

Forecasting FAQ

Q: Can I schedule an individual meeting with my student's school counselor to go over their course options for next year?

A: There will be an opportunity for students to receive and review their schedule and make any appropriate changes as needed during Bears are Back in August 2020. If the student has been misplaced or there is a need for a level placement change that can be made at this time.

Q: How many core credits and alternate choices should my student forecast for?

A: Students must forecast for 7 credits. These classes must include (Language Arts, World History, Math, Science, Health 1, P.E. and 2 credits Elective Choices. Students must also forecast for 6 alternate courses. If students do not select 6 alternate choices, they will be auto populated and unable to request a schedule change.

Q: How will I know appropriate placement for my student's core courses when forecasting?

A: Students and parents should consult with their current teachers and refer to our curriculum guide for recommendations on placement for each specific course.

[See the Curriculum Guide here](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Course Prerequisites and grade level requirements for ALL courses

Q: Can my student take classes online?

A: Students may take classes online via Bend-LaPine Online School. If your student is interested in taking online classes, please have them ask their counselor at the start of the school year. Please NOTE: ALL 9th grade students must have 7 classes physically on campus

Q: When can my student enroll in IB or AP classes?

A: Due to the rigorous nature of our IB level courses. IB courses are reserved for our 11th and 12th grade students only. If a student is interested in completing the full IB diploma please contact IB coordinators during sophomore year.

Q: How do I know the appropriate math sequence and placement for my student?

A: Please see the curriculum guide for appropriate placement and prerequisites for math sequence in addition to: Math Sequencing, see below.

If my student has completed and passed high school Algebra 1 (must be labeled and coded as Algebra 1 on their middle school transcript), then take Honors Geometry

If my student has completed and passed high school Geometry, (must be labeled and coded as Geometry on their middle school transcript), then they take Algebra 1

If my student has taken high school Algebra 1 and high school Geometry (must be labeled and coded as Algebra 1 and Geometry on their middle school transcript), then take Advanced Algebra 2

90% of all incoming 9th graders will be taking Algebra 1

Q: Can my student have an open period?

A: If your student will be a junior or senior next year, they may have either an open period at the beginning or end of the day if they are on track to graduate and have counselor approval. Students may not have an open period during the middle of the day unless they are given parent/guardian, counselor, *and* administrative approval. Please note, students may not be on campus during an open period.

Q: Can my student request to have classes at specific times or with specific teachers?

A: No. In order to successfully schedule 1,800 students into a 7-period day, it is not possible to accommodate specific requests regarding class meeting times and teachers. However, if your student has a serious concern due to a medical need, please contact your student's counselor to discuss options.

Q: If my student changes their mind regarding the classes they want to take, can they change their schedule in the Fall?

A: The master schedule is built based on student forecasting data. Therefore, it is very important that all students, with parent involvement, complete the forecasting process in a serious manner as schedule changes are extremely limited after the master schedule is complete. There will be an opportunity for students to receive and review their schedule and make any appropriate changes as needed during Bears are Back in August 2020. If the student has been misplaced or there is a need for a level placement change that can be made at this time. Please be diligent about choosing elective courses.

Q: When do I need to have my forecasting sheet and enrollment packet completed?

A: Completed forecasting sheet and enrollment packet should be returned by Friday, April 3rd by 3:00 p.m. to Bend Senior High School Counseling Office. Please see Brooke Baxter.

****If you still have questions that are not addressed above, please fill out the [following form](#) and someone from our Counseling Department will respond to you via email.**