

## To prepare for 11th grade

Most Juniors take 6 or 7 courses including:

1. Adv English 3 or AP Lit
2. Math (Alg 2, PreCalc or Calc)

To Fill out their schedule, students choose from:

- US History (if not done sophomore year)
- Physics or Chemistry
- Photography
- Drama
- Technical Theater
- Robotics/Drones
- Art History & Japan Trip (counts as a full year of college prep Art History)
- Econ/Gov (if space allows – normally a 12<sup>th</sup> grade class)
- Taiko Ensemble
- Independent study music
- Folsom Lake College Courses
- R.O.P. Course

As we go through the next several months, there are some decisions and processes to consider. This semester is the time to:

1. Seriously begin to think about college and career plans. The sophomore and Junior years are the key years that colleges look at to decide if you would be a good fit for them.
  - a. Take challenging classes your Junior year, but be selective
    - i. Are you math/science oriented? Take Physics and Chemistry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis. Consider taking Adv. Science at Folsom Lake College
    - ii. Are you good at English? Take AP English Lit, then take English 300 at the JC next year.
    - iii. Consider seriously taking ROP classes that might help you gain useful academic or vocational skills.
  - b. Take classes that interest you. You can take courses we offer on site, Community college classes this year, summer, and next year, and ROP courses.
2. Track your credits. You (the student) need to be in charge of what you take. It is your future. Complete the high school graduation requirements and college prep (UC) worksheets from the school website. If you have questions, ask for help.
3. Get help if you are having difficulty in any of your classes. Don't be satisfied with less than your best. You can do as well as you desire and we will do everything we can to help you. Use your friends as resources, don't rely strictly on the teacher.
4. Start thinking about what your plans after high school will be. College is an option for everyone, start seriously finding out details about what will be best for you: a Community College, a University, Bible School, Technical College, or somewhere else.
  - a. Think about if you want to live at home, or move away. Ask your parents if they want to get rid of you. (My fate was sealed – “you're out of here!!...”)
  - b. Go visit some colleges. There are city schools like UC Berkeley and Sac State. There are college town schools like UC Davis, Santa Barbara, and Chico State. There are remote colleges like Simpson and UC Santa Cruz. Go check them out. Often, the environment is as important as the academic program. College is what you make of it – and what you put into it.

