



10th Grade Specific Issues/Questions

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COMPARATIVE SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Pleasanton Unified</i>	<i>UC/CSU</i>
History/ Social Studies	3 1/2 Years to include: 1 yr. US, 1 sem. Civics, 1 sem. Economics, 1 ½ yr. other social studies – usually Global Studies and World History (35 credits)	2 Years US and World
English	4 Years (40 credits)	4 Years College Prep
Math	2 Years (20 credits) (1 year must be Algebra or the equivalent of algebra)	3 Years Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra or Math I-IV (UC Recommends 4 yrs)
Science	2 Years (20 credits) 1 Year Physical 1 Year Life	2 Years Lab Science (UC Recommends 3 yrs)
Foreign Language	1 Year (10 credits) (Or)	2 Years same language (UC Recommends 3 yrs)

COMPARATIVE SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

Visual and Performing Arts	1 Year (10 credits)	1 Year
PE	2 Years (20 credits)	----
Health	1 Semester (5 credits)	----
Electives	80 Credits	1 Year College Prep Elective
Totals	230 Credits (10 credits = 1 year)	15 Units (1 Unit = 1 yr.)

Sophomore Year = Important Year

- UC/CSU GPA begins to be calculated
- Typical load of classes for 10th Graders
 - ✓ 1st or 2nd year of Science
 - ✓ 1st or 2nd year of Foreign Language
 - ✓ 1st full year of World History

Things to Consider When Picking Classes for Next Year

- Participation in clubs, sports, and/or leadership, community involvement
- Use Freshman year as a gauge
- Difficulty level of classes...goal is to be challenged but not overwhelmed
- Pick classes for next year carefully

Other Presentations

- AP vs Honors vs College Prep- MP
- Academies, ROP, Career tech electives,
Fine art courses –Band room

UC/CSU info/Grad requirements- Library

AP vs Honors Courses

- AP Course = College Level
- AP you will earn an extra GPA point
- AP exams at the end of the year provide college credit
- Honors classes more rigorous than regular college Prep classes but less than AP
- Honors = NO extra GPA point but colleges do consider that the student challenged themselves

English Courses

- Honors
- College Prep

PE

- Athletic
- Lifetime Fitness
- Team Sports
- Weight Training
- Dance

Math for Sophomores at AVHS

It is highly recommended that you take math every year in high school. Some of the reasons are:

- to further your problem solving skills which will, in turn, bring you more success in the workplace.

- to meet the entrance expectations of most four year colleges.

- to score well on junior college and four year college entrance exams.

Placement exams determine what math class a student will take in college. A poor score on the college placement exam will result in you having to take (and pay for) more remedial math classes in college. Often, these classes are taken for no college credit.

- to meet the prerequisites of science classes you may want to take here at Amador or in college.

Math Options for Sophomores

Current Course	Math 1	Algebra	Geometry	Honors Geometry	Intermediate Algebra
Options for Sophomore Year	Math 2	Geometry	Intermediate Algebra	Honors Intermediate Algebra	Honors Pre-Calculus
	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	AP Statistics
	Geometry	Math 2	Honors Intermediate Algebra	Intermediate Algebra	Computer Science

World History

- College Prep
- Honors
- AP

Electives

- Science
- World Language
- Visual and Performing Art
- Career tech
- Other

Community College

- Concurrent Enrollment Form
- Official Transcript
- 2.0 GPA, complete Freshmen year
- Summer school schedule in March
- Impacting classes for next school year
- Weighted? Transferable?

Academies
at
AVHS

Why Join?

- Academic and elective courses that meet high school and college entrance requirements
- Students learn skills for success in college and the workplace
- Opportunity to explore careers in their interest area
- Looks great on applications

The Benefits:

- Opportunities to
 - Go on career related field trips
 - Listen to guest speakers
 - Participate in job shadows
 - Learn interview skills
 - Decide!
- Academy Recognition at graduation

Academies at AVHS

- Business
- Health & Bioscience
- Arts, Media, & Entertainment
- Public & Human Services
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering

Academy Recognition

- Complete at least five related courses
- One of the five must have an asterisk
- Complete the specific requirements for your academy
 - exit interview
 - job shadow
 - portfolio
 - guest speaker
 - performance
 - volunteer/ community activities

Related Courses

- Chart is online in the handbook and on the counseling site
- Lists related courses for each area
- Students must complete at least five in their academy
- One of the five must have the asterisk

For More Information:

- Contact the lead teachers
 - Culinary Arts: Mrs. Debbie Harvey
 - Business Mrs. Laurie Andrews
 - AME Mrs. Julie Boe
 - Health & Bioscience: Mrs. Diane Farthing
 - Public & Human Services: Mrs. Debbie Harvey
 - Engineering: Mrs. Julie Duncan



Course Selection Form

NEW RULE: SHOTS BEFORE SCHOOL

- 7th-12th graders required to get whooping cough shot before starting the 2011-2012 school year
- For more information visit www.ShotsBeforeSchool.org
- Turn shot record into Amador's Health office now or at Walk Thru Registration in August.

“Student Zangle” Instructions

The student Connect URL is:

<https://sis.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/studentconnect/>

Log In: Student ID#

Password: birth month (2 digits), birthdate (2 digits),
first name initial, last name initial, exclamation

Sample = Login: 12345 (student ID#)

Password: 0102ad! (Jan 2nd,
Amador Don!)

**Important Tip: BE SURE TO CHOOSE THE CORRECT
COURSE NUMBER CODE AS MANY OF THE COURSES
HAVE THE SAME OR SIMILIAR NAMES.**

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