

***Look forward to the high school years with confidence, enjoy the opportunities, and follow your student's interests! Some quick tips as you think ahead:***

**Every high school student is assigned a high school counselor. We are here to help!**

**High School Overview** (see "Guidelines" page on our website)

- 1 credit typically 150 hours of coursework (0.5 credit 75 hours)
- To graduate, students must complete a minimum of 22 credits, including all requirements for their chosen course of study (see below).
- To finish in 4 years, plan an average of 5.5 credits per year.
- Maximum: 8 credits per school year; 4 credits per semester
- Submit grades in Dec./Jan. for Fall semester and May/June for Spring semester.

**College Path or General Course of Study?** (see "Requirements" page on our website)

- College Path:
  - 1 additional credit of social studies (i.e., history or World Geography)
  - 2 credits of same foreign language
  - 1 credit of visual or performing arts
- General Course of Study:
  - Same number of total credits, but more flexibility with electives:
    - Minimum: 6 elective credits

**Typical High School Plan** (see "Planning Sheets" page on our website)

- 1 English credit per year
- 1 math credit per year (Algebra I, etc. NOT required for General Course of Study)
  - Pre-Algebra recommended before Algebra I
  - Less math-oriented students may take Pre-Algebra for 1 credit after 8th grade.
- Science credit 3 of the 4 years; i.e., 3 credits required (1 with lab for College Path)
- Best to start foreign language early
- Taking more credits in first 2 years allows more flexibility in later years for jobs, college visits, etc.

**Notes on Specific Credits** (see "Guidelines" page on our website)

- P.E. (1 credit): 150 hours of athletic or sporting activity
  - May be done in 1 year, or 0.5 credit in each of 2 years
  - On education plan, list physical activities as curriculum.
- Bible (1 credit): 150 hours personal and/or group Bible study
  - On education plan, if not using a curriculum, list teaching materials and/or version of the Bible (e.g. KJV) as curriculum.
- Electives (2-6 credits; 1 credit typically 150 hours) Possibilities include:
  - Additional credit(s), after required credit(s) completed, in subjects such as Bible, P.E., foreign language, art, music, history, science, and math
  - A unique subject (e.g. Home Economics, Debate, Computer Applications, etc.)
  - On education plan, list materials or describe activities as curriculum.