CHS Articulation (Schedule Planning): Grade 12

Use the template below as the "rough draft" of your course selections for next school year. You will enter this information into PowerSchool with your counselor during course articulation at the end of October. You will select *up to* 8 courses.

^{*}Honors, Mesa College, and AP courses are weighted courses. Mesa courses suggest an overall GPA of 2.0+

[#]Dual Credit College Course earns students a transferable college credit (must pass with a grade of 'C' or better).

⁺Articulated Course which can earn a college credit by exam

[^]Students may be placed in a course not on this list in order to make up credits in a class they did not pass. Some courses may not be offered due to overall interest or offered every two years.

Course Identification Markers and What They Mean

Course Designations Explained

+Articulated Course = these courses, through an agreement with local community colleges, offer a college credit for students who: 1) earn a grade of an 'A' or 'B' in the course, 2) register with the SDCCD and, 3) take the accompanying course exam and pass the exam with a grade of 'A' or 'B.' Articulated courses are mainly CCTE high school courses.

#Dual Credit College Course = these courses are college courses taught by a college professor (typically from Mesa College) on the CHS campus. Students who take these courses are enrolled at Mesa college and earn a high school and college credit concurrently. These courses show both on the student's high school transcript and create a college transcript for the student. These credits can be transferred to any college and result in fewer courses needing to be taken once in college. These courses are also weighted, making students eligible to earn over the traditional 4.0 GPA. To note: students must earn a C or better to earn the college credit; a failed course will result in an 'F' on a college transcript which could impact college admissions and/or financial aid and scholarships. We recommend students interested in college courses carry an overall GPA of 2.0 or better.

*Weighted Course = these courses add an additional GPA point, which makes a student able to earn over the traditional 4.0 GPA. Honors, AP, and College courses are weighted. Courses are out of 5 points rather than 4.

Regardless of the number of Weighted Courses taken, only a <u>maximum of 8 weighted credits</u> will be calculated in the college application submitted GPA (per university policies).

AP v. College Courses

Credit is

weighted for HS GPA

Desirable for

college apps

Maximum of 8

weighted

Provide a

learning

Option for

to enroll

challenging

environment

grades 10, 11,

See counselo

courses on

college apps

and submitted

AP Course

- 1. Taught by a CHS teacher (in which CHS standards apply)
- 2. Student must take and pass the AP exam to be eligible to earn a college credit
- 3. AP exams cost \$98/exam (unless student qualifies for reduced fee)
- 4. Not all schools accept all AP exam credits for passed tests
- 5. Most schools accept a score of 4 or better as passing (not all accept a 3)
- 6. Classes meet daily

Mesa College Course (CCAP)

- 1. Taught by a Mesa
 College professor (in
 which Mesa standards apply)
- 2. No additional exam a passing grade earns the student a college credit
- 3. All college credits are transferable
- 4. No cost/free
- 5. Classes meet twice weekly
- 6. Students graduate with a college transcript (failing a course can impact financial aid and/or college admission)