

**Questions asked and answered during the March 6, 2025
CAF & Counseling Webinar for Current 9th grade Families**

Question:: Do you have insight or inside knowledge of Colleges and U's that are super supportive for Students that qualify for the CAA California Alternative Assessment ?

We would encourage you to reach out to your student's counselor to get information about those specific colleges and universities. Also, the College and Career Center has information for your students as well.

Question: Where can I find the list of elective summer classes? Do you offer entrepreneurship?

Summer school at Carlmont is for remediation, giving students the opportunity to make up a grade of a D or an F. We do not offer elective summer school classes. We do offer entrepreneurship class during the school year but not during summer school.

Question: "Last date to change schedule is May 9th." Does that mean the students will get their 10th grade class selections/schedule BEFORE May, or that they can change their registration/course selections by May?

Once all the data is collected from the students and their desired schedule, the IVP then works for 6-8 weeks building a master schedule. Students will receive their final schedule the night before school begins.

Question: What's the highest score can student get in summer school?

Summer school grades reflect the same grading system that we use during the school year using grades A to F.

Question: Where can PE be taken in the summer to meet Sophomore requirement in order to not take it next year?

With counselor approval, PE can be taken through other sources before the sophomore year

Question: The weekly homework average list doesn't include Media Arts and AS Media Arts. Is there a place to find that?

If you are interested in knowing more about AS Media Arts, you can find information on the website at carlmonths.org. You can also reach out to Mr. Raiser who is the teacher of AS Media Arts.

Question: When you said "Second level of foreign language", does it meant it to take at least two years of foreign language?

If your student is college bound, the A to G Requirements requires that a student has two years of a world language and they suggest taking an additional year.

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Question: What is a CTE requirement?

Career Tech Education. Students need a year of CTE. If you look at the Carlmont Course Catalog there is a list of courses on the final page of the catalog.

Question: Recommendation for World Language states 3-4 yrs. For those who did 2 yrs of Language in middle school and started HS with level 2, is the recommendation to get to level 3 (so 2 yrs in HS) or 3 yrs in HS (after 2 yrs in MS)?

Yes. Taking level 3 - or higher - is recommended

Question: Can parents join the counselor session with the student?

Question: This is a time for students and counselors to make a connection, so no, parents cannot attend that meeting. However, parents may always set up a separate meeting with the counselor if desired.

Question: Do 9th grade students find out whether they are accepted to BTI before they have their registration meeting?

Yes, we should know by the time we start registering rising 10th graders.

Question: Do the three seasons of varsity (equivalent of one year of PE) have to be in the same year?

No, they can take the season in different years.

Question: How many years of Science is recommended for UCs if you are looking into Engineering?

UC's require 2 years of Science and recommend three years. If you have a student that wants to go into Engineering, they should meet with their counselor to explore class options and create a post-secondary plan.

Question: What fraction of students take AP World History?

Approximately 30%.

Question: How many units of credit qualifies for world language if taken during the summer at community college?

This is a very specific question and your student should meet with their counselor because they will need to sign a summer contract to take community college classes.

Question: Where will the recording be posted for those who missed the webinar or came late?

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Please check the CAF website.

Question: Did you say the sports for credit have to be varsity level?

No, any level is fine.

Question: For which of these AP courses, is chemistry a prerequisite for? AP physics, AP chem, AP Bio?

Chemistry is a prerequisite for AP Chem and AP BIO

Question: Can PE be taken online or at a community college?

Classes taken outside of Carlmont High School must be WASC accredited and students must meet with the counselor to ensure that they fill out the proper forms.

Question: When some colleges require (prefer) 3-4 years of world language, and a student start with level 3 in 9th grade and finish AP in 10th grade, what will be options for 3rd and 4th year language study?

Many students can start a 2nd or 3rd language.

Question: I've heard students doing walking programs or weight training programs outside of school to make up the 2nd year PE requirement. What programs qualify?

If a student is interested in taking a class outside of CHS, they will need to meet with their counselor to get the appropriate forms.

Question: Is there any requirement to enroll in an advanced computer science course?

Yes, they must have passed Algebra 1 and be in at least Geometry.

Question: What is BTI?

Biotechnology Institute - it is a separate program in the overall coursework at Carlmont.

Question: Can students take art elective at a Community College during summer?

Yes, they just need prior approval from counselor and a concurrent enrollment form

Question: If my kid is on the school team in 9th grade and taking PE this year, will that sport add to his total credits?

9th grade sports count as electives. 10-12 grade sports count toward PE.

Question: Is that a new rule about the PE requirement? We know students who took PE during the summer to make that 2nd year and free up class space for electives

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Students do take the second year of PE through other venues, like the community colleges.

Question: Does BTI affect the point system for college?

Yes - BTI courses count for the Carlmont GPA. The dual enrolled classes in BTI also provide college credit and grades.

Question: Can we enroll both physics and chemistry in next year?

Yes, as long as there is room in their schedule.

Question: Can sign language qualify for language credits from a community college?

Yes ASL does qualify as an A-G approved language. However, please work with your counselor. ASL credits from Skyline College are different than ASL credits from Canada or College of San Mateo.

Question: Is it possible to change school counselors, or does the student have to stay with the same counselor throughout high school?

Our goal is to keep the same counselor throughout all four years.

Question: When do you ask for summer approval?

Starting now, if they find a summer course that they want they should see their counselor about getting a prior-approval form.

Question: If my child wants to drop AVID - when should they communicate it?

They should speak to Mr. Ramroth or Ms. Gaitan (AVID) leaders about it.

Question: What about Bridging courses? Is it the same limitation as community college courses?

There is a 40 credit max for any courses outside of Carlmont to be added to our transcript. 20 elective plus 20 required, or 40 all elective./