



Acalanes High School



Graduation and College Requirements

- 220 credits required for graduation (min. 6 classes a year, 5 in senior year)
- Separate requirements for high school diploma and college eligibility - similar, but some differences
- C grades are required for college eligibility, D grades are considered passing for graduation/diploma
- Any D/F grades earned in required classes should/must be repeated in summer school

Acalanes Union High School District Graduation Requirements (2027)

The chart below reflects the minimum requirements for eligibility for California public universities. Talk to your counselor and use the College and Career center to get more specific information about the level of selectivity and the admissions policies for the colleges you are considering.

Each class is worth 5 credits per semester. Students must earn a passing grade to receive credit. A grade of D- is considered a passing grade and credit will be earned toward a high school diploma. UC and CSU require a grade of C – or higher to meet minimum admission eligibility requirements.

SUBJECT AREAS	High School Diploma Requirements	University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) minimum eligibility requirements
Social Studies	World Hist/Geog. (10 credits) US History (10 credits) Government (5 credits) Economics (5 credits)	UC/CSU subject area A: Social Studies 2 Years (20 credits) Must include 10 credits world history and 10 credits of US History or US Government;
English	4 years (40 credits)	UC/CSU subject area B: English 4 years (40 credits)
Math	3 years (30 credits) including at least 1 year beyond Algebra 1	UC/CSU subject area C: Math 3 years (30 credits) Must complete Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 4 th year recommended
Laboratory Science	2 years (20 credits) 1 year biological science 1 year physical science	UC/CSU subject area D: Science 2 years (20 credits) lab science, 3 rd year recommended ¹ (Biology, Chemistry, Physics preferred)
World Language	20 Credits in 2 areas: World Language, Career & Tech Ed	UC/CSU subject area E: World Language Complete Level 2 of a world language. 3 rd year recommended.
Technology/ Career Tech	See the district catalog for a full list of classes that can be used toward the career and tech ed requirement.	Technology classes not required for UC. Many qualify under subject area G.
Visual and Performing Arts	10 credits	UC/CSU subject area F: Arts 1 year-long class (10 credits)
Electives	40 credits	UC/CSU subject area G : electives 2 semesters college preparatory elective. Can use additional year in Subject Areas A - F beyond minimum requirements to count as elective or refer to course offerings for additional college prep electives.
Health & Ethnic Studies	5 credits Human Social Development 5 credits Intro to Ethnic Studies This counts toward area G—college prep elective	Not required
Physical Education	20 credits total Must include 10 credits PE 9 and 10 credits PE electives or Athletic PE	Not required
TOTAL	220 Credits	Minimum of 15 college prep classes

¹ Many out of state and private colleges require 3 years of science

Current Bell Schedule

- Zero Period is only for Jazz Band
- Classes on block days are 90 minutes - with 10 minute passing periods
- Monday is anchor day/see-all day - with 5 minute passing periods
- Academy on Wednesday and Friday - 55 minutes long

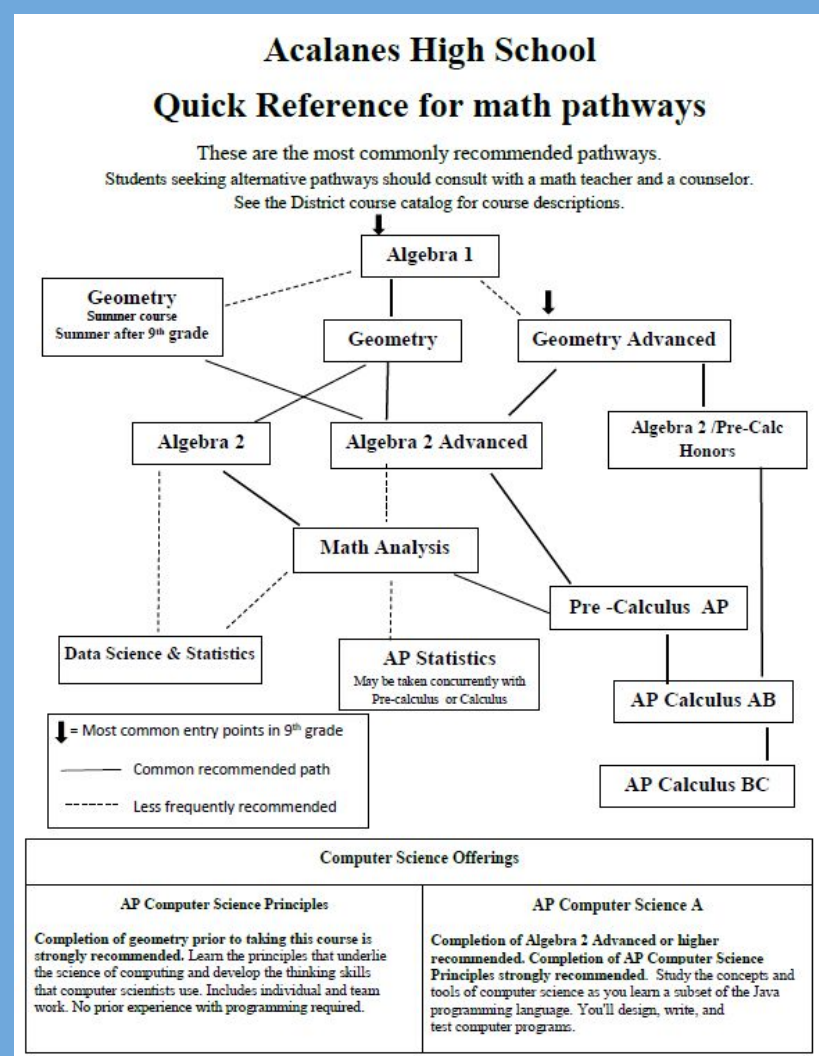
**Acalanes Union High School District
Bell Schedule**

Student Schedule - 8:30 common student start with "0" Period

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period "0" 7:25-8:25	Period "0" 7:25-8:20		Period "0" 7:25-8:20	Period "0" 7:25-8:20
Period 1 8:30 - 9:15	Period 1 8:30-10:00	Period 4 8:30-10:00	Period 1 8:30-10:00	Period 4 8:30-10:00
Passing 9:15-9:20				
Period 2 9:20-10:05				
Passing 10:05-10:10	Passing 10:00-10:10	Passing 10:00-10:10	Passing 10:00-10:10	Passing 10:00-10:10
Period 3 10:10-10:55	Period 2 10:10-11:40	Academy 10:10-11:05	Period 2 10:10-11:40	Academy 10:10-11:05
Brunch 10:55-11:05		Brunch 11:05-11:10		Brunch 11:05-11:10
Passing 11:05-11:10		Passing 11:10-11:20		Passing 11:10-11:20
Period 4 11:10-11:55	Brunch 11:40-11:45	Period 5 11:20-12:50	Brunch 11:40-11:45	Period 5 11:20-12:50
Passing 11:55-12:00	Passing 11:45-11:55		Passing 11:45-11:55	
Period 5 12:00-12:45	Period 3 11:55-1:25		Period 3 11:55-1:25	
Lunch 12:45-1:20		Lunch 12:50-1:20		Lunch 12:50-1:20
Passing 1:20-1:25		Passing 1:20-1:30		Passing 1:20-1:30
Period 6 1:25-2:10	Lunch 1:25-1:55	Period 6 1:30-3:00	Lunch 1:25-1:55	Period 6 1:30-3:00
	Passing 1:55-2:05		Passing 1:55-2:05	
Passing 2:10-2:15	Period 7 2:05-3:35		Period 7 2:05-3:35	
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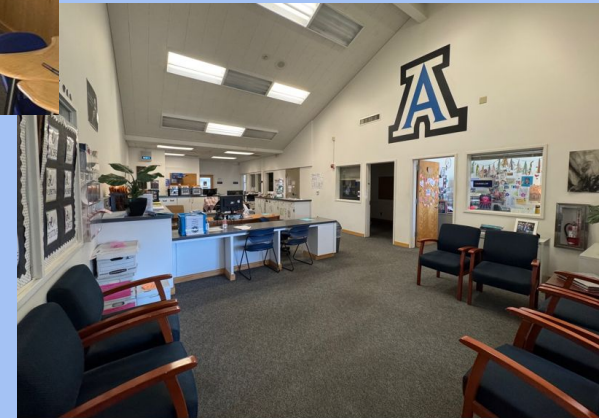
Math Pathways at AHS

- Three years of math required at AHS
- Algebra 2 is minimum required for 4-year college eligibility
- Can use a year of Computer Science to meet 3-year graduation requirement
- Recommendations are made by teachers for all students every year



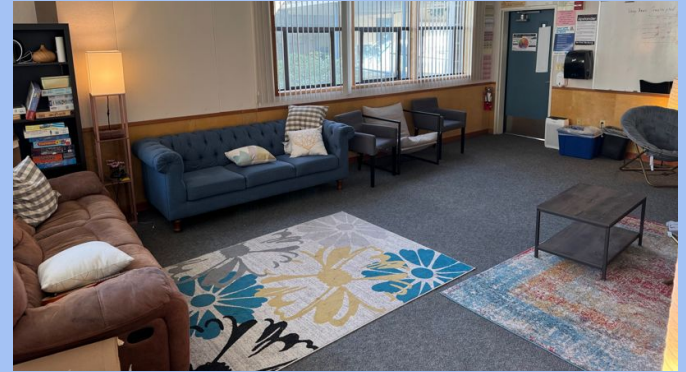
Take advantage of resources!

- Peer Tutoring - open Lunch, Academy, 7th period, after school
- Counselors - available by email or in person
- Leadership - they always want to hear your ideas!
- Your Teachers - available in class, by email or appt.



Take advantage of resources!

- Freshman Orientation
 - mentors available throughout semester
- Academy - 55 mins
 - 2x/week to get help, make up tests, etc.
- Wellness Center - open for drop in or regular appointments for support




Advice from current high school students

- **Get involved! Get out of your comfort zone.**
- **Manage your time well.**
- **Do things and take classes that interest you.**
- **Build relationships with your teachers.**
- **Participate in Homecoming Week!**



8th Graders Choosing Freshman Classes

- Put your name on the form (no ID number)
- Read all instructions carefully on sheet - they are step by step
- Log in to our Aeries system using the information on the sticker on the front of your folder - enter in course requests
- Have your parents sign this form
- Return this form with your registration paperwork in the manila envelope to the Stanley Office by Monday, 2/10

 ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL		
GRADE 9		
Student Name _____	ID Number _____	Current School _____
<small>(Please print)</small>	<small>FIRST</small>	<small>LAST</small>
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COURSE REGISTRATION 2025-2026		
<u>Guidelines for Selecting Courses</u>		
Please review the AUHSD Course Catalog (AUHSD website) before choosing your courses. Consider the following course selection guidelines when planning an overall schedule:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Graduation Requirements – Carefully check the AUHSD graduation requirements.2. College Entrance Requirements – Consider taking courses required by colleges and universities.3. Interests – Look for courses that are interesting and relevant to college and career goals.4. Course Schedule Rigor – Examine the overall rigor of a potential schedule.5. Parent/Guardian Approval – Talk to parents/guardians about course options.6. Teacher/Counselor Guidance – Seek input from teachers and counselors about a class schedule.		
<u>Instructions for Course Registration</u>		
Complete the Course Registration Worksheet (see back)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Print your name in the space provided2. Complete the worksheet before you select classes in the online Aeries Portal.3. You must sign up for at least 6 courses; however, you may request 7. Review the courses available for your grade level on the back of this sheet.4. List your requested courses on the worksheet. You must also list alternate courses in case a specific course is not available. Required courses for Grade 9 are already entered.		
Complete Online Registration		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use the "Quick Links" dropdown menu on your high school's website to access the Aeries Portal.2. Log in with your "auhdschools.org" email and password provided in your registration folder.3. Once logged in, select "Classes" then "Course Request Entry".4. Use "Filter Courses" to select a "Subject Area" and your desired course.5. Confirm your selection when prompted. You may also cancel your selection at this time.6. Use the "Add Alternate" option to make an alternate course selection. Not selecting an alternate course when necessary may delay your course selection process.7. Change the "Subject Area" and make additional course selections as needed.		
Please return signed worksheet to your middle school office by February 10, 2025		

8th Graders choosing Freshman Classes

- Lines 1-4 - required classes for all 9th gr
- Line 5 - Enter Math class - based on teacher recommendation
- Line 6 - Select Language or Elective Class and choose alternate
- Line 7 - Select Elective Class and choose alternate
- Many students choose Art class to meet college requirement
- Leadership is by application (opens 1/30, due 2/24). Interviews to follow. Info. meeting 2/3 lunch at Stanley.

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Current School _____

(Please print) FIRST LAST

Complete the worksheet below, and then enter your classes in the online Aeries Portal using the instructions on the front page.

Course #	Course Title	
Required Courses		
1	English 1	
2	World History, Culture & Geography	
3	The Living Earth (Biology)	
4	PE 9	
Selected Courses		Alternate Course
5	(Math)	(No alternate for math necessary)
6		(List Alternate)
7		(List Alternate)

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Grade 9 Course Titles by Subject Area

For a full listing of courses, please see the 2025-2026 Course Catalog on the AUHSD website.

Career Technical Education

Design and Fabrication Technology

English

English 1
Public Speaking/Creative Writing
English Language Development (ELD)

Math

Algebra 1
Geometry
Geometry Advanced

*For other math choices, please contact Counselor

Physical Education

PE 9

Science

The Living Earth

Social Science

World History, Culture and Geography

Special Education

Essential Skills
Learning Skills

Visual & Performing Arts

Art 1
3-D Art 1
Photography/Digital Design
Digital Design 1
Video Production 1
Drama 1
Choral Performance 1 (Chorale)
Concert Band
Jazz Ensemble
Orchestra

World Language

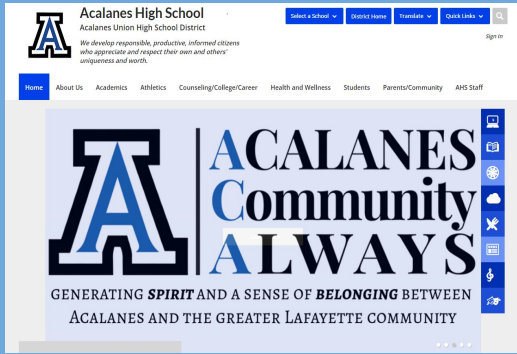
French 1
French 2
Mandarin 1
Mandarin 2
Spanish 1
Spanish 2

*For other world language choices, please contact Counselor

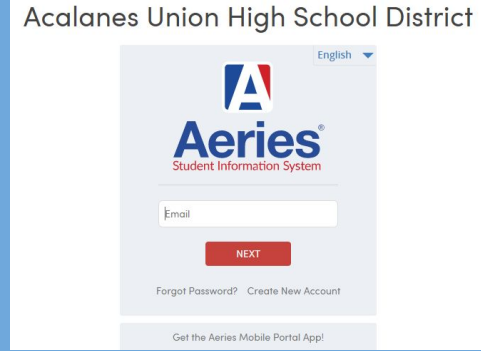
Interdisciplinary

Leadership (Students must follow AHS Selection Process)
Off Campus Period 1 (No Credit)
Off Campus Period 7 (No Credit)

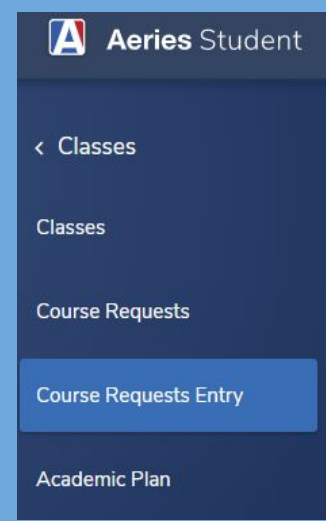
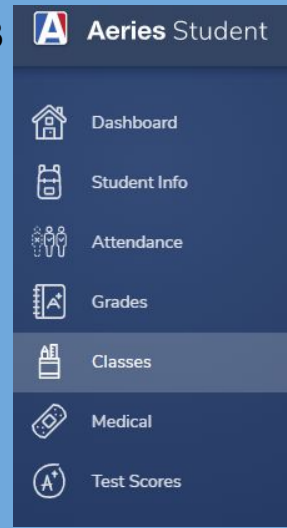
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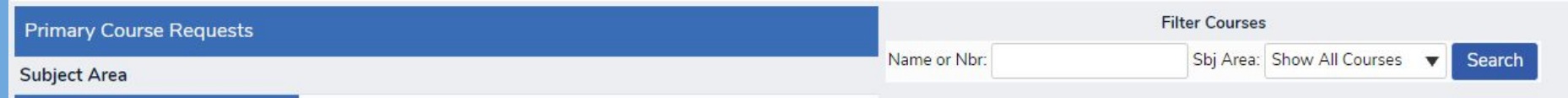
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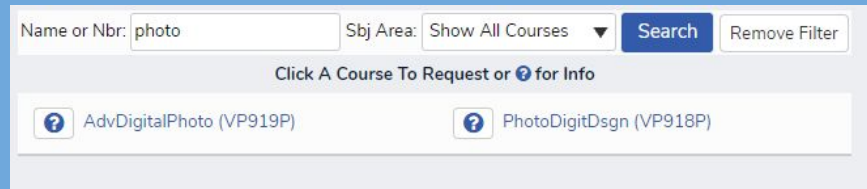
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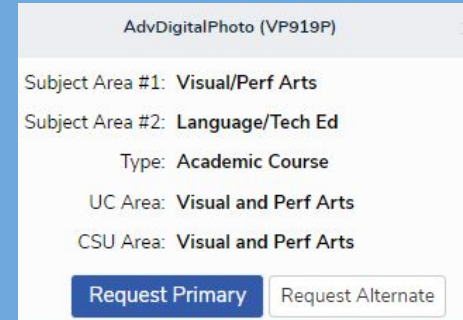
Step 5



Step 6



Step 7



Do This Next:

- Take home folder and make sure your parents see it.
- Discuss your class selections with your parents/teachers.
- Parents need to fill out the enrollment paperwork in the folder.
- **January 30** Open House and Course Preview Night at Acalanes.
- **February 10 deadline - enter courses in Aeries AND turn in forms at Stanley Office.**
- **Optional** Schedule a meeting with your Acalanes counselor in February or March. See instructions in your folder.

And finally...

- **Order your AHS Class of 2029 swag bag**
- **Follow ahs_dons and acalanes_.2029 on Instagram**
- **Athletics & Activities Night - Thursday, 5/1 at 5:00PM**
 - Current grades count towards eligibility for fall sports (football/flag, XC, water polo, girls volleyball/tennis/golf).
Must have minimum 2.0 GPA.

See you soon!