

IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding course recommendations/requests:

- Your child's teachers may recommend more than one course. Teachers may reconsider their recommendations as the year continues making it possible for a recommendation to change due to a change in your child's academic progress.
- A recommendation of HS1212 GEOMETRY includes a weekly lab, meaning it will meet every letter day.
- Students may be recommended for the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)**. This is a two-year program that starts junior year. Sophomores interested in our full IBDP must complete an application to enroll. International Baccalaureate (IB) applications were due on **February 3rd**, but if you missed this deadline and are still considering full IBDP, please fill out the IB application during course selection. Students requesting one or more individual IB courses are *not required* to complete an application. There is no cost for exams for those pursuing the full IBDP.
- Sophomores interested in attending BOCES should tell their school counselor. Applications to enroll in a BOCES program are due by **March 24th**. Students can learn more about BOCES CTE Programs at www.careerandteched.org. Depending upon the number of BOCES applicants, not all students who apply may be able to attend.
- No student will be enrolled in a course for which they were not recommended (except in the case of electives for which there are no prerequisites). If a student wants to request a higher-level course than the course recommendation they received, please call the school counseling office at 518-884-7150 x2362 to request a jump recommendation meeting before **April 28th**.
- Students in **grades 9-11 must enroll in a minimum of 6.5 total credits**. Students in **grade 12 must enroll in a minimum of 5.5 total credits**. All students in grades 9-12 can enroll in a maximum of 7.5 credits.
- Students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are expected to take AP/IB exams. Cost per exam ranges from approximately \$95-\$125. Students enrolled in University in the High School (UHS)/College in the High School (CHS) courses have the opportunity to register for college credit. Cost is estimated at \$66 per credit. Payments will be collected in the fall. If the cost of an exam or course is a concern, please reach out to your school counselor.
- For detailed information about all courses and programs available and pricing for college level courses, please visit the Ballston Spa High School website for a quick link to the **2023-2024 Course Description Handbook**.

Please note that **requests to change a course must be submitted to your school counselor by May 1st**. *All courses will be offered pending sufficient enrollment and availability of staff.* If you have questions about the course selection process, please contact your child's school counselor.

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