

Frequently Asked Questions?

COURSE SELECTION FAQs for Grand Oaks High School

Can I take Band and play a Sport?

Yes. If your schedule has room for both
Please talk to a counselor about how this can
work for you

Should I take an advanced course?

Students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses they are able

Time and commitment considerations should be made:

- How much time do I have for extensive homework and study?
- What other activities am I committed to?
- What are my current grades?
- Am I willing to work harder in an advanced class in order to make the same or higher grade as I'm currently making?

What classes are required for graduation?

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math
- 4 years of Science
- 4 years of Social Studies
- 2 years of Language other than English (LOTE)
- 1 year of PE
- 1 year of Fine Arts
- .5 credit health (1 semester)
- 5.5 credits of electives

26 Total Credits

Two years of the *same* LOTE are required for graduation

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Students can take additional languages if they choose.

It is not recommended to take two different LOTES at the same time.

Can I take two different LOTES?  
(Languages other than English)

# What is a block schedule?

- GOHS has an alternating day block schedule
  - There are 8 total class periods but only 4 meet each day
  - Odd Classes (1,3,5,7) meet on Orange Days
  - Even Classes (2,4,6,8) meet on Blue Days
  - Classes like Athletics and Band are *double blocked* which means they meet everyday



# Are my course requests guaranteed?

No, course requests are not guaranteed.  
But we work hard to use your alternates when possible.

You may not get a course you requested because:

- The course is full
- The course conflicts with another course you need
- Not enough students requested the course to make a section



We look at your Alternates to find a course that will work

# Why can't I make changes to my course requests after April 17<sup>th</sup>?

Course requests are used to determine how many classes are needed and how many teachers should be hired.

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Master Schedule planning takes place in April through August. Course changes cannot be made in August when school starts.

April 17th is the final deadline

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Students will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> course verification BY  
APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> and can make changes until April 17<sup>th</sup>.

When is the last possible time I can change my  
course requests?

# Will the courses in my 4YP automatically be my course requests?

- No. You must complete the Course Selection Form and turn it into a Grand Oaks Counselor on the day of your 1:1 meeting.
  - Jan 30 - Dangler and Gutierrez
  - Jan 31- Barscewski , Nichols, Boyd
  - Feb 3 - Noel and Jager
- You should refer to your 4YP to see what courses you already planned or want to take.

# Which courses are for ½ credit?

- The following courses are worth .5 credit and last for only one semester:
  - 236H - College Readiness and Study Skills
  - 080H - Health
  - 114H - Personal Financial Literacy
  - 154H - Leadworthy (formerly Teen Leadership)
  - K500H - Advertising
- One semester classes end in an “H” to signify Half Credit

Please choose two “H” half credit courses - one for each semester



# When are course requests due?

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> are the due dates for all course requests

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Course requests can be changed by completing a
COURSE REQUEST CHANGE Form (See your York Counselor)

How will I know if the courses I chose are correct?

You will receive a Course Verification on April 1st where you can double check the courses you chose

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You can also see your courses in Student Access Center by clicking on Course Requests

Schedule changes can be made for the following reasons only:

- A pre-requisite has not been met
- A class is missing from my schedule
- I have already taken a course and received credit
- A required course is missing from my schedule
- An activity class is missing from my schedule
- I am no longer participating in an activity class (sport, band, etc) that is on my schedule

Can I change my schedule before school starts next year?