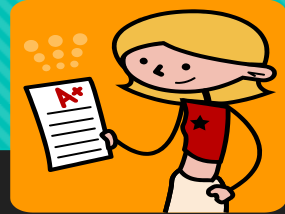


# YOU'RE GOING TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.....

What you need to know...



# WHAT IS GPA?

## WHAT ARE CREDITS?

- **Your GPA and credits are two totally different things!**
- **Grade Point Average – GPA- Points you get for grades in your classes.**
  - **A = 4 points**
  - **B = 3 points**
  - **C = 2 points**
  - **D = 1 point**
  - **F = 0 points**

*Add total number of points and divide by number of credits to figure determine your GPA.*
- **The credits you earn are the recognition you get for passing a course.**
  - **To get your High School Diploma you will need 26 credits**

# HOW MANY CREDITS DO I HAVE TO EARN?

- **Students must earn at least 26 credits to graduate.**
- **Students earn 8 credits per year.**
  - **9<sup>th</sup> grade: 8 credits**
  - **10<sup>th</sup> grade: 8 credits**
  - **11<sup>th</sup> grade: 8 credits**
  - **12<sup>th</sup> grade: can earn UP to 8 credits**

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **4 Credits of English**
- **4 Credits of Math**
  - **Math credits begin in 9<sup>th</sup> grade**
  - **4 total credits required**
  - **Can I “double up” in math once I get to AHS?**
    - **“Doubling Up” means taking two sequential courses in a subject in one year instead of two (for example: Algebra I and Algebra II in the same year)**
    - **Students do this to get higher in the sequence or to get done with their credits faster**
    - **\*\*it is smart to have a math class your senior year!**

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **4 credits of Social Studies/ History**
- **4 credits of Science**
  - **Must include Biology and a Physical Science**
- **1 credit of PE (*1 JROTC may be substituted*)**
- **½ credit of Health**
- **1 credit of Career Preparedness**
- **7 ½ Electives (*Career Tech, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Other*)**

# DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS

## ○ Advanced Academic

**Must have: (in addition to regular Graduation Requirements)**

1. Two foreign language credits
2. One math course higher than Alg. II w/ stats
3. Two higher level Sciences (Intro to Biotechnology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, IB/AP Biology or Chemistry)

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**IT IS POSSIBLE TO EARN MORE THAN  
ONE ENDORSEMENT!**

# CURRICULUM OPTIONS

- **Grade Level**
- **Advanced**
- **Advanced Placement (AP)**
- **International Baccalaureate (IB)**

**What do you think is the difference between Grade Level and Advanced classes?**

# GRADE LEVEL COURSES

- **Meet requirements for graduation.**
- **Meet requirements for college admittance.**
- **Grade points (NOT CREDITS- these are still worth ONE credit)**
  - **A = 4 points**
  - **B = 3 points**
  - **C = 2 points**
  - **D = 1 point**



# ADVANCED COURSES

- **More challenging**
- **Good preparation for AP/IB courses**
- **Weighted Grade points: your grade has more impact on your GPA**
  - **A = 4.5 points**
  - **B = 3.5 points**
  - **C = 2.5 points**
  - **D = 1.5 points**

# A.P. AND I.B. COURSES

- **A.P. = Advanced Placement**
  - **Pick and choose the classes that you want, not part of a program**
  - **More challenging than grade level courses (comparable to college-level classes)**
  - **Weighted grade points (NOT CREDITS)**
    - **A= 5**
    - **B= 4**
    - **C= 3**
    - **D=2**
    - **Must take an exam at the end of the course and, depending on your score, you could receive college credit for the class (which means you will move ahead in classes)**
- **IB = International Baccalaureate (different diploma program)**
  - **This is a set program- you must take classes labeled IB- one of the requirements for receiving the diploma is 5 Foreign Language credits**
  - **Starts your junior year**
  - **Very rigorous**
  - **Weighted grade points (same as above)**
  - **IB Diploma administered on completion of requirements**
  - **Must take exams- can earn college credit for these!**

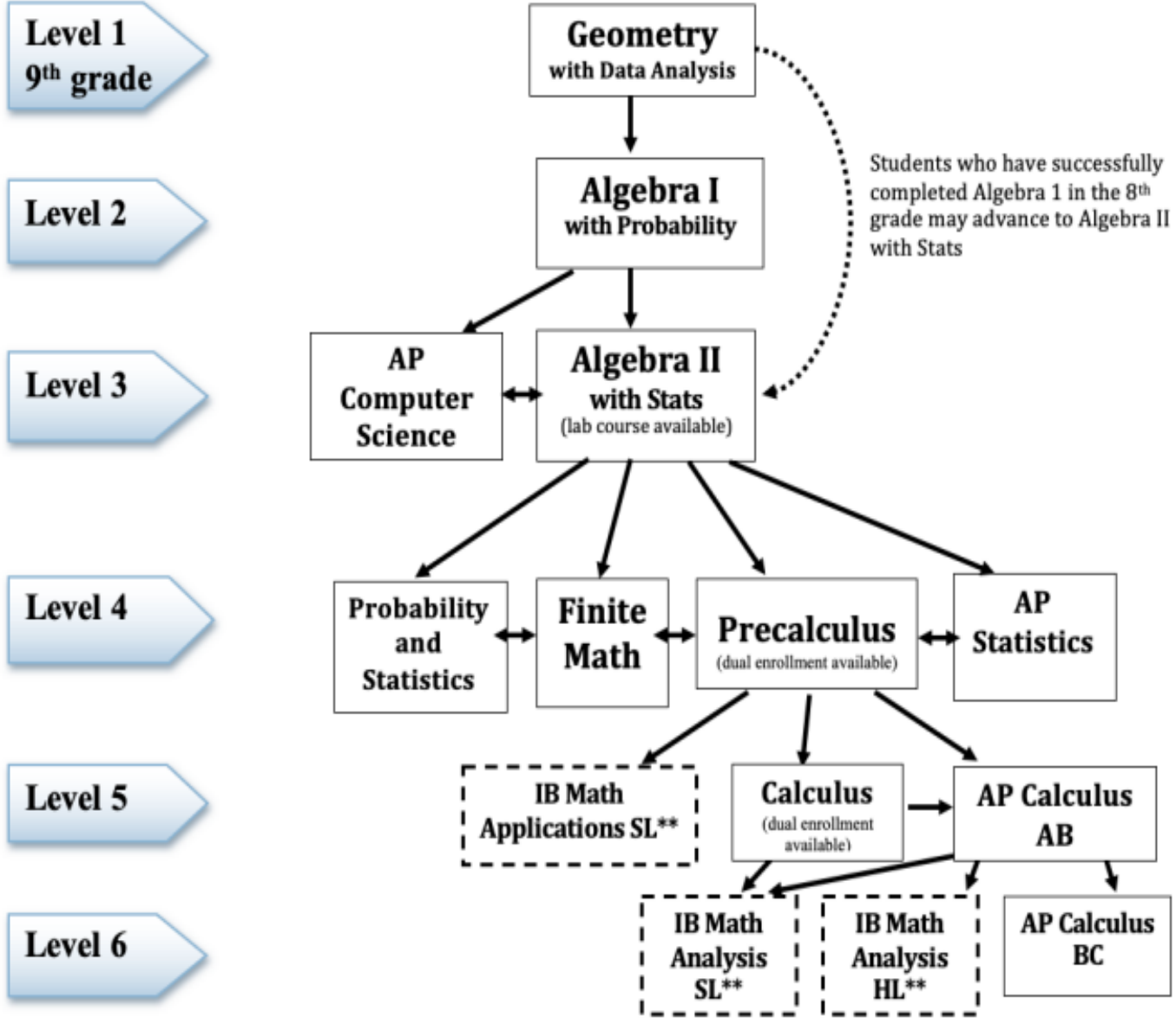
# SO WHAT CREDITS AM I EARNING NOW? (IN 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

- **The following credits are earned during the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year:**
    - **English 9 or English 9 Advanced- 1 credit**
    - **World History or Advanced World History - 1 credit**
    - **Biology or Advanced Biology -1 credit**
    - **Math (2 credits)**
      - **Geometry/Math Lab: 1 math credit and 1 math elective credit**
      - **Geometry/Alg II w/ stats: 2 math credits**
    - **Career Preparedness- 1 credit**
    - **2 elective credits**
- 8 total credits**

# What will you sign up for next year?

- English
  - English, Grade 10
  - English, Grade 10 Advanced (Summer Work Required)
- History
  - United States History 1: Grade 10
  - European History, AP (Summer Work Required)
- Math
  - Additional information on next slide
- Science
  - Most students will sign up for Physical Science
  - Remember that you must have Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics before you graduate
- 4 Additional Credits
  - These can be any elective on your course selection sheet.
  - Double up: You are able to take two math or science classes in the same year.

# Math Sequencing



# How to Sign up for Classes?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QO43C7kn9WI>
- Registration will open Wednesday March 16th and Close Tuesday March 20.
- Please return your selection sheet to your career prep teacher AFTER you have selected your classes on PowerSchool.

# Questions ?

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