



**Registering for 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Answers to Common Questions**

**How are parents involved in course selection for ninth grade?**

- Parents are encouraged to attend *Royal Opportunity Night* at WHS on Monday, January 6, 6:00-7:30 p.m. with their student. Two sessions will be available in the WHS auditorium to help parents understand the high school curriculum. Academic departments will have stations set up where families can visit with teachers regarding questions. Clubs will be represented around the in-door track so students can get ideas of how to get involved next year.
- Parents should review their student's course selections/course card prior to the following dates, when WHS counselors will at the middle schools to answer questions, collect course cards and assist students to register online at school. After this date parents may view their student's class choices on parent portal to check for accuracy.

**Lake Middle School: Tuesday, January 14, 2020  
Woodbury Middle School: Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

- Parents are strongly encouraged to access district 833's "*Program of Studies*" which can be found on the Woodbury High School website under the student tab. The "*Program of Studies*" includes short descriptions of all high school classes as well as other valuable information such as math and science pathways, high school four- year planning guide, college requirements and more.

**What math class should I take in 9<sup>th</sup> grade?**

Please look in the *Program of Studies* for a table with the math sequence. Ask your current math teacher if you are unsure.

**What science class should I take in 9<sup>th</sup> grade?**

Please look in the *Program of Studies* for a table with the science sequence options. Ask your current science teacher if you are unsure.

**What WHS classes are year- long commitments?**

Band, Orchestra, Choir, World Languages and Project Lead The Way Engineering classes are all year- long classes. Music students will be placed in the appropriate band, choir or orchestra.

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### **Do I need to take a world language to graduate from high school?**

World language is NOT required to graduate from high school, however, most four- year colleges require that you take a minimum of two years of the same world language while in high school.

### **What world languages are offered at Woodbury High School?**

WHS offers American Sign Language (ASL), French, German, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish classes.

### **Should I take Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) courses?**

You will best prepare yourself for college by taking classes that challenge you **and** are the most appropriate for you. Honors classes dive deeper into the curriculum and require that a student is a good reader, is hard working, and is committed to being prepared for class each day. Advanced Placement classes are college level classes and along with honors classes they require reading and studying every night. As you decide whether to take honors and/or AP classes consider taking these challenging courses in subjects that you enjoy and also consider your extra-curricular time commitments.

### **What are weighted grades?**

Some rigorous class grades are weighted with a 1.2 multiplier. Weighted classes open to freshmen include Advanced Placement and Project Lead The Way Engineering. (More information can be found in the Program of Studies.)

### **What are “alternate elective courses”?**

Alternate electives are courses that you will be given if a one trimester course that you have requested is not offered or the student cannot get a course due to a conflict with another course that was chosen. Students should choose their alternate electives carefully because students often end up taking one or more of their alternate class choices. Students need to list three alternate electives on their course card.

### **When can I register for a Summer Academy Enrichment class?**

The time to register for a Summer Academy Enrichment class is **now!** Only one class is open to incoming ninth grade students:

Survive and Return is a class taught by WHS JROTC instructors. It is a review of basic survival skills and concludes with an overnight outdoor survival camp.

Survive and Return will meet weekday mornings, August 3-14, 2020. Transportation is **not** provided. You will register for these classes at the same time that you register for the rest of your ninth grade classes.

### **Who can I talk to if I have questions?**

Your middle school counselor may be able to answer your questions. Parents and students may also email or call Woodbury High School Counselors.

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**Be Ready to Register!**