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1. What is the difference between Workshop and Blended (online and workshop) schedules at the PLC?

Example: If a student is only able to be on campus for two periods each day and must take the rest of their courses virtually, they will be in the Blended Program. We suggest that they take the two courses they are not completely confident in as workshop courses and the rest would have to be taken as virtual courses. If a student is available for all six periods and only has four or five workshops, this would still be considered the Workshop program, but they may have an open period in their schedule where they will go to our study hall and work quietly on any of their courses.

2. How many courses should my student be taking their Freshman year?

Freshman year we usually aim for students to have a total of 60-65 credits (6-7 courses). This includes the 10 credits of PE that we will automatically add to their schedule. Please refer to the Typical 4-year Course Sequence information sheet or the Graduation Requirements sheet in the Course Selection Resources.

3. How does PE work at the PL Campus?

Students have five to six assignments they must complete for PE in Canvas each Quarter. They also must fill out PE Logs along with Reading Logs in the Pathways platform with the minutes and physical activity they performed. Students are required to log at least 200 minutes every five school days. Sports, activities, gym memberships, and movement all count towards PE hours.

4. What is the difference between virtual courses and workshop courses?

For the most part, the courses that the full virtual students are seeing are the exact same as the ones that the workshop students are seeing. Almost all courses that are offered as a virtual course

and a workshop course are taught and graded by the same teacher. For example: the teacher that teaches the online Math I course is the same teacher that is teaching Math I workshops on campus. There is a slight difference between the virtual Science courses since the labs are being completed at home, but they also have the same teacher who teaches the workshop version of the course.

5. Does my full online student have to attend the virtual Zoom classes every day?

Students do not have to attend the virtual classes offered every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, but it is strongly recommended since that is the best way for Virtual students to interact with the teachers every day vs just on Fridays during Office Hours. Teachers who offer that for their students record their sessions and post them on Schoology in their course for students to watch later if they need direct instruction or review. There are numerous resources in the playlist on Canvas for each objective.

6. What Math should I select on the Course Selection Form for my student?

Our math sequence is changing! Please refer to this document when selecting a math class [Math Course Selection Flyer](#) if your student is going into a Math III or higher level of Math.

If your student is coming from one of our Classical Academy feeder schools, they will be tested in Math and you should receive their results and recommendation of which Math course they should be taking as a Freshman. If your student is coming from an outside school, they should take the Math Readiness test with us to ensure they are placed in the correct level of Math.

Information for Math Readiness testing dates will be sent to all families. Since the form comes

out before students take the Math tests, parents are encouraged to sign their student up for the Math that follows the Math they are currently taking and students will be switched if necessary.

7. Why can't my student take Biology if they are not in Math I or higher at the PL Campus?

Students must have the necessary Math skills that they will be concurrently learning in Math I to understand the coursework in Biology.

8. Can 9th Grade students take AP courses at the PL Campus?

No. Students can begin taking AP courses at PLC during their Sophomore year. We offer AP World History and Honors English II for 10th-grade students. It is recommended that students backward-plan if they know where they might want to attend college. Most colleges will not count AP courses if they were able to take them in 9th grade.

9. If my student took a high school level course in 8th Grade, will that go on their high school transcript?

No, since they were enrolled in 8th at the time of taking the course, it can't go on their High School transcript **unless** another High School has already put it on their transcript. If they take a course over the summer that will go on their high school transcript.

10. Does community service over the summer count towards high school community service requirements?

Yes, the same way a course taken over the summer will count towards High School credit since they are technically pre-enrolled as a Freshman with us. Don't forget, Community Service is any activity or duty performed for the community and the student is not paid for it, counts as

Community Service hours. Students and parents can find a blank form in Schoology under the Resources tab that they will need to make a copy of and print out to turn in.

11. Can my Freshman take World History?

No, students will take World History during their Sophomore year here at the PL Campus.

12. Can my student take courses at Studio AND at the PL Campus?

PLC students are able to take a course at Studio only if it is a course that we do not offer at our campus and if they have a spot available, but it is never a half here, half there situation. Studio courses will be listed in our Course Selection Form with a clear indication (@ STUDIO CAMPUS). As with any of our courses, Studio gives Studio upperclassmen priority first, then PL students. The same applies to Studio students who would like to take a PL Campus course. The courses PL Campus students are able to take at Studio are labeled as such on the Course Selection form and we must give students enrolled at our campus first priority before students enrolled in the Studio program.

13. Can my student come on campus Mondays and Fridays? What can they do on those days?

Mondays and Fridays are non-student days at the PL Campus except for students enrolled in Band or participating in Choir. Students work from home on Mondays and Fridays since they are able to work in their Canvas platform. Teachers and counselors are not on campus on Mondays and Fridays but are working from home and are available via Canvas or email. On Fridays, students should always take advantage of the Friday Office Hours via Zoom from 9 AM-11 AM,

when ALL teachers are available and they can make appointments to meet until 12:00. Teachers are in their breakout rooms waiting to help students for those 2 hours who can jump around in Zoom as needed. This is an imperative tool that we provide and is important for your student's success.

14. How long do students have to change their courses?

Students have the first week of school to add a course to their schedules and have the first two weeks of school to drop a course from their schedule. In both cases, the student should discuss it with a counselor to make sure they are on track with their grad plan. At the beginning of second semester, students also have the same amount of time for adding and dropping a course. If a request to drop a class is made after the deadline, it will result in a WF (withdrawal fail) on the student's transcript. The Add/Drop period is the same two weeks whether the course is yearlong or accelerated.

15. Can my student take courses at a community college?

Here at the PL Campus, students have the option of taking courses at Palomar or Mira Costa Community College via Concurrent Enrollment. Courses are paid for, but students do have to cover the cost of any books needed for the course, as well as a student fee and parking pass, if necessary. For the Concurrent Enrollment Form and information, please visit the [Counseling Website](#). Students must be at least 16 years of age to take college classes unless they have permission from the professor who teaches the community college course.

16. What is the difference between taking an AP course and a college course?

Advanced placement classes are held at Classical Academy High Schools in almost all subjects. These college-level AP classes are weighted, therefore they will boost your GPA depending on the grade you receive. College courses are taken at the college or online through the college. These courses will likely not be weighted on your high school transcript, however, when applying to a UC, they will weigh college courses when calculating your GPA.

17. What is the difference between Concurrent Enrollment and Dual Enrollment

Concurrent Enrollment is when a high school student enrolls in college-level courses for college credit prior to high school graduation. Students act independently to apply and enroll in college courses. Students are treated and have the same responsibility as all enrolled college students, and are financially responsible for textbook fees but not enrollment (summer excluded). Concurrent enrollment is available during the summer, fall and spring terms at the students' own discretion at the community college campus or online.

* Please note: An instructor's signature is required for any student enrolling who is under 16 years of age on the K-12 form. Instructors decide whether to accept students under 16 years of age into their classes. Admission is not guaranteed.

To sign up for Concurrent Enrollment please discuss with your alpha assigned School Counselor.

Dual Enrollment is when a high school student enrolls in college-level courses for college credit with the assistance and partnership of a participating high school. At CAHS, the school collaborates with a community college and assists with the enrollment process, and is free to the student. The class would also be taken at the high school itself.

18. If my student is on campus all day, is there a chance they will have a Study Hall period?

Depending on your student's schedule, there is a possibility that they will have a period of Study Hall (SDL-Student Directed Learning) where students should quietly work on their academics.

We try not to allow gaps in student's schedules, but students who have a gap could select

additional courses or if they are in 11th or 12th Grade they could TA for a teacher to fill that gap. We try to align student's workshops so that they won't have a Study Hall period whenever we can avoid that since the Study Hall area can get filled up.

19. If my student does not have a first period class, where can they go if I drop them off early?

Our campus is open from 7 am-4 pm. Students are able to come into the school at 7:30 am. Students who need to arrive earlier than their first workshop are welcome to go to our Study Hall (SDL - Student Directed Learning) starting at 7:30 am and work quietly on their academics. From 7:00 am-7:30 am students are asked to stay outside or downstairs near the front desk.

20. Is it beneficial for my student to take AP classes for college?

Taking an AP class can be beneficial for your student if they are planning on applying to a 4-year university because their final grade is weighted on their GPA. This means if they receive a "B" in the class, it will count as an "A" when calculating their GPA. Also, AP classes are college-level courses, therefore, your student will be able to experience a college-level course in high school.

21. The Course Selection List and Descriptions say I need an application for Leadership.

Where can I find that?

You have come to the right place! Here is the link to apply for Leadership:

[PLC Leadership Application Form](#)

Here is the link they should have a mentor or teacher refer them for a Leadership position with:

[Mentor Referral Form](#)

22. Will the Data Science course count towards UC/CSU Math requirements?

No, unfortunately, the UC Board of Admissions has reversed their previous decision so that starting in the 2025–26 school year Data Science courses will not count as a third-year math course for the UC/CSU Math Requirements. The Data Science course will still be an AG-approved Math Elective course that meets the CAHS graduation requirements but no longer validates the Math 3 requirements at the UC/CSU level.

Information regarding this decision is still being updated. The counseling team will keep parents and students notified as official information is released.

23. Can my freshman take AP Biology?

Freshman who wish to take the AP Biology course must fill out the Freshman AP Biology Approval Form. AP courses are graded on a 5.0 scale but this is tricky for freshman year. When a UC or CSU looks at a transcript they do not take into consideration weighted courses taken during freshman year. They will see that the student took the course and it will be considered for rigor but not GPA.