



# Skyline High School Course Request Process



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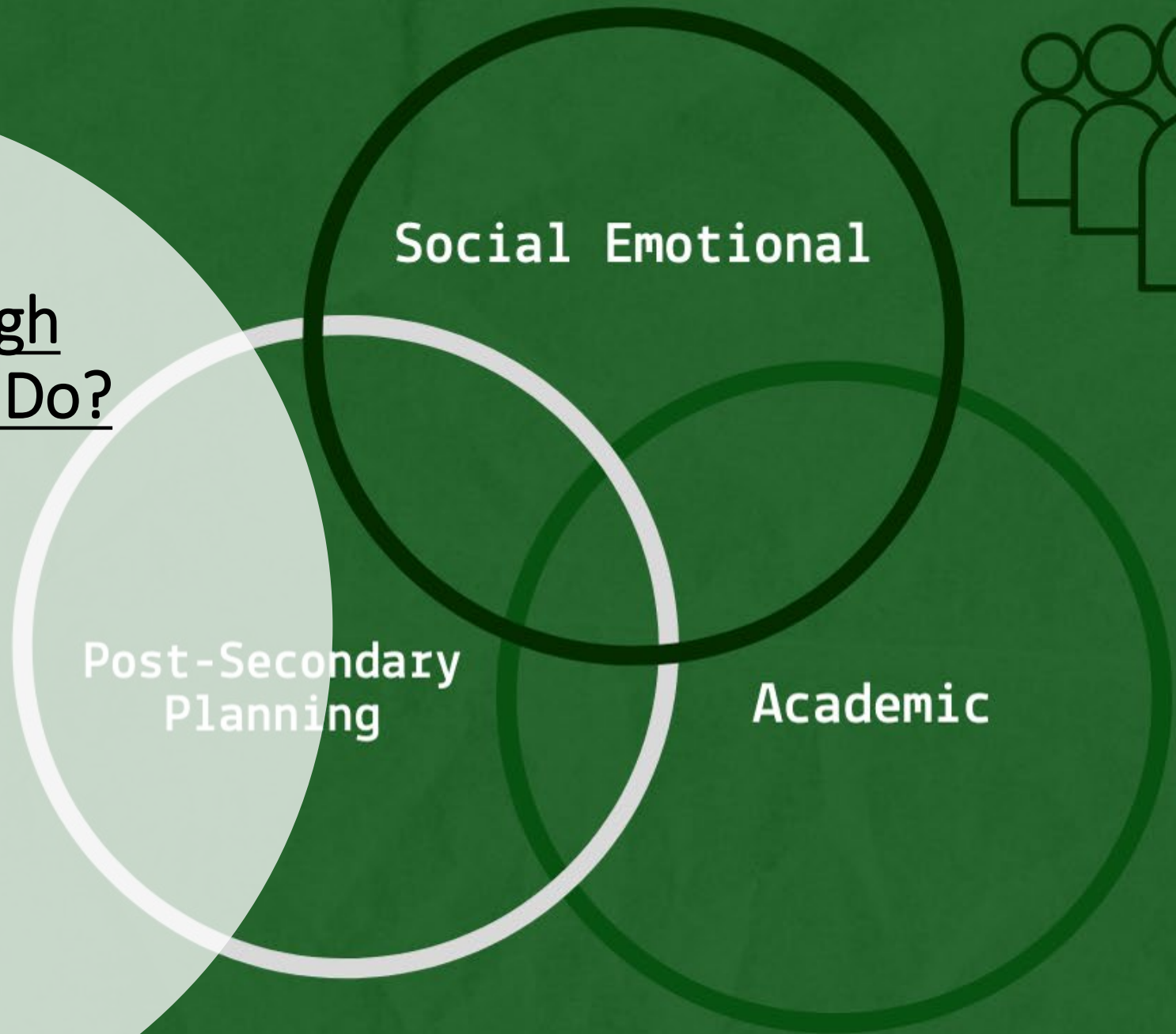
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# What Do Your High School Counselors Do?



# Why are we here today?

To walk through the Course Request Process and answer the following questions:

- What courses can/should I request?
- Why do the courses I request matter?
- How do I request courses on Skyward?





# Specific Course Information



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts and Social Studies

You will take one 9<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts class and World History 1&2. Here are your options for taking these classes:

1. **Take 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts and World History 1 & 2** as two individual classes (standard class size, typically up to 32 students). This structure is similar to what you have experienced in middle school.
2. **Take the courses together as an integrated block** – you will take Language Arts and World History 1&2 together in back-to-back class periods (double standard class size, typically up to 64 students)
3. Take the **Honors** courses together as an **integrated block** - you will take Honors Language Arts and Honors World History 1 & 2 together in back-to-back class periods (double standard class size, typically up to 64 students)



# Mathematics Sequencing

Grade	Path A		Path B		Path C			Path D	
8	MS Math 3		Algebra		Geometry			<a href="#">Algebra 2</a>	
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
9	<a href="#">Algebra 1</a> or <a href="#">Applied Algebra 1</a>	<a href="#">Algebra 1 + Geometry</a> <sup>3</sup>	<a href="#">Geometry</a>		<a href="#">Algebra 2</a>			<a href="#">Statistics</a>	<a href="#">Pre-Calculus</a>
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
10	<a href="#">Geometry</a>	<a href="#">Algebra 2</a>		<a href="#">Applied Algebra 2</a>	<a href="#">Pre-Calculus</a>	<a href="#">SL Math 1</a>	<a href="#">Pre-HL Math</a>	<a href="#">Calculus 1</a>	
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
11	<a href="#">Algebra 2</a> or <a href="#">Applied Algebra 2</a>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup> e.g. <a href="#">Pre-Calculus</a>	<a href="#">SL Math 1</a>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup> e.g. <a href="#">Pre-Calculus</a>	<a href="#">Calculus 1</a>	<a href="#">SL Math 2</a>	<a href="#">HL Math 1</a>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup>	
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12	Choice Math <sup>4</sup>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup> e.g. <a href="#">Calculus 1</a>	<a href="#">SL Math 2</a>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup>	<a href="#">HL Math 2</a>	Choice Math <sup>4</sup>	
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<b>Programs Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IB Courses<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Career<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•Running Start<sup>1,2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IB Courses<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Career<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•Running Start<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•AP Subject Tests<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IB Courses<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Career<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Diploma<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•Running Start<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•AP Subject Tests<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IB Courses<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Career<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•Running Start<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•AP Subject Tests<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IB Courses<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Career<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•Running Start<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•AP Subject Tests<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IB Courses<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Career<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Diploma<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•Running Start<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•AP Subject Tests<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IB Courses<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•IB Career<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•Running Start<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>•AP Subject Tests<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>		

## Things to consider:

What Math class am I currently taking?

What class does my teacher advise?

Algebra 1 & Geometry are state requirements

Algebra 1 Lab, Geometry Lab & Algebra 2 Lab –support classes for students who find math challenging; must be taken concurrently with Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 respectively



# Science Sequencing

<p><b><u>Chemistry Lab Methods</u></b> SCI125 Semester Course Minimum concurrently with CC Algebra 1</p>	and	<p><b><u>Physics Lab Methods</u></b> SCI126 Semester Course Minimum concurrently with CC Algebra 1</p>
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**Biology**  
SC200A/B  
Minimum concurrently with CC  
Algebra 1

**Chemistry**  
SC300A/B  
Minimum concurrently with CC  
Geometry

**Physics**  
SC225A/B  
Minimum concurrently with CC  
Algebra 2

**Science of Forensics**  
SC348A/B  
Minimum concurrently with CC  
Algebra 1

**Environmental Systems**  
SC240A/B  
Minimum concurrently with CC  
Geometry

**Astronomy**  
SCI227/228  
Minimum concurrently with CC  
Geometry

## Notes about Science Course Options:

Make sure that you are choosing a science class that works with your current level of math. For example, Chemistry should only be taken if you are currently taking Geometry or above.





# World Language

## Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, ASL, Spanish, French

- **What is my post-high school plan?**

- *Most* 4 year colleges require a minimum of 2 years of the same world language. *Some* 4 year colleges recommend 3 years of one world language
- 2 year colleges, tech schools, military, etc... do not require world language completion
- Don't count yourself out before you have decided on your post-high school plans...
- Most SHS students complete 2 years of one world language
- If you are fluent in a language other than English, it is possible for you to take the World Language Competency Exam for credit. This does not meet IB Diploma requirement.



# Art, CTE, Health, PE, & Electives

- With the 7-period day, there will be plenty of room to complete these requirements
- Electives are any classes that exceed the specific graduation requirements. Electives give students the opportunity to explore interests.



# Other Course Options

There are several programs available to Skyline students to take high interest classes. Please check out the info and ask your counselor for more information.

- Online classes through ISD
  - [Online Learning](#)
- Running Start 11-12 grades
  - [Running Start Information](#)
- Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WANIC)
  - [WANIC](#)



# Selecting Courses

- **Informed Self-Requests**
  - The building course schedule is built based on student course requests
  - The course request process is not course registration or scheduling
  - Please note that a request does not guarantee placement
- **Exploring subjects based on your interests**
  - Learning recommendations for sequential courses
  - Your Personal Pathway/HSBP
  - Talk to current teachers
  - Balance is key
    - Friends, family, fun
    - Academic load
    - After school responsibilities
      - Sports, clubs, volunteering, activities



# Sample 9th Grade Schedule

	Semester 1	Semester 2
1	Literature and Composition 9	Literature and Composition 9
2	Biology	Biology
3	Algebra 1	Algebra 1
4	World History 1	World History 2
5	PE	Health
6	Mandarin 1	Mandarin 1
7	TV/Video Production 1	TV/Video Production 1



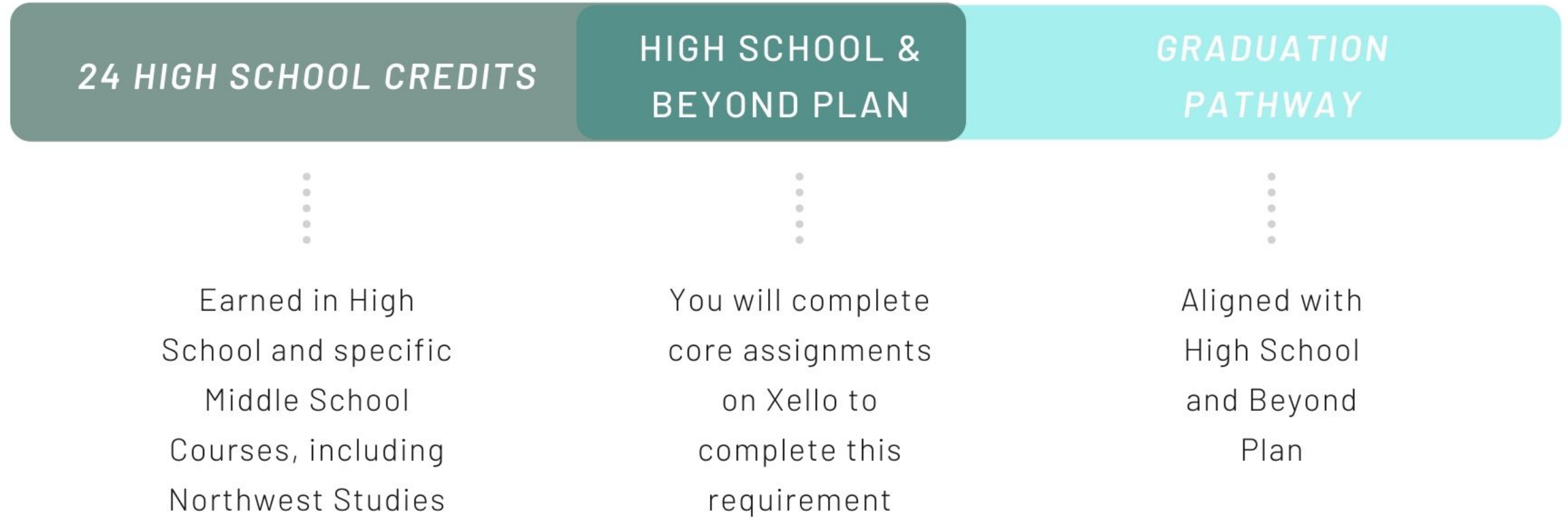


# Graduation Requirements

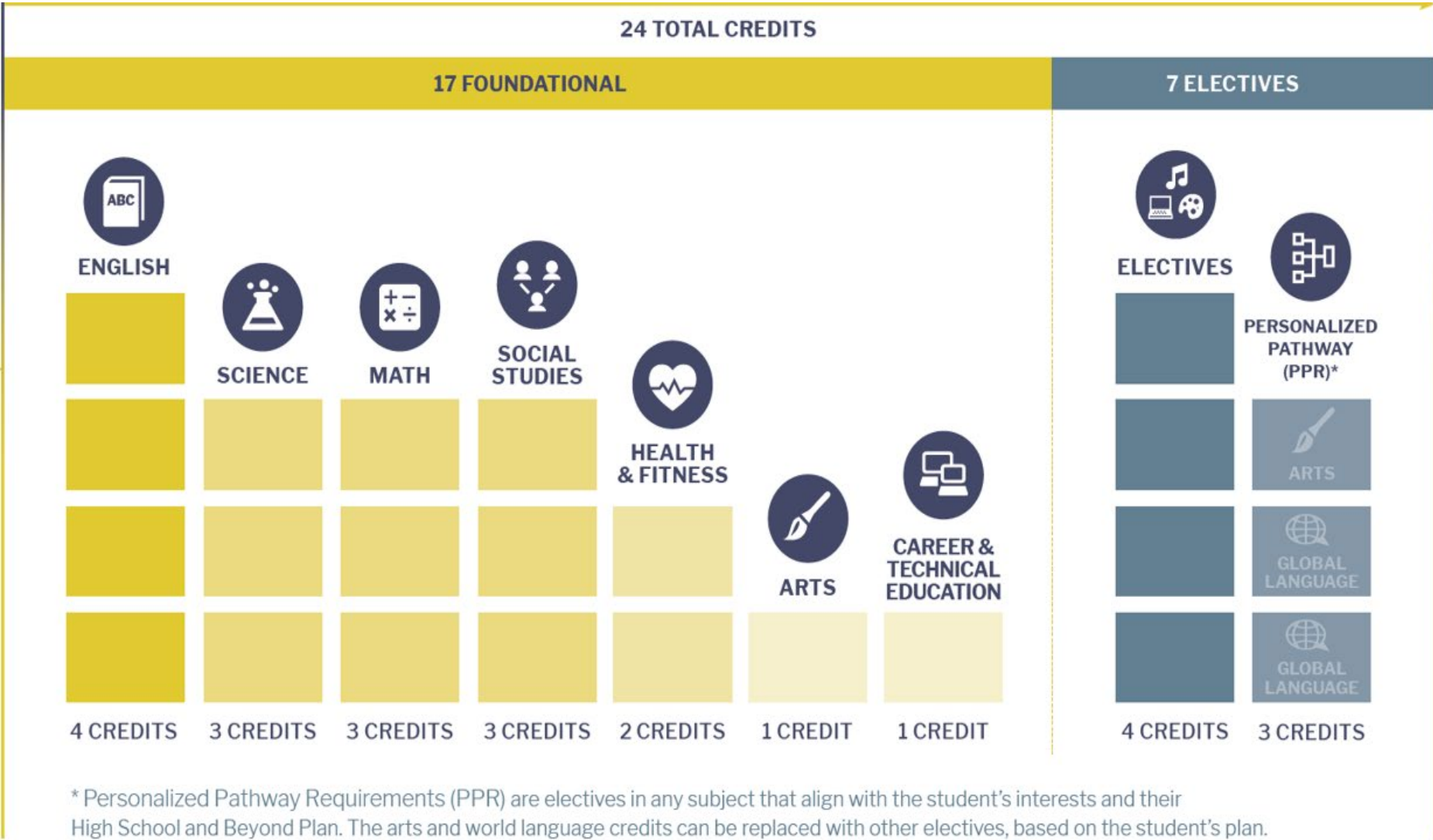


### 3 GRADUATION REQUIREMENT AREAS

At a Glance



# 24 Credits Requirement for Graduation





# Northwest Studies & Middle School Courses

- **Northwest Studies** (can be earned in Middle School or online learning course)
- **Credit Earned Before High School**
  - Credit from ISD middle schools for classes such as Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology, and World Language are automatically added to the HS transcript; students/families must opt out by end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Students who took HS level math in middle school will still need to earn 3.0 credits while in high school



# High School and Beyond Plan on Xello

The High School & Beyond Plan, a graduation requirement, helps students get the most out of high school and think about their future. It revolves around three questions:

- Who am I?
- What can I become?
- How do I become that?



# Graduation Pathway Requirement

The use of the term “Pathway” exists in multiple contexts. The *graduation pathway* refers to the many ways in which students can demonstrate readiness for a meaningful first step after high school.

- Smarter Balanced Assessment
- ACT / SAT / AP / IB Exams
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test
- [Dual Credit Courses](#)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Course Sequence
- Washington Access to Instruction & Measurement (WA-AIM) Assessment

[For more information click here for the Graduation Toolkit](#)





# Course Request Process



# Requesting Courses & Alternate Courses

- Using Skyward, students will request courses totaling 7 credits (year-long classes 1.0 credit and semester-long classes .50 credit)
- It is very important to request at least 6 alternate courses so that you have preferred options in case your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is not available or does not fit with the building course schedule.
- If no alternatives are listed, courses will be automatically selected based on courses that meet graduation requirements.
- Alternatives must be different than first choice classes.
- **There is NO submit button on Skyward. By requesting 7 courses, you have submitted your requests**



# Important Info

Here are links to help you complete your course requests.

[Skyline High School Course Guide 2024-2025](#)

[Student Access to Skyward](#)

[\*\*Skyward Closes for CRP March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM\*\*](#)

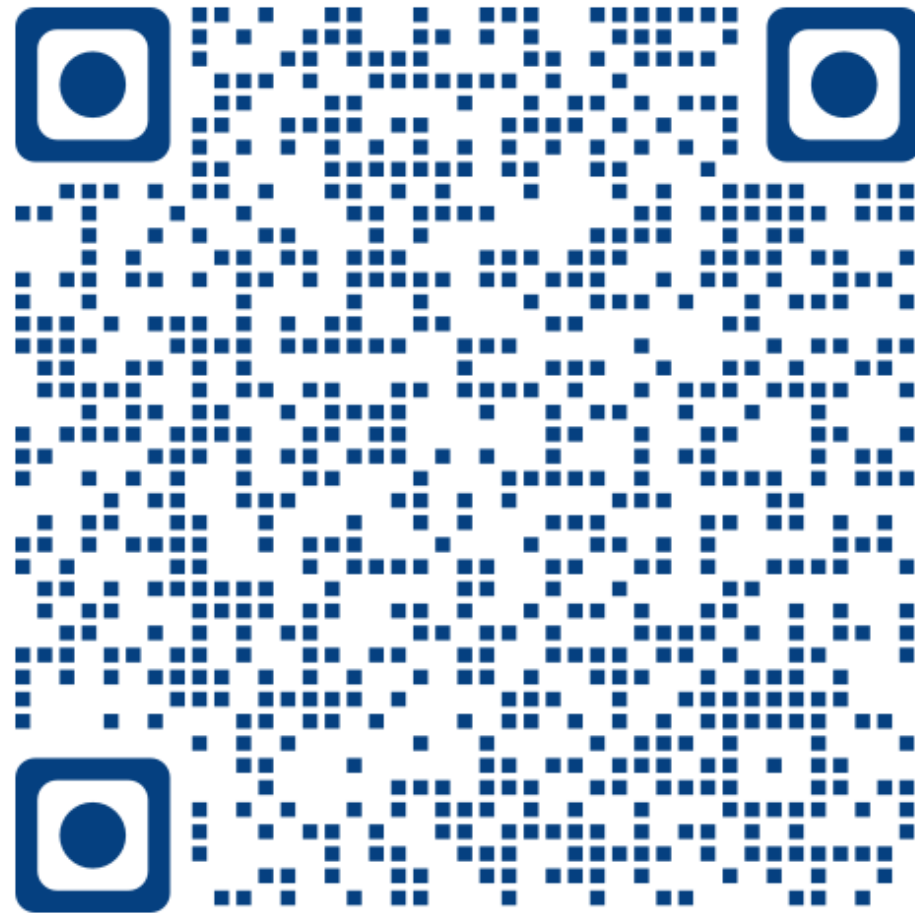


# Q&A Sessions & Parent Night:

- **Wednesday, February 28th: 6:00-8:15pm Incoming 9th Grade Student & Parent Welcome Night at SHS (Club Fair is at 5:00)**
- Thursday, February 29th: 6:00-7:00 pm: Parent CRP Zoom Presentation + Q&A
- SHS Counselors will go to PLMS and BLMS during the course of CRP to answer any and all questions



# Counseling is on Instagram!







Thank you!

