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# THE COUNSELOR UPDATE



Official newsletter of Farmington High School Counseling Center

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## SIGN UP FOR ONLINE CLASSES



### IMPORTANT DATES!

Sept 2 | Picture Makeup Day

Sept 28-29 | Parent Teacher Conf.



### FILL OUT FHS ONLINE CLASS REQUEST FORM

- You can see a list of classes offered on the form.
- You will need to specify the name of the course as well as the quarter, classes will only be added one quarter at a time.
- You will need to submit another request for the next quarter when your class is completed and your grade is finalized on your transcript.
- If you do not complete the course by the term deadline, you will receive an "I" on your transcript.
- The "I" will not be replaced until you complete the course.

## WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH CLASS CHANGES?

Class changes can be confusing and frustrating. The BEST way to ensure you get the classes you want, is to put those classes on your course request in the spring. Take time to really think about your goals and what you would like to accomplish during your next school year.

We always do class change night on the 2nd night of school so you can get a feel for your classes and decide if you really need a change.

Counselors are unable to accommodate all change requests before school starts (due to the 700+ number of requests we get!) so to make it fair we ask that all students wait until class change night (when we have extra help).

After class change night, it will be very difficult to get classes changed and all class changes must be approved by your teacher.

**NO class changes are allowed after midterm.**



## CHECK YOUR GRAD SUMMARY

**1** Academics - Payments - T  
Schedule  
Class Scores  
Missing Scores  
Attendance  
Reports  
CCR (4 Year Plan)  
Take Test

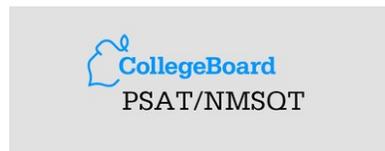
**2** Reports All reports are available.  
Academics  
Class Scores  
Missing Scores  
Midterm Report - unavailable  
Program Management - for request only report  
Report Card  
Graduation Summary  
Handbooks

**3** HOW DO I KNOW?  
! = IN PROGRESS  
\* = MISSING CREDIT AND NOT ON TRACK

**ARE YOU ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION?**

LOG IN TO YOUR MYDSD!!!

## PSAT/NMSQT



*Juniors and sophomores can take the PSAT on:*

*October 13  
7:30-12 (School Excused)*

*Sign up will be available on MyDSD closer to the testing date.*

THE PSAT CAN TELL YOU HOW WELL YOU MIGHT DO ON THE SAT. SOME STUDENTS PERFORM DIFFERENTLY ON THE SAT THAN THE ACT. ALL COLLEGES WILL ACCEPT EITHER SCORE!

## STUDENT/PARENT CLASSROOM RESOLUTION STEPS

Did you know?? 98% of classroom issues can be solved by talking directly with the teacher. We want to help you solve your problem as quickly as possible. Follow these steps if you have a problem in one of your classes:

### STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM

Talk to your student/parent about what is going on. Come up with some solutions and decide how big the problem really is.

### STEP 2: TALK TO THE TEACHER

After problem solving at home, talk directly to your teacher and come up with some alternate solutions.

### STEP 3: MEET WITH COUNSELOR OR ADMINISTRATOR

If talking with the teacher has not helped, you may need additional support from an administrator or counselor.