

Registration Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many classes will I have for the school year?

A: You will have a total of 15 classes. 8 classes are required and 7 are your choice. Your required 9th grade courses are: English 9A, English 9B (or PreAP English 9A & 9B), American Citizenship, Principles of Physics, Principles of Chemistry, Principles of Engineering, & 2 Math Courses.

Q: What classes should I choose for my electives?

A: Some common choices for 9th grade classes include: Foundations of Fitness (required: suggested in 9th or 10th grade), Foreign Language (not a HS graduation requirement), Safety Education (driver's education), Intro to _____ (beginning course in field of interest), Math (a third math class), and Band/Choir.

Q: When will I get my schedule?

A: During January-March, the HS staff will work on making decisions on what courses will be offered based on student requests. The master schedule will be built during April-June and students will receive their schedule in early August. Students will have an opportunity to modify their schedule on select days before school begins.

Q: What is PreAP English and should I take it?

A: PreAP English is a more advanced English course for students who love to read, write, and critically analyze literature. This course is considered "honors" and is strongly recommended, but not required, as a prerequisite to Pre-AP English 10A and 10B, AP Language, and AP Literature. To prepare for these upper-level classes, we will practice close reading and critical analysis of both literature and non-fiction to understand the way writers use language to make and convey meaning. We will also study vocabulary, grammar, syntax, and style as means of refining our writing. Emphasis will be placed on the writing process, which will include both in-class essays and essays involving a revision process with multiple drafts, as well as creative writing. If you are unsure if this is a good course for you, please contact your Language Arts teacher or counselor. Recommend students be in the top 25% of class.

There is REQUIRED summer work associated with this course!

Q: If I am taking Spanish/French this year, should I take Spanish 1 or Spanish 2 in 9th grade?

A: If you are doing well in Spanish/French as an 8th grader and feel you understand the material well, you can register for Spanish 2/French 2. If Spanish/French is challenging and you feel you could use a refresher, you may want to choose Spanish 1/French 1.

Foreign language is not required for graduation, but some colleges may request you have 2 years of the same foreign language for admission.

Q: How do I know which Math class to choose?

A: Most students will start with Intermediate Alg (A&B). If you would like to take a 3rd Math class, you could then sign up for Geometry A. If you are currently taking Intermediate Alg as an 8th grade student, you would sign up for Geometry (A&B) and Alg 2A if you want a 3rd math course. Your Math teachers or counselor can help you with this if you are unsure which to sign up for.

Q: Who can I ask if I have more questions?

A: The HS counselors are here to help you! Please contact the counselor assigned to you based on your last name.

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