discussed at the Rising Senior Parent Night (**Date TBA on Listserv**).

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

AP Changes

- Students are strongly encouraged to take the AP exam in May for each AP course in which they are enrolled.
- Exam fees (\$94 currently) will be due by cash or check by October 2, 2020.
- Should a student not take the exam for any reason after November 15, 2020, parents/students are responsible for the \$40 unused/cancellation fee. This is why a \$40 deposit is being required for exams paid in installments.
- AP fee for students on F/R lunch has not been set yet.

9th Grade

AP World History

10th Grade

AP US History I0

(must take AP US History II in 11th grade to earn this quality point)

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes cont'd

11th Grade

AP US History II

(must have AP US History I0)

AP English Language & Comp

AP European History

AP Spanish

AP Statistics*

AP Biology*

AP Physics I*

AP Chemistry*

AP Computer Science Principles*

*can be taken in the 11th or 12th grade

12th Grade

AP US Govt/ AP Macroeconomics

AP English Lit & Comp

AP Calculus

AP Art 2D (Drawing & Photography)

AP Art 3D

AP Spanish

Students with College Credits

- It is the parent and student's responsibility to research potential college & university requirements in regards to how college credits earned in dual enrollment classes or through AP classes can affect applying to a post secondary institution as a freshmen.

Virtual Class Offerings (p.11/13)

- Virtual school offerings in English and History are available to students that meet Shelby County school district prerequisites:
 - a minimum GPA of 3.0
 - a 80 or higher in the previous course
 - have benchmarked in a state assessment
 - no more than 5 unexcused absences for the current school year
 - on track to graduate with the expected number of credits for their grade level
- In addition to these prerequisites, students must also have access to the internet and a reliable computer with an up-to-date operating system (devices such as a tablet or smartphone are not acceptable).

Math Changes

9th graders: **Geometry with Data Analysis**

Geometry with Data Analysis Honors

10th graders: **Geometry with Data Analysis**

Geometry with Data Analysis Honors

Algebra II with Statistics

Algebra II with Statistics Honors

Math Changes

11th graders: **Geometry with Data Analysis**

Geometry with Data Analysis Honors

Algebra II with Statistics

Algebra II with Statistics Honors

Mathematical Modeling

Precalculus

Precalculus Honors

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Statistics

Math Changes

12th graders: Algebra II

Algebra II with Statistics

Algebra II with Statistics Honors

Mathematical Modeling

Applied Mathematical Modeling

Precalculus

Precalculus Honors

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Calculus

AP Statistics

PLEASE STAY TUNED!

- Please stay tuned for more information by monitoring [Listserv](#).
- Please note that there are some approximate lab and/or supply costs associated with some courses.
- Recommended math & science sequences, course descriptions, and approximate costs will be available in the detailed registration guide posted in your student's Google classroom and on the Guidance Counselor Buzz at www.chelseabuzz.com.

Important Dates

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Feb 5

College Fair for Juniors at University of
Montevallo

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