



Our overall goal in the Intersession course placement process is to make assignments that allow the highest number of students to receive their highest possible preference. Part of Intersession is meeting new people and encountering new situations. Our prioritization methods mean students can be assigned to courses without other friends or students in their grade. Trust that God has plans for your child while they explore their interests and make new friends.

1. What are the priorities you use to place students?

Generally students are placed Seniors > Juniors > Sophomores > Freshmen. Consideration is made for seniors who desire to travel *internationally* and have not done so. Winter athletes who have not traveled are given higher priority in May Term years since their opportunity to travel off-season is limited. Spring athletes who will have two May Terms are given higher priority to travel during Winter Term their junior year since their opportunity to travel off-season is also limited.

2. Do you consider students' prior Intersession "travel" during course assignment?

Seniors who have NOT traveled *internationally* in prior years are given priority over students who HAVE traveled internationally in past Intersession courses (whether courses were service related or not and whether students are athletes or not). This means that students who travel internationally as underclassmen may reduce their chances of receiving their first preference when they are seniors.

3. How do you determine who's an "athlete"?

Dedicated athletes who have not traveled during their season while playing for CHCA Grade 9-12 athletic teams or the Dance Academy. We do not consider participation in non-CHCA activities, even at an advanced level.

4. Do I get priority for courses I requested in previous years but didn't get placed?

No since course offerings differ dramatically each year.

5. Do students who need service hours/trips receive preference for courses with service?

No as there are so many service opportunities throughout the year.

6. Doesn't requesting the same course twice increase my chances of getting in?

No! Requesting a course more than once throws away one of your choices. Make 4 separate choices which align with your interest and your budget. Underclassmen in some cases may end up assigned to 3rd and 4th preferences.

7. Can I repeat a course?

No, because Intersession courses become part of your transcripts and because we want you to have varied experiences.

8. As long as I get my selections in on time, is placement guaranteed?

To be placed in an Intersession course, students must be re-enrolled for the academic year in which the Intersession occurs and be current with their tuition. Rarely all 4 course options will be filled or cancelled and the Intersession Coordinator will contact the family for new options.

9. **What's the downside to not submitting my requests "on time"?**
In the past 3 years, more than 90% of Upper 9-12 students were placed round 1 (a.k.a. from “on time” requests) and courses were filled. If you wait, your course selection dramatically decreases.
10. **What if there are no courses that fit my budget? Are there any scholarships for Intersession?**
At this time, there are no scholarships for Intersession. For extenuating circumstances, email Intersession@chca-oh.org.
11. **Do you ever cancel courses?**
Yes. We present a wide variety of options and let student demand drive what goes. We anticipate 2-4 courses a year will be cancelled. Rest assured that during placement, we make cancellation decisions so students requesting those courses are not disadvantaged in the process.
12. **Can my child skip Intersession?**
No. Intersession itself is not optional—it’s a [graduation requirement](#), because experiential learning forms a central part of our college-preparatory curriculum. (4 courses x .25 credit per year = 1 Intersession credit total.)
13. **How does transportation work?**
For *local* courses, review the Course Description on <https://www.chca-oh.org/myIntersession>. Transportation may, or may not, be included and activity may, or may not, occur during “normal” school days/hours. Parents may choose to organize carpools; however, CHCA does not endorse students transporting other students. Email the instructors DIRECTLY with questions.
For *non-local* courses, assume you'll have to get your child to a central departure/arrival location (CHCA, CVG/Dayton/Indianapolis airport, etc.) and that this may, or may not, occur during “normal” school days/hours. Again email the instructors DIRECTLY with questions.
14. **How do I find out details about a specific course?**
First, review the Course Descriptions on <https://www.chca-oh.org/myIntersession>. Next, for any other questions ranging from logistics to activities to expense to spiritual integration, email the instructors DIRECTLY for more detailed and in-depth information.
15. **How does my child choose between Athletics and Intersession?**
CHCA policy is to let families set the priority of their child’s in-season athletic participation or Intersession travel. Your coach can advise you of consequences, if any, for the student to be away during the athletic season. Email the instructors DIRECTLY if you need more detail to determine whether you can balance a specific course with your athletic obligation.
16. **What if I have more questions?**
If it’s about a specific course, email the instructors DIRECTLY. (Really! A 1-2 page Course Description doesn’t give them much space to give you all the details.) For general questions, email Intersession@chca-oh.org.

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