

Course Recommendations

	4 year College or University	2 year College or Technical School	Military	Workforce
English	4 credits (one each year): Regular, Honors, AP or IB	4 credits (one each year): Regular, Honors, AP or IB	4 credits (one each year): Regular, Honors, AP or IB	4 credits (one each year): Regular, Honors, AP or IB
Math	4 or more credits (one each year of high school – take a math senior year): Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra II; Trig/Prob & Stats; Pre-Calc; Calculus; Honors, AP or IB Business Math and other Math department courses should be used as electives.	4 credits (consider taking one every year): Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra II; Trig/Prob & Stats; (Pre-Calc; Calculus) Business Math and other Math department courses are okay depending on career path. Level depends on career path.	4 credits (consider taking one every year): Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra II; Trig/Prob & Stats; (Pre-Calc; Calculus) Business Math and other Math department courses are okay depending on career path. Level depends on career path.	4 credits: Algebra I; Geometry; (Algebra II; Trig/Prob & Stats; Pre-Calc; Calculus) Business Math and other Math department courses are okay depending on career path. Level depends on career path.
Science	3-4 credits of Lab Sciences: Environmental; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Anatomy/Physiology; Honors, AP or IB	3 credits: Environmental; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Anatomy/Physiology; Earth; Physical Choice/level depends on career path.	3 credits: Environmental; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Anatomy/Physiology Earth; Physical Choice/level depends on career path.	3 credits: Environmental; Biology; Earth; Physical; Chemistry; Physics; Anatomy/ Physiology Choice/level depends on career path.
Social Studies	3.5-4 credits: Early/Modern American, World History; Honors, AP or IB	3.5 credits: Early/Modern American; World; Regular Honors, AP or IB	3.5 credits: Early/Modern American; World; Regular, Honors, AP or IB	3.5 credits: Early/Modern American; World; Regular, Honors, AP or IB
World Language	Most colleges look for 2-3 years of the same language	Depending on interest and career path.	Depending on interest and career path.	Depending on interest and career path.
Electives	College Prep or interest-oriented. Do not take “easy” classes to increase GPA.	College Prep or interest-oriented, depending on career path.	College Prep or interest-oriented, depending on career path.	Career and interest-oriented.
Misc. Information	Do your best all 4 years of high school. Colleges will look at each year. Take 5 solid academic subjects a year. Take challenging classes even if you are not interested in the subject. AP/IB and Honors classes will help prepare you for college-level work. Deep involvement and leadership in a few activities is meaningful. Consider college classes or Co-op in a field of interest.	Do your best all 4 years of high school. Take challenging classes related to your intended career path. CP, Honors, AP/IB classes will help prepare you for college-level work. Get involved in a few meaningful activities. Consider college classes – they could transfer to your program. Consider Co-op in a field of interest.	Do your best all 4 years of high school. Take challenging classes related to your intended career path. CP, Honors, AP/IB classes will help prepare you for college-level and technical work opportunities within the military. Get involved in a few meaningful activities. Consider college classes – they could transfer if you later decided to go to college. Consider Co-op in a field of interest.	Do your best all 4 years of high school. Take challenging classes related to your intended career path. Higher level classes will prepare you for advancement and training opportunities. Consider Co-op in a field of interest.

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