



# TAKING ADVANCED COURSES

*Research shows that students who take advanced courses have a better chance of completing a college degree later. This lesson should encourage you to plan ahead for courses in middle and high school that will help to build a sound foundation for college-level work. After viewing the video Taking Advanced Courses, take this quiz to determine what you learned. Read each item below and mark T (True) or F (False) for each one.*

1. \_\_\_ Taking Algebra I, Spanish I and/or Biology I (in 8<sup>th</sup> grade), along with Geometry (in 9<sup>th</sup> grade), can help form the foundation for advanced courses in high school.  
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2. \_\_\_ There are several high school courses offered at my middle school or junior high.  
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3. \_\_\_ I will not have to work any harder to pass these courses.  
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4. \_\_\_ I should talk this over with my counselor and parents.  
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5. \_\_\_ These classes are not harder.  
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6. \_\_\_ It makes sense to take advanced courses based on my interests and skills.  
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7. \_\_\_ Taking advanced courses in middle school will allow me to take more electives and/or advanced courses in high school.  
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8. \_\_\_ These courses are just for students who are in the gifted/talented program.  
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9. \_\_\_ These courses will guarantee me a scholarship.  
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10. \_\_\_ My counselor can help me learn more about which advanced courses are offered in high school.  
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## OWN IT!

What courses do you plan to take in middle and high school that will help you get a leg up on college?