

PATHWAY PRESENTATION



HOW TO PICK THE BEST CLASSES
FOR YOU

Introductions

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Questions to Consider...

★ Who am I as a student?

★ How do I like to learn?

★ What subjects am I most passionate about?

★ Where would I like to see myself in 4 years?





Personalize Your Pathway



Plan Your Pathway						
Create an intentional and personalized pathway for your high school experience.						
	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	Leave High School With:
Core Academic Courses	Algebra 1	All required courses for high school graduation to include: English, Social Studies, Math, Science, Electives				High School Diploma
Career-Focused Courses			Year 1 CTE Program Course	Year 2 CTE Program Course		High School CTE credits, Certificate for Technical Skill Mastery
Fine & Performing Arts		Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts				Portfolio of Work
College Acceleration			Dual Enrollment, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Puma Early College Program			College Credit, IB Diploma or Certificate
World Language		French, Mandarin, Spanish				CCUSD, AZ, Global Seal of Biliteracy, IB Certificate
Work-Based Learning		College & Career Fair	College & Career Fair	College & Career Fair	CTE Internship	1 internship (work experience)
Industry Credentials				Year 2 CTE Courses or EVIT Programs		Industry Credential for entry level work experience

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

BEGINNING DANCE, INTERMEDIATE
DANCE, ADVANCED DANCE, DANCE
COMPANY

CULINARY 1 & 2

SPORTS MED 1&2

CHOIR (HONORS)

DRAW/PAINT 1-4,
SCULPTURE 1-4

THEATRE ARTS 1-4

CREATIVE WRITING



**ELECTIVE
PATHWAYS**

SOFTWARE
AND APP
DESIGN 1&2

BUSINESS 1 & 2

APPLIED
PSYCHOLOGY, AP
PSYCHOLOGY

BAND, GUITAR

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING,
RECREATION SPORTS, YOGA

SPANISH 1-AP/IB, FRENCH
1-AP/IB, MANDARIN 1-
AP/IB

YEARBOOK 1-3

VIDEO PRODUCTION 1&2

CTE INTERNSHIP



ENLIST/ TRADE SCHOOL/ CAREER/ COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Students who prefer hands-on and experiential learning are often characterized by their strong inclination towards learning through direct engagement with the material. These students thrive in environments that allow them to actively participate in activities, manipulate objects, and engage in real-world experiences.

ENLIST/ TRADE SCHOOL/ CAREER/ COMMUNITY COLLEGE

9th Grade
English 9
Algebra 1
Biology
PE/Health
Elective
Elective

10th Grade
English 10
Geometry
World History
Physics
CTE/Fine Art Elective
Elective

11th Grade
English 11
Algebra 2
AZ/AM History or US Military History
Chemistry
EVIT/Elective/CTE
EVIT/Elective/CTE

12th Grade
English 12
College Mathematics
AZ Government (S1)/ Economics (S2)
Zoology
EVIT/Elective/CTE
EVIT/Elective/CTE

Sample 4-Year Plan

STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Students who attend in-state universities are individuals who choose to pursue their higher education at a public institution located within the same state where they are residents. These students often benefit from lower tuition rates compared to out-of-state or private universities. This group tends to appreciate the balance between academic pursuits and the familiar environment provided by their home state. Characteristics of students attending in-state universities may vary widely, as these institutions attract a diverse student body.

STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

9th
English 9/ Honors
Algebra 1/ Honors
Biology/ Honors
PE/Health
World Language
Elective

10th
English 10/ Honors
Geometry/ Honors
Physics
World History/ AP
World Language 2
CTE/Fine Art Elective Pathway

11th
English 11/ AP Language
Algebra 2/ Honors
Chemistry/ Honors
AZ/AM History/ AP US History
CTE/ Fine Art Elective Pathway
Elective

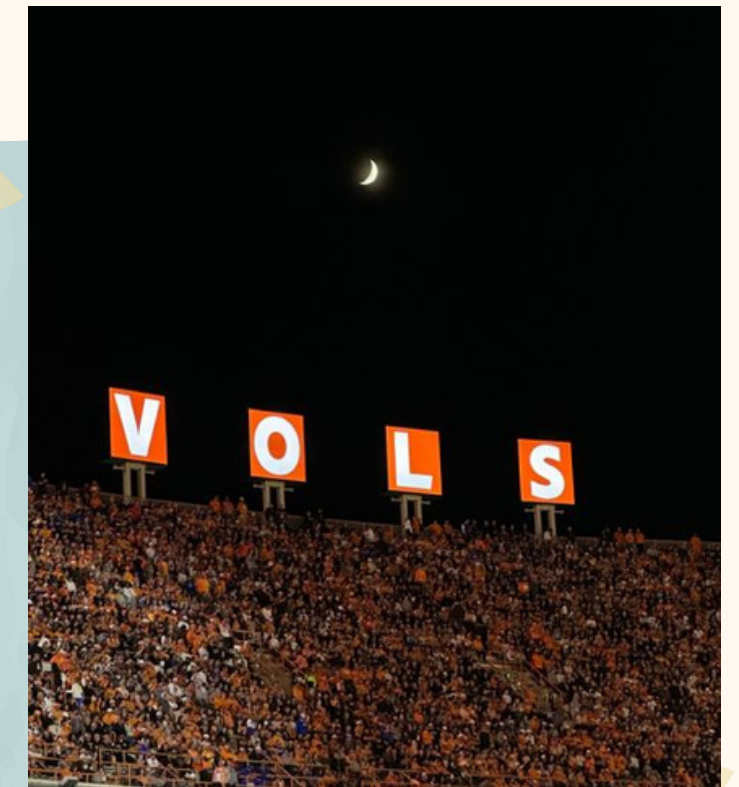
12th
English 12/ AP English Literature/ENG 101-102
Pre-Calculus/AP or College Mathematics
Zoology
AZ Government/ AP (S1)/ Economics/ AP (S2)
CTE/ Fine Art Elective Pathway
Elective

Sample 4-Year Plan

OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



High school students aiming for out-of-state universities are a diverse and motivated group with a variety of interests and motivations. Their shared desire for new experiences, independence, and academic excellence drives them to explore opportunities beyond the borders of their home state.



OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

9th	
English 9/ Honors	
Algebra 1/ Honors	
Biology/ Honors	
PE/ Health	
World Language	
Elective	

10th	
English 10/ Honors	
Geometry/ Honors	
Physics	
World History/ AP World History	
World Language 2	
CTE/ Fine Art Elective Pathway	

11th	
English 11/ AP Language	
Algebra 2/ Honors	
Chemistry/ Honors/ AP	
AZ/AM History/ AP US History	
World Language 3	
CTE/ Fine Art Elective Pathway	

12th	
English 12/ AP English Literature	
Pre-Calculus/ AP or College Mathematics	
Zoology/ Anatomy and Physiology (Honors)	
AZ Government/ AP Government (S1)/ Economics/ AP Macroeconomics (S2)	
Elective	
CTE/ Fine Art Elective Pathway	

Sample 4-Year Plan

*THE IB PATHWAY MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOLS/UNIVERSITIES.



Highly Selective Colleges/Universities

Students who attend highly selective colleges are typically characterized by a combination of exceptional academic achievements, strong intellectual curiosity, and a diverse range of talents and accomplishments.

Highly Selective Colleges/Universities

9th
Honors English 9
Geometry Honors
Biology Honors
PE/ Health
World Language/ Honors
Elective

10th
Honors English 10
Algebra 2 Honors
Physics/AP
AP World History
World Language/ Honors
CTE/ Fine Art Elective Pathway

11th
AP English Language
AP Pre-Calculus
Chemistry Honors/AP
AP US History
World Language/ Honors
AP Elective

12th
AP English Literature
AP Calculus
AP Science
AP Government/ AP Macroeconomics
AP World Language
AP Elective

Sample 4-Year Plan

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IB PROGRAM OPTIONS

- ***Diploma Candidates*** - students take six IB courses, in addition to the three DP core requirements (Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, and CAS)
- ***Course (or Certificate) Candidates*** - take one or more IB courses based on the student's interests, aspirations and responsibilities outside of school (subject pathways on the next slide)

IB DIPLOMA

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English	English 9 Honors	English 10 Honors	IB English HL (Jrs.)	IB English HL (Srs.)
World Language	French or Spanish	French or Spanish	IB French SL/HL (Jrs.) or IB Spanish SL/HL (Jrs.)	IB French SL/HL (Srs.) or IB Spanish SL/HL (Srs.)
Social Studies			IB History HL	IB History HL
Math #1	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra II	IB Math SL w/Honors Pre-Calc	AP Calc AB or AP Stats or IB Math HL (if no IB test at the end of Junior year)
Math #2	Honors Algebra II	Honors Pre-Calc	IB Math HL (Jrs.)	IB Math SL (Srs.)
Science	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry or AP Chemistry	IB Physics SL/HL (Jrs.)	IB Physics SL/HL (Srs.)
Elective	PE/Health	Fine Art or other elective (or Honors Geometry)	IB Global Politics SL (one year course that they be taken either Junior or Senior year) or IB Dance SL or IB Theater SL	IB Global Politics SL (one year course that may be taken either Junior or Senior year) or IB Dance SL or IB Theater SL

IB PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday, February 22nd
CSHS Lecture Hall
10am - 11am**

**Use the QR Code to the left to
indicate your interest in the IB
Program at CSHS**



IMPORTANT DATES



March 1st

Coffee with the Counselors at Cactus Shadows High School in the Lecture Hall from 9:00am-10:00am.

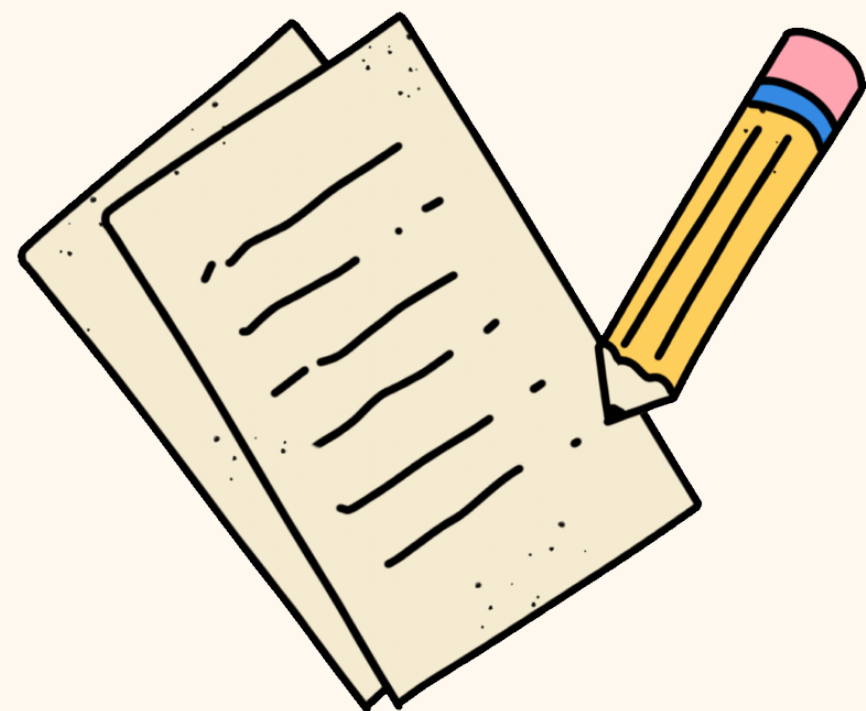
March 4th

Counselors will visit STMS for our Registration Presentation to all 8th graders.

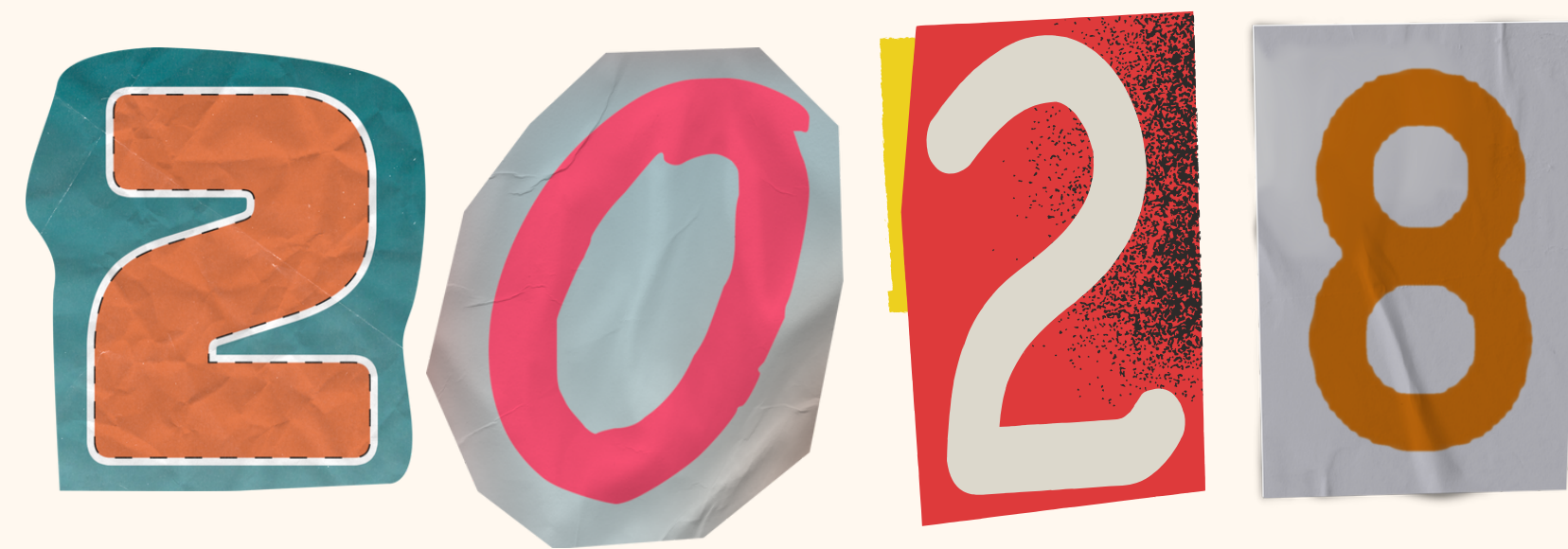
March 7th

Counselors will visit STMS to assist with the Course Registration process.

*Between March 4th and March 7th, please reflect with your 8th grader about course options and ensuring they are selecting the appropriate courses.



CLASS OF



What does course registration look like for incoming 9th graders coming from Sonoran Trails Middle School?

Welcome to the Cactus Shadows High School Class Registration System for 2024-2025

Welcome to 9th Grade "Please select your courses" **Number of credits requested is representing one semester, total credits for a year course will total 1.0 credit

[View course requests](#)

9th Grade English	Click the edit button to request a course →	
Select one course		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
9th Grade Math	Click the edit button to request a course →	
Select one course		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
9th Grade Science	Click the edit button to request a course →	
Select one course		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
9th Grade PE	Click the edit button to request a course →	
Select one course		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
9th Grade Fine Arts	Click the edit button to request a course →	
Select up to two courses		
Number of requests to generate : 1		

Select one course

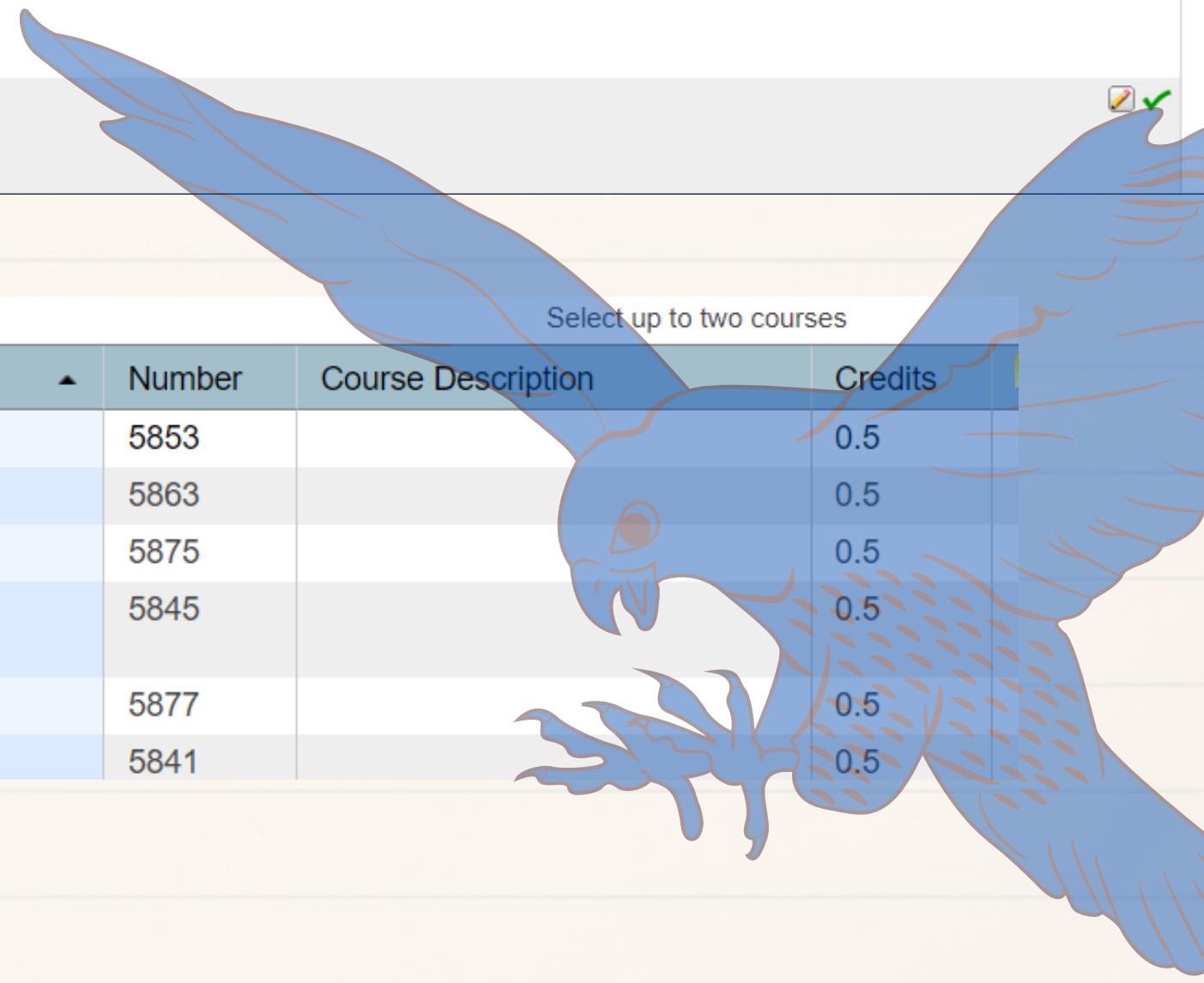
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 1	2851		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geometry	2861		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors Algebra I	2853		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors Geometry	2863		0.5

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You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Select up to two courses

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	French I	5853		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	French II	5863		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors French III	5875		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors Mandarin Chinese III	5845		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors Spanish III	5877		0.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandarin Chinese I	5841		0.5



TAKE AWAYS...

1

STUDENTS HAVE NUMEROUS OPTIONS OF COURSES AND LEVELS TO CHOOSE FROM.

2

STUDENTS CAN OVERLAP PATHWAYS OR CHANGE THEIR PATHWAY ALTOGETHER.

3

THERE IS A UNIQUE PLAN AVAILABLE FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL STUDENT.

4

PLEASE BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT ELECTING TO HAVE MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES PLACED ON YOUR STUDENTS' TRANSCRIPT... IT CAN ADVERSELY IMPACT THE STUDENTS' HIGH SCHOOL GPA.

5

WE DO OUR BEST TO ENROLL STUDENTS IN THEIR FIRST CHOICE CLASSES, BUT THIS IS NOT GUARANTEED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT CLASSES ARE A YEAR LONG COMMITMENT.

6

TAKE A DEEP BREATH... WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

THANK

YOU

****For Students Attending Any School Outside of CCUSD 93:**

Please initiate registration through the Cave Creek Unified School District website. Once registered, a counselor will be in touch with you.