

# *Curriculum Night*

*We will begin the presentation at 6:15pm, please explore the academic  
advising site while you wait*

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# *Agenda*

Presentation 6:15-7:15pm

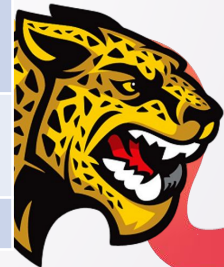
- Diploma types
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- FCPS Academies

Curriculum fair 7:15-8:00 pm



# Diploma Types

Subject	STANDARD DIPLOMA (22 CREDITS)	ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA (26 CREDITS)
English	4	4
Math	3	4
Science	3	4
Social Studies	3	4
Health/PE	2	2
World Language	N/A	3 or 2+2
Fine Arts OR CTE	2 (can include 1 WL)	1
Econ & Personal Fin	1	1
Electives (must include sequential electives)	4	3
CTE Credential	Only if no AP/HN level classes	Only if no AP/HN level classes
CPR/AED/First Aid	yes	yes



# Online Course Catalog

LANGUAGE SEARCH

FULL MENU ABOUT ACADEMICS ACTIVITIES RESOURCES CONTACT

Falls Church High School



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Counselor's Letter of Recommendations

Course Catalog: Current Students

Course Catalog: Rising Freshmen

Governor's School

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Welcome to the new N Connection. This is an easy-to-use 24/7 online tool students' academic and career choices, as well as d


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# Post-secondary planning

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## Recommended Courses

Taking these courses can help prepare for you to be successful at George Mason University.

Course Name	Years Required	Years Recommended
English	4	4
Science	3	3
Math	3	4
History	3	4
Foreign Language	2	4



# English

9	10	11	12
English 9 English 9 Honors	English 10 English 10 Honors	English 11 English 11 Honors AP Eng Lang & Comp	English 12 English 12 Honors AP Eng Lit & Comp English 12 DE

## Electives:

Journalism, Photojournalism, Creative Writing, Debate, LGBTQ+ Perspectives in Lit, Shakespeare Study



# *Social Studies*

9	10	11	12
World Hist & Geo 1 WH & Geo 1 Honors	World Hist & Geo 2 WH & Geo 2 Honors AP World History	US/VA History US/VA History Honors US/VA History DE AP US History	US/VA Govt US/VA Govt DE AP US & Comp Govt AP Govt

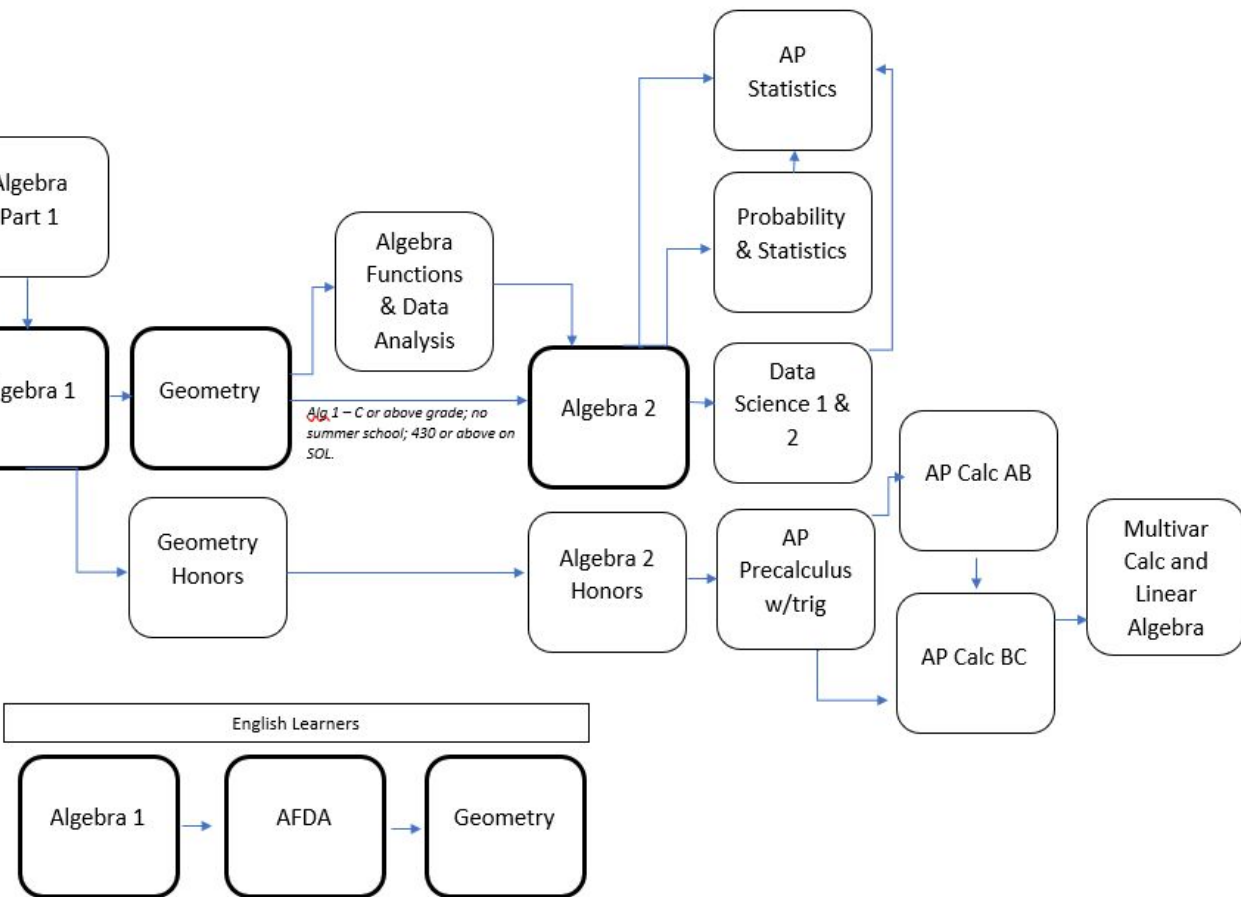
## Electives:

AP Human Geography, AP Economics, AP Psychology, Psychology

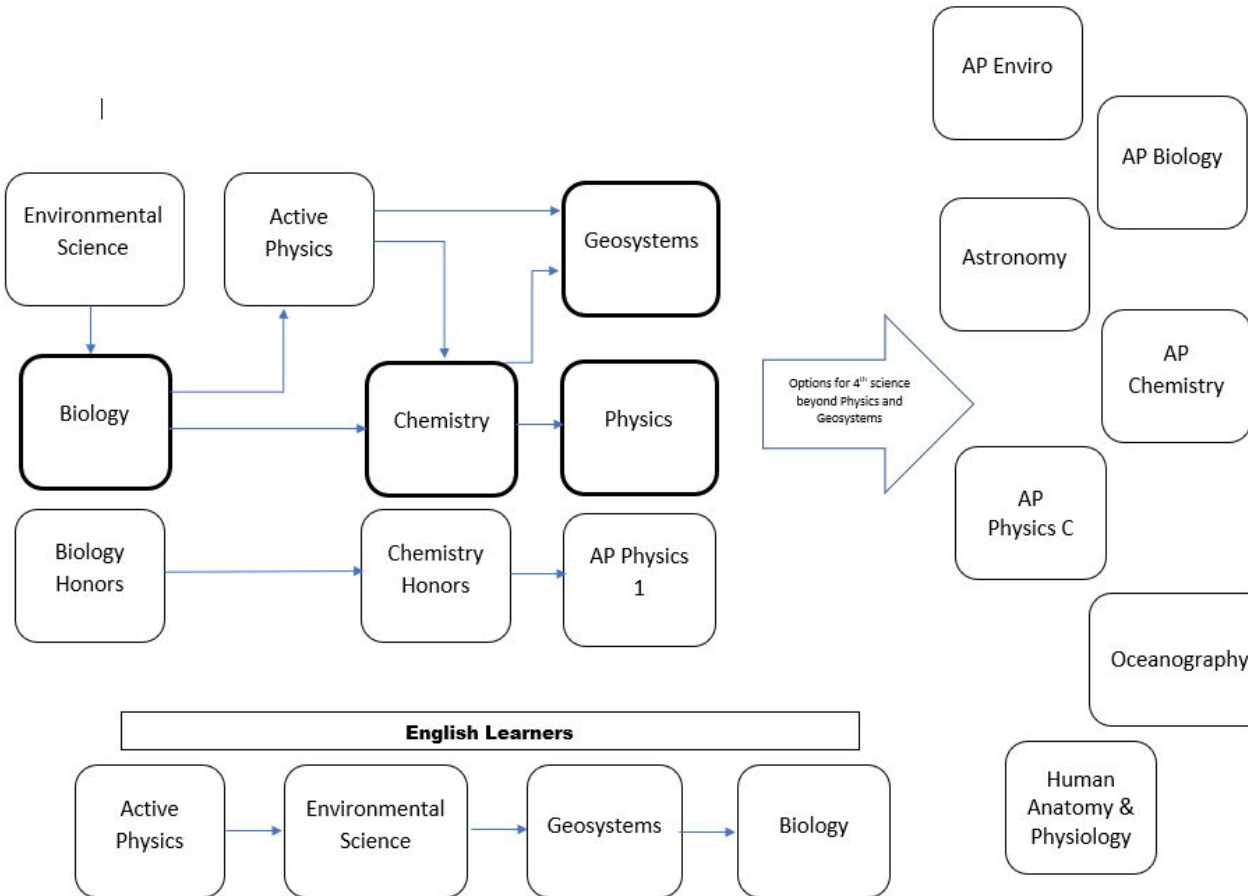




# Mathematics



# Science



All Honors courses are required to participate in the Science Fair.



# *Health & PE*

## Health & PE 9

2 quarters of Health & 2 quarters of PE

Included - First Aid/CPR/AED training

## Health & PE 10

1 quarter of Health, 1 quarter of Driver Education,  
2 quarters of PE

Electives: Personal Fitness, Dance and Yoga for  
Wellness



## *World Languages*

French

Japanese

Spanish

Spanish for Heritage Speakers

Fairfax Academy

Korean

Falls Church Academy

Vietnamese

American Sign Language

Marshall Academy

Arabic

Chinese



# *Fine Arts*

<b>THEATRE ARTS</b>	<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>
Theatre Arts Technical Theatre	Band Orchestra Chorus Music Sampler Music Production (offered 24-25) AP Music Theory (offered 25-26) Guitar Piano Lab	Studio Art Digital Art & Design Photography AP Art: Drawing Portfolio AP Art: 2-D Design Portfolio AP Art: 3-D Design Portfolio Ceramics Animation



# *Career & Technical Education*

Info Systems

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Cybersecurity Foundations

Auto Technology 1

STEM Engineering

Culinary Arts 1

Intro to Marketing

Teachers for Tom 1

Entrepreneurship 1

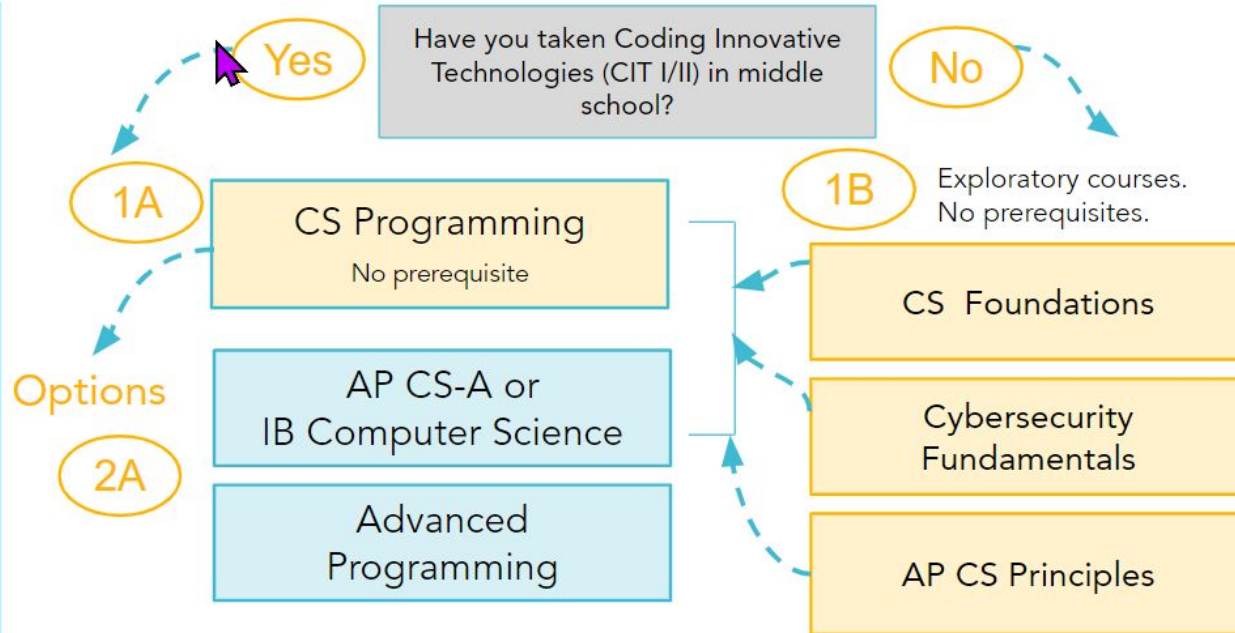
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Credential

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# Computer Science

Did you know that many jobs require Computer Science (CS) skills? Learn how CS connects to your career interests.





# *Economics and Personal Finance*

Honors Econ & PF

AP Macro & Micro Economics

Self-Directed Econ & PF (8<sup>th</sup> period only)





# The Academies



# *AVID Program*

## **AVID students are learners who**

- have a goal of attending a four-year college
- are motivated and determined to succeed in school
- GPA of 2.0-3.5 in regular, on-level classes
- have average or above average standardized test scores in language arts and math



# *Advanced Placement (AP) & Honors*



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## Advanced Placement® (AP)

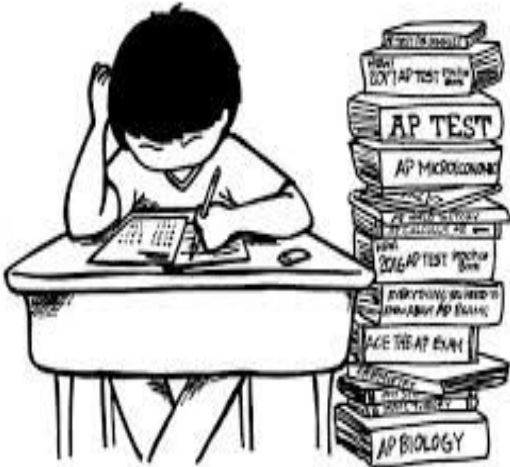
The Advanced Placement® (AP) Program provides academic college preparatory coursework in the major subject fields. AP classes emulate introductory college courses, preparing students for selective universities and colleges.





## BRONZE

AP 2023 School Honor Roll  
Falls Church High School



Exams in May  
Score 1-5

## AP Class Cons



Higher  
Challenge



Exam  
Costs



Non-Uniform  
Acceptance



Open Enrollment - No  
prerequisite

## AP Class Pros



Course  
Variety



College  
Prep



GPA  
Boost



College  
Credit



Academic  
Rigor



Majors/  
Minors

The first 6 AP  
exams are free

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- AP World (10th)
- AP Human Geography (10th-12th)
- AP US/VA (11th)
- AP Comparative & Government (12th)
- AP Economics (11th/12th)
- AP Psychology (10th-12th)

## ARTS

- AP Music Theory (11th/12th)
- AP Drawing (11th/12th)
- AP 2D/3D (11th/12th)

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## AP CAPSTONE

- AP Seminar (11th)
- AP Research (12th)

## ENGLISH

- AP English Language (11th)
- ★ -AP English Literature (12th)

## SCIENCES

- AP Bio (11th/12th)
- AP Chemistry (11th/12th)
- AP Environmental Sciences (11th/12th)
- AP Physics 1 (11th/12th-Algebra)
- AP Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism-Mechanics (11th/12th corequisite: Calculus)

## MATH

- AB Calculus (11th/12th)
- BC Calculus (11th/12th)
- AP Statistics (11th/12th)
- AP Computer Sciences (11th/12th)

## LANGUAGES

- AP French (11th/12)
- AP Spanish Literature (11th/12th)
- ★ -AP Spanish Language (11th/12th)



# AP Credit Policy Search

<a href="#">AP United States History</a>	3	3	HIST 121
<a href="#">AP United States History</a>	4	6	HIST 121, HIST 122
<a href="#">AP United States History</a>	5	6	HIST 121, HIST 122
<a href="#">AP World History: Modern</a>	3	3	HIST 125
<a href="#">AP World History: Modern</a>	4	6	HIST 125, HIST L387
<a href="#">AP World History: Modern</a>	5	6	HIST 125, HIST L387

Search by Course

Find Your College

<a href="#">AP Biology</a>	5	8	BIOL 103, BIOL 105, BIOL 102
<a href="#">AP Calculus AB</a>	3	3	MATH 123
<a href="#">AP Calculus AB</a>	4	4	MATH 113
<a href="#">AP Calculus AB</a>	5	4	MATH 113
<a href="#">AP Calculus BC</a>	3	3	MATH 123
<a href="#">AP Calculus BC</a>	4	8	MATH 113, MATH 114
<a href="#">AP Calculus BC</a>	5	8	MATH 113, MATH 114
<a href="#">AP Calculus BC: AB Subscore</a>	3	3	MATH 123
<a href="#">AP Calculus BC: AB Subscore</a>	4	4	MATH 113
<a href="#">AP Calculus BC: AB Subscore</a>	5	4	MATH 113
<a href="#">AP Chemistry</a>	3	4	CHEM 103
<a href="#">AP Chemistry</a>	4	8	CHEM 211, CHEM 213



# Advanced Placement Test

# Virginia Tech Equivalent Credit

*A maximum of 38 credit hours may be awarded*

SUBJECT	TITLE	COMMENTS	Advanced Placement Score	SUBJECT	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
AFST	AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES		3, 4, OR 5	AFST	2XXX	AFRICANA STUDIES ELECTIVE	3
AP	AP RESEARCH		3, 4, OR 5	VT	1XXX	ELECTIVE CREDIT	3
AP	AP SEMINAR		3, 4, OR 5	VT	1XXX	ELECTIVE CREDIT	3
ART	ART – DRAWING	CREDIT NOT APPLICABLE TO ART DEGREE	3, 4, OR 5	ART	1404	DRAWING I	3
ART	STUDIO ART: 2-D DESIGN		3, 4, OR 5	ART	2XXX	ART ELECTIVE	3
ART	STUDIO ART: 3-D DESIGN	CREDIT NOT APPLICABLE TO ART DEGREE	3, 4, OR 5	ART	1XXX	ART ELECTIVE	3
ART	ART HISTORY		3	ART	2385	SURVEY OF THE HISTORY OF WESTERN ART	3
ART	ART HISTORY		4 OR 5	ART	2385	SURVEYOF THE HIST OF WEST ART	3
				ART	2386	SURVEYOF THE HIST OF WEST ART	3
BIOL	BIOLOGY		3	BIOL	1014	INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGY	3

# WHAT'S NEXT?....


Talk with your student about their expectations-and the time investment so that too much is not too much




Have students talk with their counselors/AP teachers/current teacher



# AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM - New to FCHS!

The AP Capstone Diploma program gives students the opportunity to create original research projects while working towards a nationally recognized diploma seal from the College Board. 

Students will take two courses, AP Capstone 1 (Seminar) and Capstone 2 (Research) which will guide them through investigation based research projects, both as individuals and in teams.

To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must pass both AP Seminar and Research plus 4 additional AP courses with a score of 3 or higher on the AP exams. You can take one or both courses without pursuing AP Capstone Diploma. 



# AP Capstone 1 (AP Seminar) - New for 2024-2025

AP Seminar teaches students skills in academic research and writing. Students are guided through a series of skill building projects in the first half of the year.

In the second half of the year, students will be working independently on their AP End of Course projects. Students create a group research project on a topic of their choice which is accompanied by a presentation. Then, students complete an individual project and presentation using materials provided by the College Board. Students complete the course with an AP Exam using a similar format to their individual written project.

Students in AP Capstone courses should be able to complete work for the course during class time unless their research project requires equipment not available during class.

# DE SOCIAL STUDIES

- Starting next year, we will have two dual enrollment (DE) course offerings at FCHS

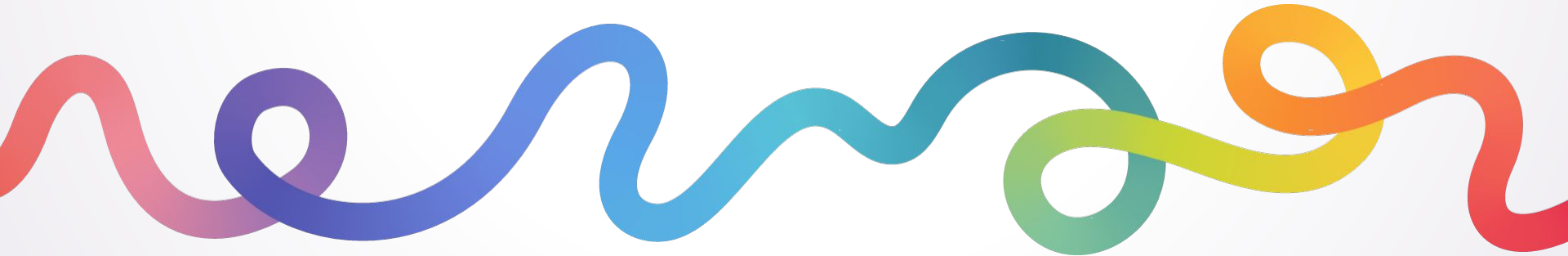
- DE US/VA History (11<sup>th</sup>)
- DE US Government (12<sup>th</sup>)

- These courses offer the chance to earn college credit (NVCC) without an AP exam

- You should expect 2-4 hours of homework (reading) a week

- We recommend these courses for students who are:

- Interested in social studies and looking for a challenge
- Taking many STEM AP classes (and their exams)



# DE ENGLISH 12:

- DE English allows you to earn college credit from NOVA
- a good grade in the course will earn you your college credit
- there is no AP exam
- however, it is college-level reading and writing

- you should expect 2-4 hours of homework (reading & writing) a week
- at the conclusion of the course, you will have earned credit in NOVA's ENG 111 & ENG 112
- the course helps prepare you for future college and professional writing



# *Summer School*

## FCPS Summer School

Credit Recovery in person

Online classes to get ahead

Self-directed Econ & PF

Enrichment programs

**Non- FCPS programs need prior approval**



## *Working collaboratively*

Contact your child's school counselor

Ask questions; your child, his/her school counselor,  
current teachers





# *Academic Advising Calendar*

FCHS

January 10 - Curriculum Night

January 3 - Presentation to students

January 22 - March 6- one-on-one with Counselor through Social Studies (Eng 9 for EL level 1 student)

March 6 - deadline for academy registration and FCHS course selection deadline

Middle Schools

TBD - Counselor to present to Poe & Glasgow Middle Schools

January 22 - Counselors present to Luther Jackson 8th



# Academic Advising Information

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Falls Church High School (703-207-4000)  
2018-2019 School Year, Grade: 11

### Selected Course Requests

Ln	Department	Course Title	Course ID
No course requests have been selected or assigned			

### Alternate Elective Requests (*in preference order*)

Ln	Department	Course Title	Course ID	Elective
No alternate course requests have been selected or assigned.				

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Parent VUE - course request tab is live. Not a guarantee of courses or the class period or teachers.





# *Curriculum Fair*

Tonight's setting is not private, please ask general questions. Here are suggestions:

1. What is the difference between the outside workload expectations between honors Biology and Biology?
2. Do all 10th graders read the same books? At the same time?
3. If my child is interested in AP World History in 10th grade, do they have to take Honors World History 1 freshman year?
4. If my child wants to get ahead in math, should they take Honors Geometry over the summer and Honors Algebra 2 next year?
5. Can a student skip levels in art if they have been taking art classes for years?

