

Frequently Asked Questions

FRESHMAN

1. Can I take Advanced Placement (AP) courses?

TPHS does not offer AP Courses to 9th grade students. AP courses are college level curriculum, and the UC system does not recognize AP courses taken in 9th grade. We align our recommendations with the UC system as we believe that 9th grade is an important year to transition to high school without starting college level curriculum. Students can begin to select AP courses in 10th grade.

2. I am currently in Spanish II, how many more years of Spanish do I need in high school for a four year college?

Two years of a Foreign Language are required, and 3 years are recommended for admission to a UC school. If a student takes Spanish II in 8th grade and continues onto Spanish III in 9th grade, upon completion of Spanish III they will have completed three years of a foreign language. Students often choose to repeat Spanish II in 9th grade if they do not have a strong foundation.

3. Why don't I take a history course in 9th grade?

Three years of social science are required for high school graduation. These courses are World History (10th grade), US History (11th grade), and American Government and Economics (12th grade).

4. Do I have to take a science class in 9th grade?

Students are not required to take a science class in 9th grade. 2 years of science (Life and Physical) are required to graduate. 2 years of lab science are required for CSU/UC eligibility.

5. How do I register for ISPE?

The ISPE application can be found on the district website tp.sduhsd.net > **Parents and Students** > **Special Programs and Services**. Applications need to be submitted by **June 1, 2018 at 3:30 pm**. Please note that students need to reapply for ISPE every year. If you sign up for ISPE you will also need to complete the online health course. Information and registration regarding the online health course can be found on our district website.

6. Are 9th grade students allowed to go off campus for lunch?

TPHS is a closed campus to all 9th and 10th graders. Only 11th and 12th graders are allowed to leave campus for lunch.

7. When do I try out for Pep Squad or Dance Team?

In April and May- information will be shared with our district middle schools and will be available on tp.sduhsd.net

8. How do I apply for Associated Student Body (ASB) or Peer Assistant Listeners (PALS)?

Both of these programs require applications which are available on tp.sduhsd.net.

9. Do my middle school grades transfer onto my high school transcript?

Our district does not offer high school graduation credit for middle school courses. However, you will be advanced to the next appropriate level (ie: Spanish I in middle school and Spanish II in high school).

UPDATE DATES*****

Important Dates:

ISPE: Applicatins are due April 17th – June 2nd

Dance: Tryouts are May 23rd and May 24th

ASB: Freshman Applications are due Thursday, April 28th. Interviews will be mid-May please check ASB website for further information.

Cheer: Cheer Clinic is May 23rd – May 27th & Tryouts are May 31st

Music: Visit www.torreypinesmusic.com – must sign up for audition time slot and indicate which instrument they play. Auditions are April 18th & 19th

Health: Must register through the district website from May 2nd - May 27th