## LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL

 LaPlata, Maryland

Course Selection for $10^{\text {th }}$ Grade
2023-2024

In Activity Period, you will receive..

Course Selection Sheet

Scheduling Instructions

Graduations Pathways Sheet

Also useful, the Program of Studies (online)


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As it is very difficult to make salisfactory adjustments to schedules at the last moment, your selections should be considered final. Requests for course changes after the beginning of the school year will be homored ONLY in
exteneating, circumstanes for the first 10 days of school. (See the "Hight Selool Program of Studies" at hetps://nww.echesecem/departmentsistedent-servicesistedent-support/high-school-program-of-studies.

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## What You Need To Do...

- Your "Course Selection Sheet" must be filled out completely.
- Selected courses must be circled.
- Teacher must initial next to selected course.
- Parent/Guardian must sign sheet and provide phone number.
- You must sign as well and provide your cell phone number. This is used to contact you over the Summer if there are any conflicts with your schedule.


## Please keep in mind the following...

It is a good idea to get either your required Fine Art or Technology Education credit out of the way as soon as possible. The courses available to you that meet these requirements are:

| Fine \& Performing Arts | Technology Education |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Art I | Men's Choir I | Foundations of Technology |
| Concert Band I | Chamber Choir I* | Exploring Computer Science |
| Symphonic Band I * <br> Concert Orchestra I <br> Symphonic Orchestra I * <br> Women's Choir I | Theatre Arts | Intro to Engineering Design (IED) * |
| (* IED is the first course in the PLTW |  |  |
| Engineering Program and should only be taken |  |  |
| by those students who wish to enter that |  |  |
| program.) |  |  |

Fit for Life and Health are required half-credit electives and must be taken together in consecutive semesters. Another half-credit credit of health will be required during $11^{\text {th }}$ grade.

All students must complete at least one of the following pathways -2 years of World Language or a Career \& Technology Education Completer Program. More information about the Completer programs can be found on pages 19-21 in the High School Program of Studies. Pathway options are:

- Business Management and Finance
- Computer Science
- NJROTC
- ProStart Food \& Beverage Management
- PLTW Biomedical Sciences
- PLTW Pathway to Engineering
- World Language
- Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM)

The following programs are offered starting in $11^{\text {th }}$ grade. You can apply in $10^{\text {th }}$ grade:

- Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MRFI)
- Stethem Educational Center
- Academy of Health Professions: Pharmacy Technician
- Academy of Health Professions: Physical Rehabilitation
- Automotive Technology
- Heating and Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Interactive Media Production


## Approval for Courses

O Your current teachers will sign your Course Selection Sheets for most of your courses.
o Department Chairpersons will be set up in the Commons area from 7:15 to 7:25 a.m., Monday, December 19 th through Thursday, December $22^{\text {nd }}$ to sign Course Selection Sheets for other elective courses where you will need a teacher signature. You should get your Course Selection Sheet signed before 7:25 a.m.

O Ex: Adv Art, Photography, Painting, Adv PE, Weight Training, etc.

## When Selecting Your Courses, You Must Choose...

- Regardless of your plans for next year, you must sign up for 7 classes AND 3 alternate classes.
- Most 10th graders will need to sign up for the following courses: English II, U.S. History, Math, Biology and 3 additional courses (Tech Ed, Fine Art, Fitness for Life and Health, graduation pathway and/or desired elective) AND 3 alternate electives
O IF YOU DO NOT SELECT ALTERNATE COURSES, MRS. GLADDEN WILL SELECT THEM FOR YOU.


## Choose Wisely!

o Schedule changes will ONLY be made next year in extreme circumstances.
O For this reason, you must be very careful in course selection.
o Please wisely select the correct levels with the help of your parent/guardian and your current teachers.

- Carefully select your electives and alternates and make sure these are classes you will be happy with.

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

CHARLES COUNTY REQUIREMENTS FOR A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA To be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) and have earned a minimum of $\underline{\mathbf{2 3}}$ credits
that include the following: that include the following:

| Subject Area | Specific Credit Requirements |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English <br> (See pages 43-46) | 4 credits |  |
| Mathematics (See pages 60-62) | Entered 9th grade in SY20-21 or prior 3 credits <br> 2 in Algebra <br> 1 in Geometry <br> 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 | Entered 9th grade in SY21-22 and beyond 4 credits <br> 2 in Algebra <br> 1 in Geometry <br> 1 additional course with Algebra I as the prerequisite. <br> **ach student shall enroll in 4 years of mathematics and earn 4 credits of mathematics in high school** |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Science } \\ & \text { (See pages 66-68) } \end{aligned}$ | ```3 credits 1 Earth science, 1 Life science, and 1 Physical science Recommended sequence: Earth Systems Biology Chemistry or Physics``` | Students in PLTW programs/North Point Academy of Health Professionals-CNA, Biotechnology, and Engineering programs ONLY <br> 3 credits <br> 1 Earth science, 1 Life science, and <br> 1 Physical science <br> Recommended sequence: <br> Biology <br> Chemistry <br> Honors Earth Systems or <br> AP Environmental Science |
| Social Studies (See pages 69-72) | 3 credits <br> Recommended sequence: <br> LSN Govemment <br> U. S. History <br> World History |  |
| Fine Arts (See pages 50-59) | 1 credit |  |
| Physical Education (See pages 63-65) | $1 / 2$ credit Fitness for Life |  |
| Health (See page 59) | Entered $\mathbf{9}^{\text {th }}$ grade in SY20-21 or prior $1 / 2$ credit | ```Entered 9 \({ }^{\text {min }}\) grade in SY21-22 and beyond 1 credit Recommended sequence: \(1 / 2\) credit in \(9^{n}\) grade \(1 / 2\) credit in \(11^{1 / 2}\) grade``` |
| Technology Education (See page 73) | 1 credit |  |
| Financial Literacy (See page 49) | Entered $\mathbf{9}^{\text {tin }}$ grade in SY20-21 or prior 1 credit | Entered 9" grade in SY21-22 and beyond $1 / 2$ credit |
| Graduation Pathways (choose one) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Entered } 9^{\text {th }} \text { grade in SY20-21 or prior } \\ & 2 \text { credits of World Language } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Entered $9^{\text {min }}$ grade in SY21-22 and beyond 2 credits of the same World Language |
|  | and any remaining credits in electives $O R$ <br> $3-5$ credits through the completion of a state-approved career and technical education program and any remaining credits in electives |  |

## To See Your Graduation Requirements

Go to your StudentVue
2. Open up Course History
3. Click to turn on Detail (button to the right)
4. Scroll to review your graduation requirements in the "remaining" column. This will tell you what courses you must sign up for.

Remember: ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS include a Math course to your total requirements because it is not included on this page!

- If you are planning to go to college after high school, it is important to take the most challenging courses possible. Most college admissions officers tell us a challenging course load is more important than earning straight A's in high school! College bound students should strongly consider taking at least one honors level course.
- Most colleges require students to have completed two high school credits in the same world language. Many colleges prefer students to have completed 3 credits of world language. A full year of world language taken in middle school does count for high school credit.
- Some students may wish to receive accolades such as a Charles County Certificate of Merit, CCPS Scholar, Maryland Scholar, and/or Academic Letter recognitions upon graduation. You can find additional requirements listed on page 5 of the Program of Studies.


## Math and Foreign Language

- Remember you will be required to take a math course each year and earn 4 high school math credits while you are in high school in order to graduate.
- For 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, even if you earned a math credit while still in middle school.
O In addition, most colleges require two credits in the same foreign language. Many colleges prefer 3 credits of foreign language.


## Course Selection Deadline!!

Completed "Course Selection Sheets" are due to before you leave for break on Thursday, December 22nd at 2:15 pm

## Course Selection Meeting

- Mrs. Gladden will meet with each student in January and February to review course selection sheets and discuss all of your graduation requirements.
- If you have questions now,
- Email Mrs. Gladden
- Schedule an appointment using this link
- Stop by before school or during lunches


## Reminders

- you must sign up for 7 classes and 3 alternates.
- Classes must be CIRCLED and teachers must sign to approve your selections.

O Parent/Guardian must sign sheet and provide phone number.
O You must sign as well and provide your cell phone number.

- Complete Sheets should be turned into the box in counseling by Thursday, December $22^{\text {nd }}$ at 2:15 pm.


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## Questions?



