

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade College/Career Planning

Welcome to high school! You are about to embark on a four-year journey that will prepare you to enter your choice of college/career training programs, or acquire the skills needed to enter the world of work! Whatever your plans, use what you learn in high school to gain skills and knowledge so that you have lots of options after you graduate! High school years go by quickly... you are here to learn and grow as a person, on your way to life after you graduate! With this idea in mind, know that learning counts, and grades count...it all counts! Use these guidelines to help you navigate your freshman year at CHS:

- ✓ **Take challenging courses and do well in them!** Good grades in your classes will give you more choices when you start to think about applying to college/career training programs. TIP: College only accept grades of "C" or higher, so strive to learn as much as possible in your classes and the good grades will follow!
- ✓ **Get help when you need it!** There are so many resources available to help you be successful in your classes. Be an advocate for yourself by reaching out for help when needed. Not sure where to start? Ask your teacher, counselor, or stop by the College & Career Center during brunch or lunch.
- ✓ **Explore Naviance!** You can build a resume, create your 4-year plan for high school, take assessments that help you discover possible careers and search for colleges in Naviance. Check out **Road Trip Nation** under the Career Tab to view short videos about inspiring stories of how people discovered the career they have today.
  - Log into Naviance using **Classlink and your chrome book login.**
- ✓ **Visit the College & Career webpage** to check out all the resources available to you!
- ✓ **Attend 9/10 Grade Night** to learn more about what you can do to be college/career ready. Date TBD
- ✓ **Check in** with Mrs. Bergum and/or your counselor each semester so we can help you think about your options after high school.
- ✓ **Talk with your family** if you are interested in college or career training programs, so there is a clear idea of what they can afford. Having this discussion will help you with your college/career planning.
- ✓ **Join a club or activity** on campus or in the community that you are interested in. It will enrich your high school experience, helping you to meet new friends and will also help you explore your interests! Look for club rush in the fall, organized by leadership class!

**Questions?** Contact me at [bergums@mdusd.org](mailto:bergums@mdusd.org) or make an appointment on the College & Career webpage. You can also stop by at brunch or lunch for quick questions in the College & Career Center, located in the library building. Hope to see you soon! Mrs. Bergum

**Follow Concord High College & Career Center on social media!**

Instagram @chs\_collegeandcareercenter  
Twitter @ConcordHighCCC      Facebook @collegecareerchs

## What are A-G's and why are they so important?

Doing well in your classes gives you an advantage when it's time to apply to college in your senior year. The more A's and B's that you earn, the more options you will have in considering colleges to apply to. Doing well in your classes also prepares you for any career training after high school. It's not just a grade that you earn, it's your understanding of the subject you are taking that will help you in the next level class! Check out the A-G requirements to be college and career ready:

Category	Subject	Course Options offered at CHS
<b>A</b>	<b>History</b> <b>2 years required</b>	World History, AP World History US History, AP US History *Government, Government Honors (grade 12)
<b>B</b>	<b>English</b> <b>4 years required</b>	English I, II, III, IV English II Pre-Honors AP English Language (grade 11) AP English Literature (grade 12) Public Speaking (elective) Creative Writing (elective)
<b>C</b>	<b>Mathematics</b> <b>3 years required</b> <b>4 years recommended</b>	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II, Algebra II/Trigonometry Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus AP Calculus Statistics, AP Statistics
<b>D</b>	<b>Science w/Lab</b> <b>2 years required</b> (1 year life science + 1 year physical science) <b>3 years recommended</b>	Living Earth Chemistry, Chemistry Honors Physics, Physics Honors Physiology, Physiology Honors AP Biology Biotechnology Zoology Engineering Essentials (3 <sup>rd</sup> year only)
<b>E</b>	<b>World Language</b> <b>2 years required</b>	Spanish I, II, III, Spanish for Spanish Speakers I, II Spanish Honors AP Spanish and Culture American Sign Language I, II, III
<b>F</b>	<b>Visual or Performing Arts</b> <b>1 year required</b>	Choose courses from Art, Photo Arts, Ceramics, Drama, Vocal or Instrumental music
<b>G</b>	<b>Elective</b> <b>1 year required</b>	*Economics - semester course, AP Econ (grade 12) AVID, Intro to Film, Intro Engineering, ASB Leadership, Personal Finance, Psychology, AP Psychology, Transportation Technology, Construction Technology, Yearbook, Yearbook Honors, or any other category course that exceeds the requirements.

\*One semester of Economics and one semester of Government are required for grade 12.

District Graduation requirements include 2 years of physical education, starting with 9<sup>th</sup> grade PE. Find more information on graduation requirements vs college requirements under the Academics tab on the CHS website.