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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FRESHMAN YEAR

What is the daily schedule at the Milburn campus?

7:00 AM	BUILDING DOORS OPEN	*5 Minute Passing Periods
7:30 a.m. — 8:25 a.m.	1 st Period	
8:30 a.m. — 9:25 a.m.	2 nd Period	
9:30 a.m. — 10:25 a.m.	3 rd Period	
10:30 a.m. — 11:25 a.m.	4 th Period	4A 10:30-10:55 / 4B 11:00-11:25
11:30 a.m. — 12:25 p.m.	5 th Period	5A 11:30-11:55 / 5B 12:00-12:25
12:30 p.m. — 1:25 p.m.	6 th Period	
1:30 p.m. — 2:25 p.m.	7 th Period	

What is the typical course load for a freshman student?

There are 7 periods in the school day, including lunch. Freshman students typically choose 5 core academic courses and one elective course. Students and parents can reference OTHS Graduation requirements as well as College Admission requirements in the OTHS Curriculum Guide found on the OTHS website.

How is an elective-credit course different from a core-credit course?

Students receive .5 credit per semester for an elective-credit course as well as a core-credit course. OTHS students must complete at least 7 semesters of course work and earn 21 units of credit to graduate.

Core Academic Departments: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education.

Elective Departments: Art, Music, World Language and Career & Technology Education.

How are students placed in Freshman Science courses?

Physical Earth Science and Biology are non-honors Science course options offered to freshmen.

Physical Earth Science does not have a prerequisite and is open to all freshmen.

Biology requires students to be concurrently enrolled in any of the following math courses: Advanced Algebra, Honors Algebra 1, or Honors Geometry due to the math-intensive component of Biology.

How much homework can my student expect each day?

The amount of time that an individual student spends on homework varies by day and course. In addition, a student's study skills and appropriate level placement determines the amount of time spent on homework. Students enrolled in honors coursework can anticipate two to three hours of homework per night.

How do we learn about extra-curricular activities?

At the start of the school year, O'Fallon Township High School will hold an evening event titled "OTHS Connects". Information on all extracurricular activities will be available at this event and can also be found on the OTHS homepage under: [Clubs & Activities / Homepage \(oths.us\)](http://clubs&activities/homepage(oths.us))



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When will the OTHS District 203 Registration process occur?

Registration is mandatory for all students, including incoming feeder school students, and will occur online through Skyward Family Access. Skyward login and password information for freshman families will be mailed to the address on file over the summer. Families with current upperclassmen at OTHS may use their current login information to register incoming freshmen. Continue to check the OTHS Website for up-to-date information pertaining to the OTHS District 203 Registration process.

When can my student take Drivers Education? What is the cost? Is it required to graduate?

Driver Education is not required to graduate from OTHS. There is a \$250 fee for Driver Education classroom & behind the wheel training. Driver Education is a nine-week course paired with the nine-week Technology Essentials course. Students must list Driver Education on their course selection sheet if they wish to enroll in the class. A student must be 15 years of age during their enrolled term.

Is Summer School available for my rising 9th grader?

Summer School curricular offerings, as well as policies pertaining to Summer School, are determined during the Spring semester. Summer School, when offered, is on a tuition basis. Continue to check the OTHS Website regarding summer school opportunities for incoming 9th graders.

When will my student receive a copy of their course requests?

9th grade course requests and placement will be sent home via USPS no later than mid-April 2024. Changes to course requests may be submitted via email to othsmilburnguidance@oths.us.

When will my student receive their fall 9th grade schedule?

Student schedules for the fall semester will be available for viewing in Skyward in mid-July. Student schedules are subject to change leading up to the first day of school in August. School Counselors will be available on select days during the summer months to meet with students for schedule changes, however students are encouraged to make course request changes by the last day of school in May. Per the OTHS Student Handbook, schedule changes will not be granted in the following circumstances:

1. Request to change student lunch hour
2. Request for a different teacher

We very much look forward to welcoming your child on campus in the fall! Should you have any questions related to the information shared in this letter, please reach out to the OTHS Milburn Guidance Office at othsmilburnguidance@oths.us.

Sincerely,

OTHS Milburn Guidance Department