



RISING TO JUNIOR YEAR

Choosing Courses for Current Sophomores
Spring 2023

Recap of the Foundational 9th and 10th grade years

Intensive lab work

Language application: Beginning-level
French, Spanish, Latin, or Chinese

Introduction to and practice of research
methods and writing

Critical analysis of English texts and writing
development

Review and mastery of critical mathematical
concepts

Development of artistic interests and skills

Involvement in Athletic Teams or Theater
Ensembles

Junior Year: Moving toward Mastery

Expected foundational skills

Independence

Self-advocacy

Self-awareness

Confidence

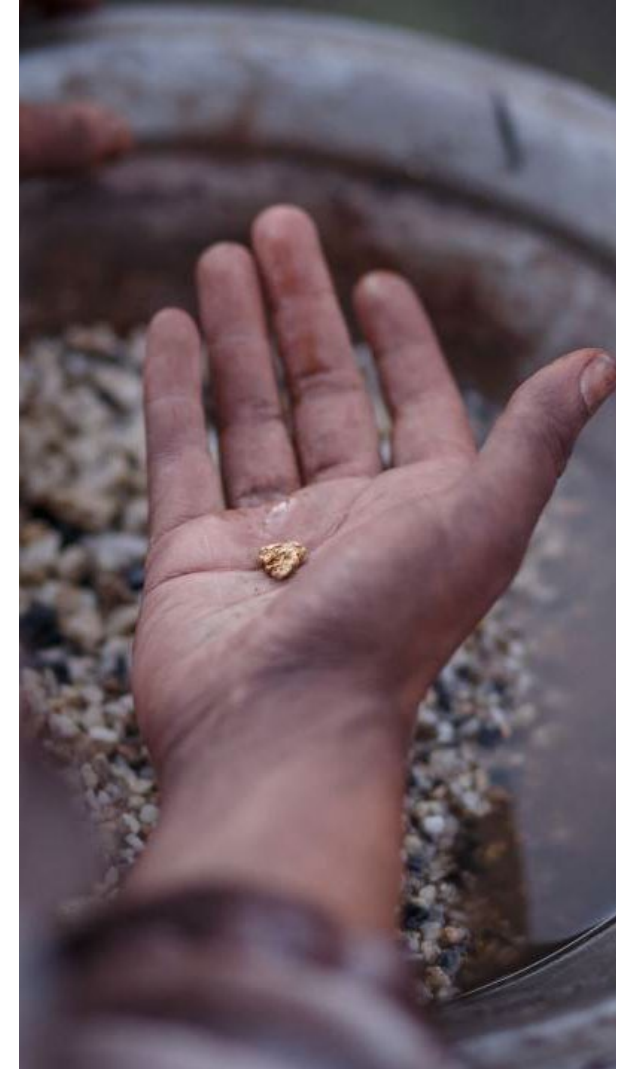
Intellectual investment

Leadership

Centering Questions

What has been revealed in 9th and 10th grade?

What are your child's strengths and interests?
What are the challenges?



Opportunity for Choice

- Advanced study in specific areas of interest
 - Visual Arts
 - Performing Arts (theater and music)
 - Core academics
- College Prep Courses
- Honors Courses
- AP Courses
- IB Program

International Baccalaureate Program

IB Open House:

February 15, 7pm,
Hance FAC Dance Room
Students and parents



What is IB?

- Two-year program for juniors and seniors
- Like liberal arts for high school
- Key aspects of Country Day's IB program:
 - academic rigor
 - Global mindedness
 - personal growth
 - community
- IB learner profile traits: inquirer, knowledgeable, thinker, communicator, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-taker, balanced, reflective

The value of an IB Education

- Learning focused on process and product
- Close, supportive community
- Chance to earn the IB Diploma
- People love it!
- Excellent college preparation
- Recent matriculations and acceptances of IB graduates:

UNC-Chapel Hill	Middlebury College
Davidson College	University of Virginia
Yale University	UCLA
Texas Christian University	Dartmouth College
University of Georgia	Elon University
Wake Forest University	Appalachian State

Typical IB Student Schedule

many more possibilities exist, including courses outside of IB

Junior Year

1. IB English 11
2. French, Spanish, Latin, or Chinese (multiple levels)
3. IB World History
4. IB Biology or IB Chemistry
5. Calculus or Precalculus
6. Theory of Knowledge
7. Free Period

Senior Year

1. IB English 12
2. French, Spanish, Latin, or Chinese (multiple levels)
3. IB History of the Americas
4. IB Biology or IB Chemistry (if not completed junior year)
5. IB Math (multiple levels)
6. IB "elective" such as ITGS, Psychology, or second science
7. Free Period

Typical IB Student Schedule

If pursuing fine arts in IB

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5. Calculus or Precalculus
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IB Open House Feb. 15

- 7:00 pm, Hance FAC Dance Room
- For students and parents
- Remarks from IB coordinator
- Panel Q&A with IB faculty, IB parents, IB students
- Sessions for parents and students



AP, HONORS, AND COLLEGE PREP COURSES

College Prep courses

- The rigor is real! All courses at CD are preparation for college-level work
- College Prep available in every subject:
 - Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Marine Biology, etc.
 - US History (graduation requirement), African American Studies, Social Justice, etc.
 - 11th Grade English (primary content is American Literature)
 - Algebra II, Precalculus, Algebra III/Trig, Intro to Calc and Stats, Dynamic Math, etc.
 - Spanish, French, and Latin III and IV
 - Arts (from Improv to Piano to 2D Art and 3D...)
 - Intro to Computer Science
 - Journalism: Podcasting
 - Entrepreneurship
 - and others

Advanced Courses

- 24 Honors and 28 AP this year
- All subjects offer Honors and/or AP courses (examples):
 - AP Computer Science
 - AP Art History
 - Honors Engineering
 - AP English Language
 - Honors Chinese
 - AP Calc BC
- Purpose is to provide *extra* challenge to those who want and need it

Advanced Courses



Must *qualify* to take Honors and AP



Qualifying grades for 2022-23 are in the student planner, may change for 2023-24



Current teacher states qualification and recommendation on Midterm grade report



Note:

Subject Teacher is not aware of qualifications/recommendations in other classes

Multiple recommendations may be too many

Sample Qualifications (2022-23 year)

AP Calculus BC	87 in Hon. Precalc or Hon. Alg II/Precalc	
IB Analysis SL	83 in Hon. Precalc or Hon. Alg II/ Precalc	
AP Statistics	90 in Precalc or 83 in Hon. Precalc	
Adv. AP Stat with R	83 in BC Calc or enrolled in BC Calc	
Linear Alg/Multi Var	83 in BC Calc or enrolled in BC Calc	
Honors Chemistry	87 in Biology and 87 in regular math course (80 in Hon.)	<u>Minimum math requirement:</u> Algebra II (previous or concurrent)
Honors Physics	87 in current <i>full-year</i> science course (80 in Hon.)	<u>Minimum math requirement:</u> Precalculus (previous or concurrent)

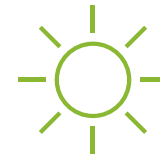
How to choose?



Think again about
strengths and
challenges



Consider amount of
time in the day



Prioritize physical
and emotional
health

Time	Activity
8-9:05	English 11
9:05-9:35	Meet with club to plan event
9:35-10:40	French IV
10:45-11:50	US History
11:50-1:00	Lunch, meet with teacher
1:00-2:05	Honors PreCalc
2:10-3:15	Honors Physics
3:30-5:30	Practice
5:30-6:30	Commute, eat dinner
	Homework (0-45 minutes/class)
	AP courses = 45-60+ min, each

Possible daily schedule

Time	Activity
8-9:05	AP English Language
9:05-9:35	Meet with club to plan event
9:35-10:40	Honors Chinese III
10:45-11:50	AP US History
11:50-1:00	Lunch, meet with teacher
1:00-2:05	AP Calc BC
2:10-3:15	Honors Chamber Choir
3:30-6:00	Practice
6:00-7:30	Commute, eat dinner
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Course Selection Timeline



New Course Catalogue
available mid-March on Bucsnet



March 29th and 30th
Advisors meet with Advisees to go over teacher recommendations and course selection (Midterm report card)

Entirety of proposed schedule is discussed



April 4th **Parents and Advisors** have individual meetings to discuss course selection



Students must maintain Honors/AP qualifying grade and work ethic throughout the year



Students who qualify for Honors/AP by the end of the year must advocate to their advisor to take the honors/AP course and discuss time implications

College Counseling

- April 15 – Case Studies at CCDS – 9:00 to 11:30 am.
- February – introduce Scoir.
- Fall of Junior Year – students visit with college admissions reps.
- October – Financial Aid Information Night.
- November – College Night for Juniors.
- Fall/Winter of Junior Year – take ACT and/or SAT.
- 2nd Semester of Junior Year – students begin to meet individually with college counselors, followed by family meetings.





QUESTIONS?