

## Frequently Asked Questions - Incoming Troy Tech Students March 2020

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### 1. Counseling/Schedule Questions

#### What if I want to make a change to my schedule (i.e., elective class change, level change moving down from honors)?

- Based on school policy, elective changes cannot be made beyond spring 2020. Please choose your electives wisely.
- The district deadline to change a course level or drop an additional course (all 9th graders must have a minimum of 6 classes) is by the end of the third week of school.

#### I would like to move up to an honors level class. What do I need to do?

- Troy faculty have reviewed the TT/H/IB test scores and report cards to ensure students are placed appropriately for ninth grade. Counselors will be available at one of the stations during August Orientation if you would like to further discuss course level placement.
- Any student can move up to the honors level in any subject area at the start of tenth grade provided they meet the prerequisites. Requirements are typically an A grade both semesters and a teacher recommendation or a testing process. This information will be communicated to students during registration for 21-22 school year which will take place in February 2021.

#### I want to meet with my high school counselor. When can I do this?

The Counseling Department operates under a case carrier model; every student has the same counselor for all of high school. Counselors are assigned at the start of school in ninth grade and meet annually with all students. In ninth grade, there are student-parent counseling conferences during the fall semester. At that conference, graduation and college entrance requirements are reviewed and a customized four-year course plan will be created for your student. Counselors will be available at one of the stations during August Orientation where students and families can meet a counselor and ask a question.

#### What can I do this summer to prepare for high school?

- We strongly suggest taking the summer online Health course. It fulfills a graduation requirement, familiarizes you with the campus, and helps you meet other students. We suggest students maintain their academic skills by reading, writing and even

doing some review. For example, using a site like Khan Academy to maintain math skills, etc.

- As a family, it is a good idea to check the Troy website weekly for updates and to become familiar with the resources and information available. The school also communicates by email and phone. Be sure to check all of your email folders in case school messages are delivered to a junk or spam folder, and please listen to the school voicemail messages and/or read text messages.

## **2. Health Class**

**I signed up for the summer Health class. When will I find out what session I was given? What if I need to request a different session?**

Health session enrollment is posted to the school website during May. You will be notified by email and/or a phone message to check the website for the summer school information. If you are unable to attend the assigned weeks, you can petition for a different session by coming to Troy on one of the starting Mondays by 7:30 a.m. Available seats will be given by lottery.

## **3. General Troy High School & Program Questions**

**When is orientation for incoming students?** The first week of August.

**When does the 20-21 school year start?** Monday, August 10, 2020. A summer informational packet will be emailed or mailed in July.

**How long is the school day for students in Troy Tech?**

Most students select a rigorous curriculum which is a 7-period day beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. For those students who opt to have a 6-period day their schedule will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. (see next question for details).

**If I opt for a 6-period schedule, what are my options?**

Incoming freshmen TT/IB students may select to delay Biology or a World Language and take that subject in 10th grade. UC/CSU schools require 2 years of laboratory science and UC campuses recommend 3. UC/CSU campuses require 2 years of the same world language and UC campuses recommend 3. Students can still meet the recommended years of a world language or laboratory science if they chose to start that subject in 10th grade. If students are planning on pursuing the IB diploma, they are required to take 4 years of a world language; they would need to start language in 9th grade. We encourage students to take the amount of classes that will challenge them, but not overwhelm them.

**What is the difference between Troy Tech and IB and Cambridge?**

Please attend 5:30-6 North Gym Troy Tech Incoming welcome - which will continue to review program details. This is followed with visiting Troy Tech Fair displays in both gyms 6-7:15 p.m.

### *TROY TECH PROGRAM DESCRIPTION*

Troy Tech is a 4-year science, technology, engineering and math magnet program unique to Troy High School. It requires students to select an extra elective from the Troy

Tech Pathways each semester and culminates in a Senior Internship. For families from outside the FJUHS, the Troy Tech Program is the basis for their acceptance and transfer to Troy High School.

### *INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION*

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a 2-year program that takes place in eleventh and twelfth grade. However, to be successful and prepared for this rigorous program, students should succeed in honors coursework during ninth and tenth grade. In spring of their sophomore year, qualified students and their families are invited to learn more about the program requirements. If they commit to the IB Diploma Program, they will complete a 4000-word Extended Essay, 150 hours of Creativity, Action and Service over the 2-year program, and receive internal and external assessments in six subject areas. Many students select to complete a partial IB Program where they test in a few of the six IB subject areas—the areas where they are succeeding in honors coursework. There are fees for the exams including a registration fee.

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### *CAMBRIDGE AICE (STARTING FALL 2020):*

The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma is an international curriculum. Learners must pass a combination of Cambridge International AS and A Level exams, with at least one course coming from each of three subject groups, as well as the core component, Cambridge International AS Level Global Perspectives & Research. For families from outside the FJUHS, the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma Program can be the basis for their acceptance and transfer to Troy High School.

**If I am interested in playing sports, do I need an athletic clearance? What forms or steps are required to complete this process?**

<http://www.fjuhsd.org/domain/213>

Every Athlete must complete the Athletic Clearance Process before participating in any sport. Other groups that must complete clearance process are Cheer, Dance, NJROTC & Band. Step 1: Go To <http://www.athleticclearance.com> and register your child for the sport/sports your child will participate in. (Please enter "0000" if you do not know your ID

# yet.) Step 2: You will receive an Auto Email when you complete the online process. You must print, sign and return this document to the Activities office along with your completed physical form. Step 3: Student must complete their physical. No Physicals will be accepted if the date is prior to May 1st, 2020. You must show your original physical signed by your doctor. NO PHOTO COPIES will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact the Activities Office. [714-626-4429](tel:714-626-4429).

#### **4. Transfers**

**I am from out of the district. When do you need my inter-district permit by?**

The student information sheet stated that the deadline is May 1, 2020. You should go to your home school district office to request the permit. Once approved, please bring the original permit to Troy's Office right away. The Troy Office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.