

*Federal Way High School Cambridge Programme: Basics and Course Options*

**IGCSE/PreAICE**

*International General Certificate of  
Secondary Education*

- Prepares students for IGCSE examinations.
- Prepares students for AICE courses.
- Typically for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**AICE**

*Advanced International Certificate  
of Education*

- Prepares students for AS/A Level examinations.
- Typically, students take AS Level courses in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and A Level courses in 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Cambridge Academy Students**

- Take a minimum of 4 core PreAICE classes in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade (English, Social Studies, Math, Science).
- Take a minimum of 3 core AICE classes in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade (English, Social Studies, Math or Science).
- Plan to earn an AICE Diploma.
- Must complete an application to the programme.

**Cambridge Non-Academy Students**

- Want rigorous coursework in certain classes.
- Have the option to take the examination at the end (AVID students are required to take the exam).
- Can take any Cambridge classes for which they have completed the prerequisites.

**Examinations:** Cambridge examinations are graded on a scale that is different from our traditional United States grading scale. Below is a comparison of Cambridge exam grades to grades in our traditional system. These are for examination purposes only, not for class grades.

IGCSE/PreAICE Examination	U.S. Grade	AICE Examination A (upper case), AS (lower case)	U.S. Grade
A*, A	A+, A	A, a	A+, A
B	A-, B+	B, b	A-, B+
C	B, B-	C, c	B, B-
D	C+	D, d	C+
E	C, C-	E, e	C, C-
F	D+	U	D+, D, D-, F
G	D, D-		
U	F		

## Subject-Specific Course Flow-Charts

To be used as a guideline for course progression. There are exceptions to these rules, but such exceptions should be made through conferencing with the student, parent/guardian, counselor, subject teacher, and AVID teacher (if applicable). Prerequisites are highly recommended, but again, with conversation, exceptions can sometimes be made.





