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Student selection is crucial for the success of Outlier courses as it ensures that participants are adequately prepared and have enough time to commit to the rigorous curriculum.

By establishing specific criteria such as age, academic standing, language proficiency, and course load availability, we aim to create an environment conducive to learning and growth and maintain a high standard of academic performance within the program. In addition to these criteria, you will need to keep course eligibility and restrictions in mind when selecting students for Outlier courses.

Ultimately, prioritizing thoughtful student and course selection contributes to a more enriching educational experience for all participants, fostering a community of motivated learners who are ready to excel in the course!

Student Eligibility

- **Students must be at least 13 years old to take an Outlier course.**
- **Students must meet the eligibility requirements per the course requirements/restrictions.**

Note about students under 18 years of age:

- For students over 13, but under 18, years old a parent or guardian will be required to sign a consent form during the student account creation and registration process on the Outlier platform.
- Students will be asked to provide an email address for their parent/guardian who will then receive an email with instructions for providing consent. This must be completed in order for a student to access the Outlier LMS.
- Parents/Guardians of students enrolled in the Professional Communication course will also be required to sign up for a Zoom account on their student's behalf.

Selection Criteria

Outlier courses are rigorous, so selecting the right students is key to ensuring success. While there's no application process for our courses nor any single selection requirement, here are a few traits that can indicate a student is a good fit:

- Students in grades 11 and 12 who are ready for a challenge. Exceptions can be made for particularly conscientious students in grades 9 and 10, as long as they're over the age of 13.
- A strong academic record – students with a solid GPA tend to do well.
- Previous experience in advanced coursework, such as dual enrollment, AP, IB, or honors classes.
- Students who are self-motivated, organized, and able to manage their time well.

Pre-Tests

Outlier offers online pre-tests for select courses to help assess whether students are ready for the rigor of a college-level course or provide valuable insight into which students might need additional support if they choose to take the course.

Pretests are available for Precalculus, Calculus 1, College Algebra, Statistics, Computer Science 1, and Financial Accounting.

How it works:

- If the school wants a student to take the pre-test they send the student the link to the pretest webpage (<https://pretests.outlier.org/>)
 - Student will select the course they need to take pre-test for.
 - Student will put their information in and will be required to provide a school counselor or teacher email address as well as their own.
 - The quiz results are sent to both the student and the teacher or guardian email addresses provided. A 70% is considered passing, meaning students who receive a 70% or better are likely to be a good fit for Outlier courses.
- **Note:** Pretest results are not stored on our databases and will not affect the ability of the school to sign up students for a course.
- Students can take pretests multiple times.