



12TH GRADE INFORMATION

12th

CORONA DEL MAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NAME: _____

Course Selection for 2026-27 I.D. #: _____

DISCLAIMER: Course selections are not guaranteed and cannot be changed after school is out. Teacher preferences for courses will not be honored. I understand that these are year-long courses and students are expected to commit to stay in the course for the entire year.

If you are a new student to NMUSD (Newport-Mesa Unified School District):

- You do NOT need to follow the steps listed below that message
- Instead, you will get a Google Course Request form in April that you will submit with your Course Requests
- That form will be sent after counselors finish meeting with current students

DIRECTIONS FOR CURRENT CDM STUDENTS:

1. Students sign into **CLASSLINK** and select the Aeries icon
2. Use the Course Selection Sheet, Course Code Sheet & Elective List, and the Pre-requisite Sheet, as a guide to complete your Online Course Selection.
3. Add and review all course requests in your Aeries Student Portal
4. **Courses with an (*) are advanced classes.** If unsure an honors/AP class is appropriate for you, please discuss with your current teacher.
Seniors are required to have a minimum of FIVE yearlong classes. Per CA Ed. Code, 6 classes constitute a full H.S. schedule.

(B) ENGLISH (Please circle one)

COMP LIT 4 (F0409)

*AP ENGLISH LITERATURE (F0346)

(C) MATH (Please circle one)

ALGEBRA 2 (M0422) *HN. Algebra 2 (M0343) PRE-CALCULUS (M0398) STATISTICS (M0364) *AP CALCULUS AB (M0322) *AP CALCULUS BC (M0386) *AP STATISTICS (M0383) *AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A (M0354)

(D) SCIENCE (Please circle one)

MARINE (R0310) ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY (R0315)

PHYSICS (R0317) *AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (R0370)

*AP CHEM (R0330) *AP PHYSICS (R0375)

*AP BIOLOGY (R0328) *AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES (JT446)

(A) SOCIAL SCIENCE (Please circle one)

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY/ ECON (S0356) AMERICAN DEMOCRACY/ECON (online @Monte Vista only) (SD356) *AP MAC

ECON (fall)/AP GOV (spring) (S0357) *AP COMPARATIVE GOV/ECON (S0344) (Mandatory for AGS)

P.E./ATHLETICS/BAND/DANCE TEAM

1st Semester Course # Name: <https://cdm.nmusd.us/athletics1/high-school-athletics-home>

(E) WORLD LANGUAGE, VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS and/or OTHER ELECTIVE COURSE

1st Choice: 2nd Choice: Alternate Course Choice: Course #: Course #:

Course #:

Course name: Course name:

Course name:

DUAL ENROLLMENT: Add course codes to your Online Course Selection if interested in the following:

☐ Community College Course (Z0309) ☐ ROP Class <https://coastlinerop.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/schedule.pdf>

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS: Circle the option below which best describes student's plans after high school.

4-year University 2-year Community College Career/Technical School Military Work Undecided

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By submitting selections on-line, I verify the following: The student's course selections have been approved and the disclaimer has been read and is understood.

Incoming New Students

(New to NMUSD)

You will submit your Course request through the Google Course Request form. (Form will be sent in April.)



Corona del Mar High School

Course Selection Code Sheet - Grade 12

12th Graders

Must Be Enrolled in a Minimum of 5 Courses (yearlong)

Please be advised that your request does not guarantee placement. Required prerequisites, teacher/counselor recommendations, and the finalization of the master schedule may affect course placements or availability.

Class selections: Per Ed Code 46145, Seniors MUST have a minimum of 5 classes both semesters.

(A) SOCIAL SCIENCE (REQ'D: CHOOSE 1)

- ☐ S0356/309 Am. Demo/Econ
- ☐ SD356/SD309 Am. Demo/Econ (online-MONTE VISTA only)
- ☐ S0357/343 AP Mac Econ/AP Gov (FALL)
- ☐ S0344/357 AP Comp. Gov/Econ

(B) ENGLISH (REQUIRED: CHOOSE 1)

- ☐ F0409/410 Comp. Lit AB
- ☐ F0346/347 AP English Literature

(C) MATH (REQUIRED: CHOOSE 1)

- ☐ M0364/365 Statistics
- ☐ M0422/423 Algebra 2
- ☐ M0343 HNR. Algebra 2
- ☐ M0398/399 Pre-Calculus
- ☐ M0383/384 AP Statistics
- ☐ M0322/323 AP Calculus AB
- ☐ M0386/387 AP Calculus BC
- ☐ M0354/355 AP Computer Science A

(D) LABORATORY SCIENCE (CHOOSE 1)

- ☐ R0317/318 Physics
- ☐ R0310/311 Marine Science
- ☐ R0315/316 Physiology/Anatomy
- ☐ R0328/329 AP Biology
- ☐ R0370/371 AP Environmental Science
- ☐ R0330/331 AP Chemistry
- ☐ R0375/388 AP Physics C Mechanics
- ☐ JT446/447 AP Comp Science Principles

(E) WORLD LANGUAGE (RECOMMENDED)

- ☐ G0344/345 Spanish 4AB
- ☐ G0348/349 AP Spanish Lang. 1AB
- ☐ G0320/321 French 3AB
- ☐ G0326/327 AP French 1AB
- ☐ G0370/371 Am. Sign Lang. 2AB
- ☐ G0373/374 Am. Sign Lang. 3AB
- ☐ G0402/403 Mandarin Chinese 2AB
- ☐ G0404/405 Mandarin Chinese 3AB
- ☐ G0408/409 AP Mandarin Chinese 1AB

(F) VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- ☐ C0304/305 Ceramics 1AB
- ☐ C0325/326 Ceramics 2AB
- ☐ C0300/301 Art 1AB
- ☐ C0323/324 Art 2AB
- ☐ C0337/338 Art 3AB
- ☐ C0370/371 AP Studio Art: DRAWING
- ☐ C0372/373 AP Studio Art: 2D Design
- ☐ S0333/334 AP Art History
- ☐ CT369/370 Advanced Tech Theater (Pre-req: Tech Theater)
- ☐ E0347/348 Drama 4AB

(F). Cont. VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- ☐ P0334/335 *Dance Prod (2) CD (Tryout required)
 - ☐ P0348/349 *Dance Prod (3) EF (Tryout required)
 - ☐ P0337/338 *Dance Prod GH (Orchestra) (Tryout required)
- (*All dance classes fulfill both the Vis./Performing Arts college requirement AND the p.e. high school grad requirements.)
- ☐ N0354/355 Jazz Band (Audition required)
 - ☐ N0358/359 Symphonic Band (Audition required)
 - ☐ N0356/357 Drumline (Audition required)
 - ☐ PS347 Marching Band (P.E. credit) Band 3 (N0328=F)
 - ☐ N0334/335 Orchestra 2AB (Audition required)
 - ☐ N0360 Orchestra 3-Wind Ensemble
 - ☐ N0330/331 Choir 3AB (Vox) (audition required)
 - ☐ N0336/337 Vocal Ensemble (Madrigals) (Audition required)
 - ☐ UT393/394 AP Studio Arts 2D Media (ROP) (pre-req: Intm. Med Arts & Photo)
 - ☐ CT395/396 Intro to Animation (Pre-req.= Art 1)
 - ☐ CT397 Animation 2 (pre-req.=Intro to Animation)
 - ☐ CT399 Animation 3 (pre-req.=Animation 2)
 - ☐ E0319/320 Yearbook 2AB (Teacher approval required)

(G) COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVES

- ☐ S0310/328 Psychology/Sociology (one semester each; Sociology=spring)
- ☐ S0367/368 AP Psychology
- ☐ S0389 AP Seminar (11/12th grade only)
- ☐ KT373 Adv. Design Engineering (4th engineer course)
- ☐ F0414/415 Journalism 2AB (Trident Mag)
- ☐ UT615 ROP Broadcast (Trident T.V.)
- ☐ JT504 AP Cyber Security (11/12th grade only)
- ☐ Z0309 Outside Approved Class (Special registration, see Counselor)

OTHER ELECTIVES

- ☐ Q0304 Health (in classroom-FALL only)
- ☐ QD304 Health (online)
- ☐ KT379/380 Athletic Turf Management
- ☐ U0304/305 Work Exp. (work permit req'd)
- ☐ S0311 Ethnic Studies

PE ELECTIVES

- ☐ P0300/301 PE: Elective
- ☐ PD300/301 Fitness4Life (Online PE)
- ☐ PS527 Yoga
- ☐ P0316/317 Color Guard/Drill Team
- ☐ PV300 Athletic Weight Training

Corona del Mar High School Course Pre-Req's-Offerings Sheet 2026-2027

Course eligibility will be determined by meeting prerequisites including course mastery and grades.
All AP classes receive a 1.0 GPA boost. Honors Chemistry & Honors Enhanced Math III receive a 0.5 GPA boost.

Class		Prerequisites
English		
	Comp/Lit 1AB (9)	None
	Comp/Lit 2AB (10)	Pre-req.=Comp-Lit 1 or equivalent
	Comp/Lit 3AB (11)	Pre-req.=Comp-Lit 2 or equivalent
	AP Eng. Lang. Comp. 1AB (11)	Recommended GPA should be 3.0 or higher. Student must attend info mtg and pass a reading benchmark quiz TEACHER RECOMMENDATION IS ALSO REQ'D.
	Comp/Lit 4AB (Eng. Lit.)(12)	Pre-req.=Comp-Lit 3 or equivalent
	AP Literature and Comp. (12)	Recommended GPA should be 3.0 or higher, and informational mtg., TEACHER RECOMMENDATION REQ'D.
Math		
	Algebra 1	None
	Geometry	"C" or better both semesters of Algebra 1.
	HNR. Geometry	Requires teacher recommendation AND A's in Algebra or Enhanced Math 8 (NO GPA Boost)
	Math 2 Enhanced	"A-" in Enh. Math I or complete Algebra 1 with an "A" and teacher recommendation.
	Algebra 2	"C" or better in both semesters of Geometry.
	HNR. Algebra 2	Requires teacher recommendation and A's in Geometry (.5 GPA Boost)
	Math 3 Honors Enhanced*	"C" or better in Enh. Math II or "A" in Geometry with teacher recommendation
	Pre-Calculus (year long)	"B" or better in Algebra 2, OR "C" with teacher recommendation
	AP Calculus 1AB	"B-" or better in both semesters of Enhanced Math III. OR "B-" or better in both semesters of Pre-Calculus.
	AP Calculus 1BC	"A-" in both semesters of Honors Enhanced Math III; Teacher Recommendation Req'd.
	Statistics 1AB	"C" or better in both semesters of Algebra 2.
	AP Statistics 1AB	"A" in both semesters of Algebra 2 or a "C" or better in Honors Enhanced Math III. Teacher recommendation req'd.
	AP Computer Science A (11-12)	A in Geometry or a "B" or better in Enhanced Math II AND "A" in English and a "problem solving mind."
Science		
	Biology 1AB (9-12)	None
	Honors Biology 1AB (9-12)	A's in 1st and 2nd quarter in both Phys Sci and Math 8 for enrollment as a Freshman. A's both semesters in Algebra I for sophomores.
	Chemistry 1AB (10-12)	"C" grade or better in Biology and Algebra I and concurrent enrollment in Geometry.
	Honors Chemistry 1AB*	"A" in (Honors) Biology and Algebra I, and concurrent enrollment in Enhanced Math II req'd.
	Physiology/Anatomy	"C" or better in Biology and Chemistry.
	Marine Sci 1AB (10-12)	Completed both semesters of Biology.
	Physics 1AB	"C" or better in Geometry.
	AP Environmental Science	"B" or better in Honors Bio. or "A" in Bio., "B" or better in Chem., "B" or better in Geometry.
	AP Biology 1AB	"B" or better in Honors Biology, "A" in Bio, Chem with "B" or better, GPA 3.25 or higher.
	AP Chemistry 1AB	"A" in Honors Chemistry, or "B" in H. Chem. with teacher recommendation OR "A" in Chem with a teacher recommendation, "B" or better in Algebra 2 or concurrent enrollment in Algebra 2, with a "B" or better in Geometry.
	AP Physics C:Mech	"B" or better in AP Calculus OR concurrently enrolled in AP Calculus.
	AP Computer Principles (9-12)	A in English recommended. 10th grade or higher. Recommended: problem solving mind and communication skills.
Social Studies		
AGS	AP Human Geography (9)	3.5 GPA Attend info meeting, be enrolled in Academy of Global Studies Program)
	AP Human Geography (9)	3.5 GPA HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (AGS program not req'd.)
	Wrld Hist/Geog 1AB (10)	None
AGS	AGS Seminar (10)	Req'd for Academy of Global Studies
	AP World History 1AB (10)	GPA 3.2 or higher, a "B" or higher in Comp Lit 1.
	US History/Geog 1AB (11)	None
AGS	AGS AP Research (11)	Req'd for Academy of Global Studies
	AP US History 1AB (11)	GPA 3.4 or higher, meeting req. in March.
	Amer. Democracy 1A/Econ. (12)	None
	Online Amer. Demo./Econ. (12)	GPA 2.8 or higher, Must be self motivated and be able to work independently.
	AP U.S. Gov/AP Mac Econ (12)	Cumulative: 3.4 GPA or better.

World Languages		Electives Continued	
American Sign Language 1	None	ROP Broadcast News-Trident T.V.	Application req'd.
American Sign Language 2	"C" or better in ASL 1, teacher rec. for 8th graders	Athletic Turf Management	Applied skill
American Sign Lang. 3	"C" or better in ASL 2	Yearbook Prod. 1, 2 AB	Try-out (UC approved-B)
French 1AB	Recommended "B" or higher in language arts & math class from previous year.	AP Seminar (10th) AGS	Req'd for Academy of Global Studies
French 2AB	"C" or better to move to next level	AP Seminar (11th/12th ONLY)	NON-AGS class for jr./sr. only
French 3AB	"C" or better to move to next level	AP Research (11th) AGS	Req'd for Academy of Global Studies
AP French 1AB	French 3 with "A-" or higher; teacher rec.; teacher approval.	AP Cyber Security	No Pre-req. Available to 11/12th grade ONLY
Mandarin 1	NONE	Intro to Engineering Design (9th)	Intro.class to Engineering pathway (A-G "F"-VPA)
Mandarin 2	"C" or better in Mandarin and/or teacher recommendation	Principles of Engineering (10)	recommended. 2nd class Engineering pathway (A-G "G" Elective)
AP Mandarin 1AB	"B" or better in Mandarin 3 and/or teacher recommendation	AeroSpace Engineering (11th)	Pre-req.=Princ. of Engine. (A-G "D", non lab science)
Spanish 1AB	NONE	Advanced Design (12th)	Capstone class for Engineering pathway. (A-G="G" -Elective)
Spanish 2AB	"C" or better to move to next level	Health (classroom)	None (Available Fall only) SENIORS ONLY
Spanish 3AB	"C" or better to move to next level	Health (online)	SENIORS ONLY
Spanish 4 AB	C or better to move to next level	Work Experience (9-12)	Work permit required
AP Spanish Lang. 1AB	"A" (95%) in Span.3, "A" in Span. 4, Diagnostic/speaking exam to determine readiness for AP. Teacher approval.	Tutor Corp	Support class for struggling gen ed students (9-12th)
Fine Arts		Student Gov't 1AB (9-12)	APPLICATION REQ'D
Ceramics 1AB	None	PE/Dance	
Ceramics 2AB	Ceramics 1	9th and 10th Grade P.E.	None
Art 1AB	None	Fitness for Life (10-12)	Online p.e. for students with impacted schedules and Pathway students. *Pre-req.= 10 credits of regular p.e. first.
Art 2AB	"C" or better in Art 1 .	DANCE Prod (1) AB	Beginning dance -NONE
Art 3AB	"C" or better in Art 2.	DANCE Prod (2) CD	tryout required
Intro to Animation	Recommended GPA 2.5 or better, Pre-req.=Art 1	DANCE Prod (3) EF	tryout required
Animation 2	Pre-req.=Intro to Animation	DANCE Prod GH (Orchesis)	tryout required
Animation 3	Pre-req.=Animation 2	Athletic Weight Training	None-Required for Football
AP Studio Art: DRAWING	Portfolio evaluation required, workshops/classes recommended, teacher recommendation needed	Yoga	None
AP Art History AB (12)	12th grade have priority. 11th grade must be recommended. light article reading and short response writing	Athletics	
AP Studio Art: 2D Design	AP Studio Art 1AB or teacher approval	Boys Basketball	Try-out (Winter) No seniors 2nd semester.
Music		Girls Basketball	Try-out (Winter) No seniors 2nd semester.
Choir 1AB	None	Cross Country (Fall) Track (Spring)	Try-out
Choir 2AB	Approval - Mr. Ball	Football	None (Fall) No seniors 2nd semester.
Choir 3AB	Approval - Mr. Ball	Girls Golf (Fall) Boys Golf (Spring)	Try-out (Spring)
Madrigals	Approval - Mr. Ball	Pep Squad	Try-out
Jazz Band 1AB	Approval - Mr. Jamora - limited guitar/drum positions	Boys/Girls Soccer	Try-out (Winter) No seniors 2nd semester.
Stage Band	None	Girls Swimming	None (Spring)
Symphonic Band AB	Audition required. Need 1 year experience and ability to read music notation	Boys Swimming	None (Spring)
Drumline	Audition required.	Girls Tennis	Try-out (Fall) No seniors 2nd semester.
Orchestra 1, 2, 3 (Wind Ensemble) AB	Approval - Mr. Jamora, need 1 year experience and ability to read music notation	Boys Tennis	Try-out (Spring)
Marching Band-P.E.	None	Girls Softball	Try-out (Spring)
ROP (Regional Occupational Program) Courses		Boys Volleyball	Try-out (Spring)
ROP Introduction to Media Arts & Photography. (9-12)	Beginning class (UC approved) - No prerequisites	Girls Volleyball	Try-out (Fall) No seniors 2nd semester.
ROP Intermediate Media Arts & Photography (10-11)	NO SENIORS	Girls Beach Volleyball	Try-out (Spring)
ROP AP STUDIO ARTS 2D Media (11 -12)	Advanced class. Pre-re.=Intro and Inter. Media Arts.	Boys/Girls Water Polo	None (Fall)
Drama		Wrestling	None (Winter) No seniors 2nd semester.
Drama 1AB	None	Surfing	Try-out, teacher approval
Drama 2AB	Audition req'd and teacher approval	Sailing	Try-out, off campus. No 9th graders. 1st sem
Drama 3AB	Audition req'd and teacher approval	Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)	Try out (Spring)
Drama 4 AB	Audition req'd and teacher approval	Independent p.e. (Rowing)	Try-out, off campus.
Technical Theater	Stage crew and production.	Independent P.E.	Admin. Approval (must be nationally ranked)
Advanced Tech Theater	Stage crew and production. Drama teacher approval required.	Girls Flag Football	Try-out-(Fall)
Electives		(B) Baseball	Try-out (Spring)
Psychology 1A /Sociology 1A (Fall or Spring)	Each class is one semester. (UC approved) (9-12)	Color Guard/Drill Team	Try-out required
AP Psychology	GPA 2.5 or higher recommended. 11th and 12th grade ONLY		Updated 2-3-26 GN

College Application Timeline



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Personal Essay Prompts for Practice

Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) for UC Admissions

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

Personal Essay Questions: Tips for Writing

Bragging in a college essay is an art form. The goal isn't to list your trophies—that's what the "Activities" section is for—but to show the admissions officers the character and values that earned those trophies.

Here is how to "humbly brag" effectively, based on top admissions strategies:

1. Show, Don't Tell

This is the golden rule of application writing. Instead of claiming you are a "natural leader," describe the specific moment you had to mediate a conflict between team members or how you organized a community event from scratch.

- The "Tell": "I am a very hardworking and dedicated student."
- The "Show": "I spent three months of Tuesday nights in the basement lab, recalibrating the sensors until the data finally aligned with my hypothesis."

2. Lead with Values, Not Results

Frame your achievements through your core values. If you have won a national science fair, focus on your curiosity or persistence. This makes the achievement feel like a natural byproduct of your personality rather than a boast.

3. Provide "Proof" Through Effort

Numbers and data can provide context without sounding like an ego trip. Mentioning that you "practiced 20 hours a week" or "conducted 100 trials" shows the grit behind the success. Admissions officers love "grit" because it predicts success in college.

4. Focus on Growth and Impact

A great way to talk about a win is to discuss what you learned from the process or how it helped others.

- Reflect on challenges: Did you fail before you succeeded? Describing a comeback shows more maturity than a smooth ride to the top.
- Community Impact: How did your achievement help your school, team, or family? Shifting the focus to the impact you had on others makes you more likable.

What is FAFSA and How to Get Started

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a free federal form that students must complete annually to determine their eligibility for financial assistance for college or career school. It uses your family's financial information to calculate your Student Aid Index (SAI), which schools then use to award federal grants, work-study funds, and low-interest loans. Additionally, many states and individual colleges use your FAFSA data to distribute their own scholarships and aid packages.

Creating an FSA ID (your username and password for StudentAid.gov) is the essential first step to completing the FAFSA. Both the student and any "contributors" (like a parent or guardian) must have their own unique accounts.

For Step-By-Step Instructions, please contact your counselor.

FAFSA Dates for the 2027–2028 School Year

FAFSA Opens - **October 1, 2026** (This is when students should aim to submit.)

California Priority Deadline - March 2, 2027
(Deadline for Cal Grants and most state-based aid.)

Federal Deadline - June 30, 2028 (The final cutoff for federal aid.)

Transcript Request

Submit your request online by scanning the QR code below.

