

2025 Fairfield High School Helpful Tips for Course Selection

Graduation Requirements:

- 4 English Credits
 - English 12 Career - for students entering the workforce after high school
 - English 12 College - prepares students for college level writing
 - Advanced Placement Literature - college level coursework
- 4 Math Credits (must have Algebra)
- 4 Science Credits (must have Biology)
- 4 Social Studies Credits (Must have Econ/POD or AP Government)
- One PE course each YEAR
- Health 9 & Health 11
- One FCS course
- Skills for Life (starting with class of 2029)
- Personal Finance
- 6.5 elective credits
- 27 total credits

Math Sequencing:

College Preparatory:

Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, PreCalculus, then either AP Statistics or Calculus

Realworld Ready:

Algebra, Business Math, Accounting

Steps in Course Selection Process:

- Read this informational sheet
- Read through Course Selection Book
- Make sure you understand graduation requirements and are working toward them
- Watch Skyward Tutorial on “Entering Course Requests through Family Access”
- Pick courses you would like to take next year
 - Make sure you have read the course description
 - Make sure you understand prerequisites or stipulations to the course you’re signing up for
 - Make sure you **pick your courses accurately as this is how course offerings are determined**
 - Courses do **NOT** fill up at this point - this is how the number of courses offered is determined
 - Schedules for students are NOT built until after course selection has completed and the HS Master Schedule has been made off of course interest

New/Removed Classes This Year:	New Classes Last Year 24-25	New Classes 23-24
Technology Pathways 1 Technology Pathways 2 Foundations of a Graduate - required for Class of 2029 Creative Music Pathways Future Ready Scholars Agribusiness Small Vet Science Large Vet Science Career Pathways Removed: Evolution of Games, GameMaker I, GameMaker II Change: Photography and Publications were removed. The courses combined, and are now Yearbook & Photography	Intro to Business *Honors English 9 *Honors English 10 Guitar/Ukulele	AP Calculus

Advanced Placement Courses (AP) cannot be dropped after May 29th, 2025

LUNCHES do NOT print on schedules. Lunch is not determined until a few days before school starts when the majority of schedule changes have been made. Your block 3 teacher will tell you on the first day of school which lunch you eat.

If you are selecting Tech/Chorus/Band/Publications//Materials Processing III/IV then you **MUST pick a semester long PE/Health/Personal Finance. Course codes are designated by an “S” at the end which stands for “Semester”, other course codes have a “Q” at the end which stands for “quarter”.**

If you are taking **both Band AND Chorus** you must select I404 & I405 (these are half credit each and total 1 full credit)

Incoming 9th Grade Students:

- You will need to pick Health 9 & PE course
- You will need to pick 2-3 electives (you cannot take Aquaponics until you have successfully completed another Agricultural course)
- You will need to pick English 9 or Honors English 9
- You will see some courses already selected for you
 - Skills for Life, can be taken in 9th or 10th grade
 - These courses should be Civics, Algebra, and Intro to Science
 - **Students cannot take Biology if they are enrolled in Algebra**
 - All incoming 9th grade students **MUST** take Intro to Science. Exemptions are only made when students are: Proficient or higher on 8th grade PSSA Science, Proficient or higher on 8th grade PSSA Math, Proficient or higher on Algebra Keystone Exam, Earned an A or B in 8th grade science
 - If you are currently in Algebra or Geometry you will see your next level of math listed

Incoming 10th Grade Students:

- You will need to pick English 10 or Honors English 10 - speak to your English 9 teacher if you're not sure which to pick
- You will see American Cultures already selected for you
 - You cannot pick Sociology or Psychology during course selection as they are 11th grade courses
- You will need to pick a Math and Science course (see math sequencing above, most 10th grade students take Biology) if you're not sure what to take please consult with a Math/Science teacher
- If you are considering Adams County Technical Institute in Junior/Senior years you should considering taking your FCS and doubling up in Math and/or Science
- You will need to pick a PE

Incoming 11th Grade Students:

- You will need to pick a Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and PE
 - You can take Honors English or regular English 11
 - If you are questioning which one to take please consult with Mr. Zimmerman or Mrs. Martin
 - If you are college bound you will need a minimum of Algebra II
- If you would like to get ahead on graduation requirements you can choose to double up in Math or Science or take Personal Finance - Fairfield graduation requirements are different than college entrance requirements, make sure you look at future colleges regarding their entrance requirements
- If you have not taken an FCS (Mrs. Donaldson course) now is the time to do so
- You will NOT be able to select Adams County Technical Institute courses, please select 2 other elective credits. This will be a manual schedule adjustment once we receive acceptances
- AP Courses are a commitment and cannot be dropped after May 29th, 2025

Incoming 12th Grade Students:

- You **MUST** pick an English course
 - If you end up doing Dual Enrollment English off campus, we will remove your Fairfield English from your schedule once you provide proof of enrollment
- You **MUST** pick Econ/POD or AP Gov (if you have not taken it already)
- AP Courses are a commitment and cannot be dropped after May 29th, 2025
- You **MUST** take a PE
- Finish up any courses you have not yet taken (Science, Math, FCS, Personal Finance etc)
- Make sure you have met all graduation requirements (listed above)
- You should pick the appropriate Adams County Technical Institute level II course if you attended as a Junior
 - Please make sure to pick a semester long PE course (course code will have an S on the end)
- **PIAA athletes must have a minimum of four credits**