



Stratford High School

2019-20 FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTION PRESENTATION

YOU WILL NEED:

1. COURSE SELECTION SHEET
2. PEN/PENCIL OR HIGHLIGHTER

Welcome



Course Selection Takeaways

- ▶ Choose courses carefully. You likely will not be able to change after June 5, 2020.
- ▶ We staff and assign teachers based on the courses you choose.
- ▶ Talk to your teachers to help you choose appropriate courses.
- ▶ Don't be afraid to ask for help.
- ▶ Get a pen/pencil and highlighter to fill this sheet out.

Foundation High School Program + Endorsement Graduation Plan



Graduation Plan Takeaways

- ▶ Put your name on your course selection sheet.
- ▶ You need 26 credits to graduate.
- ▶ You earn credits by passing your high school classes.
- ▶ Everyone needs an endorsement. Don't stress about it though. It can be changed easily.
- ▶ Everyone gets a Multidisciplinary Endorsement.
- ▶ If you're already in Algebra 1 or higher, choose STEM for your endorsement as well.
- ▶ If you plan on doing band, choir, art, orchestra or theater for four years, choose Arts & Humanities as well for your endorsement.
- ▶ If you're interested in Business, choose Business and Industry as well for your endorsement.
- ▶ If you're interested in the medical field, choose Public Services as well for your endorsement.

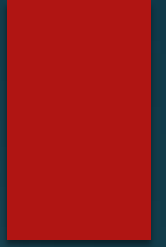
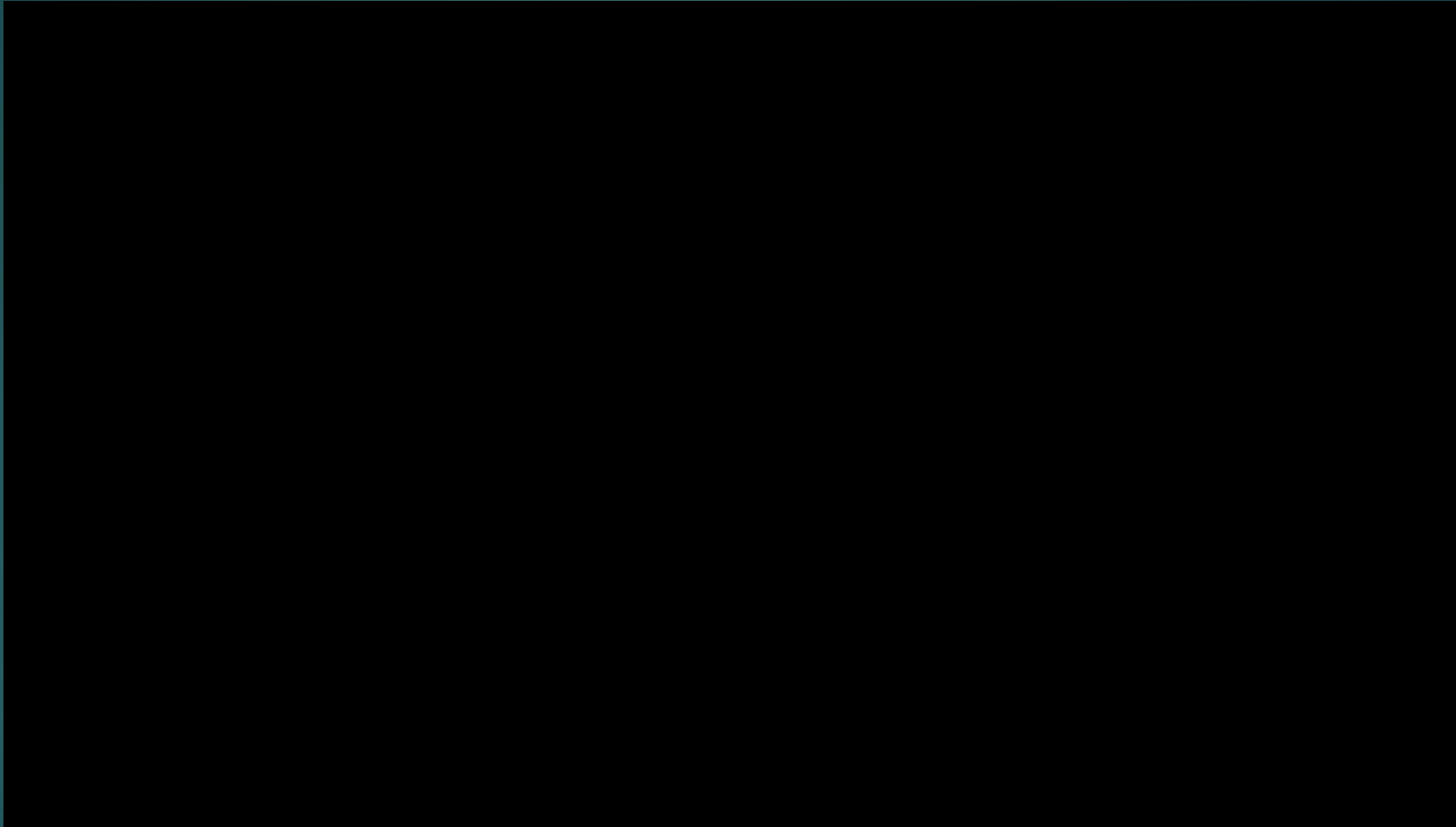
Math

Did someone say VSCO?

Math Takeaways

- ▶ Save the turtles!
- ▶ Algebra 1 > Geometry > Algebra 2
- ▶ Dual Enrollment Algebra 2 – An option to potentially earn college credit.

English



English Takeaways

- ▶ Everyone needs English I.
- ▶ English I Pre-AP has a summer reading component. Be sure you know the book you need to read before school starts.

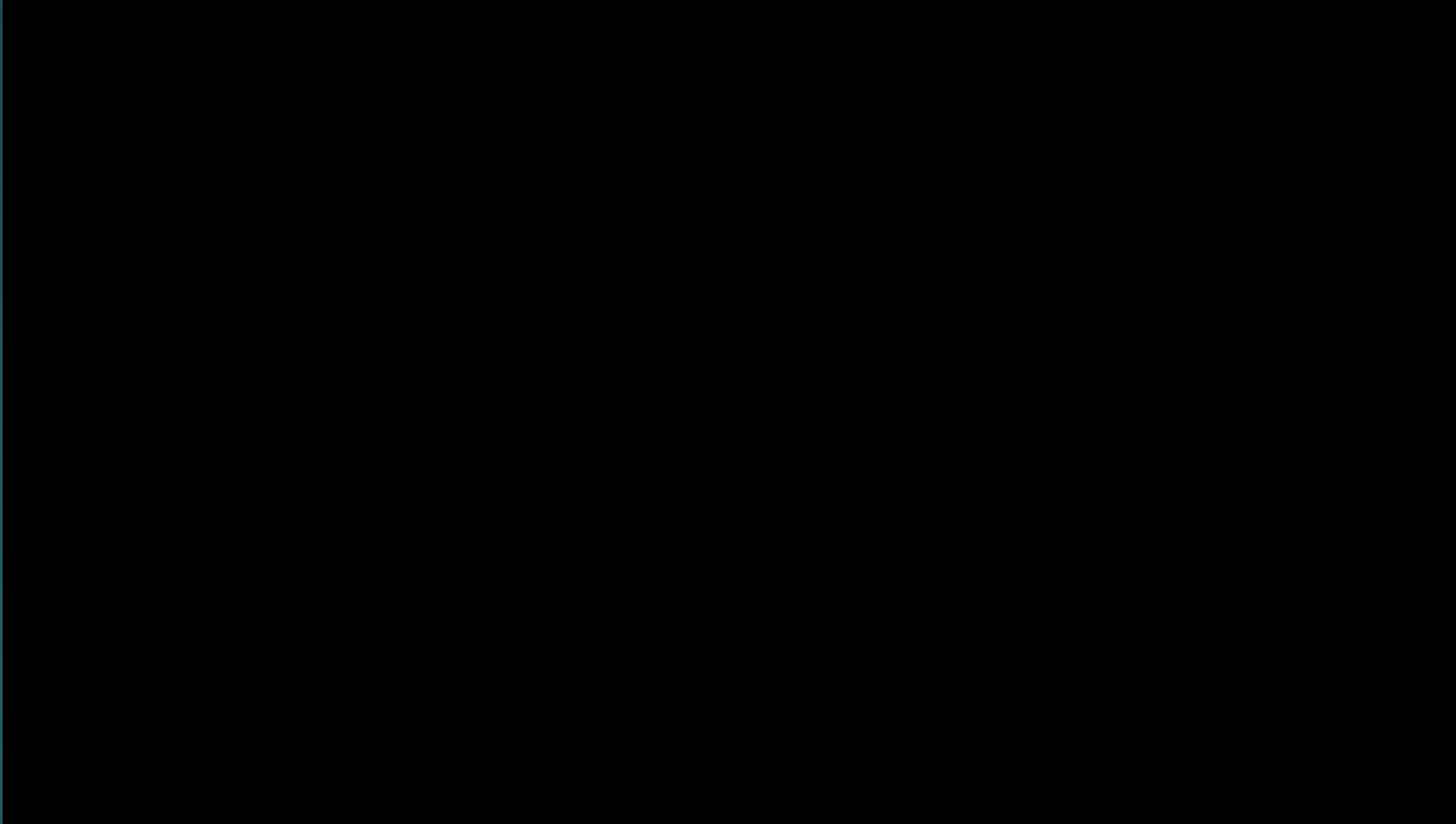
History/Social Studies

Let's take a journey back to 1774
and meet a rising 18 year old hero!

History/Social Studies Takeaways

- ▶ World Geography Pre-AP and AP are weighted the same for GPA purposes.
- ▶ Choose AP Human Geography if you love social studies or want the opportunity to potentially earn college credit via the AP test.

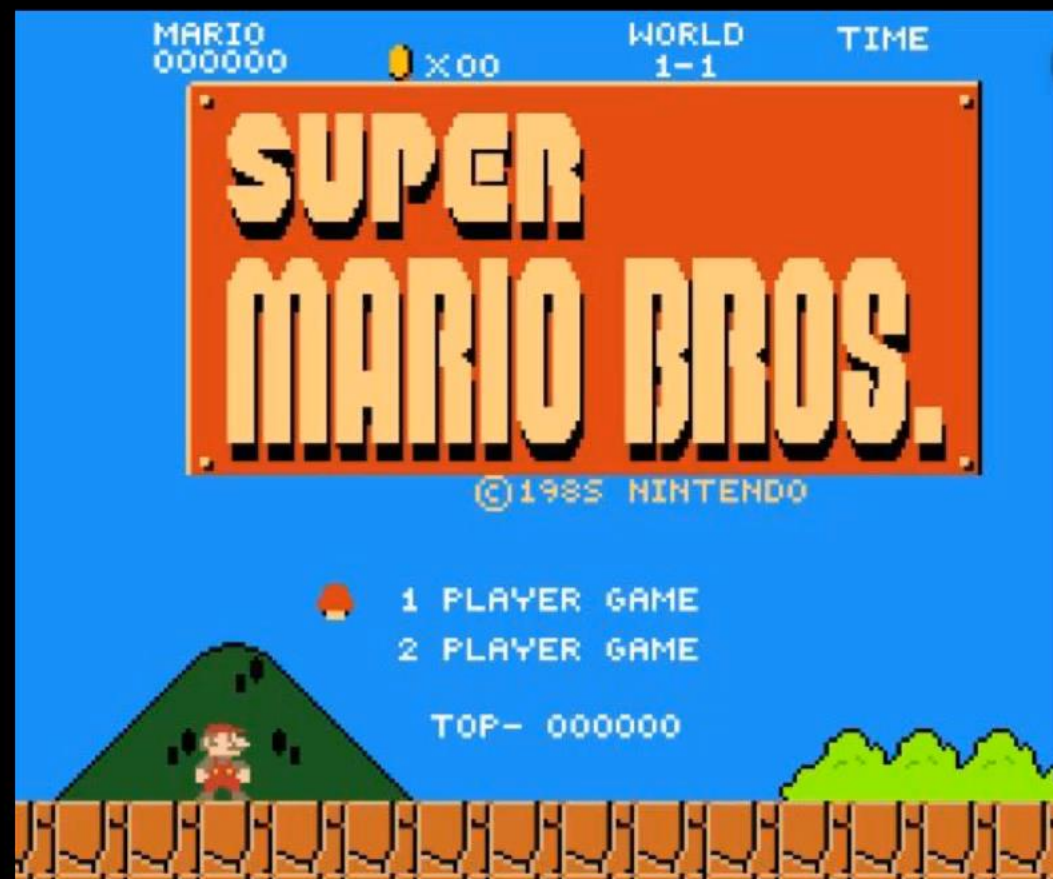
Science



Science Takeaways

- ▶ Everyone needs Biology.
- ▶ Choose Biology Pre-AP if you're good in math/science – but be prepared to work hard.
- ▶ Choose IPC if you're really not confident in math and science.

PE



PE Takeaways

- ▶ If you're not choosing a sport, choose Team Sports, Dance PE or PE Tennis.
- ▶ If you're in band, band for two years will satisfy your PE credit requirement.
- ▶ Athletic sports (except tennis) take up two spots on your schedule.
- ▶ If taking a sport, choose that sport and either Girls Athletic Local (HP111) or Boys Athletic Local (HP110).
- ▶ You can do two sports, but only choose the one that starts first now.

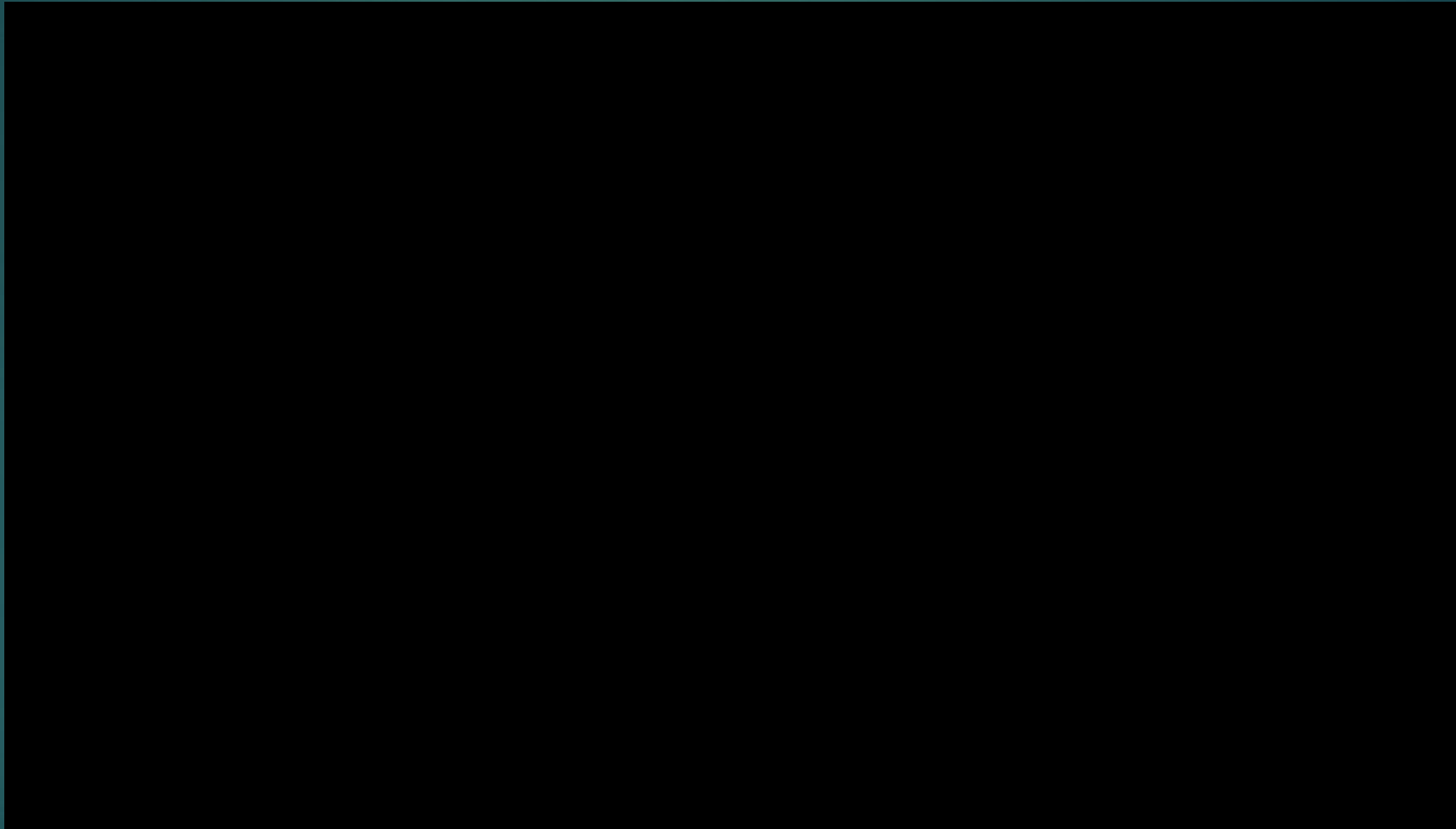
Fine Arts



Fine Arts Takeaways

- ▶ You need a fine art credit at some point to graduate.
- ▶ Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theater, Technical Theater, Art and Music Appreciation all satisfy this requirement.

Foreign Language



Foreign Language Takeaways

- ▶ You need two years of the same foreign language to graduate.
- ▶ You may take French, Spanish and ASL at Stratford HS.
- ▶ If you're currently in level 1 of a language, choose level 2 unless you want to start over.
- ▶ Level 3 of a foreign language is not required but encouraged for college-readiness.

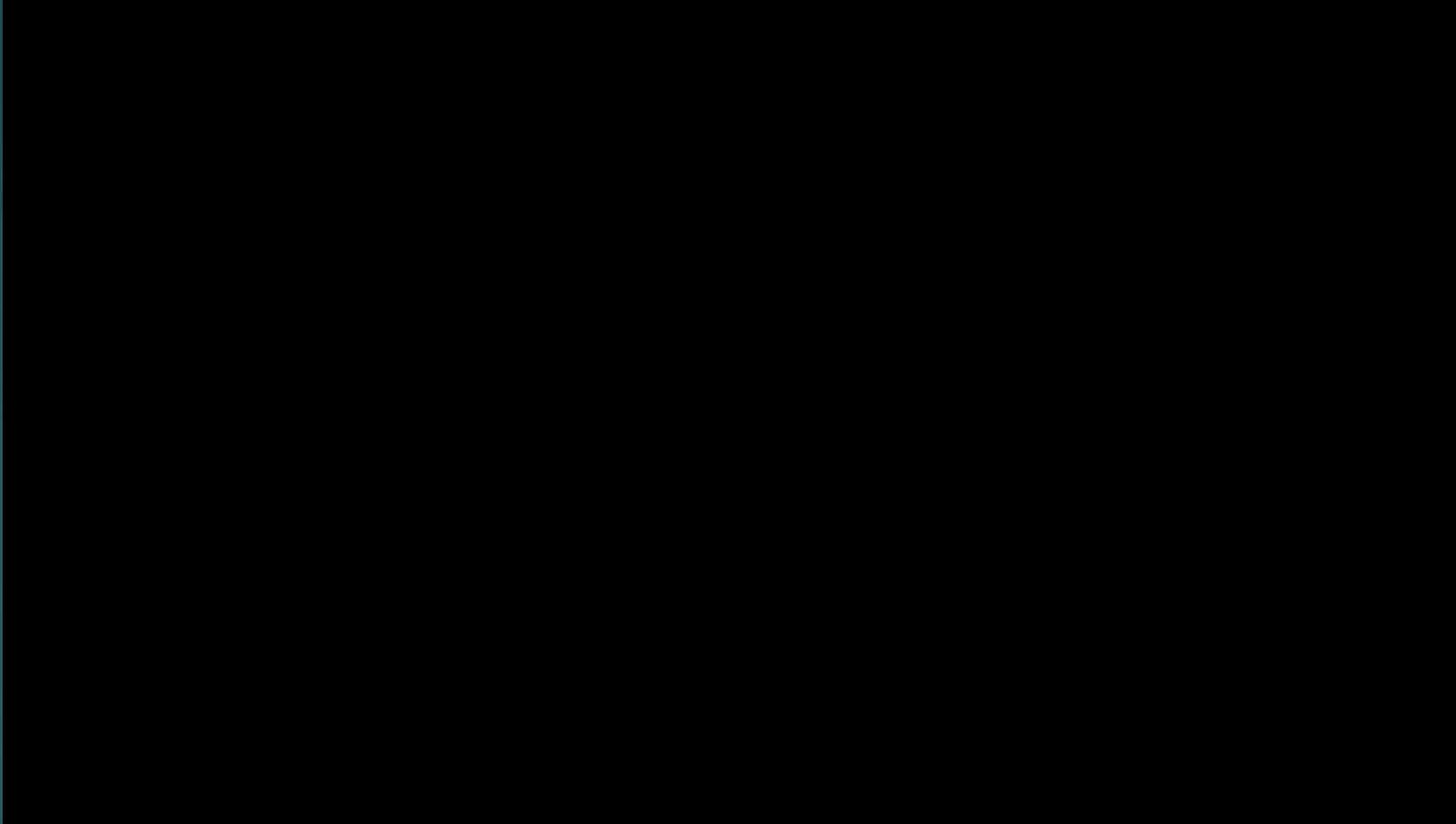
Electives



Elective Takeaways

- ▶ The rest of your classes form your electives.
- ▶ You need 8 total classes at Stratford High School.
- ▶ We generally do not do elective changes.
- ▶ If you choose a one semester class, you need to choose a second one semester class.
- ▶ There is no credit for study hall.
- ▶ Guthrie Center courses take two periods in your schedule.
- ▶ Select an alternate class or two and put at the bottom of your course selection sheet.

Closure/Pre-AP Contract



Final Takeaways

- ▶ Your final 8 classes go on the front of your course selection sheet.
- ▶ You need 8 classes total.
- ▶ Every section doesn't need to be filled out on the front.
- ▶ Ask questions if you're not sure.
- ▶ Turn in a signed Pre-AP contract or you will not be allowed to register for Pre-AP courses.