

It is time to begin working on your next year schedule. We will start individual academic planning meetings on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Since we will be calling each student down to the office to meet and discuss your future course plan, it will be a lengthy process.

It is very important that you begin thinking about your next 3 years and if you plan to continue in your current endorsement pathway or if you plan to make a change.

Attached you will find your current 4 year plan that was created with your original choices selected last year. This plan is not set in stone and can be adjusted.

Some of you may notice that you have been added to Pre-AP and or AP courses for next year. This addition was made based on your 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades this year. We want to encourage you to seek opportunities to grow in your knowledge and be rewarded with additional GPA points for choosing and performing well in advanced course work.

**Please understand that you will have Summer Assignments for Pre-AP/AP courses. Not completing the required assignment does not warrant a schedule change.**

If you do not want to take advantage of the benefits of taking Pre-AP or AP courses, we can make those changes when you come to meet with us.

In the individual meeting, we will be finalizing your next year course request and you will be given a copy to get signed by your parents. You will be required to return the signed copy in order for your course request to be submitted.

### **Follow the steps below to be prepared for your meeting with your counselor:**

**Step 1:** Verify that you have 4 core classes: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies listed for the next 3 years.

**Step 2:** Look at your 4 year plan to ensure that you have a plan to complete or have already completed the following graduation requirements:

- (A) 2 credits of the same Foreign Language
- (B) 1 PE credit (Athletics counts as a PE credit, 2 years of Fall Band also count as a PE Credit)
- (C) 1 Fine Art credit (Art, Band, Choir, Theater Production, Technical Theater, Musical Theater, Floral Design)
- (D) 1 Technology Credit (Prin. of AAVT, AV Production Courses, Graphic Design Courses, BIM 1, IED, Digital Media, Computer Programming, Computer Science Courses)
- (E) .5 credit in Speech (Prof. Com.)
- (F) .5 credit in Health (Principles of Health Science does not count for this credit)
- (G) Verify you Endorsement Pathway/Program of study. You must earn at least 1 endorsement to graduate.

**Step 3:** Look at the 2020-2021 Academic Planning Guide Online at <https://ahs.annaisd.org/academics> to read endorsement requirements and course descriptions. There will be very few schedule change options after your next year course request is finalized so it is important that you know what you are signing up to take in 2020-2021.

You may also look at the bright reddish-orange CTE Career Pathway/Programs of Study sequence sheet. This sheet will be given to you with your 4 year plan.

If you have not been in Athletics, or Band, you must have the approval of the Coach of the specific sport or Band Director to add those choices to your course request.

**Course requests are used to build a master schedule for the following year that will maximize the possibility of students being able to take the courses they have selected. Please understand that there will always be times that there are scheduling conflicts, but our goal is to minimize them as much as is possible.**

**Your schedule may be adjusted if you fail or lose credit in courses that you are taking this year or if you have not passed an STAAR EOC Test.**

**Your final grad plan course request will be due the next business day after your individual meeting with your counselor.**