



- ❑ Course selection for 11th and 12th grade
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Process:

- Students will choose classes through Aeries portal in March
- Teachers and counselors will present information in classes
- Counselors are available for drop in help during the course selection window

Resources:

- Course catalog: contains descriptions of every AHS class, requirements and prerequisites, sample schedules
- Course lists for each grade
- Transcript: tracks credit progress and needs

- Students are responsible for checking prerequisites and course placement is subject to teacher approval
- Pay attention to special policies (ex: requesting two courses in the same subject area)
- Students will be notified of major schedule conflicts in August. Final schedules are available on Opening Day the week before school starts. We will offer a schedule change period before the first day of school.



Courses open to 11th & 12th graders

Updated course lists posted [here](#) (updated ~Feb)

<p>Social Studies 11th grade: US History 12th grade: US Gov/Econ AP Art History AP Comparative Govt Psychology</p>	<p>11th grade English English 3 or Eng 3 Honors</p> <p>12th grade English Senior Comp/Elective or AP Literature</p>	<p>Science Anatomy/Physiology Earth Space Science Physics AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Sci. AP Physics</p>
<p>Applied Arts Photography Computer Graphic Arts Engineering & Design Principles AP Computer Sci Principles AP Computer Science A Culinary Arts Yearbook Journalism Honors Drawing and Painting</p>	<p>Fine Arts 2D/3D Art Advanced Art AP Studio Art Wind Ensemble Jazz Band Treble Chamber Ensemble Chamber Singers Dance 1/2/Adv Theater Study</p>	<p>Other electives and programs EDSET Academic Peer Support AVID Business Mgt Step to College (SFSU) Weight Training</p>



Graduation Status

Subject Area	Credit Required
A - English	40.00
B - Math	20.00
C - Physical Education	20.00
D - Life Science	10.00
E - Physical Science	10.00
F - Social Studies	10.00
G - U.S. History	10.00
H - U.S. Government	5.00
I - Applied Arts	10.00
J - Fine Arts	10.00
K - Economics	5.00
Z - Electives	70.00

- 1 year = 10 credits
- “Electives” includes any class taken in other subject areas after requirement is met (e.g. 3rd year of math)

Add the following for 4-year college eligibility:

- 3 years of math required,
4 years recommended
- 3 years of science recommended
- 2 years of the same Language Other Than English required, 3 years recommended
- Only grades of C- and higher meet eligibility requirements (D- earns credit for graduation)



- 2 year college for degree or certificate
- 2 year college to transfer
- 4 year college/university
- Specialized training school
- Military
- Work
- Gap Year after high school
- Living with my parents for the rest of my life?





What do AHS students do after graduation?

2 year/community college	31.3%
4 year college/university	55.3%
University of California	21.7%
Cal State University	11.1%
Private	15.8%
Out of State Public	5.4%
Non-US	1.3%
Other (work, vocational, military, etc)	13.4%

Averages based on exit survey data for Class of 2013-2023



- Open enrollment to anyone with a high school diploma OR age 18+
- Options for career/technical education, Associate's degree, transfer to 4-year university
- California community colleges have transfer agreements with Cal State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) systems
 - Complete general education requirements at CC, transfer to complete major requirements at CSU or UC and graduate with a Bachelor's degree (see assist.org for more details)
- Affordable - or even free - tuition. Save \$!



- Public universities include
 - University of California (UC) - 9 campuses
 - California State University (CSU) - 23 campuses
 - Out of state public universities - all 50 states (e.g. University of Texas, Oregon State)
- Private universities in and out of state (e.g. University of Southern California, Duke, Boston College)
- [Resources for affiliate groups](#) (Historically Black Colleges & Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions, and more)

Check out many colleges at once at local or virtual college fairs! WACAC hosts fairs each spring: [Click](#) for more information and to register.



- Admissions requirements vary:
 - CSU requires **2.5 GPA** and **completion of 15 required classes**
 - San Francisco State and Cal State East Bay are our local service area schools: meet minimum requirements = guaranteed admission!
 - UC requires **3.0 GPA, completion of requirements**, and considers **extracurricular activities, essays**, and other factors (“comprehensive review”)
 - Many out-of-state public and private colleges also require **recommendation letters** from teachers/counselors and may require or prefer **SAT/ACT scores** (not accepted by CSU/UC)

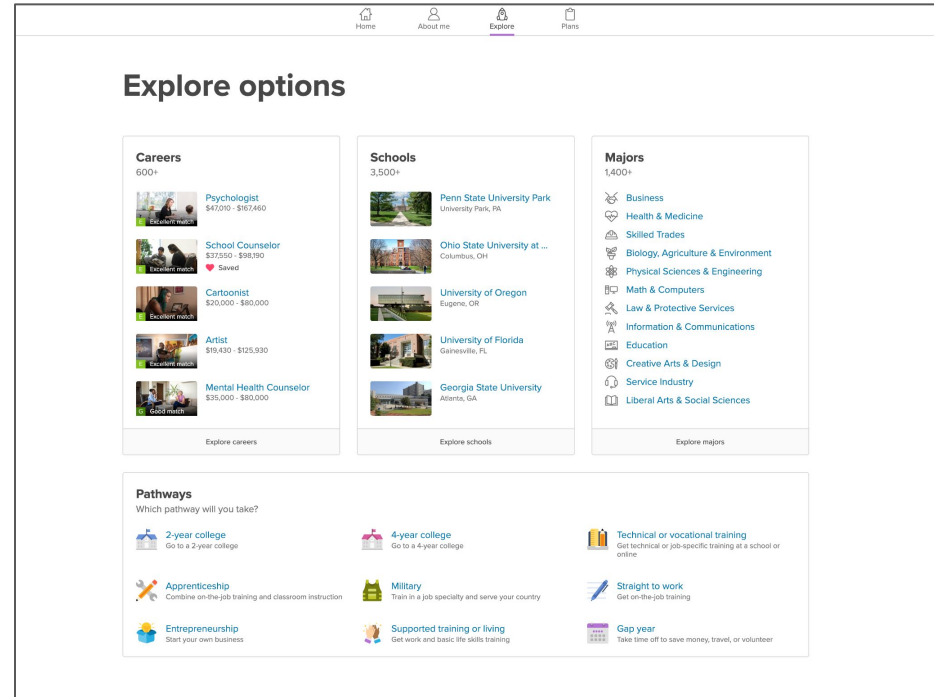


- Since the COVID pandemic, college testing requirements have changed.
 - CSU and UC do not accept SAT/ACT
 - Many colleges and universities are test-optional
- Reasons to consider SAT/ACT
 - A growing number of colleges are starting to require them again
 - Some scholarships/majors may require or prefer them
 - Test scores can help your application
- If you do plan to take these tests, we recommend this timeline:
 - PSAT in October of 11th grade (at AHS)
 - [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) in spring of 11th grade (AHS is not a test site. Register directly through the testing agencies' websites)
 - Most colleges accept scores through winter of 12th grade
 - Be aware: space has been limited at many local test sites. Plan ahead!



- Most student aid is accessed by filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):
 - Federal grants (Pell Grant) and California grants (Cal Grant)
 - Federally-subsidized loans
 - Work study
 - Institutional aid (e.g. UC Middle Class Scholarship)
- [WUE](#) - Western Undergraduate Exchange: an agreement between 16 Western states/territories to provide non-resident tuition savings
- Local and private scholarships: available on AHS website, Xello and elsewhere. Cater to local students and/or specific populations, interests, goals.
- AHS holds financial aid nights twice a year (fall and spring) for students and parents/guardians

- Xello is a college/career exploration tool that all AHS students have access to through their AUSD accounts
- Career inventories make suggestions based on interests, personality, learning style etc.
- Search careers, colleges and majors using filters like salary or location
- Resources for other post-secondary options are also covered



The screenshot displays the 'Explore options' section of the Xello platform. At the top, there are navigation icons for Home, About me, Explore, and Plans. The main content is organized into three primary categories: Careers, Schools, and Majors, each with a sub-section for 'Explore'.

- Careers (600+):** Lists four career options with salary ranges:
 - Psychologist: \$47,010 - \$97,460
 - School Counselor: \$37,550 - \$98,790 (marked as 'Saved')
 - Cartoonist: \$20,000 - \$80,000
 - Artist: \$19,430 - \$125,930
 - Mental Health Counselor: \$35,000 - \$80,000
- Schools (3,500+):** Lists four university options:
 - Penn State University Park, University Park, PA
 - Ohio State University at Columbus, OH
 - University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
 - University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
 - Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- Majors (1,400+):** Lists various major fields:
 - Business
 - Health & Medicine
 - Skilled Trades
 - Biology, Agriculture & Environment
 - Physical Sciences & Engineering
 - Math & Computers
 - Law & Protective Services
 - Information & Communications
 - Education
 - Creative Arts & Design
 - Service Industry
 - Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Below these categories is a 'Pathways' section titled 'Which pathway will you take?' with six options:

- 2-year college:** Go to a 2-year college
- 4-year college:** Go to a 4-year college
- Technical or vocational training:** Get technical or job-specific training at a school or online
- Apprenticeship:** Combine on-the-job training and classroom instruction
- Military:** Train in a job specialty and serve your country
- Straight to work:** Get on-the-job training
- Entrepreneurship:** Start your own business
- Supported training or living:** Get work and basic life skills training
- Gap year:** Take time off to save money, travel, or volunteer



How Can AHS Counselors Help ?



Think of us as a bridge to help connect students to **academics** (teachers, grades, transcripts, schedules and post secondary options i.e. college), **personal social** (having a hard day, family problems, need extra support) and **community based learning opportunities** (i.e internships, leadership opportunities, employment)