**Recommended High School Courses for College-Bound Students**

Although academic requirements differ among colleges, the admissions requirements listed below are typical for four-year colleges. The specific classes listed here are examples of the types of courses students can take.

### English
- **Four years**
- **Types of classes:**
  - American Literature
  - Composition
  - English Literature
  - World Literature

### Mathematics
- **Three to four years**
- **Types of classes:**
  - Algebra I
  - Algebra II
  - Calculus
  - Geometry
  - Precalculus
  - Trigonometry

### History & Geography
- **Two to three years**
- **Types of classes:**
  - Civics
  - Geography
  - U.S. History
  - U.S. Government
  - World History
  - World Cultures

### Laboratory Science
- **Two to four years**
- **Types of classes:**
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Earth Science
  - Physics

### Foreign Language
- **Two to four years**

### Visual & Performing Arts
- **One year**
- **Types of classes:**
  - Art
  - Dance
  - Drama
  - Music

### Challenging Electives
- **One to three years**
- **Types of classes:**
  - Communications
  - Computer Science
  - Economics
  - Psychology
  - Statistics
This exercise will give you and your child a chance to look ahead and choose future courses. Be aware that some courses must be taken in sequence. On the form below, list your child's current courses or courses he or she will take this year. Then list courses that he or she will take during each year of high school. If you are not sure what courses your child should take, you should make an appointment with your child's guidance counselor and get some advice.

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**English**

Full course title:

**Mathematics**

Full course title:

**History/Social Studies**

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**Science**

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**Foreign Language**

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**Other**

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## Course Planner for Parent and Student

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### Questions To Ask Guidance Counselors

- What basic academic courses do you recommend for students who want to go to college?
- How many years of each academic subject does the high school require for graduation?
- What elective courses do you recommend for college-bound students?
- Can students who are considering college get special help or tutoring?
- What activities can students do at home and over the summers to strengthen their preparation for college?
- How much homework is expected of students preparing for college?
- What do different colleges require in terms of high school grades and SAT or ACT scores?
- What support services are offered for students with learning disabilities at the college? In my program?

### Questions To Ask Potential Colleges

- What basic academic courses do you recommend for students who want to go to college? If I’ve had an IEP (or 504) all through high school, what do you need me to supply in order for me to have services and accommodations at your college.
- Do you require recent testing? How recent?
- Does the testing need to be through IDEA or ADA or is that not an issue*?
- How many hours are tutors available? Is there a limit to the number of hours per week per student?
- Is my advisor trained to work with students with LD issues?
- Will my advisor help me pre-register?
- Can I take tests orally, by computer, have extended time, with a reader or any other aid you need such as a scribe, calculator, speech-checker, tape recording and so on?
- Are there distraction-free environments?
- Are there add costs for the services I need?
- Will my professors be notified of my LD/ADHD and is the notification done by the student or the Program Director?
- Are course substitutions allowed?
- Is any other assistive technology or human professional help available that I have not already asked you about?