Course Selection: Choosing **Wisely**

- Don’t just plan for the next year... go ahead and jot down your course selection plan for junior and senior year.

- It is critical for you to have a math, English, social studies, and science course each year of high school. Colleges want to see that you have these every year to ensure that you are maintaining your mastery and expanding your knowledge of these subjects. This means SENIOR YEAR as well even if you have met requirements for graduation.

- **DO NOT** allow your schedule to have early release, late-in, or double early release unless you are using that time to take a course at ACC or Elon University. Having holes in your schedule for no good reason can negatively impact admission prospects, scholarship opportunities, and denies you additional opportunities to be academically prepared for college’s rigor.

- Challenge yourself! If you have an A or a B in a CP level of a prerequisite course and your school offers an honors level for the next course in the sequence, then it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you “bump up” to an honors level. The rule also applies if you have an A or a B in an honors level. If you are making an A or a B in an honors level course then you should consider signing up for an AP level of the course. Remember, you have Elon Academy Academic Coaches as extra support if you need it!

- In terms of electives, it is advisable that you stick mostly to world languages, arts, or extra academic courses.

- When planning your courses don’t forget that you have options during your junior year to take courses at ACC and can be planning toward taking courses at ACC and/or Elon University during your senior year.

- If you need to schedule an appointment with your school counselor, a great way to do this is to email your school counselor. You can find your school staff emails on your school’s webpage.

- Never let someone rush you into making your course selections. Choosing your courses is a **very** important decision and can have a lasting impact on your education and future opportunities. You are entitled to have time to think over your selection and you are also entitled to have the time to talk over your course selection with your parents and other adults whose opinions you value.

If you would like any advice on your course selection, do not hesitate to call or text Mr. Pickett @ **336.392.7728**

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