

Sheldon High School
Course Selection Instructions
12 easy steps

To select courses for next year, please follow the steps outlined below. Please see one of the counselors if you have any questions.

1. Fill out the information at the top of the form. If you were accepted into an Academy, fill in the appropriate space; students in the 11th and 12th grades must indicate what major they are going to declare.
2. Please sign the form in the student area and have your parent/guardian sign in the appropriate signature area.
3. In the “Required Courses” box, please choose one course from each category. For Juniors and Seniors you must know whether you are on the 30/30 plan or the 40/20 plan for science and math to determine what science course(s) to sign up for. All seniors must take math in their senior year and pass it!!! Please circle your choice for each class. . Seniors must sign up for all the required courses they need for graduation.
4. **Honors:** If a student selects an “Honors” class please pick up a blue flyer with information on how to enroll in the honors course selected. The student has to follow through with course enrollment procedures to be placed in the class.
5. **Advanced Placement (AP)**--For students who register for Advanced Placement (AP) courses make sure to pick up an AP course request form and the AP Information Sheet. The student must turn in the AP course request sheet to the counseling department with the information requested. The AP information sheet gives important information on what the student needs to do to enroll in the class. The student must follow through with course enrollment procedures to be placed in the class
6. **Math:** As you choose your Math class please review your transcript for the Math courses taken. Choose the next logical course in the Math sequence. Remember, in order to advance to the next math course you have to have a C or better. All Math teachers will also make recommendations for their current students. Seniors must take math in their senior year and pass it. Seniors must also pass both Algebra 1 and Geometry in order to graduate. The typical course sequence goes as follows:

Algebra 1; Geometry; Algebra 2; Trigonometry or Statistics; AP Statistics; Pre-Calculus, Calculus. Business Finance for Seniors only. Applied Geometry is an option for Juniors and Seniors who have passed Algebra but not with a C or better.

If you select an Honors Math course and you are currently enrolled in an honors math course then you must have your honors teacher recommend you. If you are new to Honors math you must complete an honors math application. The student can pick up an application from their Math teacher. The honors math course sequence is as follows:

Algebra 1; Honors Geometry; Honors Algebra 2; Honors Pre-calculus; Calculus.

7. **Special Education:** If your child is receiving special education services for English or Math, please circle “Reading (Special Ed)” or “Math (Special Ed)”. Your child’s current special education teacher will determine the specific required classes later this year.
8. **Electives:** On the bottom left and right hand side of the form the elective courses are listed. Please select 8 courses that you would like to take. You will number these 1 through 8, with 1 being your first choice, 2 being your second choice, 3 being your 3rd choice, etc. Please refer to the High School Course Catalog, under the column “Class Restrictions”, and make sure that you have the requirements for the courses that you select. Also, check the pre-requisites for all the classes that you select. **You will not be scheduled into a course if you do not meet the Class Restrictions or Pre-requisites for the course. Remember that if you choose the course you may be scheduled into it even if it is your #8 choice.**
9. Some courses have special requirements such as instructor approval, elected/appointed, etc., only sign up for these courses if you have already fulfilled these requirements. Please look at the goldenrod supplemental course information sheet for these courses.
10. Please check the appropriate squares in the section above counselor signature (10-12th grade). This will ensure that you are scheduled into Math and World Language in the correct term.
11. If you have any questions about course placement please see the counselors at the counselor tables on the sides of the cafeteria
12. When you are finished, please proceed to the back of the cafeteria for checkout. You should be receiving your schedule card indicating the courses you selected on Hot August Days. Your final schedule will be handed out the first day of school.