

# New Family Welcome & Course Request Explained 2024-2025



**BFA GUIDANCE**

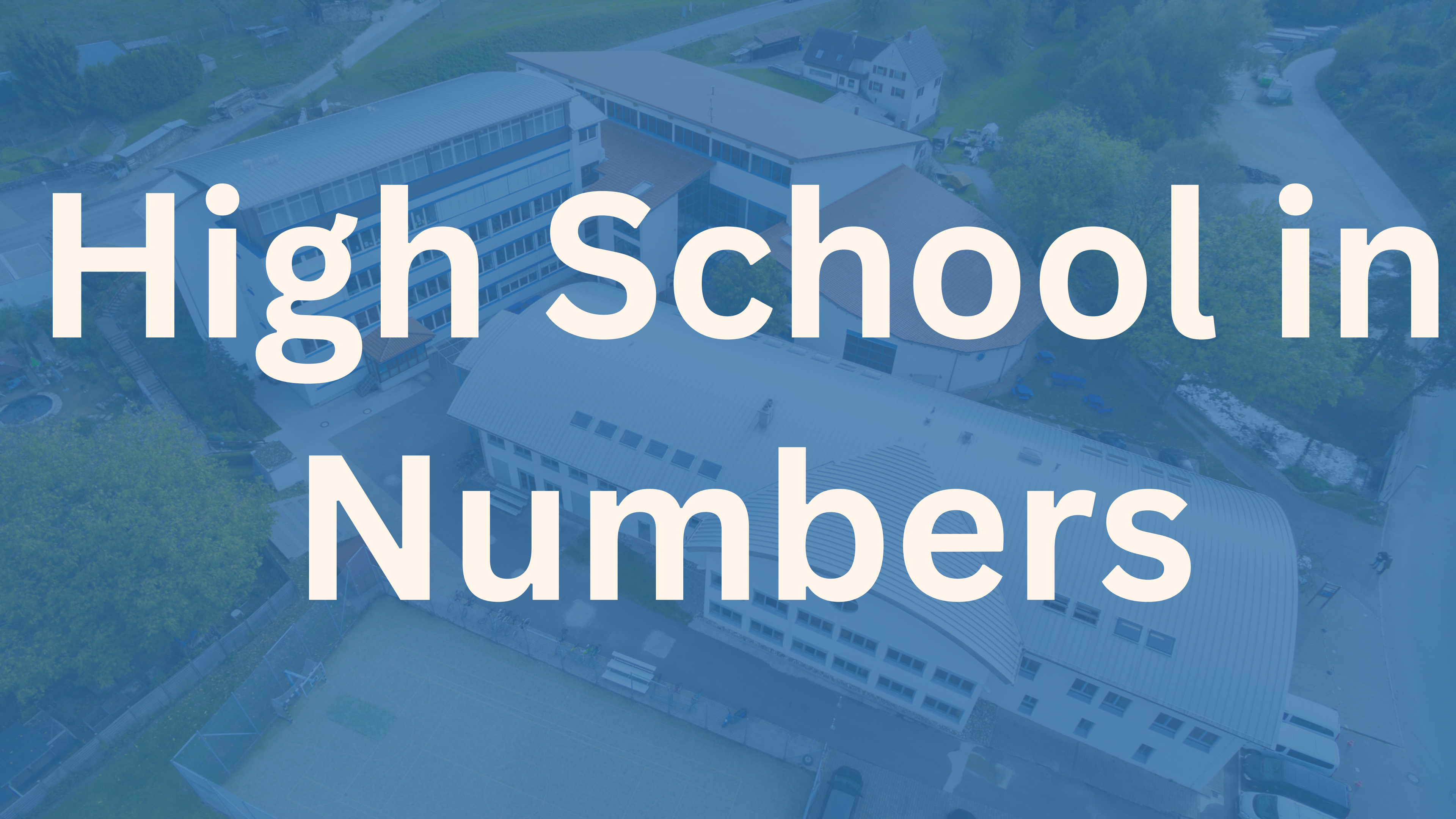


# BFA Vision

Globally-minded Christians  
changing their world for Christ.

# BFA Mission

Black Forest Academy provides a quality international, Christian education that equips its students to influence their world through biblical thought, character and action.



# High School in Numbers

# 4

Years of High School  
(G9-G12)

# 23

Credits to graduate

# Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits	Notes
Bible	2	(.5 each year of high school)
English	4	
Language	2	(2 consecutive levels of one language taken during high school)
Social Studies	3	(Worldviews is required senior year)
Math	3	
Science	3	
Fine Arts	1	(more traditional arts of drawing, painting, music, and theater)
Practical Arts	1	(more practical skills such as woodworking, computer skills, adulting skills, etc)
Health	.5	
P.E.	.5	
Extra-Core Req.	1	(one more year of Social Studies, Language, Math, or Science)
Electives	2	(all additional courses, beyond the above listed credits)
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Total	23	



# Black Forest Academy Guidance Office List of Courses

## 2024-2025 School Year

For more info see the High School Course Catalog  
on the Community Portal under Guidance

### BIBLE

*Required: ½ CREDIT each year*

Bible 9, 10, 11, 12

**CREDIT GRADE**

0.5 9-12

### ENGLISH

*Required: 4 credits*

English 9

English 10

English 11

+AP English Language & Comp.

English 12

+AP English Literature & Comp.

**CREDIT GRADE**

1.0 9

1.0 10

1.0 11

1.0 11

1.0 12

1.0 12

### LANGUAGE

*Required: 2 credits of same language*

French 1, 2, 3

+AP French

German 1, 2, 3

+AP German

Spanish 1, 2, 3

+AP Spanish

**CREDIT GRADE**

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1.0 10-12

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### SOCIAL STUDIES

*Required: 3 credits*

History 9 (required: grade 9)

United States History

+AP United States History

+AP European History

+AP Comparative Government

+AP Micro/Macroeconomics

Geography: Eastern Hemisphere

Geography: Western Hemisphere

Twentieth Century History

Korean Studies

History of Christianity: Acts-Late Medieval

History of Christianity: Reformation-Current

Worldviews (required: grade 12)

**CREDIT GRADE**

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### MATHEMATICS

*Required: 3 credits*

Mathematics 1 Core

Mathematics 1

Mathematics 2 Core

Mathematics 2

Intermediate Algebra

Algebra 2

Precalculus

+AP Calculus

+AP Statistics

**CREDIT GRADE**

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1.0 10-11

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### SCIENCE

*Required: 3 credits*

Biology

+AP Biology

Physical Science

+AP Physics 1

Chemistry

+AP Chemistry

Environmental Science

Anatomy and Physiology

**CREDIT GRADE**

1.0 9-10

1.0 11-12

1.0 10-11

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### PRACTICAL ARTS

*Required: 1 Credit*

Engineering Graphics

Graphic Arts 1

Graphic Arts 2

Home Basics

Computer Programming 1

Computer Programming 2

+AP Computer Science A

Industrial Arts 1

Industrial Arts 2

Journalism

Public Speaking

#Yearbook

Christians and Media

**CREDIT GRADE**

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### FINE ARTS

*Required: 1 credit*

Ceramics 1

Ceramics 2

Ceramics 3

Drawing and Painting 1

Drawing and Painting 2

Drawing and Painting 3

3D Art and Sculpture

+AP Art & Design

Piano 1

Piano 2

HS Beginning Band

#Band (recommended full year)

#String Orchestra (recommended full year)

#Choir (recommended full year)

Intro to Music Theory

+AP Music Theory

Intro to Acting

Intermediate Acting

Creative Writing Prose

Creative Writing Poetry

**CREDIT GRADE**

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### HEALTH & PHYS ED

*Required: 0.5 credit Health*

*Required: 0.5 credit Physical Education*

Physical Education 9

Health

Team Sports

#Personal Fitness

Sports Leadership 1

**CREDIT GRADE**

0.5 9

0.5 11-12

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### LEGEND

# It is possible to repeat this course for credit

+ Approval process required/May require summer homework

*Italicized* - not currently offered due to staffing

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How do we  
keep track?

## Name Four Year Plan

<b>Graduation Year</b>		<b>Guidance Counselor (s)</b>
<b>Transfer?</b>		Form Last Updated

Post BFA Plans		
<b>Country</b>	<b>Other considerations</b>	
<b>Number of APs Required</b>	<b>Specific APs Needed</b>	



Grade	Course Name	Credit	Time	Credit Type	Results	Comments
9	English 9	1.00	Full Year	EN English	Planned	
9	Math 1 or 2	1.00	Full Year	MA Math	Planned	
9	Biology	1.00	Full Year	SC Science	Planned	
9	History 9	1.00	Full Year	SS Social Studies	Planned	
9	Bible 9	0.50	Fall Semester	BIB Bible	Planned	
9	Foreign Language	1.00	Full Year	FL Language	Planned	
9	PE 9	0.50	Spring Semester	PE Physical Education	Planned	
9	Study Hall	0.00	Full Year	Study Hall	Planned	
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10	English 10		Full Year	EN English	Planned	
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11	Health		Spring Semester	Health	Planned	
11	Extra Core		Full Year	Extra Core	Planned	
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12	English 12/AP Literature		Full Year	EN English	Planned	
12	Worldviews		Full Year	SS Social Studies	Planned	
12	Bible 12		Fall Semester	BIB Bible	Planned	



# 4 Year Plan 2.0

CREDIT TOTALS					
Breakdown by Grade		Breakdown by Credit Type			
Grade	Credit per Grade	Credit Type	Graduation Requirement	Number of Credits Completed or In Progress	Number of Credits Remaining
9	6.00	BIB Bible	n/a	0.50	Based on number of years at BFA
10	0.00	EN English	4.00	1.00	3.00
11	0.00	FA Fine Arts	1.00	0.00	1.00
12	0.00	FL Language	2.00	1.00	1.00
Total	6.00	Health	0.50	0.00	0.50
		MA Math	3.00	1.00	2.00
		PA Practical Arts	1.00	0.00	1.00
		PE Physical Education	0.50	0.50	0.00
		SC Science	3.00	1.00	2.00
		SS Social Studies	3.00	1.00	2.00
		Extra Core	1.00	0.00	1.00
		TOTAL		23.00	6.00

BFA Credit Type Clarifications	
BIB Bible	Bible 9, 10, 11, 12 (0.5 required for each year of attendance)
EN English	4 credits of English required
FA Fine Arts	1 credit of Fine Arts course (s) required
FL Language	2 consecutive levels of same foreign language required
Health	0.5 credits of BFA Health class required
MA Math	3 credits of math required, 4 recommended. See math progression chart.
PA Practical Arts	1 credit of Practical Arts course(s) required
PE Physical Education	0.5 credits of PE 9, Team Sports, or Personal Fitness required
SC Science	3 credits of science required, 4 recommended. See science progression chart.
SS Social Studies	3 credits of SS are required, one of which is Worldviews. 4 credits is recommended.
Extra Core	1 additional credit of Math, Science, Social Studies, or Foreign Language required . Can be two 0.5 semesters of SS combined
Study Hall	Not for Credit - can take one or two semesters per year, no more. Semesters can be specified in Comments section.

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**BFA Credits**

**Explained**

# 1

Credit  
2 Semesters  
(1 year)

# .5

Credit  
1 Semester

# 7

**Maximum**  
credits  
per year

# 6

**Minimum**  
credits  
per year

# 7

Credits Student  
(no study hall)

Block	Period	Fall	Spring	Total Credits
1	A	0.5	0.5	1
2	B	0.5	0.5	1
3	C	0.5	0.5	1
4	D	0.5	0.5	1
5	E	0.5	0.5	1
6	F	0.5	0.5	1
7	G	0.5	0.5	1

# 6

Credits Student

(study hall in fall **AND** spring)

Block	Period	Fall	Spring	Total Credits
1	A	0.5	0.5	1
2	B	0.5	0.5	1
3	C	0.5	0.5	1
4	D	0.5	0.5	1
5	E	0.5	0.5	1
6	F	0.5	0.5	1
7	G	0	0	0

# 6.5

Credits Student

(study hall in fall **OR** spring)

Block	Period	Fall	Spring	Total Credits
1	A	0.5	0.5	1
2	B	0.5	0.5	1
3	C	0.5	0.5	1
4	D	0.5	0.5	1
5	E	0.5	0.5	1
6	F	0.5	0.5	1
7	G	0.5	0	0.5



Study Hall

Recommended for  
NEW students

# 7

**Maximum**  
credits  
per year

# 6

**Minimum**  
credits  
per year

G9

6

G10

6

G11

6

G12

6

23

**BFA**  
**Required Credits**

24

**Minimum**  
**credits earned**

# 6

Classes in one day

# HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

## 2023 - 2024

			Day 1	Day 2	Day 3			Day 4	Day 5
					PD	8:00-9:00	60		
1st Hour	8:40 - 9:35	55	A period	B period	Prep	9:00 - 9:35	35	A period	C period
2nd Hour	9:40 - 10:35	55	B period	C period	C period			B period	A period
	10:35 - 10:45	10	Break	Break	Break			Break	Break
3rd Hour	10:45 - 11:40	55	C period	D period	A period			D period	B period
4th Hour	11:45 - 12:40	55	D period	E period	D period			F period	Chapel
	12:40 - 13:20	40	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			Lunch	Lunch
5th Hour	13:20 - 14:15	55	E period	F period	G period			E period	G period
6th Hour	14:20 - 15:15	55	F period	G period	F period			G period	E period
Advisory	15:20 - 15:50	30	Access	Advisory	Access			Access	Enrichment
			<u>drop</u> G period	<u>drop</u> A period	<u>drop</u> B period & E period			<u>drop</u> C period	<u>drop</u> D period & F period

# 4

Hours of a course in a week

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	10:35 - 10:45	10	Break	Break	Break			Break	Break
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4th Hour	11:45 - 12:40	55	D period	E period	D period			F period	Chapel
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# Course Request Explained

5 steps

# Step 1.

Make your  
**Course Request**  
(online form by  
grade level)



# Check this

Name Four Year Plan

Guidance Counselor (s)

Form Last Updated

Country

Other considerations

Number of APs Required

Specific APs Needed

Post BFA Plans

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Black Forest Academy			2024-2025 School Year		
Guidance Office					
List of Courses			For more info see the High School Course Catalog on the Community Portal under Guidance		
<b>BIBLE</b> <i>Required: 1/2 course each year</i> Bible 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MATHEMATICS</b> <i>Required: 3 credits</i> Mathematics 1 Core Mathematics 1 Mathematics 2 Core Mathematics 2 Intermediate Algebra Algebra 2 Precalculus +AP Calculus +AP Statistics	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
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<b>ENGLISH</b> <i>Required: 4 credits</i> English 9 English 10 English 11 +AP English Language & Comp. English 12 +AP English Literature & Comp.	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b> <i>Required: 3 credits</i> Biology +AP Biology Physical Science +AP Physics 1 Chemistry +AP Chemistry Environmental Science Anatomy and Physiology	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
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	1.0	12		1.0	11-12
<b>LANGUAGE</b> <i>Required: 2 credits of same language</i> French 1, 2, 3 +AP French German 1, 2, 3 +AP German Spanish 1, 2, 3 +AP Spanish	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>PRACTICAL ARTS</b> <i>Required: 1 credit</i> Engineering Graphics Graphic Arts 1 Graphic Arts 2 Home Basics Computer Programming 1 Computer Programming 2 +AP Computer Science A Industrial Arts 1 Industrial Arts 2 Journalism Public Speaking #Yearbook Christians and Media	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
	1.0	9-12		0.5	9-12
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<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> <i>Required: 3 credits</i> History 9 (required: grade 9) United States History +AP United States History +AP European History +AP Comparative Government +AP Micro/Macroeconomics Geography: Eastern Hemisphere Geography: Western Hemisphere Twentieth Century History Korean Studies History of Christianity: Acts-Late Medieval History of Christianity: Reformation-Current Worldviews (required: grade 12)	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>HEALTH &amp; PHYS ED</b> <i>Required: 0.5 credit Health</i> <i>Required: 0.5 credit Physical Education</i> Physical Education 9 Health Team Sports #Personal Fitness Sports Leadership 1	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
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## Academic Planning Guide & High School Course Catalog



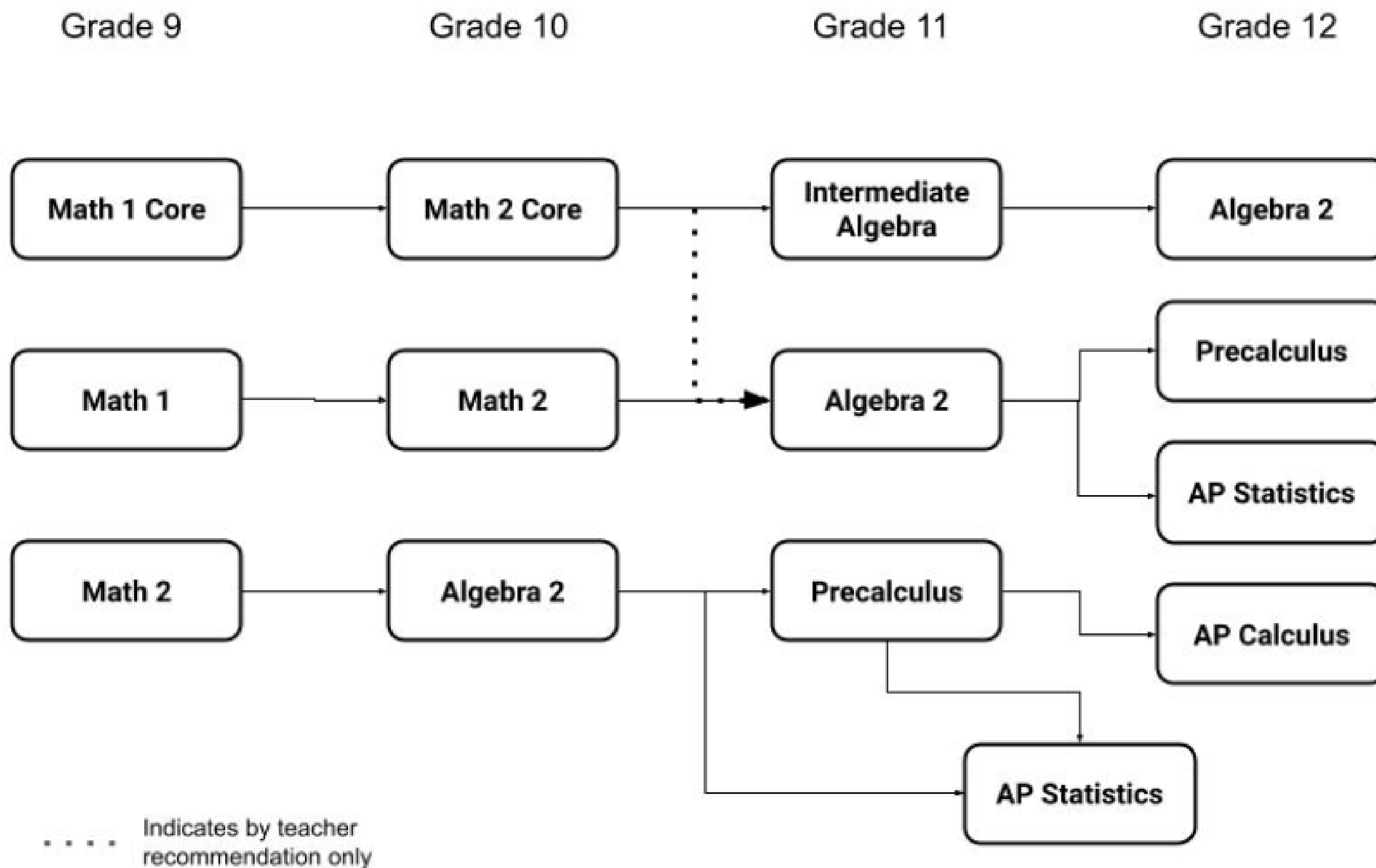
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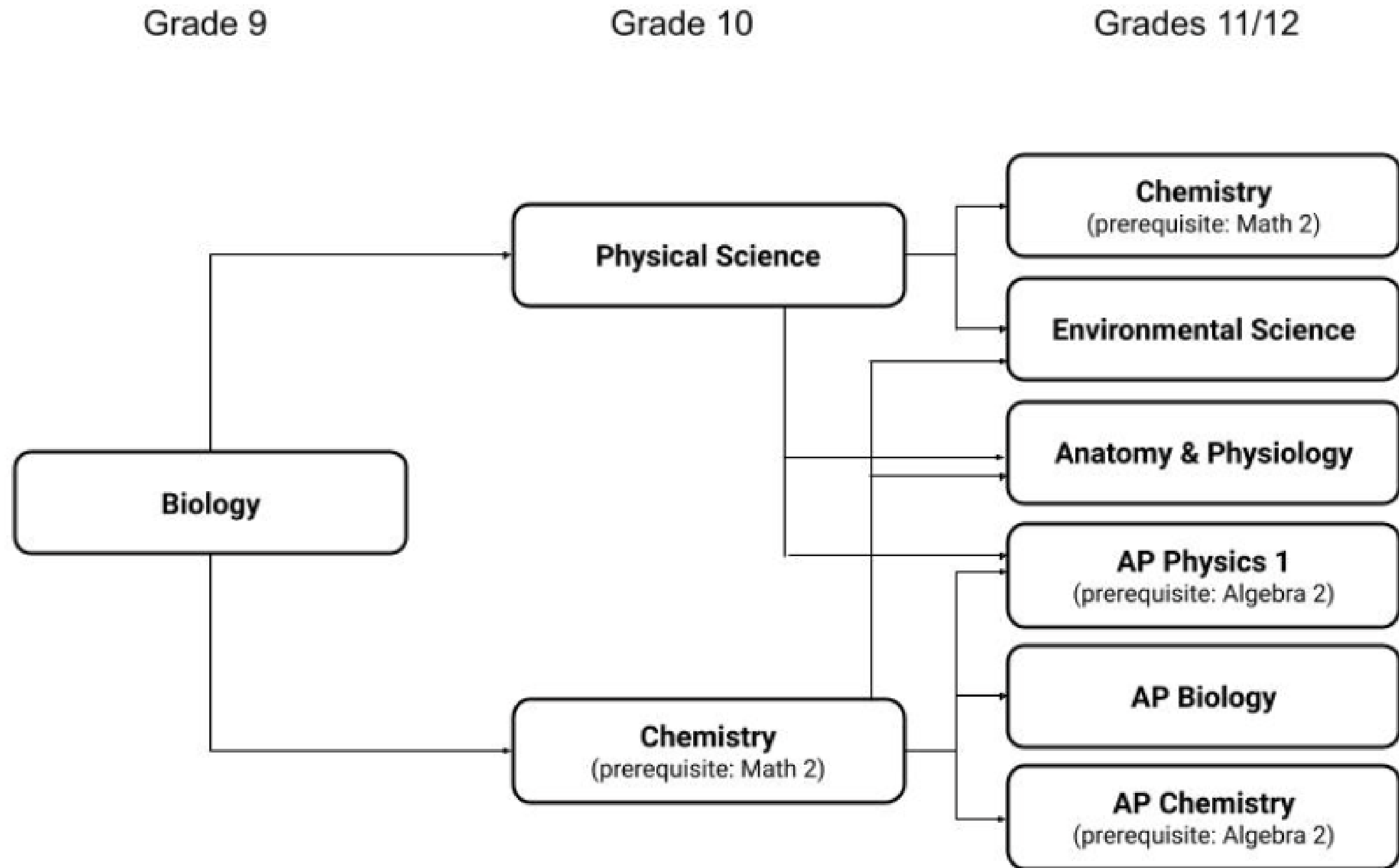
Course List

Course Catalog

# Math Course Track



# Science Course Track



# Step 2.

Take readiness  
evaluations



# Readiness Evals



Math



Language



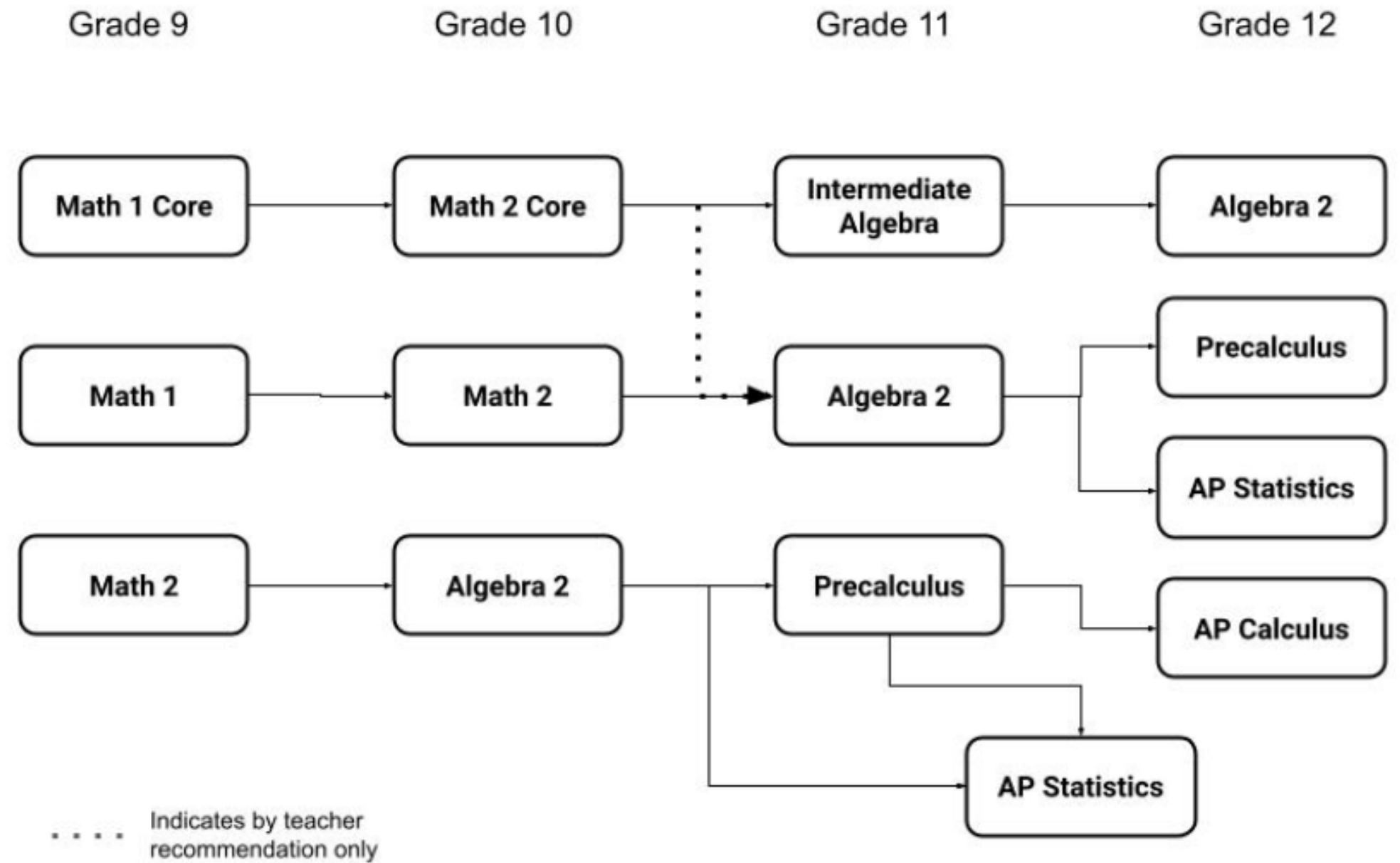
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# Math Eval

Everyone  
takes this  
eval

## Math Course Track





# Lang. Eval

Only if you are  
requesting  
level 2 or higher





# AP Eval

If you desire **higher level**  
**courses and want to**  
**take the AP exam**

# Step 3.

Submit **FINAL**  
transcript



# Step 4.

Check published  
schedule in  
August through  
PowerSchool



# Step 5.

See you during  
New Family OT  
(August)



# Course Request Summary

1. Course request
2. Readiness eval.
3. Submit final transcript
4. Check schedule (August)
5. See you in OT (August)

FAQ



# 1. This a request and a plan

Students do not enroll  
to the classes they  
write down.



## 2. Collaborative

Guidance, parents and the students do it together.



### **3. You can change courses later**

When your final schedule is published in August, you can request to change during add/drop period.



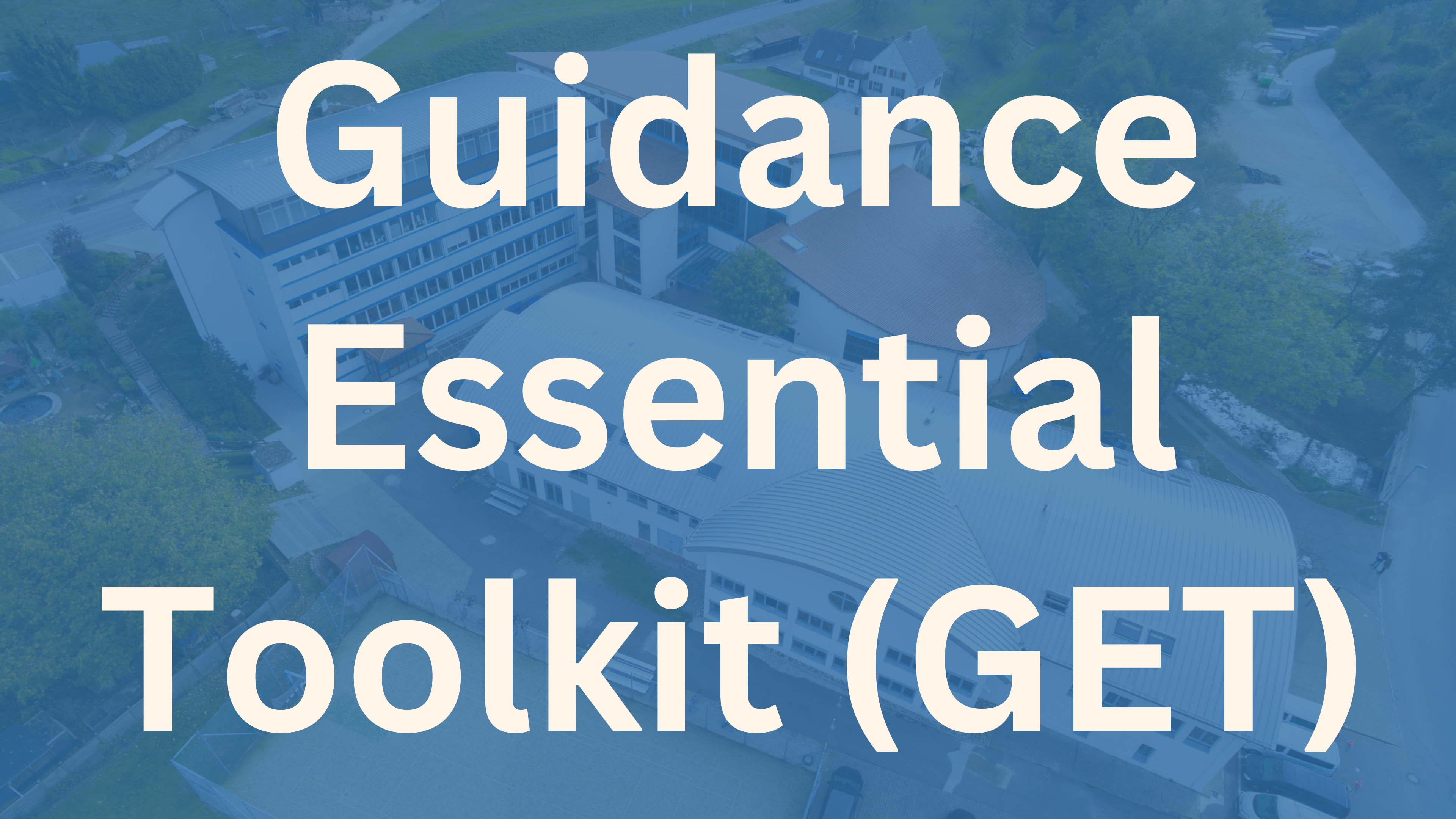
## 4. More personal choices in upperclassmen

Underclassmen has a lot of required courses, but as you go up a grade, you will have more flexibility.



## 5. When do I get my PowerSchool account?

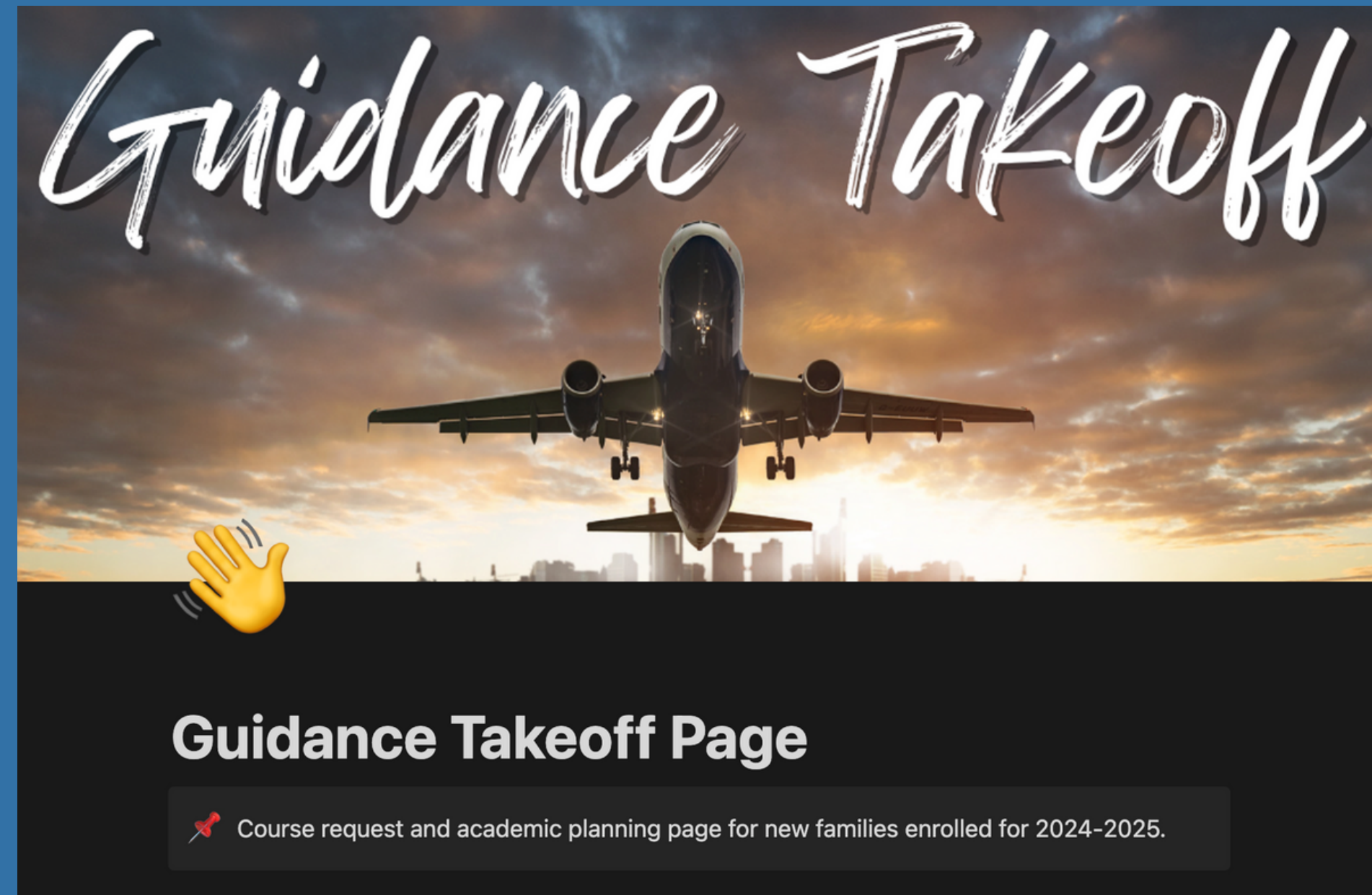
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# Guidance Essential Toolkit (GET)

# Guidance Takeoff

A resource hub for  
new families doing  
course requests.



Shared with parents  
NOW and students in  
the FALL.



Wednesday

5/22

Course Request and  
Readiness Evals **Due**

# BFA Guidance Team



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