

# Course Selection

2025-2026 School Year

Rising 11th and 12th Graders



**CARROLL**  
Independent School District

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# Graduation Requirements

## FOUNDATIONS WITH DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits (4 strongly recommended)
World Languages	2 credits-same language
Physical Education	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Health	.5 credit
Electives	6.5
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>26 credits</b>

# Endorsements

Endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by interest or skill set.

- Multi-Disciplinary
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industries
- Public Service

*Note: Students are automatically placed on the Multi-Disciplinary Plan. Students must earn at least one endorsement to graduate “DLA,” but you can have multiple!*

# End of Course Exams (EOC/STAAR)

## Required exam

## When

Algebra I

9<sup>th</sup> Grade (or earlier)

English I

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Biology

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

English II

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

U.S. History

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

# GPA Calculation

## Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Calculated by averaging each semester grade earned in a class
- Reported on a weighted 100 point scale
- Some courses are weighted
  - AP courses receive 10 additional points
  - Many courses labeled advanced/honors receive 7 additional points

## Courses excluded from GPA Calculations:

- High school credits earned in middle school (exception: Spanish)
- Online correspondence courses and CBE
- Dual Credit
- Credit Recovery courses
- Pass/Fail credits

# Class Rank

Carroll Senior High School is a non-ranking high school. We only rank students in the top 10% for the purpose of automatic admission to Texas public colleges.

**No other students are ranked. If you are ranked, it will be posted at the bottom of your transcript.**



# Automatic Admissions

Texas seniors ranked in the top 10% of their class are automatically admitted to Texas public universities (top 5% at UT Austin).

**Being in the top 10% is NOT the only way to get into a Texas public college or university.**

**Remember, 90% of your peers are NOT in the top 10%!**

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# Course Offerings

# On-Level vs Advanced/Honors vs AP

- Pace of instruction
- Depth of study
- Volume of homework
- Reading
- Writing
- Level of teacher guidance
- Expectation of organization, maturity and self-direction

***Tip: Talk to your current teachers for level recommendations!***

# Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

## What makes an AP class different?

- AP classes build stronger critical thinking and writing skills
- College-level courses and expectations
- Possibility to earn college credit by earning 3+ on an AP Exam (1-5 scale)
  - Passing standard and credit awarded is determined by each college

## What will help you be successful?

- Problem solving/analytical skills
- Time management skills
- Well-developed oral and written communication skills
- Reading (on or above grade level) for comprehension, analysis, and interpretation
- A strong work ethic
- Self motivation and initiative
- Post-secondary educational goals

# Dual Credit (11th and 12th only)

- Dual Credit allows a high school junior or senior to enroll in a college course and receive simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and the high school.
- Juniors may enroll in Govt, Econ, and Public Speaking.
- Dual Credit English is reserved for seniors only and is **double blocked**.
- Students must have qualifying ACT, SAT, or TSI score to enroll in a Dual Credit course.

***TBA: Informational Meeting after Spring Break***

# Elective Course Options

Examples:

- 3rd year+ of LOTE
- 2nd year+ of Fine Art or Athletics
- 5th+ math and science
- CTE courses
- General electives

***Anything you take beyond a graduation requirement is an elective.***

# Proposed New Courses for 2025-2026

Course Name	Credit	Grade Level	Prerequisite
<b>Pathophysiology</b>	1	11-12	Anatomy & Physiology
<b>Biblical Foundations</b>	.5	11-12	none
<b>Audio/Video Production III</b> (Sports Media & Communication)	1	11-12	Audio/Video Production II \$25 class fee
<b>Practicum in Culinary Arts</b>	2	12	Intro to Culinary, Culinary I, & Advanced Culinary \$50 class fee
<b>Partners in Art I</b>	1	9-12	none
<b>Partners in Theater I</b>	1	9-12	none

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# 4-Year Planning & Course Selections



# Balance is Key!

*There is no magic number of Advanced or AP courses you should take!*

- Make authentic choices
  - Pursue your interests or potential interests
- Consider other activities you prioritize
  - Family, social, and religious activities
  - Extra-curricular activities
  - Time to rest and recharge
- Consult with parents and current teachers on the appropriate level course for you

# How Many Classes Do I Choose?

**Juniors** and **Seniors** need at least 6 classes and up to 2 off blocks

- May have one off block per day (if credits allow)
  - If you are planning to take 2 off periods, you will need to enter it twice
- Off-blocks can be 1st, 5th, 4th, or 8th only
  - IMPORTANT- if you choose to take off-blocks, be sure you are utilizing your free time productively
  - Off blocks are not guaranteed

*Remember:* some classes (athletics, certain bands) are “double-blocked” and meet on both A and B days, accounting for 2 total blocks.

# Pay Attention to Prerequisites!

Some classes have prerequisites or grade-level restrictions – you cannot register for a course if you haven't met them.

- *Ex:* To be in AP Physics, you must be concurrently enrolled in Pre-Calculus (or have already earned Pre-Calc credit)
- *Ex:* Principles of Business Marketing and Finance must be taken *before* Entrepreneurship

Please be sure you have met any prerequisite requirements prior to selecting a course by looking it up in the Academic Planning Guide.

# English Sequence

	9th Grade Year	10th Grade Year	11th Grade Year	12th Grade Year
On-level	English I	English 2	English 3	English 4 Dual Credit English
Advanced/AP	Adv English 1	Adv English 2	AP English Language	AP English Language
GT	Adv/GT English 1	Adv/GT English 2	AP/GT English Language	AP/GT English Language

# Science Sequence

	9th Grade Year	10th Grade Year	11th Grade Year	12th Grade Year	
On-level	Biology	Chemistry IPC	Physics Chemistry (IPC in 10th) Other 3rd Science	4th Science	
Advanced/AP	Adv or AP Biology	Adv or AP Chemistry	AP Physics	4th Science	Additional Science Courses
GT	Adv/GT Biology	Adv/GT Chemistry	AP/GT Physics	4th Science	AP Physics 2 AP Physics C AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science Environmental Systems Astronomy (honors) Anatomy & Physiology (honors) Forensics

# Social Studies Sequence

	9th Grade Year	10th Grade Year	11th Grade Year	12th Grade Year
On-level	World Geography	World History	US History	Gov & Econ Dual Credit Gov & Econ
Advanced/AP	Adv World Geography AP Human Geography	Adv World History AP World History AP European History	AP US History	AP Gov & AP Macroeconomics or AP Microeconomics

# Math Sequence

	8th Grade Year	9th Grade Year	10th Grade Year	11th Grade Year	12th Grade Year
On-Level	8th Pre-Algebra	Algebra I Adv. Algebra I	Geometry Adv. Geometry	Foundations of Alg II (Math Models) Algebra II Adv. Algebra II	Algebra II Algebra III Pre-Calculus Adv. Pre-Calculus Honors Statistics AP Statistics Pre-Calculus AP
Compacted	Algebra I Adv. Algebra I	Geometry Adv. Geometry	Algebra II Adv. Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Adv. Pre-Calculus AP Pre-Calculus AP Statistics	Honors Calculus AP Calculus A Pre-Calculus AP Pre-Calculus Honors Statistics AP Statistics
Accelerated	Adv. Geometry	Algebra II Adv. Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Adv. Pre-Calculus AP Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Calculus C- Multivariable

# LOTE Sequence

*Two credits in the same language required.*

	9th Grade Year	10th Grade Year	11th Grade Year	12th Grade Year
Spanish	Spanish I	Spanish II Adv Spanish II	Spanish III Adv Spanish III	Spanish IV AP Spanish Language
Spanish (8)	Spanish II Adv Spanish II	Spanish III Adv Spanish III	Spanish IV AP Spanish Language	AP Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature
ASL	ASL I	ASL II	ASL III	ASL IV
Mandarin	Mandarin I	Mandarin II Adv Mandarin II	Mandarin III Adv Mandarin III	AP Mandarin
Latin	Latin I	Latin II Adv Latin II	Latin III Adv Latin III	AP Latin
French	French I	French II Adv French II	French III Adv French III	AP French Language

*Note: While the state of Texas recognizes Computer Science as a LOTE for graduation, it may NOT count as a LOTE for college applications. Therefore it is not recommended to take Computer Science as your LOTE credit.*



# Selecting Alternates

Your schedule is like a puzzle! Sometimes, there may not be a perfect fit for all of the pieces (courses). That's why you need to select "alternates" for your schedule.

**It is very important that you enter alternates in your Skyward Course Requests.**

**If you don't choose alternates and your schedule does not work out, your counselor will choose classes for you.**

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# Course Request Tutorial

# Course Request Process for Rising 11th-12th Grade

Log into Skyward Student Access  
(Parent login will not work!)

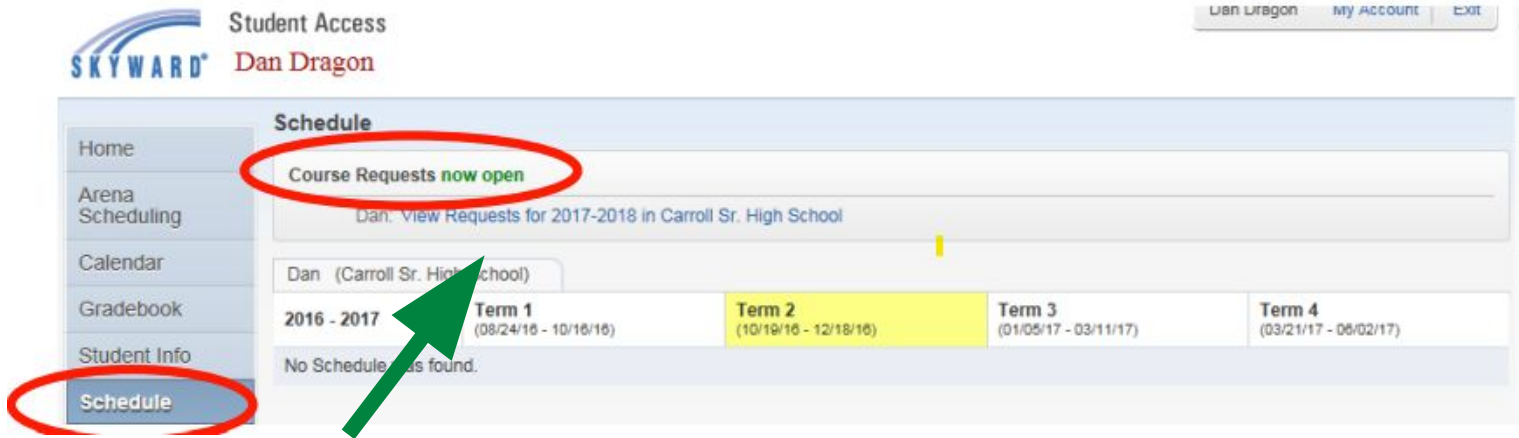
Enter your Course Requests (Go to Schedule > View Requests to begin.) These requests will be used to build your schedule for the upcoming school year.

# Enter Course Requests

Click “Schedule” in the left-side menu.

If CHS and CSHS display, select “View Requests” for the campus you will be attending next school year.

Make sure the school you will attend next school year is the campus listed. (Rising 10th graders should select CHS, and rising 11th graders should select CSHS.)



# Enter Course Requests

Request Courses for 2017-2018 in Carroll Sr. High School

Dan (Carroll Sr. High School) Request Courses | Request Alternates

Total Requests/Scheduled: 0 Total Credits: 0.000

**Available Courses for 2017-2018**

E3EN4A	ENGLISH 4 AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E3EN4B	ENGLISH 4 AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E4EG4A	ENGLISH 4 GT AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E4EG4B	ENGLISH 4 GT AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
EBEN4A	ENGLISH 4 M (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
EBEN4B	ENGLISH 4 M (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
EDEN4A	ENGLISH 4 DUAL CREDIT (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
EDEN4B	ENGLISH 4 DUAL CREDIT (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits

Search Clear

Courses that are available for you to request will display on the left. Enter the course code or part of the course name in the blank field at the bottom of the screen and select “Search.”

Highlight/click on the course you wish to take, and then click “Add Course,” which will move that course from “Available Courses” to “Selected Courses.”

Request Courses for 2017-2018 in Carroll Sr. High School

Dan (Carroll Sr. High School) Request Courses | Request Alternates

Total Requests/Scheduled: 2 Total Credits: 1.000

**Available Courses for 2017-2018**

E2OB2A	DEBATE 2 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2OB2B	DEBATE 2 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2OB3A	DEBATE 3 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2OB3B	DEBATE 3 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2DISA	DEBATE IND STUDY HONORS (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2DISB	DEBATE IND STUDY HONORS (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E3EN4A	ENGLISH 4 AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E3EN4B	ENGLISH 4 AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E4EG4A	ENGLISH 4 GT AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits

Search Clear

**Selected Courses**

EDEN4A	ENGLISH 4 DUAL CREDIT (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
EDEN4B	ENGLISH 4 DUAL CREDIT (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits

Continue adding course requests until you have requested courses for all 8 blocks.

# Enter Course Requests

Dan (Carroll Sr. High School) Request Courses | **Request Alternates**

**Available Alternate Courses for 2017-2018**

E2DB2A	DEBATE 2 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2DB2B	DEBATE 2 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2DB3A	DEBATE 3 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2DB3B	DEBATE 3 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2DISA	DEBATE IND STUDY HONORS (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E2DISB	DEBATE IND STUDY HONORS (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E3EN4A	ENGLISH 4 AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E3EN4B	ENGLISH 4 AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
E4EG4A	ENGLISH 4 GT AP (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits

Total Requests/Scheduled: 16   Total Alternates: 4   Total Credits: 8.000

**Selected Alternate Courses**

1	↓	E2DB3A	DEBATE 3 H (ENGLISH/LA)	0.500 Credits
2	↑ ↓	T2CS3A	COMP SCI ADV PROGRAMMING IND S (SCIE	0.500 Credits
3	↑ ↓	T2APNA	ANATOMY PHY HONORS (SCIENCE)	0.500 Credits
4	↑	C3CS2A	COMP SCIENCE II AP (TECHNOLOGY)	0.500 Credits

Don't forget to request up to four (4) alternate course requests! Choose the "Request Alternates" tab at the top of your menu and request your alternate courses in the same manner the other courses were selected.

The alternate course requests are numbered. Use the arrows to change the priority level of these course requests if you wish.

# Entering Off Periods

- You will enter off periods as a class
- If you are planning to take 2 off periods, you will need to enter it twice
- Off periods are not guaranteed
- Requested class periods are not guaranteed

# DEADLINE

Enter your [Course Selections](#) in Skyward by

**February 9th, 2025 @ 11:59pm**

Counselors will be meeting with you on/after February 10th to review your Course Selections and answer questions you may have.

*Please prepare for a productive meeting by entering your course requests by the deadline!*



# Resources

Course Selections page: this lists the courses and codes you will use to find courses in Skyward

25-26 Academic Planning Guide: use this to read course descriptions and view prerequisites

Skyward Tutorials-: [Updating Career Plan in Skyward \(all\)](#) and [entering Course Selections \(Rising 10-12 only\)](#)

[CHS](#) and [CSHS](#) Counseling Websites

[CTE Website/Pathways](#)

[Time Management Worksheet](#) and [Course Homework Time Worksheet](#)

# Questions?

**Counselors are here to help!**

Questions about your course requests will be answered during  
your individual meeting!

If you need help or have questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

- Send an email
- Come by during lunch
- Come by before or after school