

Course Request FAQs

Q: Can I request a free period?

A: Yes, in the course search, you may type “non” to find all of the ‘non-departmental’ courses available, including “No 1st period”, “no 4th period”. When submitting a request for a free period, be sure to submit an alternate request in case you have a class that is only offered during the free period you requested.

Q: How do I choose AIM classes?

A: You don’t. You should select your requests as if there is no AIM program, but be sure to submit your application for the AIM program by the deadline. Submit the requests for the English and US Hist/APUSH class that you would like if you do not get into AIM. AIM will be notifying all students who applied in February at which time your counselor will adjust your schedule accordingly.

Q: Is SEJA also an application?

A: No, if you are interested in the SEJA program, you should request the SEJA English and SEJA Social Studies/History for your grade level. Once all course requests are submitted, the SEJA program will do a lottery to determine which students will stay in the courses. All other students will have their alternate English and History/Social Studies courses added to their schedule, so if you are requesting SEJA classes, be sure to add Alternates for English and Social Studies.

Q: How do I add my Leadership, Wise Mentoring, Link Crew or Peer Resource class?

A: Students must fill out the application and will be notified of their acceptances via email on Friday, February 6th. Students will receive instructions for how to sign up for the course in StudentVUE. Pay attention to the application deadline which is January 23rd @ 3:15 p.m. You will sign up for courses as if you have not got into ASB, Link Crew, WISE Mentoring, or Peer Resource. (There will not be an option online to pick these electives).

Q: What if I plan to take a class online? What should I enter on my requests?

A: You are allowed to take UP TO 20 credits outside of Tam during your 4 years. If you plan to take an online class before next fall, you are still required to request the next level course....for example, if you are in Algebra 1-2 now and plan to take Geometry online you must select Geometry on your course request. Once you complete at least the first semester of Geometry online, you’ll need to make sure your counselor receives a copy of your online class transcript. The counselor will then change your request to the next level of math.

Q: What if I don't get my first choice electives.

A: We cannot guarantee every single student will always get their first choice requests. Sometimes there are conflicts, sometimes classes are full, sometimes (unfortunately), we cannot find a teacher. So it’s important to choose THREE viable alternate requests to

have the best chance of ending up in a course you're actually interested in. Remember do not enter the same first choice classes in your alternates section, they should be entirely different courses.

Q: What if I feel like I need to check with my counselor to make sure I am requesting a good schedule?

A: Be sure to come to the Library OR the Hub during our Tutorial drop-in support opportunities to ask any last minute questions about your course requests. Remember the StudentVue course requests closes on **Friday, February 6th**.