



# TRANSITIONS

A GUIDE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN | CLASS OF 2027







## WELCOME FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Dear Stevenson High School 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 the 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Bowen'.

Sarah Bowen

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES





# 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR



## 2023-24 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

View the most current academic calendar at:  
[www.d125.org/academics/2023-24-academic-calendar](http://www.d125.org/academics/2023-24-academic-calendar).

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



## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

This calendar provides a high-level overview of important dates families should keep in mind during their student’s transition to Stevenson High School. While we don’t anticipate any date changes, please check the Incoming Freshman webpage for the most up to date information, including relevant forms and audition information.

Jan. 11, 12, 17	Incoming Freshman Family Orientation Nights
Jan. 11	Placement Letters Mailed Home
Jan. 19, 23, 25	Incoming Freshman Course Selection Evenings
Jan. 25, 26	Dance Placements
Jan. 27	Online Stevenson Enrollment Deadline– <b>Action required</b>
Jan. 27	Freshman Year Course Selection Worksheets Deadline– <b>Action required</b>
Feb. 3	Freshman Year Course Verifications Mailed Home
March 22	Co-Curricular Fair
April 17	Orchestra and Guitar Placements
May 1	Health Forms Submission Deadline– <b>Action required</b>
Late May	Annual Residency Verification– <b>Action may be required</b>
Mid-June/July	Registration Fee Payment Deadline– <b>Action required</b>
June 6-29	Summer School Semester One
July 5-27	Summer School Semester Two
June and July	Sports Prep Activities
June-July	Band Summer Rehearsals
Late July	Band Camp
Aug. 11	Freshman Orientation Day
Aug. 14	School Begins



## STAY CONNECTED

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND COURSE SELECTION



### NEWS ALERTS

The *Daily Digest* is a daily newsletter published on school days for students and families about student life on campus. During the regular school year, it features a mixture of stories about students, club announcements, information about events on campus and varsity sports results. During the summer months only, the *Daily Digest* will transform into a weekly digest with information related to summer enrichment and the upcoming school year. At the beginning of the school year, the *Daily Digest* will resume as a daily publication.

The *Minuteman* is a monthly newsletter published during the school year (not published during the summer months) specifically for parents and guardians. It includes important updates and announcements from our Board of Education, Superintendent and Principal, as well as timely practical insights related to diversity, equity and inclusion; social emotional learning; substance abuse prevention; and other ways for families to support their students' learning.

All current students and families are automatically subscribed to the *Daily Digest* and *Minuteman* newsletters.



### 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/guardian groups and teacher sites that are active and open for anyone to follow. Visit: [www.d125.org/about/social-media-directory](http://www.d125.org/about/social-media-directory).



### 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/guardians will need to review and upload the required school enrollment documents and complete the information listed below by Jan. 27.

- 1 Household Information
- 2 Parent/Guardian Information
- 3 Student Information
- 4 Consent for Records
- 5 Home Language Survey

### REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS

Parents/guardians will need to review and complete a series of required health forms by May 1, 2023. Forms are available at [www.d125.org/incoming-freshmen](http://www.d125.org/incoming-freshmen).

- 1 Child Health Examination Form
- 2 Health Emergency Form
- 3 Dental Examination Form
- 4 Asthma Action Plan
- 5 Anaphylaxis Action Plan
- 6 Permission to Administer Medication Form





## 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. 19 During these evenings, families will have the opportunity to
- ❷ Jan. 23 virtually meet with a Stevenson school counselor or director
- ❸ Jan. 25 for support in choosing classes for the upcoming school year. Information about which nights families should attend based on their last name will be communicated closer to the course selection nights.

## COURSE VERIFICATION

The completed 2023-24 Incoming Freshman Course Selection form must be returned by Jan. 27 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?

Enrollment questions can be directed to 847-415-4077 and [shs\\_enrollment@d125.org](mailto:shs_enrollment@d125.org). Course selection questions can be directed to [communications@d125.org](mailto:communications@d125.org).





# 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.

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 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.



## 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 mid-May. 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 in March but may change depending on high school sports seasons and other factors.



## QUESTIONS?

To view more detailed information about all summer enrichment opportunities, please visit Relevant Links at [www.d125.org/incoming-freshmen](http://www.d125.org/incoming-freshmen).





# 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 e-textbooks, class assignments and communicate with their teachers. Students attending the first session of summer school will receive their Stevenson iPad on Tuesday, June 6. If a student only attends the second session, they will receive their Stevenson iPad on Wednesday, July 5.

### For students *not* attending summer school

Stevenson iPads will be distributed on Freshmen Orientation Day on Friday, Aug. 11.

### Things to keep in mind

- The district requires the iPad to be in a case. The district-issued case does not have a keyboard. You may choose to purchase your own case. Please check the model of the iPad **before** you purchase.
- The Stevenson iPad is signed in to a Managed Apple ID. This provides 200 GB of iCloud storage.
- The Stevenson iPad will not have access to the App Store, iMessage or FaceTime. All academic apps can be found in Self Service.
- Zoom is the available app for video chat with classmates. It is already installed on the Stevenson iPad with your Stevenson Zoom account set up.
- Earbuds, headphones, Apple Pencils, stylus and keyboards are all accessories that the district does not supply. If you choose to purchase your own, please check the model of the iPad **before** you purchase.
- The notetaking and annotation app used at Stevenson High School is Notability and is already installed on the iPad.

## 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 Stevenson-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 2300/1300) 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.

## QUESTIONS?

To view more detailed information about our technology services, including answers to frequently asked questions, please visit [www.d125.org/student-life/tech-services](http://www.d125.org/student-life/tech-services).



# FINE ARTS



## FINE ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPRING 2023

Fall Play Auditions

General Dance Company Auditions

Summer/Fall Color Guard

### SUMMER 2023

Color Guard

Marching Band

### FALL 2023

Marching Band and Color Guard

Dance Class and Transfer Student Placement Assessments

Dance Company Auditions: Repertory and Mélange

Fall Play

Musical and Auditions

Pit Orchestra and Auditions

Baroque Ensemble and Auditions

Jazz Ensembles (Instrumental)

Vocal Group Auditions: Polyphonics, Low Frequency, and Nothing but Tremble

Improv Comedy Team: The Failed Presidential Candidates and Auditions

Children's Play and Auditions

One Acts Script Selection

Freshman/Sophomore Play and Winter Play Auditions

Winter Guard and Auditions

### WINTER 2023-24

Dance Companies Auditions (Repertory and Mélange)

Frosh/Soph Play

One Acts Director and Designer Applications

Winter Play

### SPRING 2024

General Dance Company Auditions

Summer/Fall Color Guard

Fall Play Auditions

Music and Dance Class Placement Assessments

One Acts and Auditions

## AUDITIONS

Follow Stevenson High School social media and the Stevenson Fine Arts webpage for specific audition dates for each activity: [www.d125.org/arts](http://www.d125.org/arts).





## 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](http://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 in-person on March 22. Students will be able to explore the opportunities available to them and a variety of groups will be represented so students will be able to learn about them and can ask questions. All incoming freshmen and their families are invited to 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/student-life/activities](http://www.d125.org/student-life/activities).



## 2022-23 CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES\*

2-D + 3-D Art Studio  
 Aerospace + Aviation Club  
*Ambassador* Yearbook  
 Animal Welfare Club (AWC)  
 Anime Club  
 Archery Club  
 Architecture + Engineering Club  
 Art Club  
 Art From The Heart (AFH)  
 Badminton Club (Boys)  
 Baroque Ensemble + Viol Consort  
 Bass Fishing  
 Best Buddies  
 Best Buddies Transition  
 Biology Olympiad  
 Black Student Union  
 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  
 Eastern European Club  
 Economics Club  
 Entrepreneurship Club  
 eSports  
 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 Nurses of America (FNA)  
 Garden | Horticulture Club  
 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  
 Key Club International  
 Kiva  
 Korean Club  
 Latin Club  
 Latin American Student Organization (LASO)  
 Law Club | Mock Trial  
 Lean In Feminism Club  
 Low Frequency  
 Marching Band  
 Mascot | Pep Club  
 Math Team  
 Mélange Dance Company  
 Mind Your Mind  
 Model United Nations Team  
 Muslim Student Association (MSA)  
 (Non-sanctioned club)  
 Nothing but Treble  
 Open Gym  
 Operation Snowball (OS)  
 Patriot Wellness Center  
 Peer Helpers  
 Peer Tutors | Conversation Partners  
 Pep Band  
 Philosophy Club  
 Photography Studio

Physics Club  
 Polish Club | Polish Honor Society  
 Political Action Club (PAC)  
 Polyphonics  
 Poster Design Club  
 Print Media Club  
 Project Pen Pal  
 Psychology Club  
 Repertory Dance Company  
 Rotary Youth Club (RYC) (Interact)  
 Scholastic Bowl-Varsity and JV  
 (Quiz Bowl, SchoBowl)  
 Science Bowl  
 Science Olympiad Team  
 Science REACH Club  
 Script Studio  
 Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)  
 SHS Amplified  
 SHS-TV  
 Skatiettes  
 Spanish Club  
 Spanish Honor Society  
 Sports Analytics Club  
 Startups in Business + Technology (SBT)  
*Statesman* Newspaper  
 Stevenson Backstage  
 Stevenson Network News (SNN)  
 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)  
 Write Club  
 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

Fall Stevenson athletes must complete registration for the 2023 season by Aug. 3. 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, which must be done by mid-June/July. (Please allow a 24-hour processing period between school registration and athletic online registration).

The **Past Medical History and Child Health Examination form** (physical) must be submitted to the school nurse **AND** attached as a PDF to the registration forms section in rSchoolToday five days prior to the tryout date.

The **Athletic Participation form** registers the athlete for fall, winter and spring sports for the 2022-23 school year and is available on the Stevenson Athletics' webpage: [www.d125.org/athletics](http://www.d125.org/athletics).

The **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/incoming-freshmen](http://www.d125.org/incoming-freshmen).

It is imperative that the student's physician circle "Yes" on the 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](http://www.d125.org/athletics). Some sports may be modified or canceled based upon the latest safety guidelines.



## ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

### FALL

Allied Bowling (coed)  
 Cheerleading (boys and girls)  
 Cross Country (boys and girls)  
 Field Hockey (girls)  
 Football (boys)  
 Golf (boys and girls)  
 Patriettes (Poms)  
 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. We hope to offer the activities listed below but some activities may be modified or canceled based upon the latest safety guidelines.



## INTRAMURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Basketball Leagues (boys and girls)  
 Bass Fishing Club (coed)  
 Boys Badminton Club  
 Cricket Club (coed)  
 Fencing Open Gym (coed)  
 Flag Football Leagues (boys and girls)

Gaga  
 Golf Club (coed)  
 Indoor Climbing Club (coed)  
 Mountain Biking (coed)  
 Polar Bear Running Club (coed)  
 Rhythmic Gymnastics

Ski + Snowboard Club (coed)  
 Soccer (coed)  
 Squash Club (coed)  
 Volleyball League (coed)  
 Weight Room/Cardio Fitness Center  
 Yoga (Yoga One and Yoga Sculpt)



## QUESTIONS?

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



# 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: [www.d125.org/student-life/incoming-freshmen](http://www.d125.org/student-life/incoming-freshmen).

Options are available for adjustment but parents/guardians 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 Wallen 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 High School offers elective courses across many divisions. Course descriptions can be found in the Stevenson Coursebook, which 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 Stevenson 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.

## 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](mailto: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 Stevenson 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, parent/guardian 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 Freshman Advisory. Students are also invited to attend the Co-Curricular Fair on March 22 to discover all that Stevenson offers. In addition, club and sport meeting times are announced through the student announcements webpage on the Stevenson website and through the Stevenson Network News (SNN) morning announcements. For more information, visit: [www.d125.org/students/activities](http://www.d125.org/students/activities)

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

Monday through Friday, buses leave the Patriot Wellness Center from parking lot D at 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 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/guardians can always contact a school counselor by email or phone. One option available to freshman families is arranging a SCoPE meeting. Student Counselor Parent/Guardian 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](http://www.d125.org/students/student-services)

#### **Student Learning Programs:**

[www.d125.org/academics/tutoring](http://www.d125.org/academics/tutoring)

### **Are there any iPad restrictions?**

The Stevenson iPads will be issued with a managed Apple ID. This will automatically disable these features: iMessage, FaceTime, purchasing through the app store, iTunes store, Book Store, HomeKit connected device and Apple Pay. Parents/guardians are encouraged to handle and view the Stevenson iPad and set any family household rules about iPads. The iPad is still property of the school until the student graduates. Students should not expect privacy on the Stevenson iPad. It is a tool for school, not a personal device. Parents/guardians are welcome to set additional restrictions on school-issued iPads using the options provided within the operating system. In iPadOS 16, there are many 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 Stevenson 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](mailto:nhudson@d125.org).

### **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 orientation is on Friday, Aug. 11. 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. The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 14.



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