

RISING 10TH, 11TH, 12TH GRADE

COURSE PLANNING

G R A F T O N H I G H S C H O O L

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COURSE PLANNING

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GHS Counseling Website

Visit the  [GHS Counseling](#) webpage regularly to stay informed and make the most of the shared resources!



QUICK REMINDER

RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER

Is your student using their own laptop? Don't miss this step!

Students using personal laptops or Chromebooks *must* install the Respondus LockDown Browser for testing. It's quick, safe, and required for quarterly assessments. Without it, tests can't be completed – and YCSD cannot provide alternate devices.

Important: iPads are not permitted for school use or testing.

Download the Respondus Lockdown Browser today and be ready!

Click  [here](#) or scan the QR code to visit the YCSD 1:1 Technology Program page and access device specific links.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA (26 CREDITS)

Subject	Credits
English	4
History	4
Math	4
Lab Science *from 3 different disciplines	4
Health & PE *to include First Aid/CPR/AED Cert.	2
World Language *3 consecutive years or 2 years from 2 different languages	3
Fine Arts or CTE	1
Econ. & Personal Finance *counts as required virtual course	1
Electives *to include 2 sequential electives	3
Completion of an AP, Dual Enrollment, Work-Based Learning or CTE (Career & Technical Education) Credential	

STANDARD DIPLOMA (22 CREDITS)

Subject	Credits
English	4
History	3
Math	3
Lab Science *from 2 different disciplines	3
Health & PE *to include First Aid/CPR/AED Cert.	2
World Language, Fine Arts, or CTE	2
Econ. & Personal Finance *counts as required virtual course	1
Electives *to include 2 sequential electives	4
Completion of an AP, Dual Enrollment, Work-Based Learning or CTE (Career & Technical Education) Credential	



ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**TO GRADUATE, STUDENTS MUST ALSO
COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB), or Dual Enrollment Course *or*
- Work-Based Learning (WBL) Experience *or*
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Credential

**BOTH DIPLOMAS TYPES REQUIRE
STUDENTS TO EARN 5 VERIFIED CREDITS:**

2

ENGLISH

1

HISTORY

1

MATH

1

SCIENCE

YORK COUNTY HONORS PROGRAM

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Students who earned a credit in ALL of the following in 8th grade:
 - Advanced English 8
 - HS Credit Math (Algebra or Adv Geometry)
 - HS Credit World Language
- Students with a signed and returned Honors Program Agreement form.



WORLD LANGUAGES

- 4 consecutive years of the same World Language
- Example: Spanish I-IV



AP COURSES

- 6 AP courses (DE & qualifying GSST courses may be used)
- 4 content areas (e.g. English, Math, Science, World Language)



GPA REQUIREMENTS

- 9th Grade: 3.25 or above
- 10th-12th Grade: Cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above



COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Minimum of 20 hours of community service outside of school beginning in 9th grade



OTHER CRITERIA

- Students must remain enrolled in 7 classes each year
- Students may not repeat, drop or withdraw from a course (after Add/Drop window), or have a final grade lower than a "C"

YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

The York County School Division offers special recognition to students who complete 150 hours of community service during grades 9–12.

To earn the York County School Division Community Service Seal, students must:

- Complete 150 hours of community service during grades 9–12
- Document all hours using the Community Service Log found on the Grafton High School webpage (About → School Counseling → Community Service)

Notes:

- Participation in this program is optional
- Students who meet the requirements will receive the YCSD Community Service Seal on their diploma



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AVAILABLE BEGINNING
9TH GRADE:



Naval Science - NJROTC

York High School or Tabb High School
(based on zip code)



School of the Arts

Bruton High School



International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

York High School



Governor's Health Sciences Academy

Bruton High School

York River Academy

Yorktown Middle School



AVAILABLE BEGINNING
11TH GRADE:



Dual Enrollment/Early College Program

In partnership with VPCC



Governor's School for Science and Technology

Butler Farm



New Horizons Career & Technical Center

Butler Farm & Woodside Lane

Upcoming Application Deadlines:

- GSST: Apply by February 14, 2026
- New Horizons: Apply by March 15, 2026
- SOA: Apply by December 18, 2025

Auditions in January

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

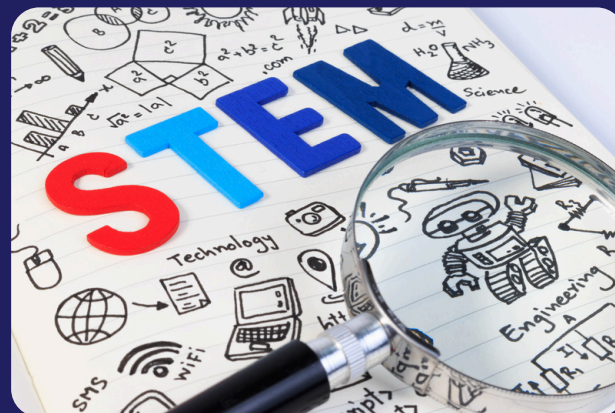
GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Virtual Parent Information Presentation

This recording provides:

- A comprehensive overview of the Governor's School program
- Detailed information about the admissions process



Prospective Student Newsletter

Curious about what we offer? Sign up for the GSST Prospective Student Newsletter to get updates, info session invites, and admissions deadlines. All families are welcome – no qualifications needed. Subscribe today and learn more about exciting opportunities for your child!

Visit the GHS Counseling page for these and other resources!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

NEW HORIZONS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER



New Horizons has over 25 CTE programs, giving students a wide range of options to explore their interests and future careers.

Career Pathways:

- Transportation & Logistics
- Architecture & Construction
- Manufacturing Technology
- Health Sciences
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Public Service



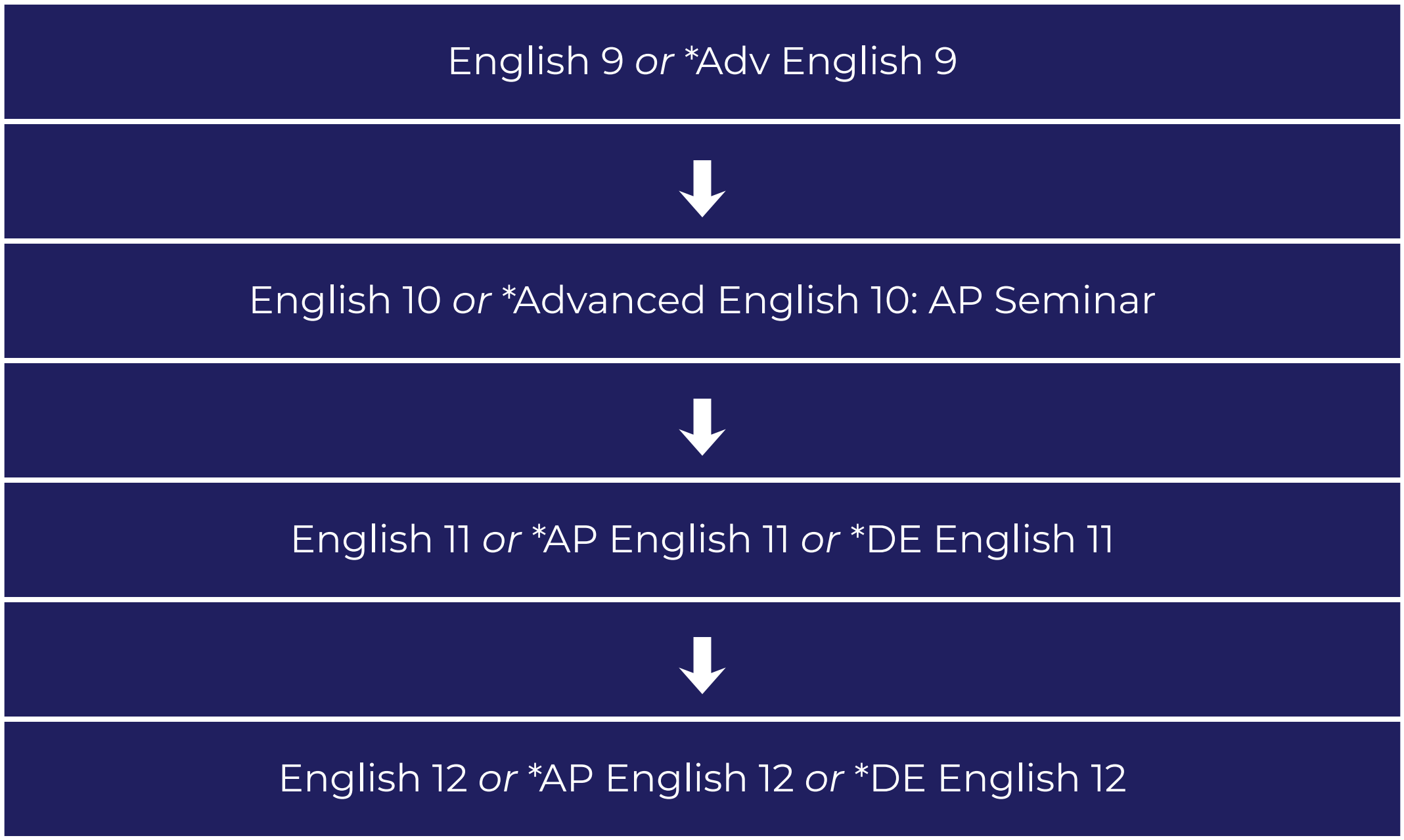
Overview:

- Hands-on programs for juniors and seniors that prepare students for high-demand careers
- Students must meet prerequisites and apply online

Interested in learning more? Click  [here](#) or scan this QR code to access a promotional video: 



ENGLISH COURSE OFFERINGS



*Weighted Credit

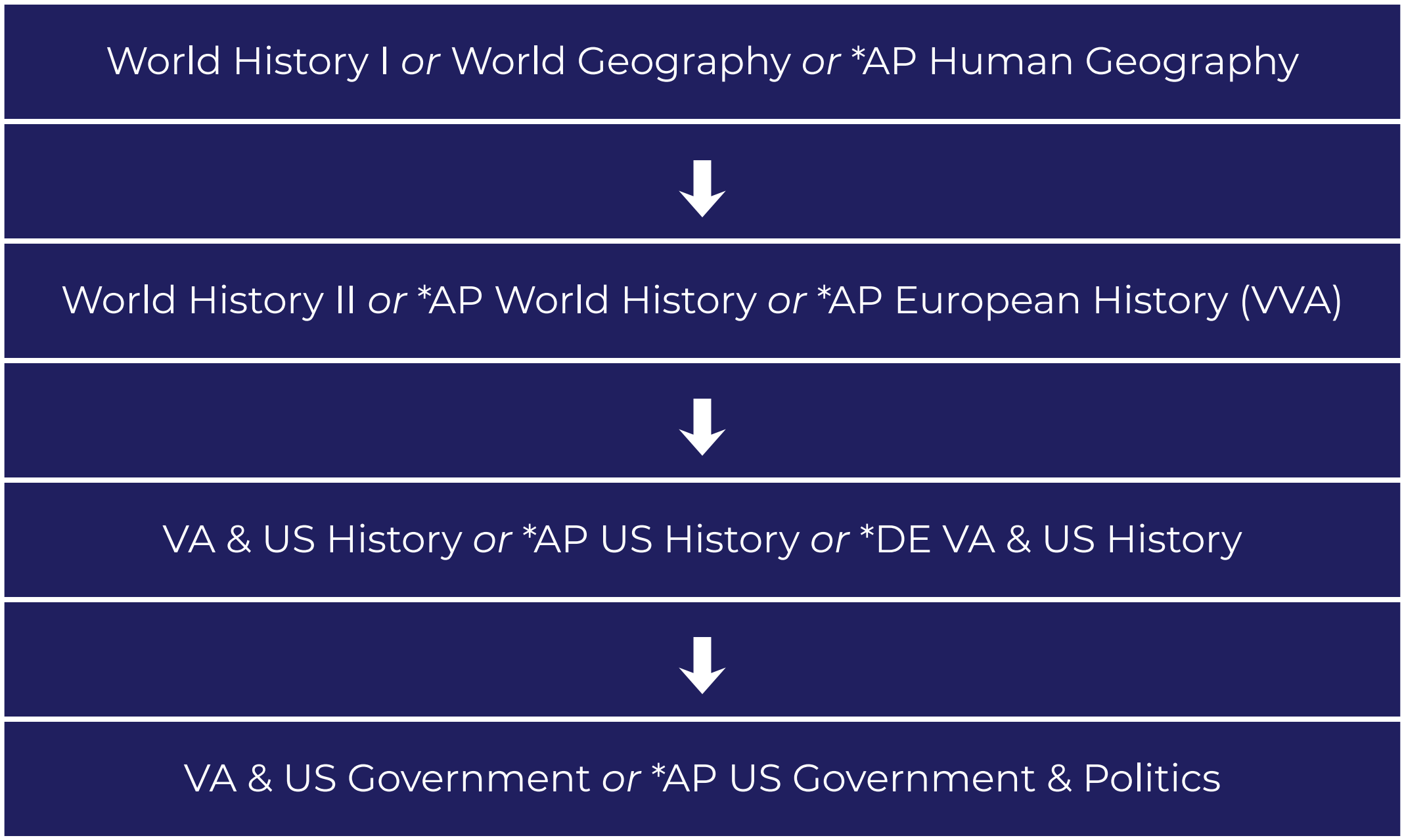


- Electives:
- Creative Writing
 - Film Studies
 - Lit Magazine I/II
 - Yearbook I/II
 - *AP Research



HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE OFFERINGS



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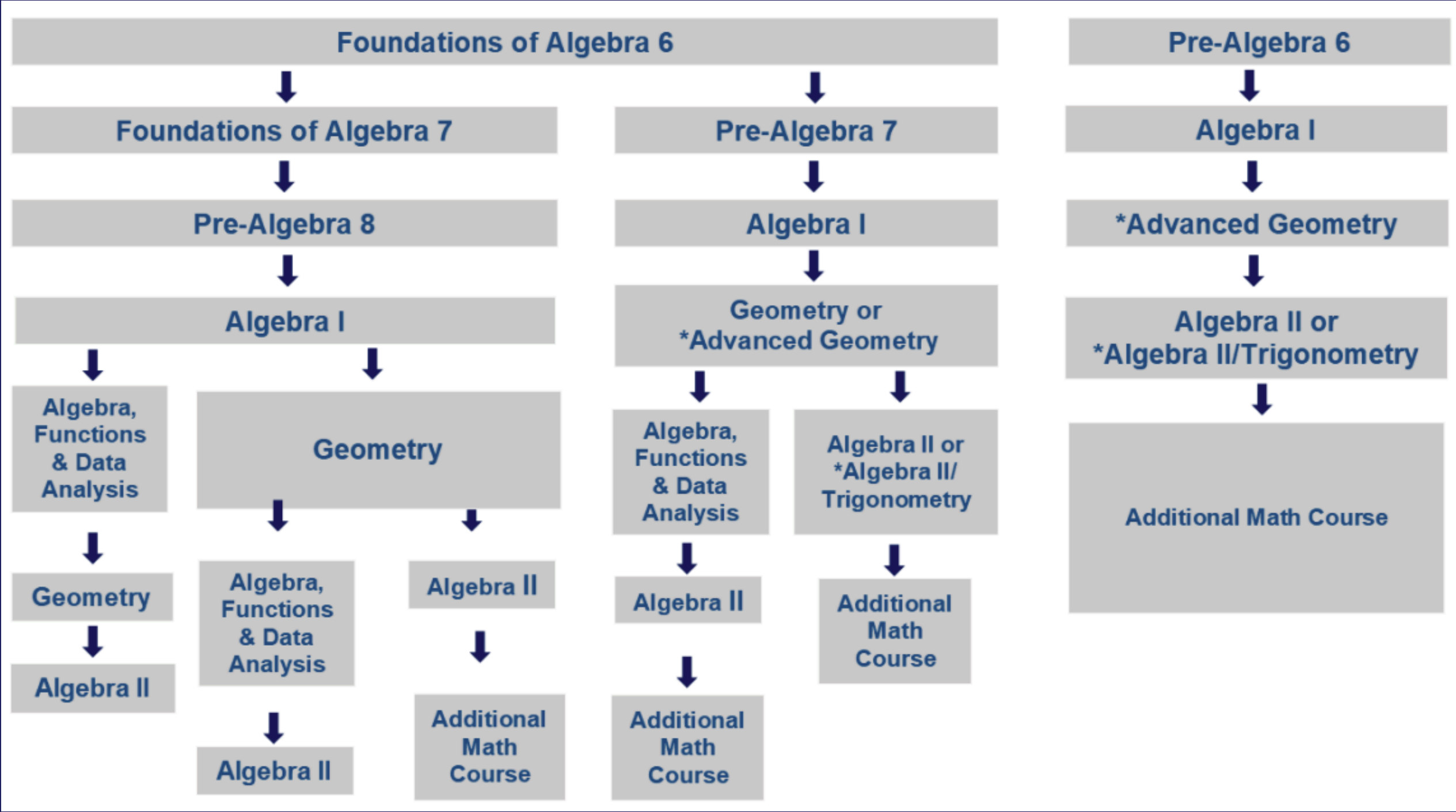


Electives:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- African American History (VVA)
- VA Teachers for Tomorrow (DE option)
- *AP Psychology
- *AP European History (VVA)
- *AP Comparative Gov't & Politics (VVA)
- *AP Micro/Macro Economics (VVA)



MATHEMATICS COURSE OFFERINGS



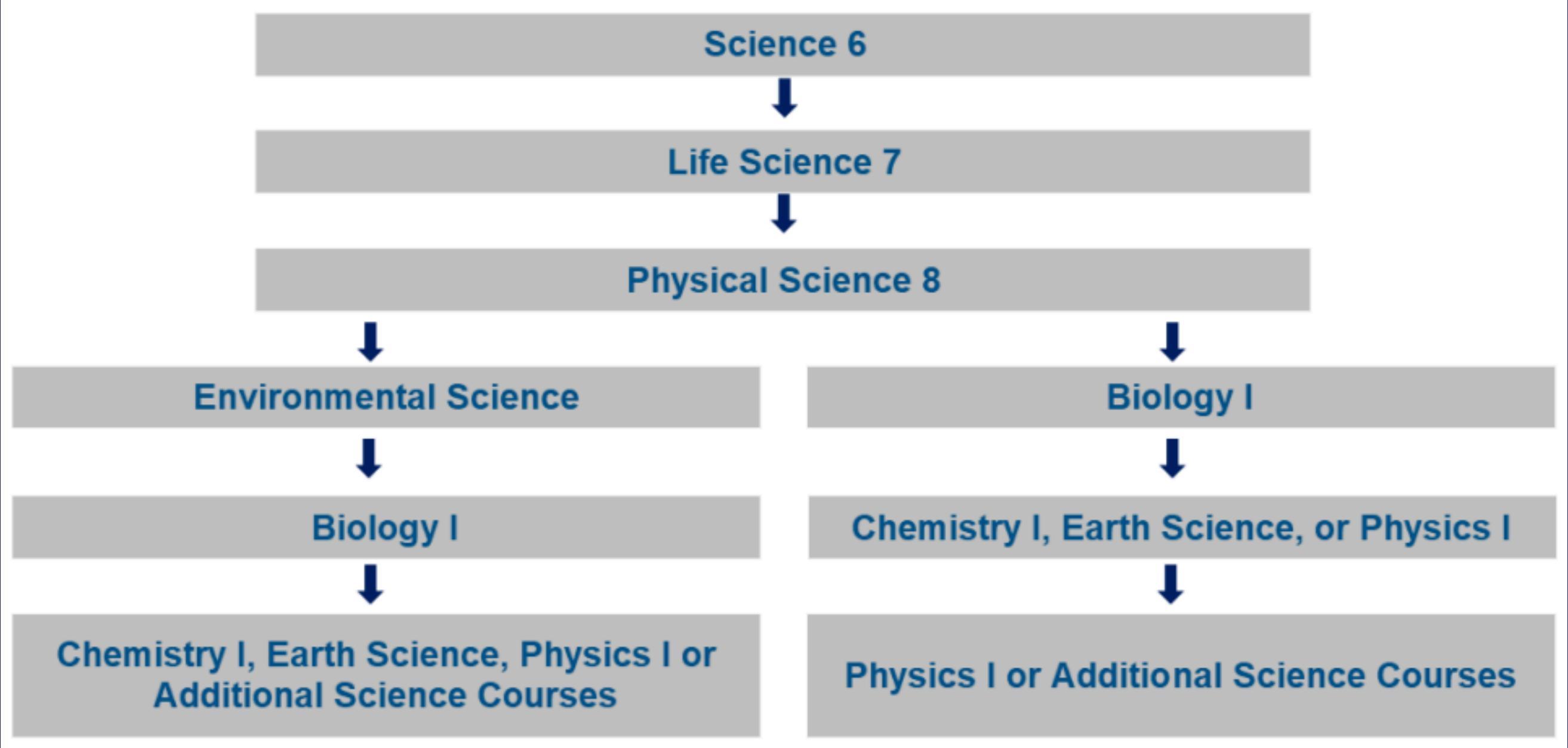
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- Additional Course Offerings:
- Algebra III/Trigonometry
 - Data Science
 - Prob & Stats/Discrete Math
 - *AP Precalculus
 - *DE Precalculus
 - *AP Calculus AB / BC
 - *AP Comp Science A
 - *AP Statistics
 - *DE Quantitative Reasoning
 - *DE Statistics



SCIENCE COURSE OFFERINGS



Additional
Course
Offerings:

- Atmo Science & Climatology
- Ecology
- *Bio II/Anatomy & Physiology
- *Bio II/Marine Science
- *AP Biology
- *AP Chemistry
- *AP Environmental Science
- *AP Physics I
- *DE Physics

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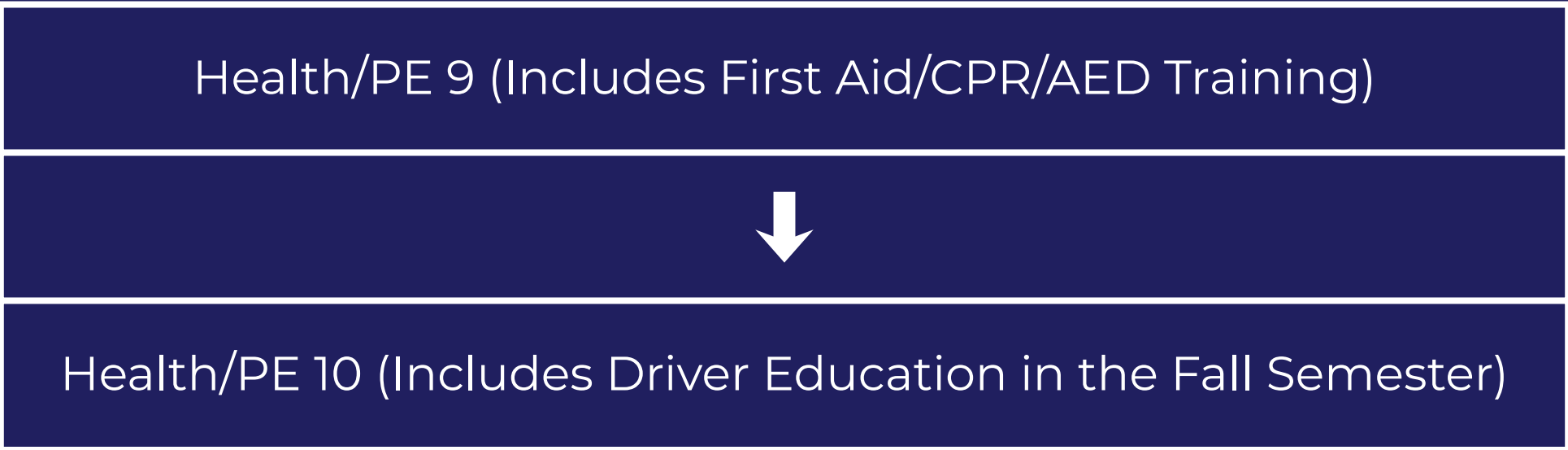


Note: Advanced Studies Diploma requires 4 sciences from 3 different science disciplines

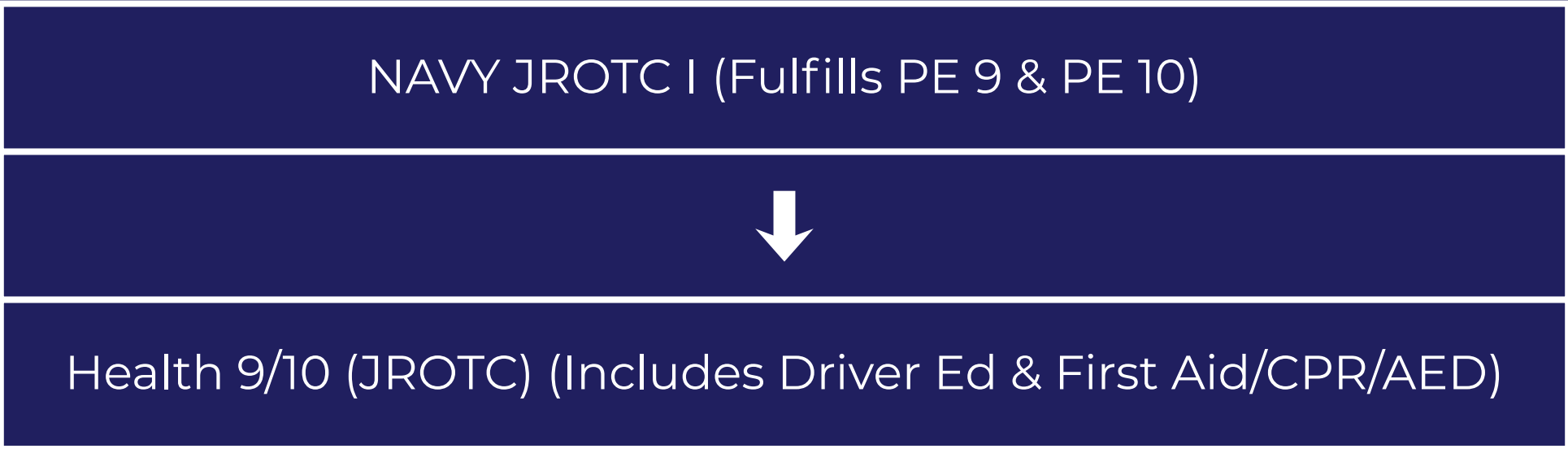


HEALTH/PE COURSE OFFERINGS

REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION



NAVAL SCIENCE ALTERNATIVE



- Electives:
- PE 11
 - PE 12

WORLD LANGUAGE

COURSE OFFERINGS

- GRAFTON**
- Spanish - I, II, III, *IV, *AP, *DE
 - French - I, II, III, *IV, *AP (IV currently taught through HyFlex Learning)
 - German - I, II, III, *IV

- YORK COUNTY
VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL**
- German - *AP



- VIRTUAL VIRGINIA**
- American Sign Language I, II, III
 - Latin - I, II, III

*Weighted Credit



ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

Grafton offers students a variety of electives from within the following disciplines:

- Business & Technical
- Computer Science
- Drama
- English
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Fine Arts
- General
- History & Social Science
- Marketing
- Music
- Physical Education
- Technology



REQUIRED: All students must earn a sequential elective by completing two credits in courses that build on each other in scope and sequence

COURSE PLANNING

YCSD PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Help Shape Future Course Offerings!

Your input matters. Tell us what classes you'd like to see for your child. Talk with them about their goals and interests, then share your feedback to help YCSD design an exciting Program of Studies.

Questions or ideas? Scan below to provide your feedback.



WHAT'S NEXT?

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

- Students and families are encouraged to review the Program of Studies to identify courses aligned with academic, personal, and career goals
- School counselors will assist in course planning and registration for 2026-2027 school year

1:1 MEETINGS

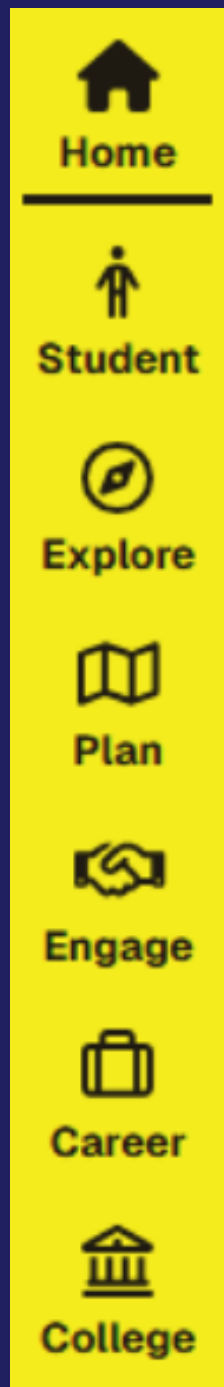
- Counselors will meet with current 11th grade students for one-on-one meetings during January
- Counselors will meet individually with current 9th and 10th grade students in February through PE classes
- Parents and guardians are welcome to attend—please notify your student's counselor if you would like to participate so scheduling arrangements can be made



SCHOOLINKS

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLATFORM

What Can You Do in SchooLinks?



- **Home** – Your dashboard for tasks, reminders, and quick access to planning tools.
- **Student** – Complete assessments, explore careers, plan courses, and track applications.
- **Explore** – Discover your learning style, strengths, and career interests with quick surveys and Learning Hub modules.
- **Plan** – View course options that align with your goals and use the Course Planner as a visual tool for course planning.
- **Engage** – Connect with real-world experiences through internships, career events, and industry partners.
- **Career** – Research traditional, emerging, and military careers, watch mentor videos, and learn about job outlooks.
- **College** – Search colleges and trade schools, compare options, manage applications, and search for scholarships.

How to Log In:

Students:

- Log in through Clever, then select the SchooLinks logo.

Parents/Guardians:

- Access SchooLinks through an invitation from your student or by using a Claim Code found in Aspen under Details > Demographics.



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