

10th Grade College/Career Planning

This is an important year for you. Colleges typically look at the grades you earn in 10th and 11th grade for admission consideration, and will only conditionally admit you until they receive your final grades earned in 12th grade. This means you should be working to earn good grades while in high school so you have a lot of options when you apply to college or career training programs. Some colleges also consider grades earned in 9th grade, but all A-G courses count towards admission!

Use these guidelines to help you navigate your sophomore year:

- ✓ **Take challenging courses and do well in them.** Grades count, and will help your college application! Typically, colleges only accept grades of “C” and higher.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Explore Naviance:** This is the year to start looking at different careers and the training needed for them. Take the **Strengths Explorer** assessment under Self-Discovery tab to discover your emerging talents, and then explore career areas based on your results. Start adding your activities to the CHS Personal Date form under About Me tab.
 - **Log into Naviance using Classlink and your chrome book login.**
- ✓ **Visit College & Career Center webpage** to check out 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** about college/career training program plans so there is a clear idea of what your family can afford. Having this discussion early will help you with your post-secondary 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! Think long term with your activities, perhaps taking on leadership roles in clubs or groups. Look for club rush in the fall, organized by leadership class!

Questions? Contact me at 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

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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
A	History 2 years required	World History, AP World History US History, AP US History *Government, Government Honors (grade 12)
B	English 4 years required	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)
C	Mathematics 3 years required 4 years recommended	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II, Algebra II/Trig Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus AP Calculus Statistics, AP Statistics
D	Science w/Lab 2 years required (1 year life science + 1 year physical science) 3 years recommended	Living Earth Chemistry, Chemistry Honors Physics, Physics Honors Physiology, Physiology Honors AP Biology Biotechnology Zoology Engineering Essentials (3 rd year only)
E	World Language 2 years required	Spanish I, II, III, Spanish for Spanish Speakers I, II Spanish Honors AP Spanish and Culture American Sign Language I, II, III
F	Visual or Performing Arts 1 year required	Choose courses from Art, Photo Arts, Ceramics, Drama, Vocal or Instrumental music
G	Elective 1 year required	*Economics - semester course, AP Econ (grade 12) AVID, Intro to Film, Intro Engineering, Leadership, Personal Finance, Psychology, AP Psychology, Transportation Technology, Construction Technology, Yearbook 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 9th grade PE. Find more information on graduation requirements vs college requirements under the Academics tab on the CHS website.