

FAQs for Incoming 9th Grade Students

- **If I am currently in honors classes, can I continue in honors classes?**
 - If you are enrolled in honors classes in 8th grade and earning B's or higher, you can continue in honors courses in 9th grade.
- **How can I get into honors classes if I'm not in any honors classes now?**
 - The counselors will use multiple factors to determine whether you can take honors courses in high school. We look at your grades, test scores, and teacher recommendation to determine eligibility.
- **What is the rigor for the AP (Advanced Placement) Human Geography course?**
 - AP Human Geography is a college level social science elective. Students will also have the opportunity to take the AP Human Geography exam in May to earn college credit, if they get a passing score. You can find more information on the Canyon AP Program [here](#).
- **I am interested in the IB Diploma program. What are the next steps?**
 - The IB program is a two year program that begins in their junior year. Students who plan to apply to the program can prepare by taking academically rigorous courses, such as Honors and AP, during 9th and 10th grades.
- **What is Taking Care of Business (TCOB)? What happens if I can't come on that date?**
 - TCOB is for students to submit their Emergency Card and any other forms, receive their class list, locker assignments, textbooks, ID cards, and optional items such as CHS gear. If students want to make changes to their schedule, they can do so during TCOB on Thursday, August 15. If students can not attend TCOB, they can "Take Care of Business" on the first day of school.
- **How do I plan my 4 years of courses I will take?**
 - Your counselor will do 4 year planning with you in 9th grade and you will have many opportunities to talk with your counselor regarding courses and plans for your future. Counselors present in classes twice a year. In the spring, you will meet individually with your counselor to review your course selections and academic plan.
- **How can I make sure I am taking the right classes to meet college admissions requirements?**
 - Your counselor reviews your transcript and credit status every year to make sure you're on track to meet the graduation requirements as well as the college admissions eligibility requirements. You can also track your progress by comparing your classes with the Academic Requirements Rubric.
- **I've learned a foreign language on my own that isn't offered at Canyon High School, can I get credit for it?**
 - You need one year of an art *or* a foreign language *or* a CTE course to meet this subject requirement for graduation. To meet college entrance requirements, students must complete up to two years or up to the second level of an approved course of the same language. There are other ways to fulfill the language requirement that can be discussed with the student's counselor during their freshman year.
- **I want to take a college course over the summer before I begin high school, how do I do that?**
 - We recommend students take a rigorous college course after beginning their high school career to better prepare themselves. We recognize that there may be some exceptions, however, since you're not yet our student, please discuss this with your *middle school* academic advisor or school counselor for approval.

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- **Can I earn PE credits for Canyon if I'm playing sports outside of school?**
 - Private Study Physical Education is an alternative PE for students who are participating in an athletic program that is not currently offered at Canyon High School, and/or competing at a regional, state, or national level. To verify your eligibility for Private Study PE, you must complete and submit the application before the start of the school year. Students will be approved if the application meets all requirements upon review by the administrator. Please contact the counseling office for the Private Study PE application.