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TRANSITIONS

A GUIDE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN | CLASS OF 2025





WELCOME FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Dear SHS Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Patriot Family! We know that the transition from eighth grade to high school is both exciting and filled with many questions. Please know that members of the Student Services Division are here to help you navigate the high school journey as you explore the many classes, activities, programs, resources and other adventures that await.

The pages of this Transitions Guide are filled with information about the important events that will take place over the next several months to ensure a smooth transition to high school. The answers to many of your questions may be found in this guide. Please review this guide and Incoming Freshman webpage carefully and mark your calendars with the dates of upcoming events.

For your information, you may always reach Stevenson High School by calling our switchboard at 847-415-4000 between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on any school day. You may also contact departments directly. Many of these phone numbers may be found in this guide and are also located on our website.

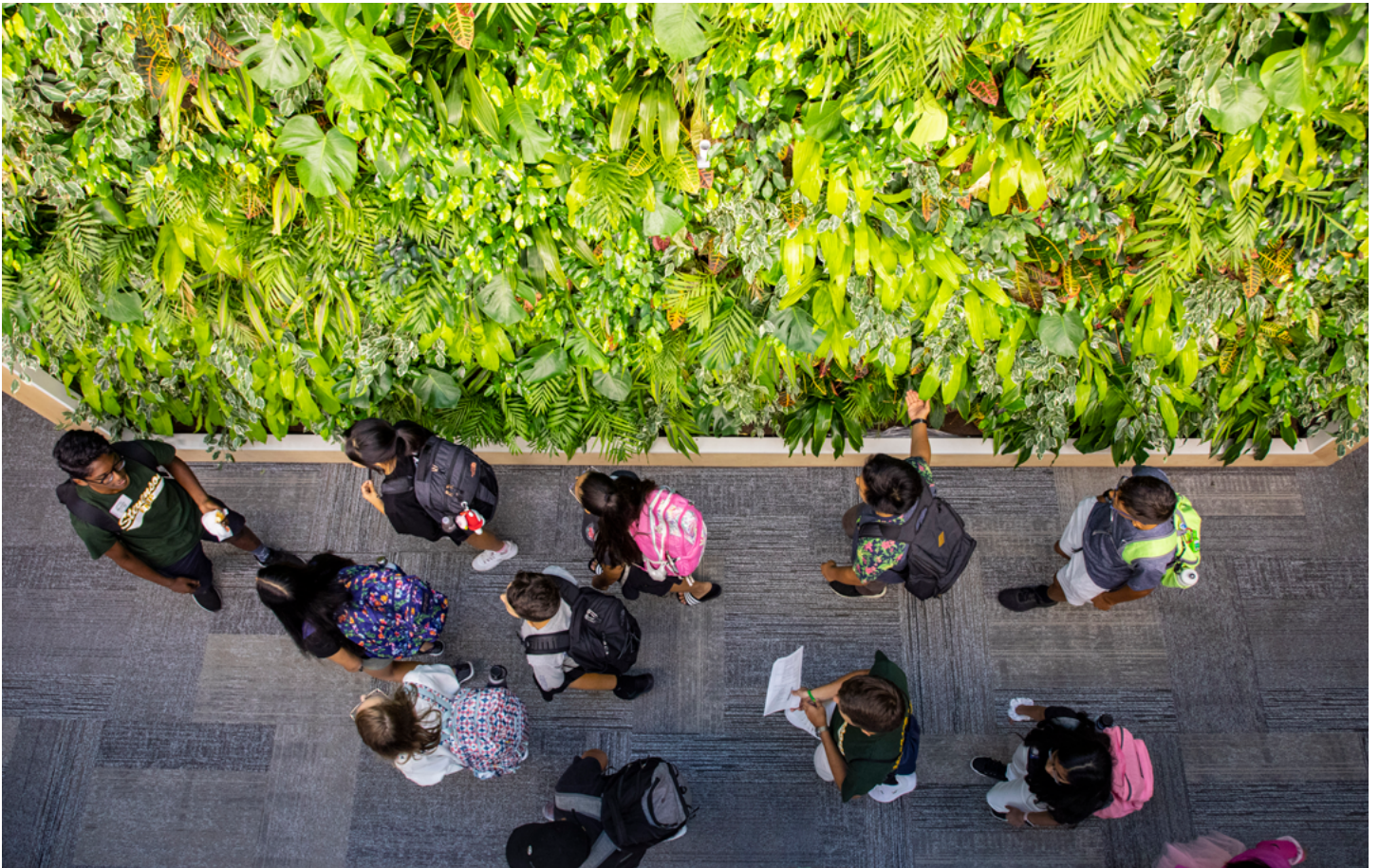
Stevenson High School is a special place with countless opportunities inside our classrooms and beyond. We look forward to working with your family over the next four years.

Kind regards,

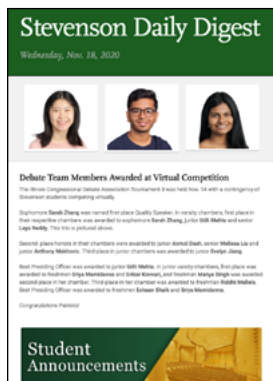
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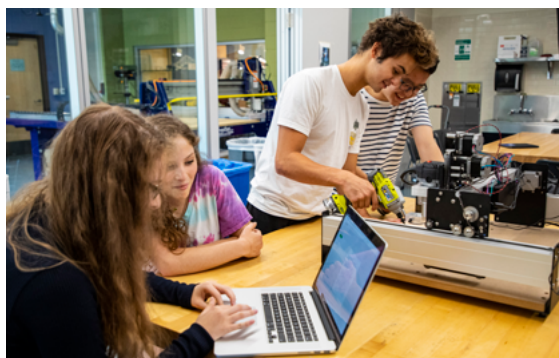


NEWS ALERTS

Stevenson High School offers two electronic newsletters to help students and families stay informed.



To subscribe to the *Daily Digest* and/or weekly *e-Minuteman* please visit: www.d125.org/about/publications.



2021-22 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

View the most current academic calendar at:
<https://www.d125.org/academics/2021-22-academic-calendar>.

Dates are subject to change. Please check the Stevenson website regularly for the latest updates.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Stevenson supports the active use of social media by our teachers, coaches, sponsors and administrators. Facebook, Twitter and other social networks make it easier for Stevenson parents/guardians, students and fans to get the latest news and information about our school.

We encourage you to review the social media accounts and connect with us, show your support for our school and participate in an open exchange of information and ideas.

Sites listed include official social media channels for Stevenson High School as well as social media sites managed by Stevenson divisions, athletic teams, clubs, parent groups and teacher sites that are active and open for anyone to follow.

Visit:
www.d125.org/about/social-media-directory.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND COURSE SELECTION

INCOMING FRESHMAN FAMILY ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Stevenson's Incoming Freshman Family Orientation Program is designed for new students and their families to help familiarize them with Stevenson and the online enrollment process. View the latest details here: www.d125.org/incoming-freshmen.



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Families will receive information on how to complete the online enrollment process via an email sent the week following winter break. Parents will need to review and upload the required school enrollment documents and complete the information listed below.

- ❶ Household Information
- ❷ Parent/Guardian Information
- ❸ Student Information
- ❹ Annual Affirmation of Legal Residency
- ❺ Consent for Records
- ❻ Home Language Survey



WELCOME PACKET

Incoming freshman families will receive a Freshman Welcome packet which will be mailed home during the week that Stevenson returns from winter break. The packet will include:

- ❶ 2021-22 Coursebook
www.d125.org/academics/coursebook
- ❷ Freshman Course List
- ❸ Health Forms
- ❹ Summer School catalog
- ❺ Co-Curricular Activities brochure
- ❻ Sports Booster flyer



REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS

Families will receive information on how to complete the required health information via a Freshman Welcome packet mailed home. Parents will need to review and return the required health documents and complete the information listed below.

- ❶ Certificate of Child Health Examination
- ❷ Health Emergency form
- ❸ Dental Examination form
- ❹ Permission to Administer Medication and Action Plans (optional)

All health forms are due by June 1. Forms are available at www.d125.org/parents/medical-health-forms.



COURSE SELECTION

In mid-January, incoming freshman families will receive a letter sharing their student's course placement recommendations in English, mathematics, science and if applicable, world languages.

Shortly after this information is mailed home, Stevenson will host three virtual course selection evenings for incoming freshman families:

- ❶ Jan. 21 Last Names A-I
 - ❷ Jan. 26 Last Names J-R
 - ❸ Jan. 27 Last Names S-Z
- During these evenings, families will have the opportunity to virtually meet with a Stevenson school counselor or director for support choosing classes for the 2021-22 school year.

COURSE VERIFICATION

The completed 2021-22 Incoming Freshman Course Selection form must be returned by the January 29 deadline in order to ensure a smooth transition to high school. Once received, an Incoming Freshman Course Verification Confirmation sheet will be mailed home in early February. Instructions for submitting requests for an elective course change will also be included.

STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

All freshmen will have the Student Guidebook downloaded onto their school-issued iPads. This guidebook will support the transition to high school by familiarizing students with school procedures and providing an opportunity to establish goals, manage time, enter assignments, establish priorities and record personal and social information. Students may also purchase a paper version in the School Store.



QUESTIONS?

To view the latest enrollment and course selection details and deadlines, visit: www.d125.org/incoming-freshmen or call Student Services at 847-415-4502.

SUMMER READING

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding summer reading, call the Communications Arts Office at 847-415-4325.



SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

All incoming freshmen must read a designated book for their English class over the summer. Please check the summer reading webpage for lists of specific titles: <https://www.d125.org/academics/summer-reading>.

At the beginning of the school year, students will be expected to participate in discussions, use evidence from their book in their writing and demonstrate (in various ways) that they have read the book.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of the summer reading?

- To promote reading for enjoyment.
- To increase reading skill. Studies show that the more you read, the better reader you will become.
- To become acquainted with the general topics and themes of the course.

Are there any questions I should keep in mind as I read?

Yes. As you read, consider the following:

- How does the main character change/mature over the course of the novel?
- What are the central conflicts the main character faces? How are they resolved?
- What lessons does the main character learn?
- What are some of the important ideas in the book?

Should I annotate my book?

Your teachers encourage annotation while reading as a way to engage in active reading; however, it is not required for the summer reading assignment.

Where can I find a copy of the book?

Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com are good resources, as well as the local libraries.

SUMMER PROGRAMS



SUMMER SCHOOL

Stevenson High School offers a two-semester academic summer school program. Summer school is an extension of the school's regular academic program designed to provide students with opportunities to gain academic credit, receive enrichment or remediation and explore new interests.

Incoming freshmen are strongly encouraged to consider enrolling in summer school, as it facilitates the adjustment and transition to high school. About 70% of Stevenson's incoming freshmen enroll in summer school annually.

Read about summer school courses and get the latest session information at: www.d125.org/academics/summer-school.



NEED HELP?

For questions regarding summer school, contact the Summer School Office at 847-415-4520, or email: summerschoolreg@d125.org.

SUMMER CAMP

The Patriot Recreation Education Program (PREP) is planning to offer summer camps for incoming students in grades 2-12 in nearly every sport at Stevenson as well as other interests including music, art, science, day camp and more. Current student-athletes in grade 7 and 8 can get a head start by attending the Future Patriots Athletic Night tentatively scheduled for May 21. Registration is open now for all spring courses.

Information on summer sports camps and other activities offered by Stevenson's PREP will be available online after April 15 but may change depending on high school sports seasons and other factors. View the PREP brochure at www.d125.org/prep.



QUESTIONS?

For more information on PREP summer camps, visit: www.d125.org/prep.

For questions, contact the PREP Office at 847-415-4145.

TECHNOLOGY



HOW FRESHMEN RECEIVE THEIR IPAD

All incoming freshmen receive an iPad which they keep until they earn a diploma with Stevenson. Students should expect to use these to access textbooks, class assignments and communicate with their teachers. Class of 2025 students attending summer school will receive their SHS iPad in the classroom on the first day of summer school. Students attending the first session of summer school, will receive their SHS iPad on Tuesday, June 8. If a student only attends the second session, they will receive their SHS iPad on Tuesday, July 6.

For students attending summer school

An optional hour-long iPad orientation session will start at 1 p.m. on June 8 and again on July 6. The session will be held in Link Lab (Room 3016). Students may sign up by replying to the email they will receive about this session. Additionally, students may simply show up to either session.

For students *not* attending summer school

SHS iPads will be distributed on Freshmen Orientation Day, Wednesday, August 11. An optional hour-long iPad orientation session will be available at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, August 12. The session will be held in Link Lab, Room 3016. Students may sign up by replying to the email they will receive about this session. Additionally, students may simply show up to this session.

For frequently asked questions about SHS iPads

Please visit: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bdNRT0q2YjPCl2a1_Lem2ytJPgQ6r3JVh_NQYQmc4Dg/edit#.

STUDENT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Stevenson students are given access to several different technology programs. Every student is provided with a network account, an email account, Canvas account, IRC account and an Infinite Campus account. Login information (account names and passwords) should be kept private at all times. Additionally, all freshmen will have the Student Guidebook downloaded onto their iPads.

Students with questions or needing assistance with an SHS-issued iPad should visit the technicians at the SMARTdesk. The SMARTdesk is located in the Link Labs building. During summer school, the SMARTdesk is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special hours will be posted. During the school year, it is open on regular school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On late arrival days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special hours will be posted.



During the school year, computers are available for student use in the Information Learning Center (ILC) in the West Building (Room 1300) or in the East Learning Center (Room 7026). Freshmen may use the desktop computers during study hall by asking a classroom teacher for a pass to one of the Learning Centers from study hall.

The use of a Stevenson High School computer is intended to serve instructional purposes only, playing games is not permitted. In exchange for the privilege of using the District's computers, computer network and internet access, students must consent to staff members monitoring such use.

In order to use the internet, a summer school student must have a signed Acceptable Use Guideline form (regarding access and use of the District Information Services systems) on file. For the school year, students will agree to acceptable use during the registration process. Inappropriate use of the District's computers, computer network and/or internet access may be considered gross disobedience or misconduct.

NEED HELP?

For additional information regarding technology services for students, please visit the online SMARTdesk webpage: www.d125.org/students/ipads-smartdesk.

FINE ARTS



AUDITIONS

Follow SHS social media and Stevenson's Fine Arts webpage for specific audition dates for each activity: <https://www.d125.org/arts>.



FINE ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

SPRING 2021

General Dance Company
Summer/Fall Color Guard

SUMMER 2021

Marching Band

FALL 2021

Baroque Ensemble
Children's Play
Dance Companies Placement and Transfer Student Auditions (Repertory and Mélange)
Fall Musical
Fall Play Auditions
Improv Comedy Team: The Failed Presidential Candidates
Jazz Ensembles (Instrumental)
Marching Band
Pit Orchestra
Vocal Groups: Just the Guys, Lady Jazz and Jazz, Etc.
Winter Guard

WINTER 2021-22

Dance Companies Auditions (Repertory and Mélange)
Frosh/Soph Play
Madrigals
Winter Play

SPRING 2022

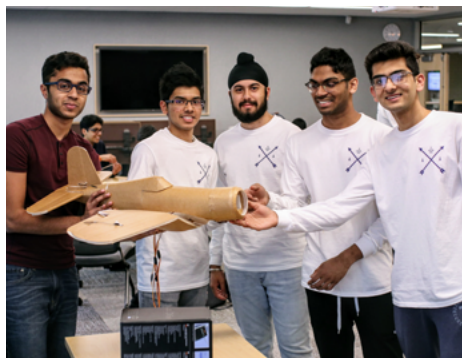
Spring Play One Acts
General Dance Company Auditions
Fall Color Guard Auditions
Fall Play Auditions



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-Curricular activities are extremely popular at Stevenson. Ninety-three percent of the student body participate in at least one club, sport or activity by the time they graduate. Last year, more than 3,000 students performed almost 83,000 hours of volunteer work in school and community service clubs. Over half of the student body is involved in our vast intramural program. The theatre, dance, choral, orchestra and band programs boasted nearly 1,200 participants. More than 650 students participated in student government last year.

There are more than 140 clubs and activities in which a freshman can participate. Information about all of these activities can be found at: www.d125.org/students/activities.



Each freshman student will receive a Co-Curricular brochure in the Freshman Welcome packet that will be handed out during Freshman Advisory. Students are also invited to participate in activities through freshmen advisories. Club and sport announcements are announced during the Stevenson Network News (SNN) broadcast that starts each school day.

CO-CURRICULAR FAIR

The Co-Curricular Fair will be held virtually over a three-day period on March 16, 17 and 18. Students will be able to view a short webinar describing the opportunities available to them and a variety of groups will host meetings so students will be able to learn about them and can ask questions. All incoming freshmen and their families are invited to virtually attend and hear from coaches, club sponsors and current Stevenson students who represent over 35 sports teams, more than 140 co-curricular clubs and many intramural programs. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about all that Stevenson offers.



QUESTIONS?

For more details regarding Stevenson's co-curricular activities, contact Student Activities at 847-415-4462 or visit: www.d125.org/students/activities.

2021-22 CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES*

2-D + 3-D Art Studio
 Aerospace + Aviation Club
Ambassador Yearbook
 American Sign Language Club (ASL)
 Animal Welfare Club (AWC)
 Anime Club
 Archery Club
 Architecture + Engineering Club
 Art Club
 Art From The Heart (AFH)
 Auto Club
 Badminton Club (Boys)
 Baroque Ensemble + Viol Consort
 Bass Fishing
 Best Buddies
 Best Buddies Transition
 Biology Olympiad
 Black Association of Stevenson Students (BASS)
 Board Game Club
 Breakfast with Books
 Business Professionals of America (BPA)
 Calligraphy Club
 Catalyst
 Chemistry Club
 Chess Club
 Chinese Club | Chinese Honor Society
 Choreography Club
 Class Board
 Club Israel (Hebrew Club)
 Color Guard + Winter Guard
 Computer Science Club
 Cultural Cuisine Club
 Debate
 Diversity Council | World's Fair (Divco)
 DJ Club
 Drum + Percussion Club
 Economics Club
 Entrepreneurship Club
 eSports
 Ethics Bowl Club
 Everlasting Promise in Christ (E.P.I.C.)
 (Non-sanctioned club)
 Family, Career and Community Leaders of
 America (FCCLA)
 Filipino American Student Association (FASA)
 Film Club
 FIRE (Fostering Inter-Cultural Respect and
 Empowerment Club)
 Food Revolution
 Free The Children (FTC)
 French Club | French Honor Society (FHS)

Freshman Mentor Program (FMP)
 Friends International
 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
 Future Doctors of America
 Future Educators of America (FEA)
 Future Health Professionals (HOSA)
 Future Public Health Leaders (FPHL)
 Garden | Horticulture Club
 Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)
 Geography Club (Geo Club)
 German Club | German Honor Society
 Girls in STEAM
 Green Team
 Guitar Club
 Hebrew National Honor Society (HNHS)
 History Bowl/Bee
 History Fair Club/National History Day
 Improv Comedy Team:
 Failed Presidential Candidates
 In the Loop (Knitting Club)
 Indian Student Association (ISA)
 Interactive Gamers Club (IGC)
 International Thespian Society (ITS)
 Japan Club
 Jazz Combo • Ensemble • Lab Band
 Jazz Etc.
 Just The Guys
 Key Club International
 Kiva
 Korean Club
 Lady Jazz
 Latin Club
 Latino Hispanic Student Association
 Law Club | Mock Trial
 Lean In Feminism Club
 Marching Band
 Mascot | Pep Club
 Math Team
 Mélange Dance Company
 Mind Your Mind
 Model United Nations Team
 Odyssey Student Volunteer Club
 Open Gym
 Operation Snowball (OS)
 Pass on the Beat
 Peer Helpers
 Peer Tutors | Conversation Partners
 Pep Band
 Philosophy Club
 Photography Studio

Physics Club
 Polish Club | Polish Honor Society
 Political Action Club (PAC)
 Poster Design Club
 Print Media Club
 Project Pen Pal
 Psychology Club
 Repertory Dance Company
 Rotary Youth Club (RYC) (Interact)
 Russian Club
 Scholastic Bowl-Varsity and JV
 (Quiz Bowl, SchoBowl)
 Science Bowl
 Science Olympiad Team
 Science REACH Club
 Script Studio (TBA)
 SHS-TV
 Skatriettes
 Spanish Club
 Spanish Honor Society
 Sports Analytics Club
 StageCrafters Technical
 Theatre Club
 Startups in Business and
 Technology (SBT)
Statesman Newspaper
 Stevenson Live
 Stevenson Network News (SNN)
 Stevenson Patriots In New Situations (SPINS)
 Stevenson Peer Theater (SPT)
 (Snow Flake)
 Stevenson Sports Broadcasting
 Stevenson Styler Fashion Club
 Strings Board
 Student Ambassadors Club
 Student Council (StuCo)
 Students Helping Soldiers (S*H*S)
 Table Tennis | Advanced Table Tennis
 TEAMS/ACES
The WIT + The Half-Wit
 Theatre Productions
 Tri-M Music Honor Society
 VEX Robotics Club
 Video Game Club (VGC)
 WAES-FM Radio Station
 Weight Room • Cardio Fitness Center
 Write Club
 Youth and Government (YAG)-Judicial
 Zumba Club

* Stop by Student Activities to learn about the latest
 co-curricular activities as this list may be modified
 or canceled due to the latest safety guidelines or
 interest level.

ATHLETICS

2021 FALL ATHLETIC REGISTRATION DUE BY AUG. 1, 2021.

Fall Stevenson athletes must complete registration for the 2021 season by Aug. 1. Registration for winter and spring athletes is due five days prior to the tryout date.

The registration procedure requires the online Athletic Participation form to be filled out *after* a student's school registration has been completed. (Please allow a 24-hour processing period between school registration and athletic online registration).

The Past Medical History and Certificate of Child Health Examination form (physical) must be submitted to the school nurse five days prior to the tryout date.

The Athletic Participation form registers the athlete for fall, winter and spring sports for the 2021-22 school year and is available on the Stevenson Athletics' webpage: www.d125.org/athletics.

The Certificate of Child Health Examination form is a doctor's confirmation that the athlete is physically able to participate in athletics. The athletic physical cannot be more than 395 days old during the time of athletic participation according to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). This form is available on the Stevenson Health Services webpage at: www.d125.org/students/health-services-nurses.

It is imperative that the student's physician circle "Yes" on the Certificate of Child Health Examination form so the student is medically cleared to participate in interscholastic sports. Unregistered athletes will not be allowed to try out, begin practices or participate until all forms are completed, signed and on file in the Athletic Office. All athletes must be covered by some form of insurance in order to participate.





ATHLETIC TEAMS

Check the Athletics webpage for specific tryout dates for each sport: www.d125.org/athletics. Some sports may be modified or canceled based upon the latest safety guidelines.

ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

FALL

Allied Bocce (coed)
Allied Bowling (coed)
Cheerleading (boys and girls)
Cross Country (boys and girls)
Field Hockey (girls)
Football (boys)
Golf (boys and girls)
Patriettes (Poms)–Spring 2021 tryouts
Soccer (boys)
Swimming + Diving (girls)
Tennis (girls)
Volleyball (girls)

WINTER

Allied Spirit Revolution (coed)
Allied Basketball (coed)
Basketball (boys and girls)
Bowling (boys and girls)
Cheerleading (boys and girls)
Competitive Dance (boys and girls)
Fencing (boys and girls)
Gymnastics (girls)
Ice Hockey (boys and girls–tryouts in late August)
Swimming + Diving (boys)
Wrestling (boys and girls)

SPRING

Allied Soccer (coed)
Badminton (girls)
Baseball (boys)
Gymnastics (boys)
Lacrosse (boys and girls)
Soccer (girls)
Softball (girls)
Tennis (boys)
Track + Field (boys and girls)
Volleyball (boys)
Water Polo (boys and girls)

STUDENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE DURING ALL THREE SEASONS.

INTRAMURALS AND OPEN GYM

Stevenson High School has one of the largest intramural programs in the country. We have something for everyone and are always looking for new ideas. Stop by the Student Activities office with questions. In 2021-22, we hope to offer the activities listed below but some activities may be modified or canceled based upon the latest safety guidelines.

INTRAMURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Badminton Open Gym (boys and girls)
Baseball Open Hitting (boys)
Basketball Leagues (boys and girls)
Basketball Open Gym (boys and girls)
Cardio Training (coed)
Cricket Club (coed)
Fencing Open Gym (coed)
Fishing Club (coed)

Flag Football Leagues (boys and girls)
Golf Club (coed)
Indoor Climbing Club (coed)
Lacrosse Open Gym (coed)
Polar Bear Running Club (coed)
Ski + Snowboard Club (coed)
Softball Open Hitting (girls)
Squash Club (coed)

Stevenson Strength and Conditioning (SSC)-Virtual (coed)
Volleyball League (coed)
Volleyball Open Gym (coed)
Water Polo-Open Water (boys & girls)
Weight Training (coed)
Wrestling Open Mat (coed)
Yoga-Virtual (coed)

NEED HELP?

If you have any questions regarding intramurals, please call Student Activities at 847-415-4462 or visit: www.d125.org/students/intramurals.

Visit the new IM website for the latest details and intramural league registration information: <https://stevensonhssports.com/home>. Watch for SHS social media posts and emails from Student Activities for activity start times.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are my student's placements determined in English, mathematics, science and world languages?

Placements are determined based on a combination of a student's performance in eighth grade courses, conversations with the student's eighth grade teachers and benchmark data.

Stevenson's divisions may use a slightly different evidence-based process to arrive at placement recommendations, so please review the information for division-specific benchmark details available here: <https://www.d125.org/academics/benchmark-exams>.

Options are available for adjustment but parents and students should discuss this with the student's current teachers.

What if I have questions about my student's placement in English, mathematics, science, world languages, or special education?

You should contact the director of the specific academic department:

English	Douglas Lillydahl 847-415-4326
Mathematics	Darshan Jain 847-415-4601
Science	Dr. Steve Wood 847-415-4401
Special Education	Traci Krawczyk 847-415-4834
World Languages	Justin Fisk 847-415-4701

What is a normal class load?

The typical school day consists of eight 47-minute periods. School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m. Freshmen may enroll in up to seven classes (including physical education or dance) but have the option to enroll in a study hall as opposed to a seventh class. Freshmen are assigned to a lunch/Advisory period. Lunch periods are divided into two periods: 27 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for Advisory.

What is Freshman Advisory?

Freshmen are assigned to an Advisory that meets Monday through Thursday for 20 minutes during their lunch period. Advisories are supervised by selected Stevenson teachers and upperclassmen who enjoy working with students in a less structured setting. The goal of Advisory is to make the transition to Stevenson as smooth as possible for all freshmen. School counselors visit advisories regularly to meet with their students. Additionally, deans and social workers visit advisories throughout the year to ensure students get to know other Student Support Team (SST) members.

Should my student take a full-period study hall or a seventh class?

We recommend that all students should consider the following before deciding:

- A study hall provides a structured time and place to work on homework assignments, get extra help in the learning centers or make up missed tests at the testing center.
- For a student involved in co-curricular activities, a study hall provides time for homework completion.
- A seventh class allows students to explore elective courses. Stevenson offers elective courses across many divisions. Course descriptions can be found in the SHS Coursebook, which is mailed to students and is also available on the Stevenson website.

If undecided about what to do, remember that a student may start a semester with a seventh course and has approximately seven weeks in which to drop a course without suffering any penalty. Talk to a school counselor for more information.

Which courses should my student take for college?

All information pertaining to graduation requirements and college admissions can be found in the beginning pages of the SHS Coursebook. College admissions requirements vary from school to school. Some schools require fine arts, applied arts and/or world language courses. Any questions can be directed to your student's school counselor.

What if my student is having difficulties in a class?

If a student is having a problem in a class, all remedies start with the student talking to the teacher. Students are advised to make an appointment to meet a teacher during free time or a study hall period to discuss the difficulties. Students are also encouraged to meet with their school counselors. Counselors will share resources and supports available and assist students in developing plans to address their concerns.

Should my student take summer school courses?

Summer school is not required, but taking a summer school course allows a student to become familiar with Stevenson's academic policies and procedures and get to know other students. It may also allow a student to create space in their schedule during the school year for an elective course or study hall.

What freshman courses are available in the summer?

Each freshman will receive the Summer School brochure in the mail. Summer school information is also available online at: www.d125.org/academics/summer-school.

Are school counselors available over the summer?

Yes, students can email any course-related questions or request an appointment with a school counselor by emailing summercounselors@d125.org or calling 847-415-4080 over the summer break.

When may a student take Driver Education?

Enrollment in driver education is based on age. Cutoff dates are printed in the SHS Coursebook. This course is normally taken during one semester of sophomore or junior year as students are ineligible to take the course during freshman year. The student must have a social security number, an instruction permit issued by the Secretary of State's office through the Driver Education Department, parental consent, verification of age and have earned at least eight credits in the previous two semesters. Passing the classroom phase of Driver Education is required for graduation.

How do we learn about co-curricular activities?

Each student will receive a Co-Curricular Activities catalog in the mail. Students are also invited to attend the Virtual Co-Curricular Fair (tentatively planned for March 16, 17 and 18) to discover all that Stevenson offers. In addition, club and sport meeting times are announced through the student announcements webpage on the SHS website and through the Stevenson Network News (SNN) morning announcements. Visit these websites for more information:

www.d125.org/students/announcements

www.d125.org/students/activities

Are there late afternoon buses for students involved in sports and student activities?

Monday through Friday, buses leave the Forum from parking lot B at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. One bus goes east and one goes west. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, buses also leave the Forum at 4:30 p.m. The route each bus will take is determined by the destinations of the students riding.

How do I contact my student's counselor?

Parents can always contact a school counselor by email or phone. One option available to freshman families is arranging a SCoPE meeting. Student Counselor Parent Engagement (SCoPE) meetings will consist of a 30-minute meeting with the student, parent/guardian and counselor during which families will have the opportunity to share more information about their student's strengths, interests, goals and concerns. In addition, counselors will provide information about their role in helping students and families to navigate the high school experience as well as make the most of programs and resources offered to support students.

How does my student see their school counselor privately?

Students are able to arrange a meeting with their school counselor during the school day. Students are encouraged to make an appointment during a study hall, lunch period or before school. Appointments can be scheduled through the counselor's Calendly link or by emailing them directly.

What kinds of support services are available at Stevenson High School?

Students experiencing difficulties at Stevenson are referred to the individual's Student Support Team (SST), consisting of school counselor, a school psychologist, a dean and a social worker. Appropriate intervention strategies to promote student success are recommended at weekly SST meetings. More information can be found on the Student Services webpage as well as the Student Learning Program webpage.

Student Services:

www.d125.org/students/student-services

Student Learning Programs:

www.d125.org/academics/tutoring

How does the EBR grading system work?

Evidence-Based Reporting (EBR) measures the student's mastery of the essential standards and targets for a class or how well the student understands the material in class. Students and parents can monitor student growth through the Interactive Report Card (IRC). The final grade is a professional determination of the student's body of work with consideration of their growth.

EBR courses use proficiency scales (and not points) to collect accurate evidence of student performance and academic growth. Students reflect on and grow their knowledge and skills throughout the semester. At the end of the semester, the teacher reviews the evidence presented by each student in each target and converts said evidence into a traditional letter grade. All courses at Stevenson use EBR reporting. For more information on this system, please visit: www.myebrexperience.com/.

Are there any iPad restrictions?

Parents/guardians are encouraged to handle and view the SHS iPad and set any family/household rules about iPads. For example, no iPad use after a certain time and/or no iPads use in private spaces like bedrooms. Whatever rules families have had or now want to set for the household are welcomed. The iPad is still property of the school, until the student graduates. Parents/guardians have the power to control the SHS iPad. Parents are welcome to set restrictions on the school-issued iPad using the options provided within the operating system. In iPadOS 13 there are many new features for restrictions. For details about Apple's iPadOS restrictions, please visit this webpage: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>.

Use of any third-party apps for restrictions of the SHS iPad will conflict with the district management of the iPad and therefore will not function. Parents/guardians may request to have the district add restrictions and manage them. Inquiries for district management of restrictions can be emailed to Nancy Hudson, SMARTdesk Manager at nhudson@d125.org. For frequently asked questions about SHS iPads, please visit this webpage: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bdNRT0q2YjPCL2a1_Lem2ytJPgQ6r3JVh_NQYQmc4Dg/edit.

Do all students need to take swimming?

Swimming is required for every freshman student enrolled in Physical Education. This does not currently include sophomores, juniors or seniors.

When is the first day of school for freshmen?

Freshmen begin Wednesday, Aug. 11, one full weekday prior to the regular starting day. On that day, freshmen attend an orientation meeting in the morning and follow an abbreviated version of their schedule in the afternoon. Regular bus service is available on this day.

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