



Things to consider when selecting your courses for next year:

1. Teacher Recommendations

Students are strongly encouraged to select courses that have been Recommended. It is important that students take courses at the level they would be most successful in to build their foundation and confidence in that course, and allow for greater success when they upgrade. (Please see the upgrading sequencing chart below) Counsellors can work with a student to make a plan to upgrade if needed.

If a student decides to ignore the recommendation, they may struggle and become disengaged. Often students will come to us to change the course sequence once they realize the higher level is too challenging, weeks or months into the semester. At that point, we are limited in our ability to make this change, as there may not be room in the course, it is not offered when they need it, or they have missed too much in the requested course. Unfortunately, this may mean that the student has to remain in the challenging course they selected or take the requested course in summer school. For example, after passing Math 10-C a student was recommended to take Math 20-2 (recommended path – 20-2 – 30-2 - 30-1) but the student and parent decide to select Math 20-1. A few weeks in, the student realizes that Math 20-1 is very challenging so they request moving to Math 20-2. At this point there may not be room, it may affect their entire timetable, or they will be a month behind in the new course, which is not ideal.

Please complete the Pathway Appeal Form if you would like to request a course that was not recommended and contact your school counsellor to discuss.

2. Possible Upgrading Sequences

*minimum requirement for high school diploma

English 10 – English 20-2 – English 30-2* – English 30-1

Social 10-2 – Social 20-2 – Social 30-2* – Social 30-1 (if needed)

Science 14 – Science 10* OR Science 14 – Science 24* – Science 10 – lots of options after this

Math 10-C – Math 20-2* – Math 30-2 – Math 30-1

Math 10-3 – Math 20-3* - Math 10-C – Math 20-2 – Math 30-2 – Math 30-1

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3. Summer School

If a student is planning on taking a summer school class and it is a course required for Graduation, they must select it in their NY Course Registration. This course will be removed once we receive final grades in August. Information on how to register will be sent out via email to parents and students by the end of April. Summer school takes place in the month of July (diploma exams are scheduled in August). Please stay tuned.

4. Science Courses

If your student has taken Science 10, we do recommend taking two Science courses all the way to grade 12 to provide more opportunities for post-secondary admission, unless they were recommended for Science 20. Biology/Chemistry or Chemistry/Physics are common pairings as well as Biology 30/Science 30 or Chemistry 30/Science 30. Math 31 and Computer Science 30 are also accepted as grade 12 Science courses. If students are confident they will not be going in a Science direction, they may also take Science 20 and Science 30 or Biology 20 and Science 30 or Chemistry 20 and Science 30, for example. ***We advise you to investigate required courses for post-secondary admission.** If a student took Science 14, the next course is Science 24. If they did really well in Science 14, they can upgrade their Science by selecting Science 10. Science 10 is a recommended course for some trades OR allows students to take Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.