

Class Scheduling Tips for Freshmen

- Become thoroughly familiar with all the required courses and graduation requirements of Chicago Public School students.
- You will take an English or literature class each year of high school. These classes will strengthen your reading, writing, and speaking skills.
- A series of mathematics courses is very important as you prepare for the careers of the future. You are required to have Algebra, Algebra II and Trigonometry, and Geometry to graduate. If you're college-bound, consider taking advantage of the higher-level math classes we offer at Sullivan, like Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, Advanced Placement Calculus, and Advanced Placement Statistics.
- Make sure you take enough social studies courses to get a good understanding of American history and our government. You are required to take World Studies and United States History.
- Science is important. You will need three years for graduation requirements: Environmental or Earth Science, Biology, and either Physics or Chemistry.
- You will need one year of music and one year of art to graduate.
- Elective courses allow you to explore your special interests. These courses are considered very important. Some of the elective courses at Sullivan include Drama, Chorus, Band, Women in the United States, Film Study, Contemporary American History, Modern World History, Economics, African American History, Latin American History, Psychology, and Teen Literature.
- You are required to take two years of World Language. For those that are college-bound, you should seriously consider taking at least three if not four years of the same language.
- The Computer Information Technology class offered at Sullivan High School can help you become more familiar with computers – an incredibly important skill in this day and age.
- You will need three non-grade credits in order to graduate, and it's your responsibility to make sure you have them: Driver's Ed, which you will take in PE II; a Consumer Education unit you will have in one of your social studies classes; and the Constitution class, which you will take in your United States History class.
- Don't forget about extracurricular and service learning activities: these help make your high school transcript more appealing to colleges.
- If you fail any classes during your four years in high school, it's your responsibility to make those up at evening school, Saturday school, or summer school. See your counselor for more information.