



Our overall goal in the Intersession course placement process is to make assignments that allow the highest number of students to receive their highest possible preference. Our prioritization methods mean students can be assigned to courses without other friends or students in their grade. Part of Intersession is meeting new people and encountering new situations. Trust that God has plans for your child while they explore their interests and make new friends.

- **What are the priorities you use to place students?**  
Students will be placed Seniors > Juniors > Sophomores > Freshmen.
- **Do you consider students' prior Intersession "travel" during course assignment?**  
Within their grade level, students who have NOT traveled internationally in prior years will be given priority for International Courses over students who HAVE traveled internationally in past years (whether courses were service related or not and whether students are athletes or not).
- **Do I get priority for courses I requested in previous years but didn't get placed?** No, since course offerings differ dramatically each year and because grade level priority generally makes placement in high interest courses higher probability as student progresses yearly.
- **Do students who need service hours/trips receive preference for courses with service?** No, because there are so many service opportunities outside of Intersession, throughout the school year.
- **Doesn't requesting the same course twice increase my chances of getting in?**  
No! Requesting a course more than once throws away one of your choices. Make 4 separate choices which align with your interest and your budget. In some cases, students are assigned to 3rd and 4th preferences so it is important to select four courses your student will want to participate in for May Term.
- **Can I repeat a course?**  
No, because Intersession courses become part of your transcripts and because we want you to have varied experiences.
- **As long as I get my selections in on time, is placement guaranteed?**  
You can maximize your chances of being placed in your initial round by submitting 4 distinct course options. In the rare event that all 4 of the student's course options are filled by students with higher priority and/or cancelled, the Intersession Coordinator will contact the family for new options to ensure your student will be equally considered with his/her priority group.
- **What's the downside to not submitting my requests "on time"?**  
Your course selection options **dramatically decrease** regardless of your grade level if you submit late. All on-time submissions are placed before any late submissions regardless of grade level seniority.
- **What if there are no courses that fit my budget? Are there any scholarships for Intersession?**  
At this time, there are scholarships for Intersession for students during their Senior year Intersession only. Information about the scholarship process is sent in an email to parents of Seniors in August and scholarship awards are communicated to individual students prior to course optioning so that families can plan for their four choices.

As a school we also try very hard to offer courses in a range of prices.

- **Do you ever cancel courses?**

Yes, during placement but not once placement emails have been sent. We present a wide variety of options and let student demand determine final slate of courses. We anticipate 2-4 courses a year will be cancelled. Rest assured that during placement, we make cancellation decisions so students requesting those courses are not disadvantaged in the process.

- **Can my child skip Intersession?**

No. Intersession itself is not optional—it's a [graduation requirement](#), because experiential learning forms a central part of our college-preparatory curriculum. (4 courses x .25 credit per year = 1 Intersession credit total.)

- **How does transportation work?**

For **local** courses, review the Course Description on the myIntersession homepage. Transportation may, or may not, be included and activity may, or may not, occur during “normal” school days/hours. Parents may choose to organize carpools; however, CHCA does not endorse students transporting other students. In addition to being communicated directly to students, this information will be available on Canvas.

For **non-local** courses, you will transport your student(s) to a central departure/arrival location (CHCA, CVG/Dayton/Indianapolis airport, etc.) and this may, or may not, occur during “normal” school days/hours. In addition to being communicated directly to students, this information will be available on Canvas.

- **How do I find out details about a specific course?**

First, review the Course Descriptions on the myIntersession homepage which will be available on September 8. Next, for any other questions ranging from logistics to activities to spiritual integration, email the instructors DIRECTLY for more detailed and in-depth information.

- **How does my child choose between Athletics and Intersession?**

CHCA policy is to let families set the priority of their child's in-season athletic participation or Intersession travel. Your coach can advise you of consequences, if any, for the student to be away during the athletic season. Email the instructors DIRECTLY if you need more detail to determine whether you can balance a specific course with your athletic obligation.

- **What if I have more questions?**

If it's about a specific course, email the instructors DIRECTLY. For general questions, email [intersession@chca-oh.org](mailto:intersession@chca-oh.org).

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