Pre-Governor's School

Degree TypeSpecialty Programs

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The Pre-Governor's School is a preparatory program for students to experience an accelerated mathematics and science course sequence. Students will be able to develop technical writing capacity and meet several graduation requirements to prepare them for success should they attend The Governor's School @ Innovation Park (GS@IP) in grades 11 and 12.

Key elements of the Pre-Governor's School Program include:

- Students will be supported by simultaneously studying two mathematics courses in 9th grade, and AP Pre-Calculus (or a higher mathematics course) by the end of 10th grade.
- Students will study two science courses in 10th grade to allow for the completion of Physics 1 before 11th grade.
- A dedicated school counselor will support Pre-Governor's School students to ensure appropriate course selection in preparation for the various academic pathways available at GS@IP, and work with students during their four years of study.
- Students will study Health and Physical Education 1 and Health and Physical Education 2 virtually as an 8th class. Health and Physical Education teachers will teach this course and will meet virtually after school hours. This allows students to meet an additional graduation requirement before joining GS@IP.
- Pre-Governor's School students will be strategically grouped to support the accelerated study of mathematics and science in 9th and 10th grade.

Students interested in attending the GS@IP do not have to be enrolled in the Pre-Governor's School to gain admission. Students may take many of the same course sequences at their base school, under the supervision of their school counselor.

Program Requirements

Students participating in the Pre-Governor's School will maintain year-end grades of "B" or better in their core subject areas. Students study eight classes during grades 9 and 10. Students are encouraged to fulfill the Economics and Personal Finance (or AP Economics) graduation requirement in 10th grade. Students conduct authentic research in support of the GS@IP application process.

Program Type
Transfer
Schools
Freedom High School,
Osbourn Park High School

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Pre-Governor's School Program Sequencing Required Coursework

Grade 9

Grade 9 Courses	Grade 10 Courses
Advanced English 9**	<u>AP Seminar</u>
Advanced World History and Geography to 1500	AP World History, AP European History, or World History and Geography from 1500
Advanced Biology 1**	AP Pre-Calculus
Advanced Geometry	Advanced Chemistry 1
Algebra 2**	Physics 1
Foreign Language*	Foreign Language*
Elective/Fine Art	Economics and Personal Finance
Health and Physical Education 1	Health, Physical Education, and Classroom Driver Education 2

^{**}Denotes a Pre-Governor's School course

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^{*}Three years of a single foreign language or two years of two separate languages is required for an advanced studies diploma.