

# 2021-22 CBHS Course Selection FAQ



- How are my core academic classes chosen?
  - Your current core (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies) teacher will make a recommended course selection.
  
- How are my non-core classes chosen?
  - You will select at least 6 electives on the purple CBHS Electives List via Google Form. Your electives will be entered into Infinite Campus by a counselor. Electives fill the remaining class periods after core classes are scheduled. While we try our absolute best to accommodate all of your requests we cannot always guarantee you will receive them if your schedule won't allow it.
  
- Why do I need to complete a pathway?
  - Completing a pathway prepares you for life after high school, whether you want to attend a technical school, university/college, or go straight into a career.
  - Pathway completion is often part of earning a diploma seal.
  
- Can I choose more than one pathway?
  - Yes. You may pursue as many pathways as your schedule can accommodate.
  
- Can I switch pathways?
  - This is possible for each new school year but students should try to complete a pathway before pursuing an alternate pathway.
  
- What do I do if I want to take two classes in the same core subject area next year?
  - Tell your core teacher you would like to be recommended for both courses. A core teacher can register you for one or two courses in their subject.
  
- What if I disagree with a teacher's course recommendation for next year?
  - You may complete the online course waiver found on the CBHS website.
  
- What are the required courses/credits for graduation offered at CBHS?
  - 4 courses of English Language Arts including 9th Grade Literature and American Literature
  - 4 courses of Math including Coordinate Algebra and Analytic Geometry
  - 4 courses of Science including Biology, Physics, and Chemistry/Environmental Science.
  - 4 courses of Social Studies including World History, US History, Government, and Economics
  - 2 courses of Personal Fitness which are Health and Physical Education
  - 3 courses of CTAE, Fine Arts, or Modern Language
  - 4 courses of any additional elective
  - While a total of 23 credits must be earned, a typical high school schedule provides the opportunity for 28 credits or more.

- What are levels of academic classes?
  - Level 1 - Classes: These courses are designed for students who perform at grade level. Classes are designed for students who may be college-bound or who may enter the workforce directly after high school. Students interested in attending “selective” colleges/universities should strongly consider enrolling in the Level 2 or 3 courses to demonstrate the ability to achieve in courses with increased rigor.
  - Level 2 - Honors/Accelerated Classes/Dual Enrollment Non-Core: These classes differ from Level 1 courses in at least three important ways: The objectives to be achieved tend to be more complex and are to be accomplished at a more rapid pace. In-class activities and assignments require a greater complexity of thought, a greater degree of independent inquiry, and a greater degree of sophistication in writing, research, and problem solving skills. Course materials tend to be more demanding.
  - Level 3 – Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment Core: The Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum is defined by The College Board and is designed to prepare students for The College Board AP exams. AP courses are college-level courses. Students who achieve set scores on AP exams may earn college credit. Dual Enrollment courses are college/university/technical courses taken at the post-secondary campus, the Early College @ Jones campus or online following acceptance to the post-secondary institution. Dual Enrollment core courses include most English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Modern Language courses.
  
- How can levels of academic classes affect my Grade Point Average?
  - The quality point system is used to determine the weighted and unweighted GPA (traditional 4.0 scale). The weighted quality point system is used to recognize and reward the student who takes more rigorous, challenging, and demanding courses. Additional quality points are awarded to the weighted GPA for International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Honors and Accelerated courses. For each course, up to one full quality point is added to the student’s grade point average calculation and will be reflected in the weighted GPA on the student’s transcript. The weighted GPA is used to determine class rank. The unweighted GPA (traditional 4.0 scale) reflects a calculation for which no additional quality points are included for Level 2 and/or Level 3 classes. All courses taken count equally in the unweighted GPA calculation in which Level 1 weights are applied.
  
- How do I know who my counselor is?
  - Last name A - L are assigned to Renee Cook
  - Last name M - Z are assigned to Beth Purdy