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Sophomore year is a time that many students use to focus deeper into their area of interest after a more exploratory first year of high school. When it comes to choosing your 10th grade classes, you might be confused about what to prioritize. Ask yourself the questions below to figure out what you need in order to succeed, and remember to make sure you have a balanced schedule.

1. What was your favorite class in the 9th grade?
2. What class did you perform best at freshman year?
3. Which courses are offered at your school?
4. What requirements does your high school have in order for you to graduate?
5. What are the prerequisites for your school's AP or IB courses, IB Diploma Program, or Honors/Advanced curriculum?
6. What colleges do you have your eyes on?
7. What prerequisite courses do the colleges on your list require?
8. How large of a course load can you handle?
9. What is the most challenging class available to students interested in the same subjects you are?
10. Can you take any AP courses this year?
11. Would you have time to pursue extracurriculars as well?
12. What electives does your school offer?

13. Are you struggling in any particular area?
14. Do you have any idea of what you might major in yet?
15. What is the most challenging class available to you in your field?
16. Are courses outside of your school available to you?
17. Do you plan to take any classes during the summer?
18. What do you need in the upcoming year to prepare for junior and senior year?
19. Can you start studying for the SAT with your tentative schedule?
20. Are you pushing yourself too far or are you okay?
21. Have you gone over your choices with your high school guidance counselor?
22. Are you taking certain courses just because your friends are doing so?
23. Are you okay taking certain classes during an online semester?
24. Do you have everything you need to learn remotely in a productive manner?
25. What was your weakest class?

10th grade is certainly an important time—but remember that you have got 2 more years to explore and specialize in your classes. Don't put too much pressure on yourself—but make sure you consider your options and choose the path that works towards your future goals. Remember that deciding on your high school course list is the start of planning for your college applications. Good luck!