## High School Academics

# 11th Grade



The mission of Boston Collegiate Charter School is simple yet ambitious: to prepare each student for college.

#### Overview of 11th Grade

The 11th graders go through a process of maturing and self-discovery as they approach their journey to college. Academic demands are greater, with a significant increase in independent work and a stronger focus on collegiate skills. Juniors are encouraged to become school leaders in academic and extracurricular spaces, like athletic or club captains. Students are encouraged to join student government and advocate for themselves and the school culture they want.

#### Collegiate Skills

In 11th grade Collegiate Skills juniors begin receiving more directed support. They have standardized test prep in the spring to prepare them for the ACT and SAT they will take through Boston Collegiate. In advisory, there is a focus on helping students manage their work, time, and stress.

Our Internship program is a core feature of the 11th grade year. Students spend two weeks in a workplace to learn about a field of interest. This helps students understand more about a path they might want to pursue. It also gives them real-world experience, which they can discuss on their college applications.

## Sample Daily Schedule

7:45 - 8:38 AM	A Block
8:42 - 9:33 AM	B Block
9:37 - 10:28 AM	C Block
10:32 - 11:23 AM	D Block
11:27 - 12:18 PM	E Block
12:22 - 12:51 PM	Lunch
12:55 - 1:46 PM	F Block
1:50 - 2:45 PM	G Block

The schedule "flips" on Thursdays and Fridays. Students start the day with G Block and end with A Block.

#### **Grade Level Contacts**

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Melissa Aybar High School Principal maybar@bostoncollegiate.org Our curriculum at Boston Collegiate is based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and is designed to be culturally relevant. Our instruction is focused on engaging all students in deeper learning, enabling them to retain and transfer knowledge through analysis, synthesis, and creation.

## **Mathematics**

While some of our 11th graders work to complete the Integrated Math sequence, others are prepared to take one of the higher-level math courses. Most juniors are enrolled in either Honors Pre-Calculus, preparing them for AP Calculus in senior year, or in our Quantitative Reasoning course where they reason with novel situations in a creative way.

# English

Building on their foundation from the first half of their time in high school, students have a choice of either an American Literature course or AP Language and composition. In American Literature, students examine works from the mid-19th century to the present day, developing both their comprehension and writing skills. The AP Language and Composition course also develops those same reading and writing skills using the College Board frameworks.

# Spanish

Rising 11th graders may be enrolled in Spanish II or III. There is also the option to take a Heritage course for Spanish-speakers looking to study the language in a formal, academic setting. Students who complete Spanish III or the Heritage course are eligible to take AP Spanish. Various media and authentic texts are integrated into the coursework for better cultural and linguistic understanding.

## Science

11th graders are able to select either our college prep or AP Biology course. In both levels, students cultivate an understanding of biology through inquiry. Junior scientists spend time investigating in the laboratory and enhancing their critical thinking skills through independent and group research.

# History

Starting from the middle of the 19th century, students focus on more recent United States history in either CP US History II or AP US History. They assess both primary and secondary resources, incorporate current events, research and write persuasively and analytically about historical events and questions, and articulate their points of view in discussions and debates. *NOTE: These course offerings are changing in 24-25.* 

# PE and Electives

During the 11th grade year, our students continue in **Physical Education and Health**, focusing on fostering an active and healthy lifestyle and making educated health decisions. Additionally, juniors are able to choose from a variety of **elective courses** including Painting and Street Art, Ceramics, Design and Innovation, Improv, Mixed Media, and Strength and Conditioning.

