

Rising Grade 9 Students

Frequently Asked Questions about the Course Selection Process

Does turning in the COURSE REQUEST FORM early mean that my rising Grade 9 student has a better chance of getting into their top choice elective(s)?

No, students who turn in their **COURSE REQUEST FORM** early do not receive any preferential benefit, as course requests for all rising Grade 9 students are put through simultaneously at a later date.

What if I disagree with a Grade 8 teacher's recommendation for course placement and want my student to take a different level course during Grade 9?

The Grade 8 classroom teachers have in-depth knowledge of the content of courses taught within their department/subject. In addition, they are usually aware of the level of expectation within each course. Knowing each student and the kind of work of which they are capable, teachers can make valid recommendations as to which courses to take in Grade 9.

However, if a parent/guardian disagrees with the level recommendation that a teacher has made, they have the right to override that recommendation. In order to do this, write down the name and level of the course that you want your student to take under **SECTION 2** of your students' **COURSE REQUEST FORM**. Please note that as indicated on the bottom of the **COURSE REQUEST FORM**: "Parents have the right to override teacher recommendations for course levels. However, if you choose to do so, a level change may not be possible during the school year, based upon space."

When will my rising Grade 9 student receive their class schedule?

Student schedules will be mailed home in August.

When will I find out who my rising Grade 9 student's school counselor is?

School counselors for incoming Grade 9 students are assigned over the summer. When you receive your student schedule in the mail in August, the name of their school counselor will be indicated on the top, right hand corner of the schedule.

What if I want to make a change to my rising Grade 9 students' schedule once we receive it in the mail this summer?

The course selection process is one that should be a cooperative venture among the student, the parent, the teacher, and the counselor. It is expected that when these course selections are made, the student will have the fortitude to stick with the decision. If schedule changes are necessary, time-lines are as follows:

1. All schedule changes for a semester course must be initiated within the first ten school days of the year.
 2. All schedule changes for a year-long course must be initiated within the first fifteen school days of the year.
- Please note, however, that any such change must be discussed with the student's parents/guardians, teachers involved in the change, and the student's school counselor. Although some changes may be made, it should be clearly understood that the reason has to be valid and that the requests will not be automatically honored.
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Where can I find additional information about the courses offered at Framingham High School?

The **FHS PROGRAM OF STUDIES** provides important information regarding scheduling and course selection, including descriptions of courses offered at Framingham High School. The **FHS PROGRAM OF STUDIES** is accessible on the FHS Website: <http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/fhs> (scroll down to "Quick Links" on the right-hand side of the page).