

12th Grade Scheduling FAQ's

***Seniors must have a minimum of 5 classes.**

Can I take zero period PE?

Yes, you can request PE Dept (0377) in Naviance when selecting your PE. Zero Period PE meets at 7:30AM. Depending on your credit situation, you may be able to shorten your day significantly.

US Govt/Econ in Summer School?

Some students take US Govt/Econ in summer school to make room for an additional academic elective or to participate in ASB. You can take US Govt/Econ through dual enrollment at ECC or by taking it at another accredited summer school program. When you are requesting your classes, you must still select a US Govt/Econ class, then show a proof of enrollment to your counselor to select another elective. You will not be able to take US Govt/Econ in summer school if you have already taken World History or US History in a summer program outside of TUSD.

Can I take other classes in Summer School?

Please speak with your counselor about your plans.

How do I enroll in Athletics?

If you are currently not enrolled in athletics, you will need to participate in a summer athletic program (if available) to make the team in the summer or you will need to make the team via tryouts when they are offered during the school year. If you are currently enrolled in Athletics and wish to continue your sport next year, you can select PE Athletics.

How do I take a 5 period day?

This depends on the number of credits you have. Look at your transcript you just received. If you will have 180 or more credits at the end of junior year, you may request a 5 period day. If you have less than 180, you will need to take six classes next year. When selecting classes in PS, please enter the number of classes you intend to take.

I want a shortened day, but don't have enough credits.

Then you will need to attend summer school and get to 180 credits by the time we start your senior year to have a 5 period day.

Dual Enrollment Classes : Pros vs. Cons

Dual enrollment classes are taken on a Community College Campus for high school and college credits. A 3 unit community college course = a 10 credit high school course.

PROS:

- *May free up room in a schedule to take additional elective courses during the school year.*
- *You may earn college credit that may satisfy a future General Education requirement for the 4 year colleges/universities.*
- *Courses may receive an extra grade point when weighting college admissions GPA on future college applications.*
- *You are taking an actual college level course, there is no need to take a high school AP course for the subject you are taking.*

Cons:

- *It is a college course that may potentially follow you to your future 4 year college or to El Camino if you are attending after high school. It is important to do well!*
- *Dual enrollment courses are not weighted when placed on the high school transcript, which may lower your weighted GPA.*

Can I be an Office Aide or Teacher's Aide?

*Yes, select the appropriate service course number as one of your selections. You will need to get the teacher's permission to be a TA for their class. Email the teacher and ask them if you can be a TA, then forward their response to your counselor. If you wish to be an Office Aide, please email your counselor the office you wish to be placed into. Please note that space is limited and that you may be placed into another office if your selection is full. **You can only earn credits for Office Aide/TA for one year or 10 credits.***

Should I take an Honors/AP class?

Honors/AP Classes are open to anyone at THS who has a desire or interest in taking a class that is more rigorous and challenging than a traditional course in that subject and who is willing to make a commitment to do what it takes to be successful. These are year long courses and the expectation is a student will remain in the course for the year. Once started, removal from these courses is difficult and sometimes not possible.

Zero Period Classes

PE

Forensics (Speech and Debate) - This class is a competitive team that competes against area schools. Please contact Lesley Sluyter at sluyter.lesley@tusd.org for info.