

# COURSE REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR YEAR!

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# What is a Credit?

Course grades must be a D or better to earn credit!

1 class =  
**0.5 credits**

(6 x 0.5 = **3 credits** per semester)

6 classes each semester

(2 x 3 = **6 credits** per year)

2 semesters per year

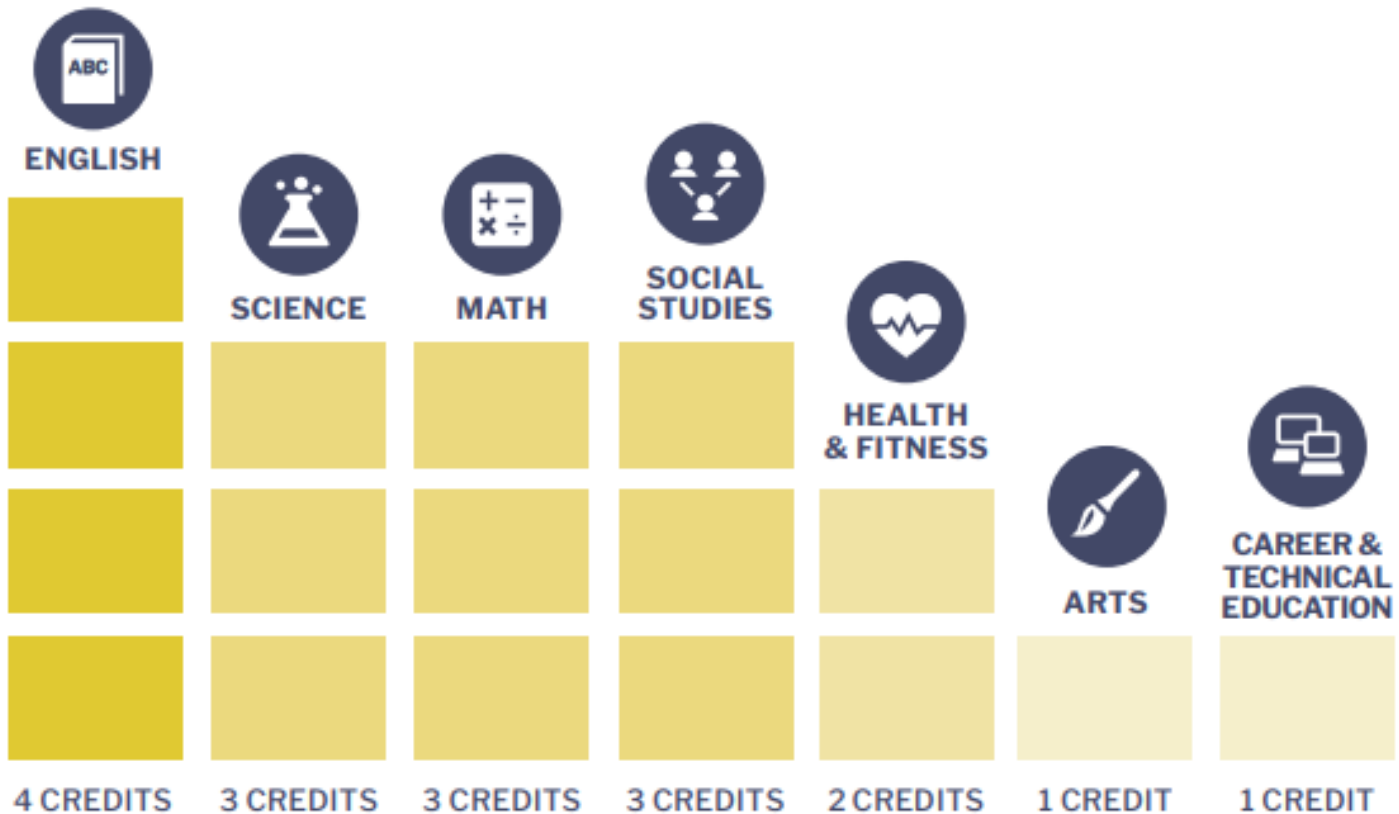
4 years of high school  
(6 x 4 = **24 credits** total)

The recognition that a course of studies (what you have been studying) has been successfully completed.

# Credit Requirements

17 FOUNDATIONAL

7 ELECTIVES



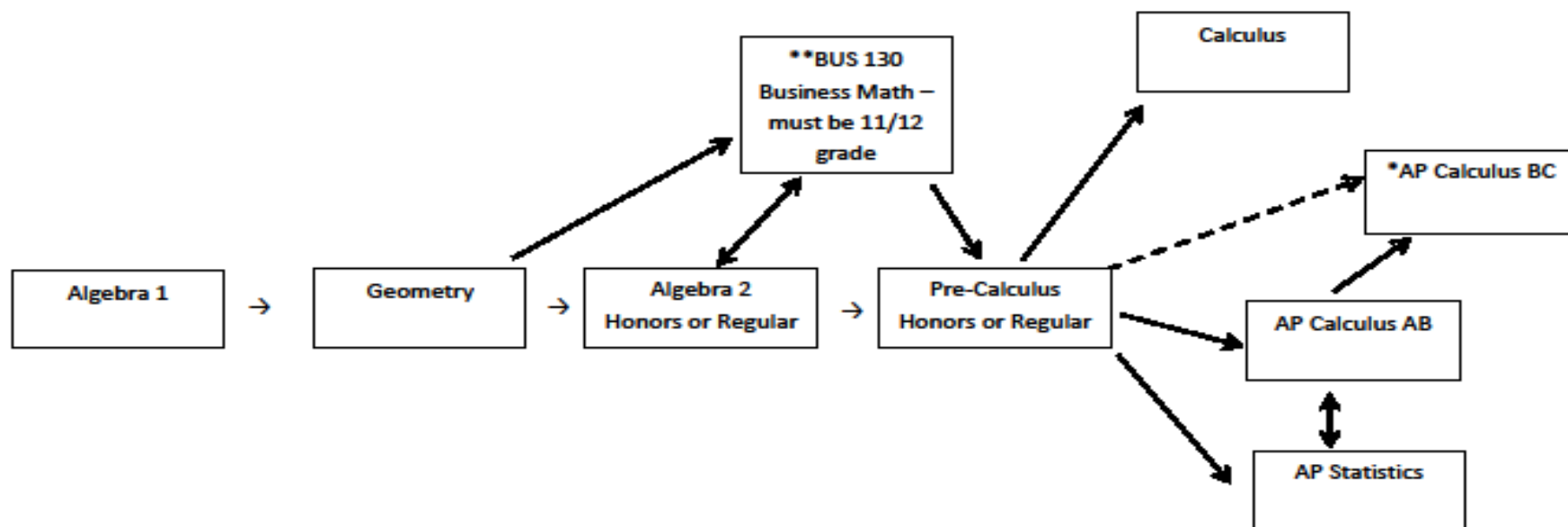
**Remember**  
Most 4-year universities require 2 + World Language Credits

\* Personalized Pathway Requirements (PPR) are electives in any subject that align with the student's interests and their High School and Beyond Plan. The arts and world language credits can be replaced with other electives, based on the student's plan.

To be a competitive college applicant, you need to go above and beyond high school graduation requirements!

- Competitive college applicants take **Math** and **Science** senior year.
- **Two years** of World Language is the **minimum requirement** for college admissions.
- You apply to college with your transcript showing final grades from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade, but **your 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule is also included with your transcript.**

## Garfield Math Course Offerings



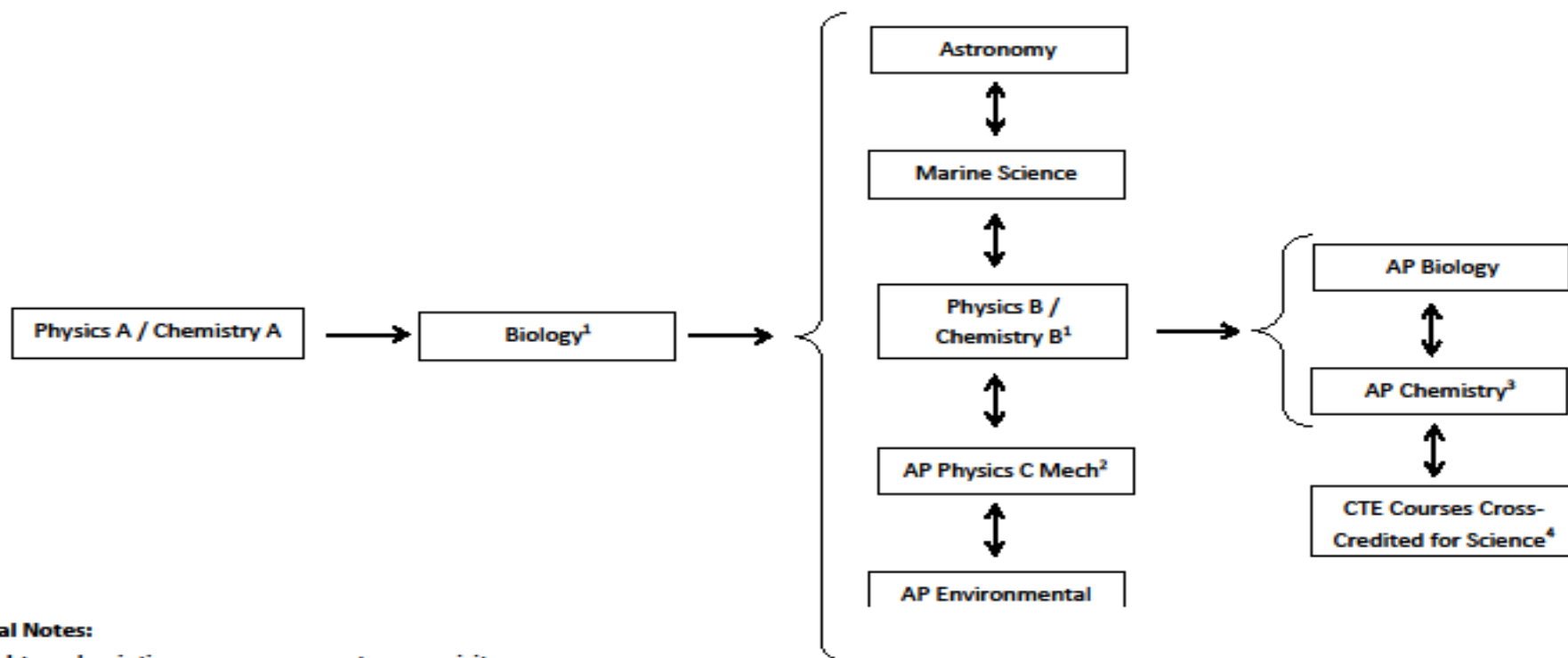
### General Notes:

1. All Classes are year-long (Geometry A/Geometry B)
2. Freshmen enter at various course levels from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and progress from there.
3. Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders should register for the next course in the sequence. Algebra 1 follows Math 8.
4. Students must earn 3 credits (6 semesters) of math credit regardless of where they begin.
5. Algebra 2 or Business Math is the minimum level of completion for graduation.

\*AP Calculus BC – Students may take AP Calculus BC directly after Honors Pre-Calculus with teacher recommendation. Most students choose to take AP Calculus AB before AP Calculus BC.

\*\*BUS 130 – Business Math is a “College in High School” course and students may opt to pay for college credit while earning high school credit. Students who take and pass the course, regardless of whether they take it for Edmonds College credit, will fulfill their graduation pathway requirement for math. The minimum pre-req for this course is geometry, but students may choose it at any point after that.

## Garfield Science Course Offerings 2021-2022



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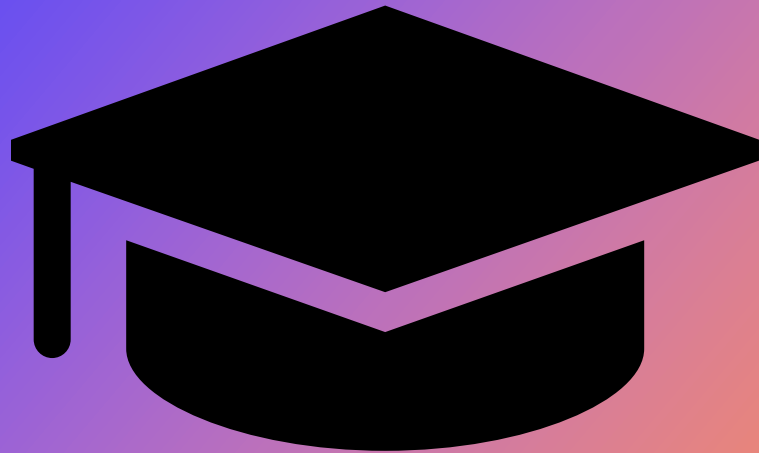
- Rightward-pointing arrows represent prerequisites.
- Vertical arrows (in the last two columns) suggest that students can move from/to these classes if other prerequisites are met.

### Footnotes:

1. Honors designations may be available for these courses depending on the outcome of a district-led task force.
2. Must have completed AP calculus (A/B) prior to the start of class.
3. Must have completed Algebra II prior to the start of class.
4. The following cross-credited courses can fulfill SPS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS for BOTH CTE/Occupational Ed and Science: CSE 142 AP Comp Sci A1/A2, Principles of Eng 1 & 2, Nutrition & Wellness. For more information, see Garfield Course Descriptions on the Academics page or check with your counselor.

### Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders:

- All incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders (except HCC students) will be enrolled in Phys A / Chem A as 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- HCC students, having taken Phys A / Chem A and Honors Biology in middle school, can choose from any of the 3<sup>rd</sup> column courses as long as other pre-requisites have been met.



# Graduation Pathway Requirement

If you did not take, or did not score well on, the Smarter Balanced Assessment in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, you will need to complete a different Graduation Pathway.

The Graduation Pathway requirement is met through standardized testing or through taking specific English & Math, or CTE, courses.

**Please monitor your school email!** Your counselor will reach out to you if there is an issue with your Graduation Pathway.

Please direct all questions to your counselor.

# Why you need to submit accurate course requests

- If you submit course requests that do not align with your remaining graduation requirements, **you are giving up control of your 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule**. Your counselor will edit your course requests to align with graduation requirements.
- Counselors only accept course change requests at the beginning of the year for **missing a grad requirement or core class (i.e. your counselor made a mistake) or missing a college requirement**. Do not count on being able to swap elective, art, or CTE courses at the start of school.



# Why you need to submit accurate course requests

- Counselors do not create schedules from scratch, but we do reference your course requests to fix scheduling errors and to find replacements for canceled classes.
- Your course requests should reflect of all your class preferences for 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- If you don't submit course requests, your counselor picks your courses.

# Skills Center [skillscenter.seattleschools.org](https://skillscenter.seattleschools.org)

- Apply for Seattle Skills Center for the 24-25 school year to spend half of your school day getting experience in a specific trade or industry. You also earn CTE credit and oftentimes there is a direct pathway to an apprenticeship, certification, or job.
  - Advanced Manufacturing, Aerospace, and Maritime
  - Automotive Technology
  - Construction
  - Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services
  - Medical Assistant
  - Maritime Vessel Operations
  - Media Arts
  - Nursing Assistant
  - Teaching
  - Video Game Animation & Programming
- If you are sure that you are applying for Skills Center, please select “Skills Center” course option when selecting classes for next school year.

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# Running Start:

*Available to students who will be juniors and seniors in '24-25.*

## What is RS?

It's college while you are still in high school!

You earn college and high school credit.

You can take all your classes at RS or both high school and RS.

## Why RS?

You are ready to be done with high school...

You want a head start in college.

You want to get ahead (particularly in STEM fields – science, technology, engineering, math).

You want to explore subject areas not offered at Garfield.

It allows for more flexible scheduling (for example, classes only on Mondays & Wednesdays).

<https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/running-start>



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# Garfield Course Registration

- If you are sure that you are taking Running Start courses next year, please select “Running Start” course option when selecting classes for next school year.
- **More info about the rest of the sign-up process will get sent to your school email – check it regularly!** You will eventually need to apply to a community college, take placement tests, and meet with your counselor and college advisor. This usually happens in May.

# Maximum number of courses you can take at Running Start and Garfield

RS	Garfield
4	0
3	2
2	4
1	6

Taking the maximum number of courses may not be possible due to scheduling conflicts.

# EMAIL YOUR COUNSELOR WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

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