



Course Planning Timeline at HBW

Feb 3 - students meet with TAs to review Course Request Forms (CRF)

Feb 20 - CRFs are due to TA

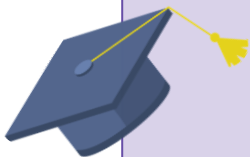
March/April - department and school-wide conversations about course offerings/staffing

May - development of the Academic Schedule for 2026-27

June 9/10 - Arena Scheduling for rising 9th-12th graders



Virginia Diploma Types/Graduation Requirements



Advanced Diploma 26 Total Course Credits*

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 History & Social Sciences
- 2 Health/PE (+ First Aid/CPR/AED Training)
- 1 Economics & Personal Finance
- 3 World Languages (or 2 of 2 languages)
- 1 Fine Art or CTE
- 3 Electives (including two sequential)

Standard Diploma 22 Total Course Credits*

- 4 English
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 History & Social Sciences
- 2 Health/PE (+ First Aid/CPR/AED Training)
- 1 Economics & Personal Finance
- (2) World Languages (WL), Fine Arts (FA) OR Career & Technical Education (CTE)
 - 1 has to be FA or CTE and one has to be WL, FA, or CTE
- 4 Electives (including two sequential)



Verified Credits (SOLs): 5 Total

- 2 English (Reading & Writing)
- 1 Math
- 1 Science
- 1 History or Social Science

Additional Requirements

- 1 Virtual course (APS students complete this requirement through Economics and Personal Finance or AP/IB Economics)
- 1 Honors/AP/IB/DE Course or 1 CTE Credential or 1 HQWBL experience



Required courses @ HBW

Required Courses (6th-10th graders)

English

Social Studies

Science

Math

PE



Sample 9th grade Elective options

World Languages

American Sign Language
French
Latin
Spanish

Fine Arts

Theatre Arts
Tech Theater
Film Production
Art 1
Printmaking
Photography 1
Treble Concert Choir
Basso Concert Choir
Camerata - by audition only
Beginning Band (no experience needed)
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Jazz Band
Songwriting
String Orchestra

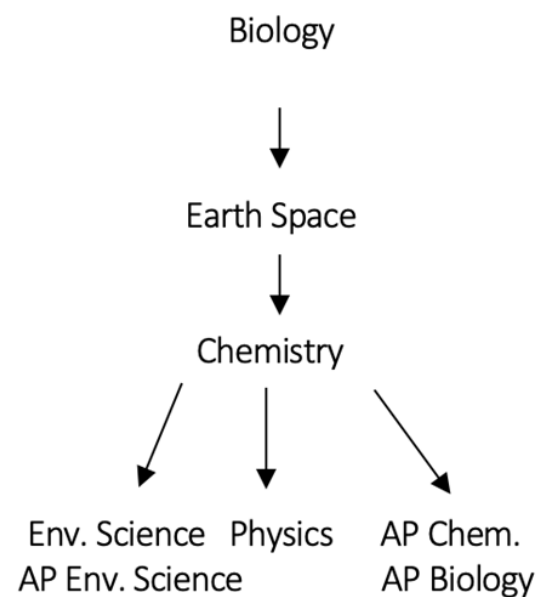
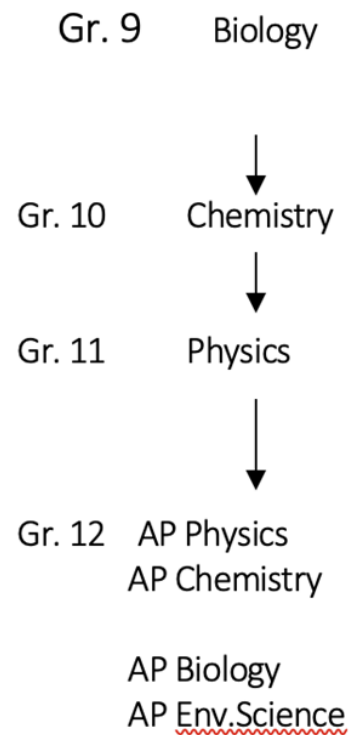
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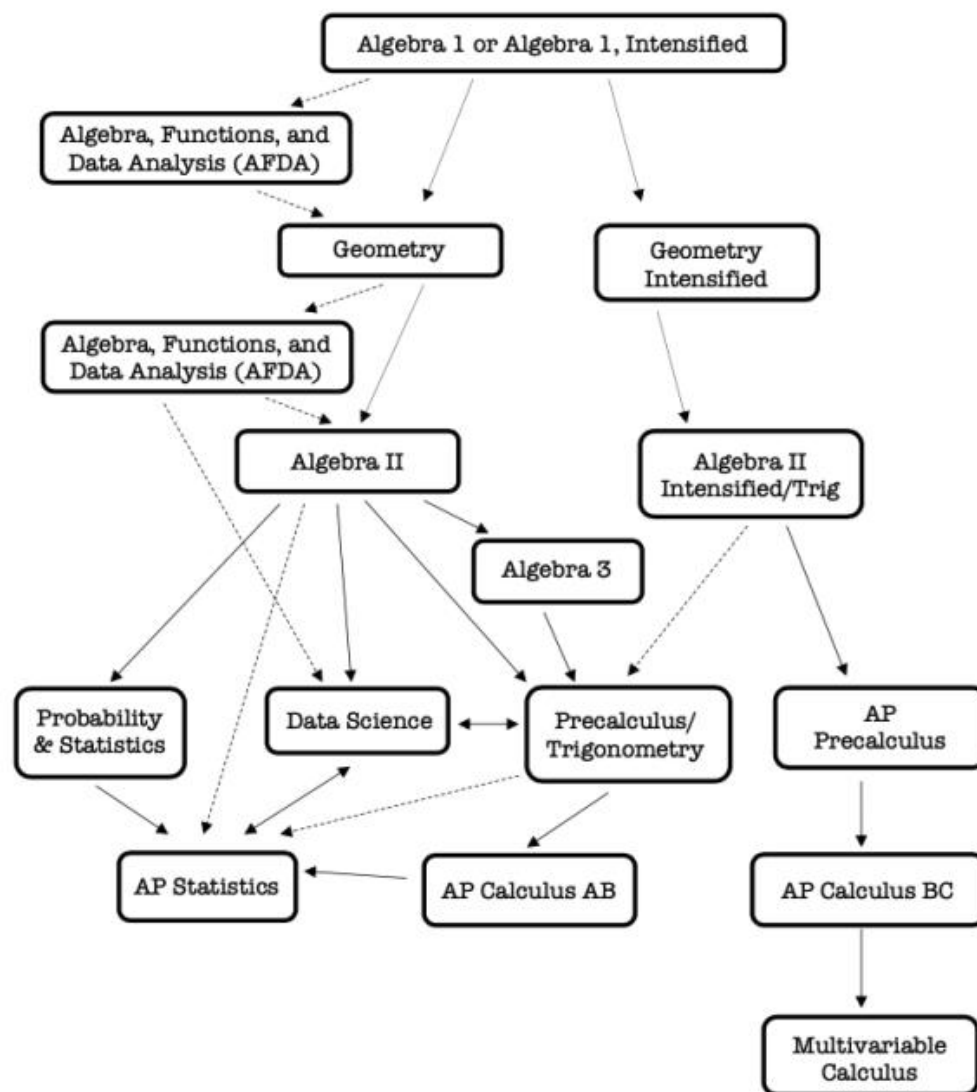
Science Course Sequence

SCIENCE COURSE SEQUENCE RECOMMENDATIONS





Math Course Sequence





AP and advanced courses at HBW

- HBW offers 20 different AP courses
- Students may begin taking AP courses in 10th grade
- Capstone Seminar is a non-AP course that teaches advanced research and presentation skills
- AP English Language is taught in 10th grade at HBW (11th grade at the comprehensive schools)
- AP Science courses each have pre-requisite courses



Career Center classes

- The list of courses will be available on February 3.
- Students should request the class on their CRF.
- HBW students can only take courses offered in the AM block
- Priority is given to 11th and 12th graders
- HBW Point of contact: Kate Seche (kate.seche@apsva.us)



Virtual VA classes

Steps to request a course through Virtual Virginia:

- Student should request the class on their CRF, indicating they would like to pursue the course virtually. The course must be within in the APS-approved student course load.
- Staff at HBW will submit the student request to the Office of Secondary Education - OSE will manage enrollment and registration at the district level.
- If enrolled, the student/family will receive a bill to pay for the virtual course. Families are also responsible to purchase textbooks and course materials.
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