

## **9th Grade Forecasting FAQ**

### **Is Honors English 9 an option for next year?**

It looks like Honors English 9 will be an option next year. For now, students should select English 9, then students will be able to request Honors English 9 later this spring, probably with their 8th grade English teacher. More information to come!

### **Should I take Geoscience or Biology?**

Our graduation requirements now include successful completion of 1.0 credit in Earth Science. Most students complete this requirement by taking Geoscience in 9th grade. If a student opts not to take Geoscience, then AP Environmental Science will need to be taken later on to fulfill the Earth Science requirement. Some 9th graders choose to do this and take Biology in 9th grade. Students taking Biology in 9th grade should have successfully completed Algebra in 8th grade. Students who have a passion for science can also take both Geoscience and Biology in 9th grade, as long as the math prereq is met.

### **Can I repeat a second language in 9th grade?**

Yes! If a student is feeling unsure about their transition to highschool and advancing in their second language studies (Ex: Spanish 1 to Spanish 2 or French 2 to French 3), then we recommend repeating that year for elective credit at the high school before advancing to the next level.

### **Should I take Lifetime Health or PE? Can I take both?**

Since all students need to take 1.0 credit of Health and PE to graduate, we recommend that students start completing some of this required coursework by taking either Lifetime Health or PE in 9th grade. If a student takes Lifetime Health in 9th grade, then they'll likely schedule for PE in 10th grade. Since we try to keep the balance in both classes, we prefer that students just take one of these (Lifetime Health or PE) in 9th grade.

### **Do I have to take a study hall?**

We strongly encourage all students (9-12th) to have at least one study hall or free period in their schedule. A study hall is extra time in the student's day to work on homework, check in with a teacher regarding missing work, make up a test or quiz, or access academic support. A study hall is also helpful when trying to balance time for outside activities/clubs/sports. 9th graders will be on track for credits with a study hall in their schedule each semester.