

# LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL

*La Plata, Maryland*



11TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION FOR  
CURRENT 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

2023-2024

# COURSE SELECTION MATERIALS

To properly complete course selection for next year, you should use:

- 11th Grade Course Selection Instructions
- 11th Grade Course Selection Sheet
- Graduation Pathway Options
- High School Program of Studies (for students who entered 9th grade in SY 2021-22)

<https://www.ccboe.com/departments/student-services/student-support/high-school-program-of-studies> -

Before completing  
your course selection,  
please make sure  
you are familiar with  
the graduation  
requirements for  
Charles County  
Public Schools.

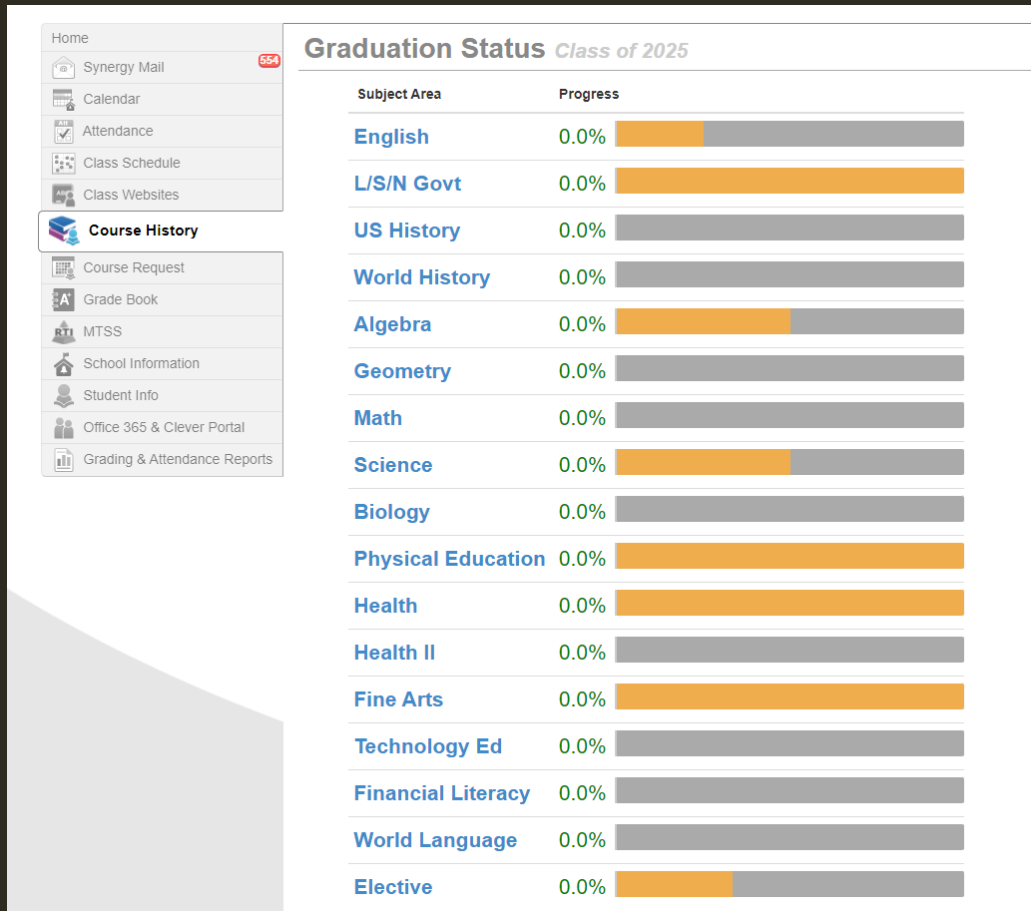
Subject Area	Specific Credit Requirements	
English (See pages 43-46)	<b>4 credits</b>	
Mathematics (See pages 60-62)	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY20-21 or prior</b> <b>3 credits</b> 2 in Algebra 1 in Geometry COMAR 13.A.03.02.03 Each student shall enroll in a mathematics course in each year of high school that the student attends, up to a maximum of 4 years	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY21-22 and beyond</b> <b>4 credits</b> 2 in Algebra 1 in Geometry 1 additional course with Algebra I as the prerequisite. <b>**Each student shall enroll in 4 years of mathematics and earn 4 credits of mathematics in high school**</b>
Science (See pages 66-68)	<b>3 credits</b> <b>1 Earth science, 1 Life science, and</b> <b>1 Physical science</b> <b>Recommended sequence:</b> Earth Systems Biology Chemistry or Physics	<b>Students in PLTW programs/North Point Academy of Health Professionals-CNA, Biotechnology, and Engineering programs ONLY</b> <b>3 credits</b> <b>1 Earth science, 1 Life science, and</b> <b>1 Physical science</b> <b>Recommended sequence:</b> Biology Chemistry Honors Earth Systems or AP Environmental Science
Social Studies (See pages 69-72)	<b>3 credits</b> <b>Recommended sequence:</b> LSN Government U. S. History World History	
Fine Arts (See pages 50-59)	<b>1 credit</b>	
Physical Education (See pages 63-65)	<b>½ credit Fitness for Life</b>	
Health (See page 59)	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY20-21 or prior</b> <b>½ credit</b>	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY21-22 and beyond</b> <b>1 credit</b> <b>Recommended sequence:</b> ½ credit in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade ½ credit in 11 <sup>th</sup> grade
Technology Education (See page 73)	<b>1 credit</b>	
Financial Literacy (See page 49)	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY20-21 or prior</b> <b>1 credit</b>	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY21-22 and beyond</b> <b>½ credit</b>
Graduation Pathways (choose one)	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY20-21 or prior</b> <b>2 credits of World Language</b>	<b>Entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in SY21-22 and beyond</b> <b>2 credits of the same World Language</b>
	<b><u>and</u> any remaining credits in electives <u>OR</u></b> <b>3-5 credits through the completion of a state-approved career and technical education program <u>and</u> any remaining credits in electives</b>	

Need/want  
more info?



High School Program of Studies

# WHAT CLASSES DO YOU STILL NEED?



Make sure to review the “Course History” tab found in your StudentVue to determine what classes you still need for graduation.

# DO YOU NEED HELP CHOOSING CLASSES?

If you need assistance with choosing your classes, 10-minute appointments can be scheduled with Mrs. Reamy all next week.

To schedule an appointment, please come into the Counseling Office before 1st period to set up a time with Mrs. Posey.

Walk-in appointments are also available during your lunch.

Mrs. Reamy will meet individually with each student by the end of February to finalize each student's courses for next year.

# GRADUATION PATHWAYS

All students must choose one of the following pathways to graduation:

2 credits of World Language **OR** Career and Technology Education (CTE) Completer program

## LPHS Career and Technology Education (CTE)

### Completer Programs:

- Apprenticeship Maryland
- Business Management and Finance
- Career Research and Development (CRD)
- Computer Science
- NJROTC
- PLTW Biomedical Sciences
- PLTW Pathway to Engineering
- ProStart Food & Beverage Management
- Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM)

### Off-Site CTE Programs:

- Academy of Health Professions: Pharmacy Technician\*\*
- Academy of Health Professions: Physical Rehabilitation\*\*
- Automotive Technology\*\*
- Barbering\*\*
- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)\*\*
- Interactive Media Production\*\*
- Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI)^

**\*\* You must have already applied for these programs.**

**^^ This application is due as soon as possible.**

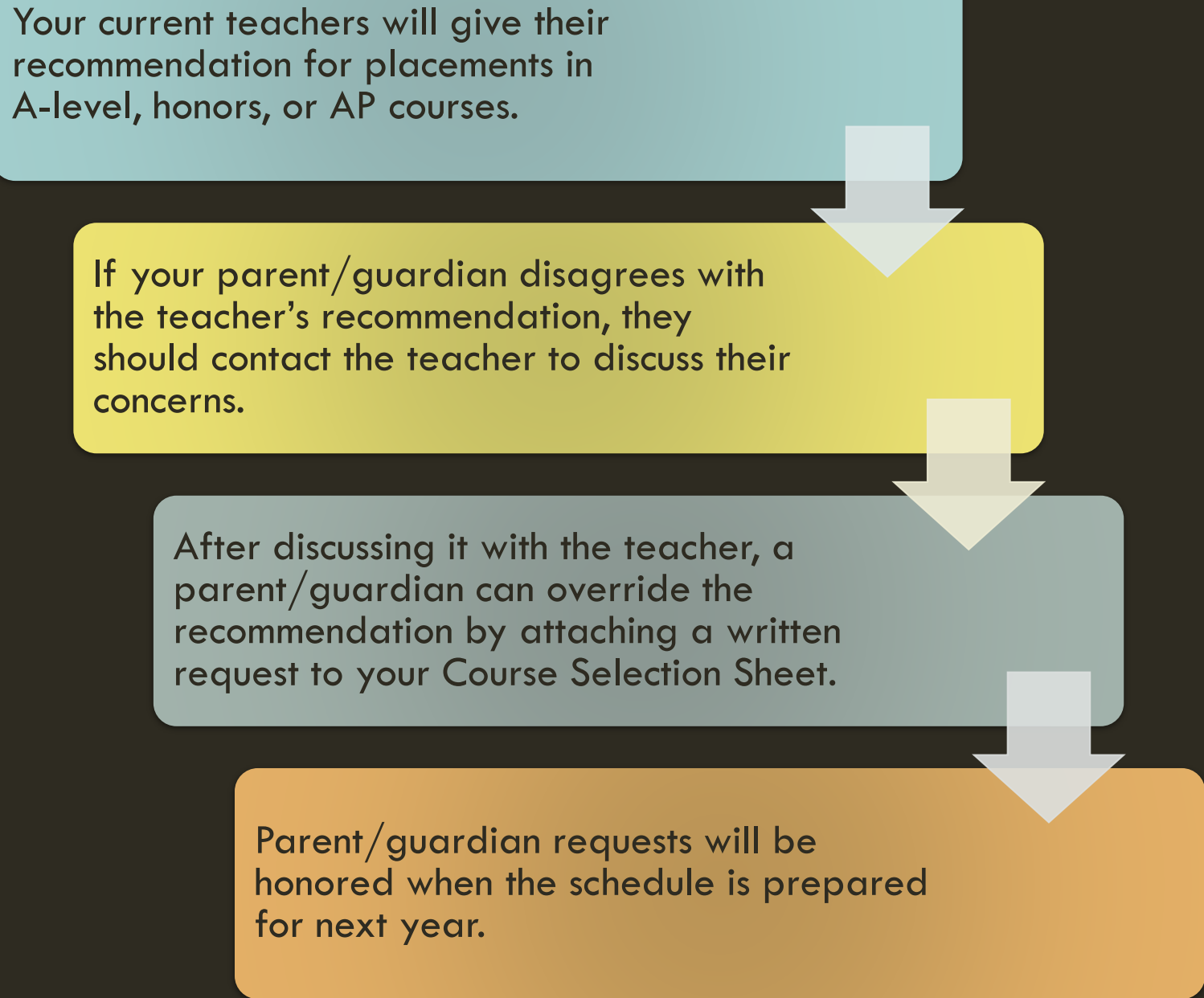
When completing your Course Selection Sheet, you must sign up for seven classes and three alternate elective courses.

Unless otherwise told by your teacher or Mrs. Reamy, most 11th graders will need to sign up for the following courses:

- English III (A-level, honors, or AP Language)
- World History (A-level, honors, or AP World History)
- Math (whatever your teacher recommends)
- Chemistry (A-level or honors)
- 3 additional courses (Tech Ed, Fine Art, Fitness for Life and Health, Personal Financial Literacy and Health II, graduation pathway and/or desired electives),
- 3 alternate electives

WHAT  
CLASSES  
SHOULD  
YOU SIGN  
UP FOR?

Your current teachers will give their recommendation for placements in A-level, honors, or AP courses.



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After discussing it with the teacher, a parent/guardian can override the recommendation by attaching a written request to your Course Selection Sheet.

Parent/guardian requests will be honored when the schedule is prepared for next year.

## COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS



# SIGNATURES FOR ELECTIVE COURSES

- Department Chairs will be available in the cafeteria before 1st period Monday through Thursday next week to sign your Course Selection sheets for elective courses that require a signature.
- Your Fitness for Life teacher from this year or last year must sign for any other PE courses you wish to take next year.
- If you are interested in Navy Junior ROTC, see GnySgt. Bailey or Lt. Hickenbottom for a signature.

# PLANNING TO ATTEND COLLEGE?

- It is important to take challenging courses throughout high school.
- If you are not already in honors classes, you should seriously consider selecting at least one honors level course for your junior year.
- Most college admissions officers tell us that taking challenging courses is more important than earning straight A's in high school.
- For admission to any public college or university in Maryland, you will be required to take a math class at the Algebra II or higher level in your senior year of high school.
- Although CCPS only requires two, many colleges either require or prefer students to have 3 credits of the same foreign language.

# DID YOU APPLY TO STETHEM?



If you submitted an application for one of the Stethem CTE programs, you must indicate that on your Course Selection Sheet.



When selecting your courses, you must still choose the 7 courses **AND** 3 alternate electives as if you would be at LPHS all day.



If you are accepted into a CTE program, your course selection will be adjusted for next year.

# APPLYING TO FIRE/RESCUE PROGRAM?

If you are planning to apply to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), you should get started with the application soon, if you have not already done so.

In addition to completing all the different forms in the application, students must:

- Become a volunteer fire and/or EMS department member
- Submit a one-page essay describing why you should be selected for this program and highlighting your goals for the next five years as a volunteer in Charles County
- Provide (2) letters of support from a teacher, an employer, and/or an adult who is NOT a family member

The application should be turned in to Mrs. Reamy as soon as it is completed.

# BE VERY CAREFUL CHOOSING CLASSES!

Schedule changes each year are only made in extreme circumstances, such as errors in academic placement.

You must be very careful with course selection.

Select the correct course levels with the help of your parents/guardians and your current teachers.

Choose only electives and alternates that you will be happy with.

You should review the “High School Program of Studies” for a description of the course before signing up for the class.

If you’re still unsure about a course, please speak with Mrs. Reamy or the current course teacher before selecting the class.

Students who wish to pursue a Charles County Certificate of Merit or receive Scholars recognition at graduation should review the requirements for these programs on page 5 of the “High School Program of Studies”.

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

- If you do not submit your course selection sheet by the deadline, **Mrs. Reamy will select courses for you.**
- The completed Course Selection Sheet should be turned in to the “10th Grade Completed Course Selection Sheets” box outside the Counseling Office in the Commons Area.
- The boxes will be there each day next week before 1st period class and during lunch. You may turn in your sheet during any of those times.

**DEADLINE: Thursday, December 22  
by dismissal**

# SUBMITTING COURSE SELECTION SHEETS

**INTERESTED  
IN CSM EARLY  
COLLEGE?**





Thank you for  
completing your  
course selection.

If you have any  
questions, please  
come in to see Mrs.  
Reamy next week.