Q. Why take college classes during high school?
A. It’s a great way to jump-start your future education because CHS-earned credits usually transfer to institutions across the country. You gain the experience of college courses at a cost that is approximately 10 percent of regular in-state tuition.

Q. Where can I take a CHS course, and what courses are available?
A. CHS courses are taught by your high school teachers during the regular school day. CHS courses vary by high school. Consult your school counselor or teachers for course offerings at your school. For a reference list of courses, visit asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/courses.

Q. How do I sign up for CHS courses?
A. In the first few weeks of class, your teacher will give you instructions on how to register online. Teachers must submit all applications by October 1 for first-term and full-year registration and by March 1 for second-term registration.

Q. How much do CHS courses cost?
A. For the 2017-18 academic year, most CHS courses cost just $245. (The one-credit Right Start to College class is just $85; General Chemistry I costs $320, which includes a lab fee.) Contact the CHS office to see if you qualify for tuition assistance.

Q. Do I need to take other classes before I can take CHS courses?
A. You must fulfill your school’s academic prerequisites in order to participate in CHS. Please see your high school teachers for more information.

Q. How are CHS courses graded?
A. CHS teachers determine your grades based on your performance on University-approved exams and assignments. Because the standards for grading in a high school course might be slightly different from the University of Pittsburgh, a student who registers for a CHS course could receive two course grades: one for the high school and one for the University. However, in most cases the grades are the same. These grading standards are explained at the beginning of each course. Grades earned in CHS courses appear on an official University of Pittsburgh transcript. If you decide to attend Pitt, the CHS course grade will count toward your grade point average at the University.

Q. What if my school offers the Advanced Placement course as well?
A. Advanced Placement (AP) courses can be offered with CHS courses in the same class, so students can participate in both programs. Students are responsible for sending their results to their college or university. If you choose to attend any Pitt campus, the CHS grade and credit supersedes any AP credit.

Q. How can I transfer my CHS credits to a college or university?
A. You must request your CHS transcript from Pitt’s Office of the University Registrar. Online instructions are available at asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/transfer. Transcripts also can be obtained in person at G-3 Thackeray Hall, 139 University Place. Many CHS courses transfer; however, as with any college course, there is no guarantee. Whether or not the credits transfer depends on the receiving school’s policies and your chosen major. In very rare cases, some colleges and universities will also transfer grades. Check with the college or university you will be attending to find out if credits and grades from CHS will transfer. If you attend any of the University of Pittsburgh campuses, you do not need to request a transcript because your CHS courses already will be on record at the University.

Q. What are Pitt’s guidelines for CHS students?
A. Upon enrolling in a CHS course, participants become part-time nonmatriculated students in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. University and school policies and procedures apply to CHS students. To review CHS policies, such as repeating a course, withdrawing from a course, academic integrity guidelines, and deadlines, visit asundergrad.pitt.edu/chs/academicpolicy.

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