

**Gregori High School
Frequently Asked Questions for Articulation/Balloting**

Purpose: The purpose of this FAQ is to provide clarity and guidance around some of the most frequently asked questions

*****NOTE: This information is fluid and subject to change. This document will be updated as new information and guidance become available.**

Supporting Documents

<u>How to Ballot Video (MCS students)</u>	<u>AP/Honors Flipgrid Video</u>
<u>Online Balloting Link (Incoming 8th Graders and non MCS students)</u>	<u>SLC Flipgrid Video</u>
<u>IDT Info</u>	<u>Gregori Counselor Flipgrid Video</u>
<u>IDT Instructions</u>	<u>Link to update your information</u>
<u>IDT Form</u>	
<u>Gregori Students Ballot Information for English Teachers Video</u>	

FAQ Articulation/Balloting

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>ANSWER</u>
If you select a “house”, must all of my classes be in that “house”, or may I choose electives that aren’t in my “house”?	Generally we try and keep students within the same SLC (house) classes, but students can take electives out of their SLC (house). .
What are the requirements to graduate?	You must have at least 230 credits in your 4 years of high school to graduate from a comprehensive high school. Specific information on required classes and other requirements found here: https://www.mcs4kids.com/documents/Board%20Policies/Instruction/6146.1%20BP%20-%20High%20School%20Graduation%20Requirements.pdf
If I sign up for an elective, then decide I don’t like it, can I switch?	No. The master schedule is built off your course selections and there is often not a seat in another class to put you in. Class changes for electives and core classes is rare.

<p>Can I switch “houses”?</p>	<p>You can switch “houses” or SLC’s once in your high school career.</p>
<p>If I sign up for preAP/AP, then find out on the 1st day of school that the summer work I didn’t do will drop my grade, can I switch out of preAP/AP at that point?</p>	<p>No. Once you select to take an AP class you are committing to taking the class for the entire year.</p>
<p>What are small learning communities?</p>	<p>A small learning community brings students and teachers to-gether that have a common interest in certain subjects. Students take classes together but interact with the entire school in sports, dances and activities. At Gregori High School we will offer the following SLC’s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Career Technology</u> • <u>Digital Media & Business Academy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Global Studies</u> • <u>Visual & Performing Arts</u> <p>An SLC is basically a small school within a school.</p>
<p>What are A-G requirements?</p>	<p>The A-G requirements are College Entrance Requirements. They are a sequence of high school courses that students must complete (with a grade of C or better) to be minimally eligible for admission to the University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU).</p>
<p>Are there any clubs or sports with distance learning?</p>	<p>Yes, there are still clubs that meet during Distance Learning.</p> <p>No, at this point there are no sports during Distance Learning but this is subject to change based on guidelines put out by the State and Local authorities and will be based on COVID-19 numbers.</p>
<p>Please cover tardy procedures and infractions and discipline.</p>	<p>1st-3rd tardy: handled by instructor; should include parent contact 4th tardy: instructor writes referral, student may be sent to intervention center immediately OR called out of class at later time to get lunch detention assigned 5th tardy: same routine as 4th; student receives UNSAT citizenship 6th tardy: same routine as 4th /5th 7th tardy and beyond: instructor writes referral; student meets with SLC assistant principal</p>
<p>If I am unable to log into my PowerSchool, who can I contact for help?</p>	<p>Please call MCS help desk at 574-8600 or email at helpdesk@monet.k12.ca.us</p>

<p>If doing distance learning, will students have access to borrow laptops/Chromebooks & internet?</p>	<p>All MCS students are given a device.</p>
<p>Is there a specific day that we are supposed to start selecting courses for our ballots?</p>	<p>After 2/9/2021</p>
<p>How and when are we getting our official Ballots?</p>	<p>Official ballots will be mailed home to you once balloting is complete.</p>
<p>What is the dress code?</p>	<p><u>Dress Code Page 58</u></p> <p>Flip flops, basketball shorts, leggings are ok.</p> <p>No hats or “stacked” colors (two items of the same gang related color).</p>
<p>What will a typical school schedule look like in high school?</p>	<p>We are on a block schedule at Gregori</p> <p><u>2020-2021 Block Schedule</u></p>
<p>What kinds of electives and/or programs are offered at Gregori (and other schools)?</p>	<p><u>Clubs Link</u></p> <p><u>Athletics Link</u></p>
<p>Where can I find the classes that I am required to take Freshman year?</p>	<p>English, Math, Science, PE, History (AP HUG or World Geography and Health, Elective.</p>
<p>Is there transportation?</p>	<p>Yes, if you are within the school boundaries and for some special education students.</p>
<p>When will we get our log in information to ballot if we are not a current MCS student?</p>	<p>MCS is mailing home your ID number and your password between 1/28-2/5. Your password is your birth date.</p>
<p>Will 8th grade teachers be able to offer input on student readiness for AP/honors courses to MCS?</p>	<p>Yes, they will receive a report once balloting has completed so they can review and add recommendations for AP/Honors classes.</p>

Do I have to take PE next year?	You need 20 credits of PE in order to meet graduation requirements. If you are a freshman or sophomore you are required by the state to take PE.
How do I ballot for ROP?	At this time, it is unknown if ROP will be offered next year.
How do I get Work Experience added to my schedule?	Select Work Experience as an ALTERNATE on your ballot. Mr. Steves will confirm your job placement when we return to school in August.
How do I become a TA?	There is an application process. Talk to your counselor during digital meetings.
How do I ballot to be a Career PAL?	There is an application process. Talk to your counselor during digital meetings.
Do I have to ballot for electives WITHIN my SLC?	No. We recommend that you complete a pathway within your SLC but you can take classes of interest that may be outside of your SLC.
Do I have to ballot for alternates?	Yes. You must choose two alternates that you would be ok with enrolling in or alternates will be chosen for you. Do NOT pick the same elective twice. For example, if Spanish is your first choice it cannot be an alternate.
What are the practical arts classes? Visual Performing Arts classes?	<u>Practical Art Vs. Performing Art</u>
I only need 5 credits of a Practical Art to graduate. Can I drop my class at the semester?	No. All of our classes are year long.
Do I have to ballot online if I completed my paper ballot?	YES. You must complete your online ballot in order to meet with a counselor to submit your selections.
Can I repeat a class?	No. You CAN NOT ballot for a class you have already taken. You will not get credit for a repeated class. There are a few exceptions- talk to your counselor if you have questions in regards to this.
Why did my math teacher recommend me for the same class next year?	Student's must earn a "C" or better in BOTH semesters in order to move on to the next level.

When will counselors meet with Gregori students?	Counselors will meet with students digitally during their English class 2/22 to 3/12 to review ballots.
Do students get a new elective every semester or are they year long electives?	Electives are all one year long. Students will have the same elective for Semester 1 and 2.
What is the deadline for incoming 9th graders for ballots and Gregori student ballots?	February 19, 2021
Do language courses also count as an Art class and an elective?	If you want to go to a 4 year college you need 2 years of Foreign Language and 1 year of Art
My online ballot is telling me that a “0” or “8th” period class is required (it has the red exclamation point symbol next to it). How do I fix this? Should I just pick a class so that I can submit my ballot?	It should be fixed now. 0 and 8th periods are optional.
I didn’t receive my transcripts. How do I access them? Are they accessible in PowerSchool?	*Transcripts were emailed out to students on January 25th.
My biology teacher said we could double up on science junior year, but the ballot isn't letting me do that.	Doubling up on classes will have to be done manually with your counselor on your scheduled day in English class. Please select an elective and we will change that during the meetings.
Do all 10th grade students have to take PE?	Yes
How many years of a foreign language do I have to take? Can it be two different languages,	2 years of a Foreign Language for a 4 year college (has to be the same language class).

or do I have to have classes for the same language?	
What if I got a D last semester for my Math class, but still got credits for it?	You earned credit for graduation but not credit for the UC/CSU system. If you wanted to go straight to a 4-year institution you would have to make up this class and get a C or higher in Summer School or ESS.
How do I join leadership?	Go to the Gregori website>students>SBO>ASB leadership (left side of the page) and then you apply and wait for an interview somewhere in March. The applications are due on March 1st (should say on the application)
I'm a sophomore. Do we have to take chemistry if we take APES?	You don't have to, but you need to take Chemistry if you plan to go to a 4 year college. Talk to your counselor during digital meetings in 2 weeks.
Wait, so if you have completed 2 years of a foreign language, I don't need to take an art class?	Yes, if you plan to go to a 4 year college you need to take a fine art.
What does the "QF" stand for when I ballot to play a sport?	QF =Fall Sport QS = Spring Sport
Freshman year I took Art 1 and on my transcript I completed the credits for visual/performing arts, but I only have 5 completed credits for my electives, which I assume is from my Spanish class last semester. Does that seem right?	Depends. Talk to a counselor during digital meetings.
Do you have to take more science classes if you took 2 years of Ag?	Depends. Talk to a counselor during digital meetings.
I heard that there was going to be a boys volleyball team next year. Is that true? I would like to ballot for it.	This is being looked into, but nothing has been established yet.

<p>If I am a sophomore taking CP Biology this year, what science do I apply for for next year?</p>	<p>Chemistry. Talk to counselor during digital meetings.</p>
<p>Is dance PE a practical art or a fine art?</p>	<p>Dance is a fine art.</p>
<p>What if I want to do Weight Training? Is that in the PE classes?</p>	<p>Yes. Talk to counselor during digital meetings.</p>
<p>If I'm switching schools next year, what do I do?</p>	<p>Depends. If a student is within Gregori's boundaries they would complete an IDT starting at Gregori first to be released. See IDT information at top.</p>
<p>I'm a sophomore. If I want to try out for basketball, do I choose Varsity Basketball QF or Freshman Basketball QF?</p>	<p>If you will be a junior next year, you would express interest in Varsity sports.</p>
<p>What classifies as a college preparatory elective?</p>	<p>See pathways below</p>
<p>What are the various pathways?</p>	<p>Science Math Career Pathways</p>
<p>How do students sign up for ESS?</p>	<p>Current Gregori students should email their counselor for ESS. In most cases counselors initiate the contact to students for ESS. There is an online form to complete with your counselor and then students are enrolled in ESS.</p>
<p>I'm a junior. My transcript says I'm 55 deficient in electives but I've taken an elective every year. Why is that?</p>	<p>Talk to your counselor during digital meetings.</p>
<p>If I am unable to ballot for a AP/honors course because the screen says prerequisites not met, how do I ballot for those classes?</p>	<p>Please select a CP course and when you meet with your counselor we will change your course manually to an AP/honors class.</p>
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