

# FAQ Sheet

## Scheduling, Graduation Requirements, etc.

### **Do I have to take four years (or 4 credits) of Math?**

Not necessarily. You can get a TFS diploma with only two credits of math. However, if you are going to attend a Montana university (MSU, UM, etc.) or most any other four year university, you must complete three credits of math including Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. Students who are striving to get a Montana University System scholarship must take four credits of math including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and one more upper level math course (Advanced Math or Calculus, for example). We highly recommend you take at least three credits of math. Four credits is best.

### **Do I have to take four years (or four credits) of English?**

Yes, all students must take four years (or four credits) of English. Students who are college bound must take Advanced Composition and/or Changing West. If students are not planning on attending college they can take Composition I (instead of Adv. Comp or Ch. West). Students planning on taking AP English must take Changing West or Advanced Composition before they enroll in AP English.

### **Can I take courses online instead of face to face?**

No. If a class is available to take face-to-face then you must take it here at Three Forks according to school policy. The only exceptions are extenuating circumstances (major scheduling conflict, medical reasons, etc.). The Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) was founded primarily for credit recovery (retaking courses that students originally failed). If a class is not offered at TFHS (such as Psychology), we may allow students to take the course online for original credit.

### **Do I have to take a Foreign Language (Spanish)?**

Three Forks does not require a foreign language credit to graduate. However, if you wish to receive Honors then you must take at least one credit of Foreign Language (we offer Spanish I through Spanish IV here). Also, many colleges and universities are now requiring students to have at least one credit of foreign language before they will accept you. We highly recommend you take at least one year of Spanish here at Three Forks High School.

### **What is an AP class?**

AP stands for Advanced Placement. We offer the following AP face-to-face courses here at Three Forks: AP Calculus, AP Literature, AP Spanish, AP Biology, and AP Environmental Science. AP Literature and AP Spanish can be taken for dual credit. The Advanced Placement Program allows students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Through AP Exams, students have the opportunity to earn credit or advanced placement at most of the nation's colleges and universities, as well as colleges and universities in 28 other countries. Through these college credits, both Dual Credit and Advanced Placement classes offer substantial savings to families in tuition costs

### **Do I have to take PE? Does strength & conditioning count as a PE credit?**

Yes. All students must take 1.5 credits (a year and a half) of PE. All students must also take Health (.5 credit). Typically students take PE their freshman and sophomore year. Though not recommended, students may wait until their junior and senior years to finish their PE credits. Starting in the 2016-2017 school year students may take Strength & Conditioning as part of the fulfillment for their PE credits. Strength & Conditioning as of school year 2016-2017 does count as a PE credit. Students may take any combination of PE and S&C to fulfill their credits.