



Shawnee Mission West H.S.

2020-21 Enrollment for 9th grade at Shawnee Mission West High School

For 8th Graders Enrolling at Shawnee Mission West Next Year

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5:30-8:00 pm, Signature Summit at Center for Academic Achievement. Learn about special programs that will be offered at the CAA & CTC that can be taken beginning in the sophomore year.

Tuesday, January 21 – Enrollment materials given to 8th grade students in their Westridge English classes.

Monday, January 27, 6:30 p.m. – Viking View Orientation Night at Shawnee Mission West for parents and students.

Friday, January 31 – Enrollment cards due to the students’ 8th grade English teachers.

Monday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 4 – High school counselors will meet with each student about his or her enrollment.

The updated Program Planning Guide with important enrollment information is available online. Go to www.smsd.org. Click on “Academics” and then click on “Curriculum & Instruction”. Then you will see a link to the 2020-2021 High School Program Planning Guide.

Welcome to Shawnee Mission West! We look forward to meeting your student and making the transition to high school an easy one. Academic planning is the first important step. Please be involved in the decision-making process! While it seems very early to be thinking about next year when your child is just completing the first half of 8th grade, we are already planning for enrollment in 9th grade. Please be aware of the important dates listed. Discuss with your child how important it is to make good choices about enrollment. Please sign your child’s enrollment card before it is returned to the school. Some courses have fees and we want parents to approve their child’s enrollment in these courses.

Class Placement

Many questions will come up about whether your child should take honors classes. Our goal is to have students appropriately placed in classes where they will be academically successful. Some students need the challenge of four honors classes while other students may be more appropriately placed in standard level courses. Maybe your child should consider taking one or two honors courses. Learning about the expectations of the

different levels of classes will be an important part of ***Viking View on January 27th***. Please come hear the teachers talk about the expectations of each level of classes and then decide what is best for your student. We want to push our students to achieve at the highest academic level. **However, if a student chooses to take an honors class, he or she needs to stay there for at least the first semester.** Parents and students, along with the guidance of

current teachers and high school counselors, are empowered to make the best decision for each individual. While current grades and MAP scores will be of assistance in making these decisions, the biggest contributor to success in high school is the level of motivation of each student to achieve at the highest academic level. Please feel free to contact the Counseling Office if you have questions about class placement.

Summer School/eSchool Registration begins on February 10, 2020, at Shawnee Mission West. Summer school will be held at Shawnee Mission North High School. Students may want to consider taking Foundations of PE, Health, Intro to Studio Art, or Art History in Summer School/eSchool to allow more time for electives during the school year. Both options have a course fee. Information can be found at www.smsd.org/academics.

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