

Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I need to list alternates?
 - You should always select alternates except for required courses (i.e. - English 3-4)
- Can I change my course requests after February 11th?
 - If students want to change their course requests after the request window closes, they can complete this [linked form](#). Any changes after February 11th will go onto a waitlist. Students are not guaranteed the changes they have requested.
- What if I only want to take 5 classes?
 - All students should select at least 6 classes. In August, students can request to have a 5 period day if they work at least 12 hours per week or take a class outside of Redwood. Please see your counselor in August to adjust your schedule.
- How do I request No 1st or No 7th?
 - Search for No 1st or No 7th and select the one you want
- Do seniors have priority for a free 7th period?
 - No, due to the number of students and the complexity of scheduling, Synergy does not prioritize seniors for a free 7th period.
- How do I select TA?
 - TA is listed as IWE - Teacher's Aide
- Can I request a certain teacher?
 - Due to the number of students and the complexity of scheduling, teacher requests for any reason cannot be accommodated.
- Can I request a certain class at a certain period (ie - math during 2nd period)?
 - Due to the number of students and the complexity of scheduling, teacher requests for specific classes for any reason cannot be accommodated.
- If I have a job or play sports can I be guaranteed a free 7th period?
 - Due to the number of students and the complexity of scheduling, requests for a **"No 7th" cannot be guaranteed for any reason, including athletics, work, or other commitments.**
- What happens if I miss the AP information session?
 - You can ask a friend or classmate who attended. You can always get some information in the [Course Guide](#) and some departments have more detailed information on their department websites about each class. You can also ask your teacher in that particular subject or the teacher in charge of that AP/Honors class (found in the AP/Honors matrix)
- How many AP/Honors classes should I take?

- This is an individual decision. Every student is different. Things to take into consideration are: how much work is required for the AP/Honors classes? You can learn more about this at the AP information sessions. Are you interested in or passionate about the subject? It's a lot harder to be successful in activities which we don't like. Do you have the time, mental energy and fortitude, and will to take all of these classes? Will your life be balanced with all of these classes and any extracurricular activities? Will you still have time to relax and enjoy non-academic pursuits?
- What if I don't meet the prerequisites for an AP/Honors course? Can I appeal?
 - The student should still request the course in Home Access Center and list an alternate course in case they are denied enrollment in the course. If a student is denied enrollment, instructions regarding the appeal process will be made available April, when students are approved/denied of the AP requests.
- What Redwood classes are UC A-G approved?
 - You can find the UC A-G list for Redwood [here](#).
- How do I know if what I'm requesting is too much for me?
 - You can use the [Time Management Activity Guide](#) to get an idea of what's realistic for you. You can consult with your parent, teachers or counselor, as well.
- How much homework can I expect?
 - Students should attend Open House via zoom links on January 27th to get more information about specific classes. You can also speak to a current teacher in the same subject area. If you are taking an Honors or AP class, you can expect there will be more homework weekly.
- When do I find out my schedule for next school year?
 - Schedules are posted 1 or 2 days before the start of the school year.
- Can Juniors and Seniors pick and choose different English courses?
 - Juniors and Seniors must pick the paired or yearlong courses available in Home Access. You should select at least one alternate pair of classes. If you are a senior, you may NOT repeat an English class that you completed in your Junior year.
- What about my math request?
 - Your current math teacher will enter your math request for you. Please discuss your desired class(es) with your math teacher.
- Can I take two math classes?
 - You must speak with your current teacher to be approved to take two math classes. Your teacher will input your requests into eSchool if you are approved.
- Can I double up in science?

- Students are able to double up in science if there is room in their schedule for an additional class.
- Are there any science courses that are NOT lab-based?
 - Astronomy and Sustainable Agriculture are not lab-based classes. They do meet the A-G requirements for elective science courses.
- How many years of world language do I need for graduation? 4-year college entrance?
 - TUHSD does not require world language to meet the graduation requirements. Most 4-year colleges want students to complete a minimum of two years of the SAME language, which can include courses taken in middle school. For example, students who start in Spanish 3-4 at Redwood have met the minimum requirement by completing the second year of a language course. More selective colleges encourage taking three or more years of a language.
- Can I skip a year in world language?
 - Students looking to move up in a language course should speak to their current language teacher for a recommendation.
- How do I take an online course?
 - Students who want to enroll in an online course should read the information on this webpage: <https://www.tamdistrict.org/Page/9942>. There is a form that must be submitted and approved by Mr. Sondheim.
- If I have questions not in the FAQs, who do I talk to?
 - If the question is about course content, homework or what to expect in the class, please speak to the teacher. If you are looking for course advising, you should schedule an appointment with your counselor.