

Programming Frequently Asked Questions

How is my program determined?

- If you are in **9th grade/Freshman**, you will be programmed for all the courses you will need to graduate from New York State high school. See attached page for credit and exam requirements for graduation.
- If you are in **10th grade/Sophomore, 11th grade/Junior, or 12th grade/Senior**, your transcript is reviewed by the counseling team to assess what credits or exams you still need to graduate (including any you may have failed). See attached page for credit and exam requirements for graduation) Your program is also reviewed by a team of administrators and other staff on the programming team before it is finalized.

What if I'm programmed for a class I already took?

If you passed the class, this is an error. Please fill out a program change form. If you failed the class, you need the credit and have been given the opportunity to recover it in order to graduate on time.

Do I need to take gym or have a lunch period?

Yes. It is required for you to have these periods in accordance with the law.

Why am I taking arts or spanish classes?

You must receive two credits in *each* of these content areas (4 credits total). Any arts or language credits past that count toward your required elective credits (7 required for local or Regents diploma). If you are a **senior**, you may have more electives than in past years to enrich your academic studies and record for employment and/or college, as you should have fulfilled most core requirements by this time. Please note Spanish is the only language we offer. Spanish and Arts courses can also help you in preparation for an advanced or arts endorsed diploma. The spanish courses prepare you for the spanish state exam, which may count as your +1 option exam for graduation. See grad requirements on attached page.

I have a PLATO period, but no plato class programmed. What do I do?

You will need to see a counselor during your lunch period to choose an elective PLATO class.

What are the classes that end in QZQ?

These classes are online PLATO classes that you may complete at home, on your own time, or in the computer lab at school by the given deadline. You are likely receiving this class to gain or recover credit from a class you failed. Some students may receive elective plato classes to enrich their academic programs if they have no failures or are ahead of pace.

How are math/science classes decided?

Every student must pass 6 credits of math and 6 credits of science in order to graduate from New York State. Your classes are decided upon your completion of your required credits and regents exams for these content areas. Generally, if you pass the Algebra I and/or Living Environment classes and exam you will be programmed into a different math or science, such as Algebra II or Earth Science or another advanced or elective class. Attendance in these classes is critical in preparation for the state exams and in acquiring your 1200 minutes of lab.

What is the last day to request a change?

The last date to submit requests for changes is **Friday, September 27th**. All program changes after that date must be approved by an administrator.

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