

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM 8TH GRADE PARENTS

1. Does my child have to take a world language to graduate?

No, students do not have to take a foreign language to graduate from high school. 4 year colleges want to see a student have either two years of two different foreign languages (Latin 1 and 2 and French 1 and 2 for example) or three years of one foreign language (Spanish 1,2,and 3 for example). If your student struggles with English, they should NOT take a foreign language as a freshman. They should instead work on getting the hang of high school and the workload and getting their study skills up to par.

2. What happens if my child has an IEP? What does that look like at the high school?

Students that have IEP's will continue to get services at the high school. Intervention Specialists will be assigned to your student and will be in contact with you concerning IEP meetings, goals, and any issues.

3. How does my child sign up to go to the KCCC?

There is an online application that will open up the fall before the year they plan on attending. The KCCC looks at credits, attendance, and certain labs look for a grade of C or higher in Algebra 1 and Biology.

4. How does my child get in the honors track?

For English there is an application that is due to the middle school counselors by Feb. 1st. Students must also have an A in 8th grade English and a score of a 4 or a 5 on their 7th grade OCBA English test.

For students that did not take 8th grade Algebra 1 and have a recommendation from their math teacher to accelerate, there is an option to take Algebra 1 through credit flex to jump into the honors track for math. The only reason to do this is if you plan to reach AP Calculus by the time you graduate. Credit Flex forms are available before spring break in the high school guidance office. The fee for the course is \$150 and it must be completed before August 1. Students have to earn a B+ to move to Geometry Honors. If they earn a B or lower they would be scheduled for Geometry.

5. Does my child have to take a study hall?

No, BUT we encourage all freshmen to have one. The workload increases drastically at the high school level and we want to make sure they have enough time to get their work completed. We hope students will get involved in activities and if they are active in sports, they often arrive back home late and a study hall helps reduce the amount of work they do at home.

6. What is a HIVE period?

A HIVE period is similar to a homeroom or mini study hall that is usually in the middle of the day. It is a common time that students will have access to their teachers for make-up work or help. This is usually around 30 minutes but we are unsure what this will look like exactly for next year. We do know that it will not be an hour long.

7. How many classes does my student need to pick on their scheduling sheet?

Your student needs to pick enough classes to fill up at least six full periods of a schedule (if they want a study hall). That could be 6 - 1 credit classes or 5 - 1 credit classes and 2 - semester long classes like health and PE. If your student does not want a study hall then the maximum amount of periods they can schedule is 7. Remember, we encourage all freshmen to have a study hall but scheduling sheets look different for every student.

8. Will students get a locker?

Yes

9. Are all freshmen in lunch together?

Yes

10. What are the rules concerning phone usage?

There are “green” areas where students are permitted to have their phones out. There are also “red” areas where students are not allowed to have their phones out (for example the office and the locker room / bathroom). Otherwise it is up to the discretion of the classroom teacher but most will have either a green or red phone sign in their room indicating their preference.

11. Can I carry a backpack?

Yes!

12. What are the requirements for graduation?

Students must complete their 20 credits, show Competency with their ELA 2 and Algebra 1 EOC scores of a 684 or higher, AND show readiness by completing two seals. This link is very helpful!

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Sections/Classes-of-2023-and-Beyond-Graduation-Requirements/GradReq2023.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>

13. Is tutoring available?

HIVE is a common time students can get help with their academics from their teachers. Students can also arrange with their teacher after school help if needed. Most teachers are readily available if asked ahead of time.

National Honors Society has offered Academic Assistance in the past during study hall. That is a time students can get help from upperclassmen in certain subjects if needed.