

FAQs
8th to 9th grade Course Registration

- **When can my students register for 9th grade courses?**
 - Students will be able to enter course requests at the end of February until early March of each year. Please refer to the letter sent to 8th grade parents and guardians in January for the actual dates.
- **Why must they choose and endorsement?**
 - According to House Bill 5 passed by the Texas Legislature, students are required to graduate with at least one endorsement.
- **Why must students choose a Program of Study?**
 - In order to earn an endorsement, a student must select an approved program of study.
- **Who decides which endorsement and programs of study are offered?**
 - Endorsements and programs of study are given to school districts from the state agency. Each school district decides on the available programs of study based on course offerings available.
- **Can an endorsement and a program of study be changed?**
 - Yes! Endorsements and Programs of Study can be changed at any time. All you would need to do is reach out to your high school counselor to request this change.
- **My child wants to be an Engineer but is going to PHS/DHS, can they take the 9th grade Intro Eng. Class at THS? If not, what do they select as a program of study?**
 - It is not recommended for freshmen to travel to Turner High School (THS) during the day. A freshman's schedule usually does not allow this.
 - If a student does not want to travel to THS and wants to be an engineer, they should select STEM and either math or science program of study, which will require 5 years of either math or science. This will allow them to be adequately prepared for the required math and science requirements in college.
- **My child is only interested in one CTE class at THS. Why does he/she have to take two?**
 - Turner HS has block scheduling. Students must take at least two one credit courses in order to have a complete schedule.
- **Will my child lose a class period due to traveling to THS? How and when do they make that up?**
 - If a student attends Dawson HS, they will lose one period if the Turner HS course is in the morning. One option to make up a course is during summer school. Contact a high school counselor for more options.
 - If a student attends Pearland HS, they will not lose a period.
- **If my child is a Turner student, what UIL activities can he/she NOT participate in at his/her home campus?**
- A student can participate in any UIL activities at the home campus. Non-UIL activities will not be available to a student attending Turner HS unless offered at the campus.

- **Why does Turner not rank all students? My student may be missing out on scholarship monies.**
 - Turner HS ranks students who are in the top 15%. Even though THS does not rank lower than 15%, many students can still earn scholarships and college admission.
- **I have changed my mind about attending Turner HS, what should I do?**
 - Contact a Turner HS School Counselor
<https://www.pearlandisd.org/Domain/782>.
- **I want my child to take online classes in the summertime outside of PISD and Texas Tech. What do I need to do?**
 - Please refer to the high school course selection handbook. Information is available in the appendix of the course selection handbook [HERE](#).
- **What are the benefits of doubling up on math classes in 9th grade?**
 - A student will be able to take more advanced math courses throughout their four years in high school. Please see the course selection handbook for more information.
- **Why is PAP Computer Science not available for my student who has selected the STEM endorsement?**
 - There are grade level requirements, and a student must complete the AP Special Request Form. Please have your student select an elective in case they are not approved to take PAP Computer Science. Your student must have seven course requests.
- **What kind of AP course load will get a student into the top 25% of their class?**
 - There is no blanket answer to this question. There are multiple variables that impact rank. The student needs to visit with their School Counselor.