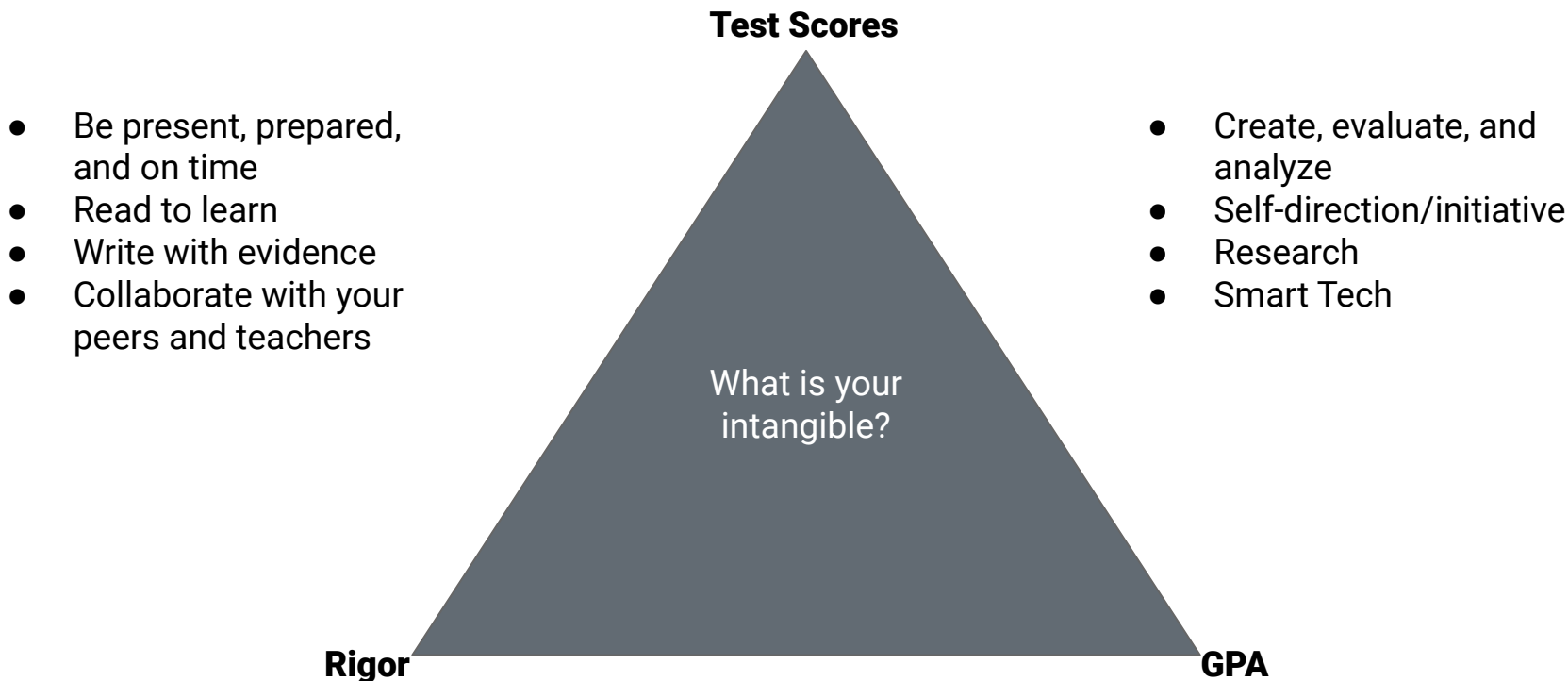


Maximizing Your High School Experience

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What do colleges see--Your transcript



How does high school affect college?

The following is taken from the Common Application for Undergraduate College Admission

Universities want to know:

- Class Rank
- Class Size
- How many students share that rank
- Cumulative GPA (weighted and unweighted)
- Highest GPA in your graduating class

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Universities want to know:

- Are classes taken on the block schedule?
- Is the applicant an IB Diploma candidate?
- If you offer AP courses, do you limit the number a student can take?
- In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant's course selection is:
 - Most demanding
 - Very demanding
 - Demanding
 - Average
 - Below Average

What does this mean to you?

Does GPA matter? Yes

Does taking advanced classes matter? Yes

Where will you be on the following rating scale?

No basis		Below average	Average	Good	Very Good	Top 10%	Top 5%	Top 1%
	Academic Achievement							
	Extracurricular Accomplishments							
	Personal Qualities and Character							
	Overall							

	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
Lang Arts	Pre-AP Eng 9	Pre-AP Eng 10	AP Eng Lang*	AP Eng Lit*
Math	Geo/Precalc Honors	Alg 2/Precalc Honors	AP Calc BC*	AP Statistics*
Science	Honors Biology	Honors Chem	AP Chemistry*	AP Physics
Social Studies	AP Human Geo*	AP Gov*	AP US History*	AP World History*
World Lang	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	Spanish 4	AP Spanish*
Elective	PE/Health	PE/PE	Accounting 1	Accounting 2
Elective	Music/Art	Music/Art	Music/Art	Music/Art
Electie	Off/Course of choice	Off/Course of choice	Off/Course of choice	Off/Course of choice

Sample schedule in Advanced Placement Pathway

*Denotes external assessment in May

	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
Lang Arts	Pre-IB Eng 9	Pre-IB Eng 10	IB Eng HL 1*	IB Eng HL 2*
Math	Geometry	Alg 2 Honors	IB Math SL 1	IB Math SL 2*
Science	Honors Biology	Honors Chem	IB Physics HL 1	IB Physics HL 2*
Social Studies	AP Human Geo*	AP Gov*	IB History HL 1	IB History HL 2*
World Lang	PIB Spanish 1 or Spanish 2	PIB Spanish 3	IB Spanish SL 4	IB Spanish SL 5*
Elective	PE/Health	PE/PE	IB Business SL 1*	Off/Course of Choice
Elective	Music/Art	Music/Art	Music/Art	Music/Art
Electie	Off/Course of choice	Off/Course of choice	TOK Semester 2	TOK Semester 1

So, how do I maximize High School?

Become a REACH Student

Resiliency

Efficiency

Advocacy

Conditioning

Health

What are your next steps?

Consider your classes:

- Are they rigorous enough? Need to appeal for more rigorous classes?
- If you are already in Pre-AP English, AP Human Geo, and Honors Bio, we encourage you to take another look at the IB Pathway.
- Do you have Spanish or French?

Talk to your parents about your high school goals.

Schedule a meeting with Mrs. Slusher to learn more about the IB Program and the benefits of being an IB Diploma candidate student.

If you would like to give IB a chance...

IB Requires

- An Application
 - Go to [this website](#) to access the application that coincides with your graduation year.
- Three (3) teachers who will complete the teacher recommendations
- Parental support
- A motivated mind that isn't in it simply for the college credit
- A commitment to a well-rounded high school experience, both in and out of the classroom

Questions?

Call the AP/IB Office at 720-886-2040

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Call CTHS counseling at 720-886-1980

Set up an appointment with your current counselor