

“Is It Too Soon for 9th and 10th Grade Students To Think About College?”and other important questions.

Do my 9th and 10th grade classes and grades “count” for college?

YES!!! Grades and courses 9-12 count.

What do colleges look for?

Most importantly, colleges look at the strength of your transcript. In other words, the type and level courses you took grades 9-12 and how well you performed in them. They look at GPA, SAT scores, activities awards, letters of recommendation and personal essays.

What is a Weighted GPA?

Grade Point Average is the average of all final grades earned in all courses from grades **9-11!**

The Weighted GPA scale is at a 4.0; which only includes English, Math, Science, Social Science, World Language, and any Elective designated with a CP, Honors, or AP. The Course Catalog includes this information in detail.

See our BHS Website:

<http://bhs.bloomfield.schooldesk.net/Portals/Bloomfield/BHS/docs/Course%20Catalog%2016-17.pdf>

What is a transcript?

When you apply to college, we will send colleges your transcript. A transcript lists all courses that you took in high school and all final grades earned. It does not include: teacher comments, attendance or discipline records, marking period grades, mid-term or final exam grades.

What course selection will give me a strong transcript?

Colleges recommend high school students take “college prep courses”, which generally include the following

minimum requirements:

4 years of English

3 years of Math *

3 years of Science *

3 years of Social Science*

2 years of the same World Language

(*many colleges prefer 4 years)

Students should challenge themselves to the best of their ability. Remember, a **strong** transcript includes an additional year of: Math, Science, Social Science and/or World Language.

Additional courses + above average grades = strong transcript!