

## Course Selection Information 2023-2024

### SOPHOMORES Class of 2026

A good student record is the best recommendation a graduate can offer a college or a prospective employer. All colleges require an exact transcript of courses while in attendance in high school. Employers and the military will often request similar information. It is important for a student to maintain a steady performance or improvement throughout the high school career. The student who shows improvement, rather than tapering off or declining his/her last year, is in a much better competitive position.

With this in mind, it is imperative to strongly consider course selections for the upcoming school year. Speaking with family members, teachers and school counselors is important when developing a clear and effective course of study. We also recommend giving consideration to the following:

- Balance – we encourage students to consider a holistic approach to core academics, electives and extracurricular activities
  - Rigor – students should be challenged throughout all four years of high school
  - Career interest – students can learn a great deal about career decisions through coursework taken at the high school
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### Course Selection Information

- Students must be certain they have completed all requirements for graduation and any program they wish to enter after high school. Tools for checking are available online in the Course Selection Guide.
- Placement in English, Math and Science is dependent upon teacher recommendation.
- Many courses require a teacher signature. If there is a discrepancy with the recommendation, parents may appeal using a Course Placement Override Form (available in the Office of School Counseling). Please remember that recommendations are made with the desire to challenge students while placing them at a level most appropriate for their ability and work ethic.
- Select courses that you are sure you wish to take. Once a class begins, you will not be allowed to drop because you do not like the teacher or class.
- If you drop an AP class after the last day of school in May, your transcript may reflect a W/F (withdraw/failure).
- **Pay particular attention to prerequisite and corequisite information in the course descriptions.**
- A copy of your transcript is available in Blackboard eBackpack to aid in making your course selections.
- You must list alternate courses to be used in the event a selected course is not available.
- **If you are interested in College Credit Plus (deadline to notify is April 1), please see your counselor.**
- Study Halls are an option. Six of your seven courses must be credit-bearing but you may choose a study hall as one of your “classes”. Study Halls are assigned by semester. You may choose to take a study hall for either one or both semesters.
- Be sure to consider Athletic Eligibility when choosing a study hall and/or a senior option. Stop by the Athletic Office if you have questions.

- **FINANCIAL LITERACY CREDIT:** At least 0.5 credit in Financial Literacy is required to graduate. You must take at least one of the following courses at some point during grades 10-12.

| Course Name                                  | Offered    |
|--|------------|
| Financial Literacy                           | 10, 11, 12 |
| Investing and Money Management               | 10, 11, 12 |
| College Study Skills with Financial Literacy | 11         |

### Scheduling Steps

- All scheduling information and forms are available online at:
  - [lovelandschools.org](http://lovelandschools.org)
  - Our Schools
  - Loveland High School
  - Departments
  - Office of School Counseling
  - Scheduling Information and Course Selection Guide 23-24

### Deadline

- All scheduling documents are due on **January 27**
  - Google Course Selection Form submitted online
  - Recommendation Signatures and Course Planning Form (paper version) is due to your 1st bell teacher