

## Registration Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I take less than 7 periods and request a late arrival/early dismissal?**

If you are a junior or senior, you may request to have 1<sup>st</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> period open without a class. You cannot have an open period in the middle of the day. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders must have 7 classes.

### **What if I don't submit my course requests by the deadline?**

Your classes will be selected for you by your counselor based on what you need for graduation. It is very important for you to submit your course requests by the deadline!

### **If I want to take an Advanced Placement class, are there things I need to do in addition to adding the class to my course requests?**

AP classes are rigorous classes and are a commitment. Please know that if you are placed in an AP class, you will be expected to remain in the class for the year. We always recommend that students consult with current teachers, guardians, and their counselor about course selection.

### **What can I list for "course alternates"? Do I really need 3?**

Any class that you would be okay taking in place of a 1st choice elective. These are used to fill a schedule when 1st choices don't work.

### **What are electives and how do I get 3.5 credits of them?**

Any class that you take beyond the core requirements. Example: After taking 2 semesters of CTE, any other CTE courses will fill into the general electives.

### **How do I know what my remaining graduation requirements are?**

The easiest way to find what your graduation requirements are and what you have remaining is by going to the "Course History" tab in StudentVue.

### **Since there is a difference between graduation requirements and college entrance requirements and I want to go to college, how do I know what I should take for college admission?**

In the BSD Course Catalog and on the registration Powerpoints, you will find information in multiple locations about the recommendations for what to take for college admission. In addition, students can reference individual college admission websites. A good general response is that a student should sign up for as rigorous a program as they are capable of successfully completing.

### **I don't think I am going to have enough credits to graduate. How can I earn more credits?**

You should also set up an appointment to work with your counselor on how you will obtain additional credits.

**How do I know my total number of credits earned and my overall grade point average (GPA)?**

Students can find this information in StudentVue under the “documents” tab. There is a copy of the most recent transcript which will show total number of credits earned and GPA to date.

**What do I need to do for the WA State History requirement?**

Washington State History is a graduation requirement that is often completed in middle school in the state of Washington. You can check your most recent transcript to see if this has been met. If it has not, connect with your counselor about the online WA state history course through BSD.

**Do I have to take 2 credits of art and 2 credits of language to graduate?**

To graduate, students must take 1.0 credits of art. If the remaining art credits and language credits are not aligned with their personal pathway, they can work with their counselor to fill out a personal pathway form which allows them to earn credits in the area most aligned to their graduation pathway.