



Registration 2020-21

Falls High School

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FHS Graduation Requirements

24 Credits Total

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Social Studies
- 3 credits Science (Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry, Physics, or Conceptual Physics)
- 3 credits Math (Intermediate Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra II)
- 1 credit Music/Art
- 1 credit Technology/FACS
- 1.5 credits Physical Education (9th Grade PE/Health, .5 credit PE elective)
- 6.5 additional credits in any area

Grade 9 Schedule

6 Credits Minimum

1. Geography (1 credit)
2. English / Honors English (1 credit)
3. Intermediate Algebra/ Honors Geometry (1 credit)
4. Physical Science (1 credit)
5. PE / Health (1 credit)
6. Elective (1 credit)
7. Elective or Study Hall

Grade 10 Schedule

6 Credits Minimum

1. US History (1 credit)
2. English/ Honors English (1 credit)
3. Plane Geometry / Honors Algebra II (1 credit)
4. Biology (1 credit)
5. Elective (1 credit)
6. Elective (1 credit)
7. Elective or Study Hall

Choices Grades 11 & 12

- High School Courses
- Concurrent Enrollment Courses
- PSEO Courses
- Combination Concurrent Enrollment/PSEO/High School Courses

Grade 11 Schedule

High School Schedule

6 Credits Minimum

1. World History (1 credit)
2. English (1 credit)
3. Algebra II or Math Topics (1 credit)
4. Chemistry or Conceptual Physics (1 credit)
5. Elective (1 credit)
6. Elective (1 credit)
7. Elective or Study Hall

Grade 12 Schedule

High School Schedule

6 Credits Minimum

1. American Government / Econ (1 credit)
2. English (1 credit)
3. Math Topics or Math for Today (1 credit)
4. Chemistry, Physics, or Conceptual Physics (1 credit)
5. Elective (1 credit)
6. Elective (1 credit)
7. Elective or Study Hall

Concurrent Enrollment Courses

- Courses taught at Falls High School by high school instructors that earn dual credit. This means that you earn both high school and college credit for these classes.
- Must successfully pass the Accuplacer Test to be eligible. All 10th grade students will take this in late January or early February. Juniors need a 3.0 cumulative GPA and seniors need a 2.5 cumulative GPA to qualify.
- Student can remain in the high school and stay connected to school activities
- Attend classes with age-appropriate peers
- All courses taught by licensed Minnesota teachers in their subject areas
- Chromebooks will be assigned to each student for the school year
- It's a good idea to talk to prospective college choices for post-secondary education to get answers to what courses would be best to take while in high school.

- Parents can access student grades, attendance, and discipline online in Skyward
- Bonus GPA - allows students to maintain a higher GPA while enrolling in challenging courses
- Parents can communicate with instructor directly through email or phone
- Concurrent Enrollment courses and high school courses can be taken with ease since both courses run on the high school schedule
- Opportunity to earn credit from multiple colleges and universities
- If a student struggles in the college-level course, they can easily be moved into a high school level course and be allowed to earn high school credit for the semester and not be in danger of not graduating
- Concurrent Enrollment courses run 3, 4, or 5 days a week depending upon the credits just like in a college setting. Students are free to leave the building when they are not in class.

Bonus GPA/Weighted Grading

1. Concurrent enrollment college courses, honors courses, and certain high level high school courses for grade 11 and 12 students receive bonus GPA points.
 - All concurrent enrollment college courses, Honors Math Topics, Chemistry, Physics,
2. What does this mean? An extra .5 GPA point will be added to each course with a bonus GPA or weighted grade. This means that you normally would get a 3.0 GPA point for a B but with a weighted class you would get a 3.5 GPA (B+).
3. You must earn a “C” or higher in the weighted course to get the bonus GPA points.

Star ID

- All college students are assigned one Star ID to attend a Minnesota college or university.
- Each college/university will assign a student “local campus ID” to use for identification.
- CIS students will have one star ID but they may have more than one campus ID.

Typical Junior Concurrent Enrollment Schedule

Semester 1	Semester 2
CE European History I	CE European History I I
CE Composition	Argument and Exposition
CE Beginning College Algebra	CE College Algebra
FHS Chemistry	FHS Chemistry
CE Adobe Photo/Dig. Elect.	CE Account/ Bus Elect.

Common Grade 11 Concurrent Schedule

(20 college credits / 6 high school credits)

1. CE European History I & II Lake Superior College (**LSC**) (6 college credits/1.5 high school credits) Meets three days per week
2. CE Composition / Argument and Exposition Bemidji State University (**BSU**) (6 college credits/1.5 high school credits) Meets three days per week
3. CE Beginning College Algebra/College Algebra (**BSU**) (8 college credits/2 high school credits) Meets four days per week
4. CE Photo & Digital/Account/Business(**MRC**)
5. Chemistry (1 credit) Meets five days per week

Typical Senior Concurrent Enrollment Schedule

Semester 1	Semester 2
CE American Government and Politics	CE Macroeconomics & Business Cycle
CE Methods of Public Speaking	CE American Lit 1865 to Present
CE Pre-Calculus	CE Calculus
FHS Physics	FHS Physics
CE Adobe Photo/Dig (Elect)	CE Account/Bus (Elect)

Common Grade 12 Concurrent Schedule (22 college credits / 6.5 high school credits)

1. CE American Government and Politics **LSC** / CE Macroecon & Business Cycle **BSU** (6 college credits/1.5 high school credits) 3 days a week
2. CE Methods of Public Speaking (**LSC**) / CE American Lit 1865 to Present (**BSU**) (6 college credits/1.5 high school credits)
3. CE Pre-Calculus / CE Calculus (**BSU**) (10 college credits/2.5 high school credits) Five days a week
4. CE Business or Accounting/Photo & Digital(**MRC**)
5. Physics (1 credit) Meets five days per week

Honors Information

- **MN Honor Society Requirements** (Inducted fall of junior year)
 1. Minimum 3.8 cumulative GPA
 2. Open to qualifying juniors and seniors
 3. Must maintain 3.65 cumulative GPA after elected
- **Academic Excellence Award Requirements**
 1. Grades 9-10 Minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA
 2. Grade 11 Minimum 3.85 cumulative GPA
 3. Grade 12 Minimum 3.95 cumulative GPA
- Graduating with honors requires a minimum 3.95 cumulative GPA.
- ACT score very important for getting into college and being awarded scholarships.

NCAA Eligibility Center

- <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Athletes need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school.
- Athletes will need to create a Certification Account at the above website.
- Students who are undecided or plan to compete at the Division III level need to create a Profile Page.
- Athletes will get an NCAA ID, and will be sent important reminders as they complete high school.
- The NCAA will request athlete transcripts from the high school when needed and we will upload them digitally.