

## To Prepare for 9<sup>th</sup> grade at CUPrep

Often, making the transition to High School can be a confusing process. We will help you with the process and guide you through some of your options.

The first option you have is whether or not Charter University Prep will be the best place for your student for High School. We offer a unique program that gives students the opportunity to accelerate their learning, and prepare for college. Our students are friendly and the schedule allows students to develop maturity without being overly peer dependent.

The second major decision is what classes to take, whether you attend Charter University prep or elsewhere. There are essentially two masters that you must serve while going through High School; High School graduation requirements and College Preparatory requirements. All of the CUPrep courses offered are both College Prep and meet high school requirements.

Generally, CUPrep students fit into two categories when deciding their 9th grade schedules. Students may be described as:

1. **Strong academic students with mostly A's** and are ready for a challenge. A strong schedule is five college prep classes and P.E. (plus Health if desired.) We recommend these students take 30-35 credits per semester. If a student is not earning all A's and B's in these classes, we will require they drop one, usually Foreign Language.

1. Adv. English 1
2. Geometry or Algebra 1
3. Biology
4. World History
5. A foreign language (Japanese 1 or Spanish 1),
6. Art, or Taiko, &/or Independent Study Music (practicing at home plus Instructor)
7. P.E.

Note: Health is required for graduation, but can be taken as an independent study course any year.

2. **Students are strong academically, with A's and B's**, but they do not feel comfortable with such a huge load. A good schedule is four college prep classes, P.E. plus a Fine Art elective (plus Health if desired.) We recommend a these students put off Foreign Language for the first year:

1. Adv. English 1
2. Geometry or Algebra 1
3. World History
4. Biology
5. Art, or Music (Taiko), &/or Independent Study Music (practicing at home plus Instructor)
6. P.E.

Note: Health is required for graduation, but can be taken as an independent study course any year.

**If your student is not aiming for a 4 year University** and is more likely looking to enter into a Community College for an A.A. or Certificate, or is going to be seeking a technical career that doesn't require a Bachelor's degree, **Charter Connections Academy (CCA) is a great option** rather than CUPrep. Connections' students are supported by a Supervising teacher and can take the more advanced CUPrep classes during their Junior and Senior years if they decide that college is a goal.

**One of the things to consider is our schedule.** Generally 9th grade students will have classes on Tues/Thurs. Sophomores will have classes on Mon/Wed. If a student does not take a full academic load (both Biology and World History) during their freshman year, they will likely have to come to school for those classes on Tues/Thursdays during their sophomore year. Also:

- Spanish 1 is offered on both Mon/Wed and on Tues/Thurs, so starting Spanish as a Sophomore will still allow you to get through Spanish 3.
- Japanese 1 is only offered on Tues/Thurs, so putting it off would require you to come four days a week in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you have specific questions that we might be able to help you with regarding your student's future plans, please don't hesitate to call or email us.

**Note for CUPrep 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents**

If your student will be going somewhere else next year, we sincerely wish you all the best and consider it a privilege to have spent this time with your family. Please let us know if you will be leaving so we may allocate space for new students. Please do not enroll in two schools at once with the plan to decide later. If you do, you will be taking away the opportunity of another student.