



# 2025-2026

## Rising 9th Grade Academic Advising

**Robinson Student Services**

# Learning Targets

Following this presentation, I will:

- ✓ Understand my graduation requirements.
- ✓ Know the 2025-2026 course registration process.
- ✓ Know the factors and inputs to consider to select required and elective courses next year.



# Counselor Introductions



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# Graduation Requirements



## Standard Diploma:

English	4
History	3
Math	3
Science	3
Health and PE	2
Fine Arts OR CTE*, World Language	2
Electives (including sequential)	4
<u>Econ and Personal Finance</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

\*AP/IB/HN or CTE Credential

\*First Aid/CPR/AED

\*Virtual Course

## Advanced Diploma:

English	4
History	4
Math	4
Science	4
Health and PE	2
World Language	3 or 2+2
Fine Arts OR CTE	1
Electives (including sequential)	3
<u>Econ and Personal Finance</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

\*AP/IB/HN or CTE Credential

\*First Aid/CPR/AED

\*Virtual Course



# Verified credits = SOL Credits

SOL requirements for both Standard & Advanced Diplomas

- English      2
- Math         1
- Science      1
- History    1
- Total**      **5**

Detailed Graduation Requirement Chart:

[Graduation Requirements for Students Entering 9th Grade in 2018-2019 and Beyond](#)

# IB Coordinators & Diploma options

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January 15, 2025 – Rising 9th grade parent and student information meeting



# Things to consider when selecting courses...

## ✓ Graduation Requirements

- Standard 22 credits vs. Advanced 26 credits
- IB Diploma – additional requirements!  
\*\*Interested students must meet with an IB Coordinator starting in January of 10th grade to develop a 2-year plan!

## ✓ Prerequisites

- A class you must take to enroll in a more advanced course
- Class prerequisites are listed in the Course Catalog

## ✓ Interests

- Which courses are you excited/passionate about?
- What career goals and postsecondary plans do you have?
- Student athletes must be enrolled & PASSING 5 courses to be eligible to compete each season

## ✓ Teacher Input & BALANCE!

- Consider schoolwork, activities, other commitments



# Robinson course options



## 1. Non-Honors and Honors

- Considerations for taking an Honors class:
  - ✓ Do I have strong organizational skills, strong study habits?
  - ✓ Do I have the desire to devote extra time to my courses?
  - ✓ Am I thinking about IB courses in the future?
- Honors courses generally offer students:
  - ✓ Greater emphasis on analysis
  - ✓ Analytical skill development
  - ✓ More reading and writing requirements
  - ✓ Offers .5 GPA bump

## 2. IB and AP (college level)

- ✓ A subject you are passionate AND interested in studying
- ✓ Offers 1.0 GPA bump

## 3. Electives

Subject Area
English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12
World History/Geog 1
World History/Geog 2
VA US History
VA US Government
Mathematics
Science
World Languages
Health & Phys Ed 9
Health & Phys Ed 10
Econ & Personal Finance
Fine Arts/Career & Tech Ed
Other Electives
Sequential Electives



# Freshman sample schedule



## Sample #1

English 9

Algebra 1

Biology

World History & Geo 2

Health & PE 9

Spanish 1

Studio Art 1

## Sample #2

Honors English 9

Geometry

Biology

Hns World History & Geo 2

Health & PE 9

German 2

Guitar 1

## Sample #3

Honors English 9

Honors Algebra 2

Honors Biology

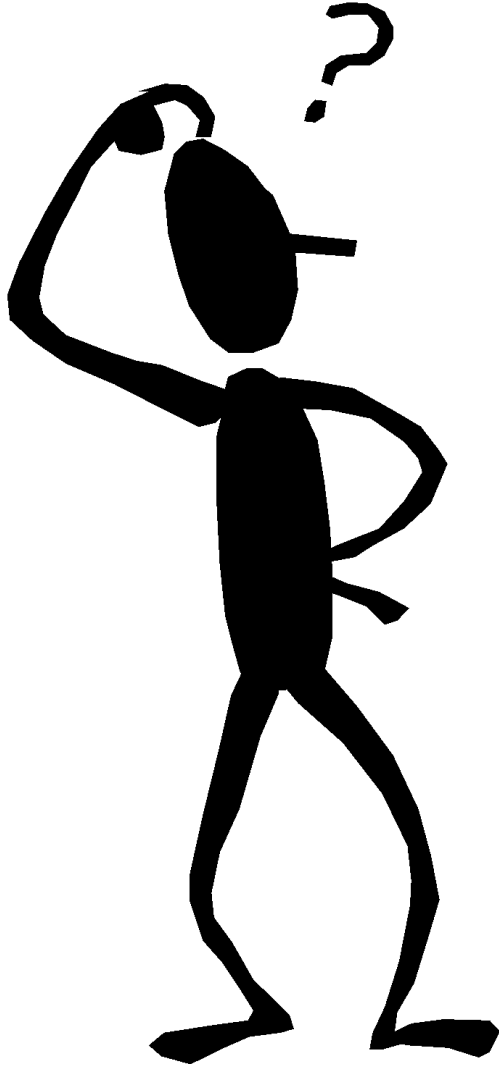
Hns World History & Geo 2

Health & PE 9

Spanish 2

Advanced Band

# Electives?!



## Provide 3 Alternative Elective options

If there is a conflict in your schedule, the alternative course(s) will replace your first-choice elective(s).

Example:

1. Studio Art 1
2. Creative Writing 1
3. Theater Arts 1



\*\*\*Counselors reserve the right to choose alternate courses if student does not provide 3\*\*\*

# Additional Course Options

## 1. [FCPS Online Campus](#) course options (open to all grades)

- You may take up to 2 FCPS online courses during the school year
- Dual Enrollment options, registration & NOVA application required

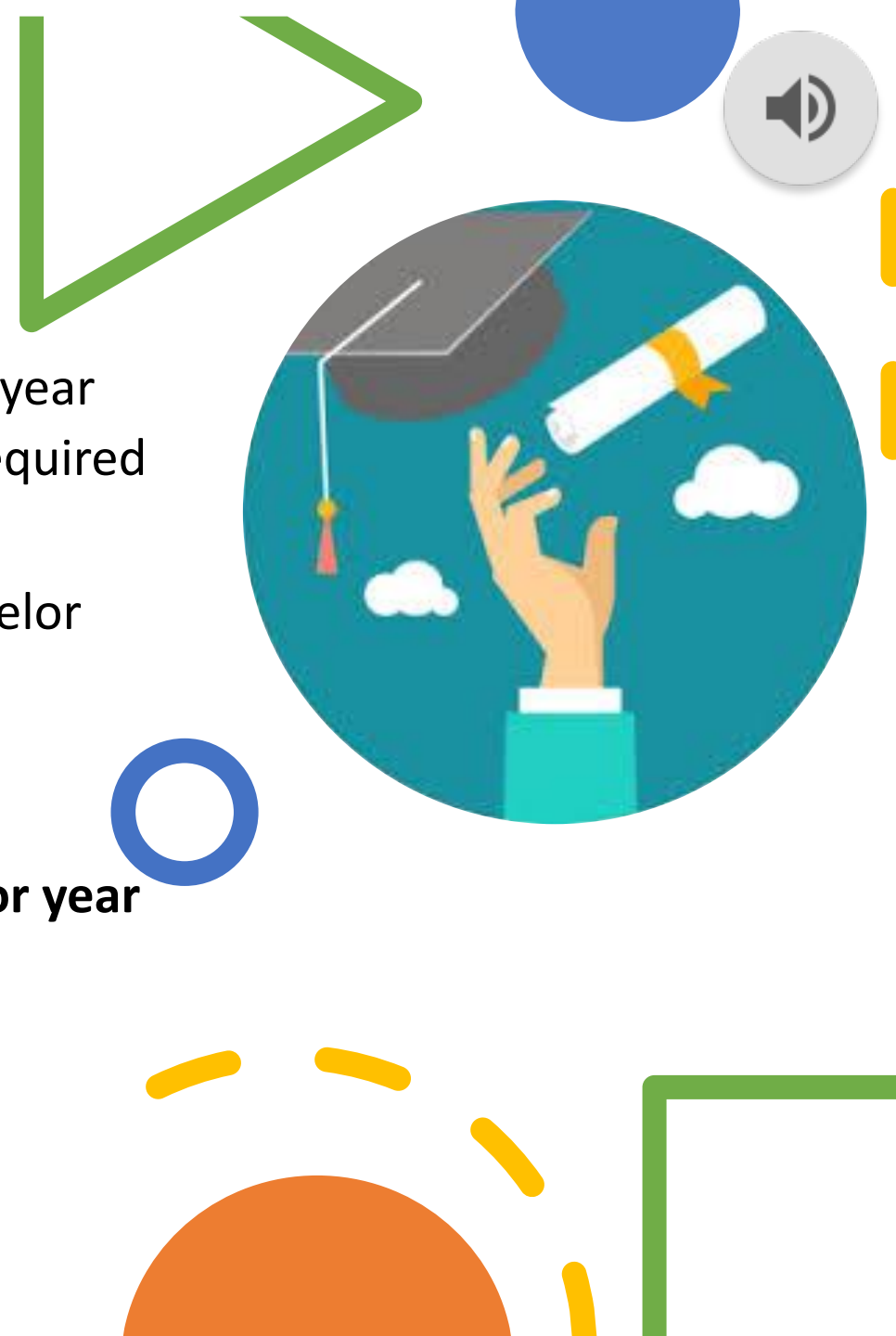
## 2. [Self-Directed Online](#) Econ & Personal Finance

- 8th course, fee required, summer options available, counselor approval and registration required
  - Fee associated with course
  - Pass/Fail only

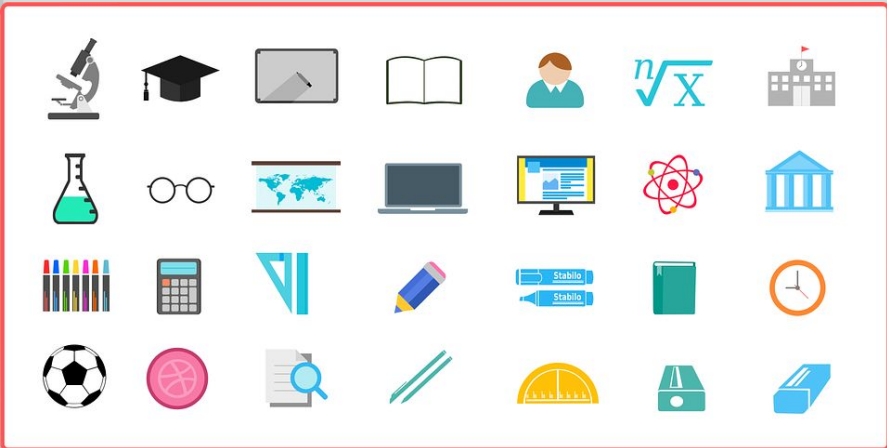
## 3. Academy options to consider primarily in your junior & senior year

- [Fairfax Academy](#) Open House Feb 4 (6:30-8:00 PM)
- [Chantilly Academy](#) Open House Jan 8 (6:00-8:00 PM)
- [Falls Church Academy](#) Open House Jan 9 (6:00 -9:00 PM)

4.



# Choose wisely



& review course descriptions!



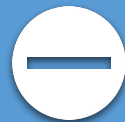
Reference the [Course Catalog](#) to read up on course descriptions before you select a course!



[Review short videos](#) on elective options here



**June 11, 2025** is the LAST DAY to make changes to your schedule. Be mindful of selecting a good fit- High school courses are a full year



No changes guaranteed after **March 14, 2025**

Changes are made on space available basis





# GET INVOLVED AT ROBINSON!

[HTTPS://ROBINSONSS.FCPS.EDU/STUDENT-LIFE-ACTIVITIES/HIGH-SCHOOL-ACTIVITIES](https://robinsonss.fcps.edu/student-life-activities/high-school-activities)



Make high school count!



# Questions for your Counselor?



## ✓ Review with your family:

- [Course selection sheet](#)
- [Course catalog](#) for descriptions
- [Electives Fair](#) videos

## ✓ You will meet individually with your current 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor to choose classes for next year.

## ✓ Be prepared for your meeting by bringing:

- 7 class selections
- 3 alternate electives
- Questions!