

# Frequently Asked Questions at Syracuse High School



## **What credits do I need to graduate w/ the Class of 2021?**

Students must earn 27 academic credits, in the following areas to graduate from SHS: 4.0 English, 3.0 Science, 3.0 Math, 2.5 Social Studies, 0.5 Us Gov't & Citz, 1.0 PE, 0.5 Fit for Life, 0.5 Health Ed 2, 1.5 Fine Arts, 1.0 Career & Technical (CTE), 0.5 General Financial Literacy, 0.5 Digital Literacy and 8.5 Electives. You must also make up all U's earned 9th –12th!!

## **What if I want to try out for something?**

1. Tell us what you are trying out for on your Course Request Form
2. Designate which classes you would like dropped from your schedule (if you make it)

## **How do I run for Sophomore (10th grade) Office?**

Elections will take place in the spring. Watch for the signs at your junior high in late April, portfolios due to SHS by early May. You must have a 3.0 GPA and no F's or U's to be eligible to run for office.

## **Why would I take Intro to Health?**

If you want to pursue a career in the medical field you should take Intro to Health in place of Health Education. Please note that Intro to Health is a full year class and you must pass all four terms.

## **Do I need World Language to graduate?**

No. However, you will need 2 years of the same World Language 9-12th grade if you want to be eligible for the Regent's Scholarship, or admission to the University of Utah and many universities outside the state of Utah.

## **What is a prerequisite?**

A prerequisite is a class that you must complete before taking the next class. For example, you must take Clothing I BEFORE you can take Clothing II. The prerequisites are listed next to the name of the class where they apply (\*).

## **How do I sign up for Driver's Ed?**

If you want to take Driver's Ed during your 10th grade year you must put it on your course request form. You will need to obtain your learner's permit prior to the first day of class. Cost of the school day class is \$80.00.

## **Can I take Summer Driver's Ed?**

Yes, IF your birthday is June 1st through November 30th. Cost of summer driver's ed is approximately \$140.00. Sign-ups start around the first week of May in the SHS main office. You must have your permit. Classes are held the first two weeks of summer break, at SHS. YOU MAY NOT MISS ANY CLASSES—NO EXCEPTIONS!

## **How do I sign up for Seminary?**

You need to list Seminary on your course request. It is a full year class.

## **Do I have to take Fit for Life?**

Yes. Fit for Life is a required class.

## **Do I have to make up a class I failed in the 9th grade?**

Yes. Please work with your junior high school counselor to make up credits you have lost during your 9th grade year.

## **Do I have to make up the U's I earned in the 9th grade?**

Yes. Any U's you earn in the 9th grade are part of the citizenship credit you need for graduation. FYI, at SHS you are not eligible for schedule changes after the second day of school unless your U's have been cleared.

# What should I be thinking about in 10th grade?

1. Continue getting excellent grades. Your grades and your ACT score (when you take it) will form your index score which will determine, in some cases, whether you can be admitted to the college of your choice.
2. Take Honors and AP classes when you can.
3. Continue to develop and seek leadership qualities through service to your school and community. An in-depth quality experience with one or two organizations is better than just getting your name on the rolls of several.
4. Take the PSAT (National Merit Test) in February of your sophomore year.
5. Be aware of classes that you need to take for scholarship consideration (i.e. The Regents' Scholarship) and to prepare for college—THE #1 PREDICTOR OF GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE IS THE CLASSES YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE IN HIGH SCHOOL.
6. If you know where you want to go to college, make sure you are meeting their admissions requirements. Some competitive colleges and universities have more demanding admissions requirements than the Davis School District graduation requirements.

## Get Involved!

**Clubs:** <https://shs.davis.k12.ut.us/activities/clubs>



**Performing Arts & Sports:** <https://shs.davis.k12.ut.us/parents-students/registration/incoming-sophomores>

SHS Dance Line/Drill Team	Titan Football	Titan Volleyball
SHS Cheer	Titan Wrestling	Titan Track
SHS Theatre	Titan Girls Basketball	Titan Cross Country
SHS Choir	Titan Boys Basketball	Titan Boys Golf
SHS Band	Titan Baseball	Titan Girls Golf
SHS Orchestra	Titan Softball	Titan Swimming
Titan Debate	Titan Girls Soccer	Titan Girls Tennis
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