



# Strath Haven High School

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## COURSE REGISTRATION AT A GLANCE: CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Please note: The course registration and selection process for **current high school students** follows a slightly different timeline, and this information has been communicated separately to families.

 **Late February:** Course recommendations from teachers are due in PowerSchool. Students may not register for core courses without a teacher recommendation. Students may discuss course/level recommendations with teachers and/or may request a **waiver form** from their school counselor if necessary.

 **Mid March:** PowerSchool portal goes live for course registration. Counselors visit 8th grade social studies classes to discuss scheduling. Students should register for a total of at least **eight credits** for the following academic year.

 Course registration window closes. **Spring-Summer:** High school administration builds and refines the high school master schedule.

 Students will have **one school week** during which to **consider** their courses and to make selections. During this time, students are encouraged to discuss their choices and to seek advice where necessary from counselors and teachers.

 **Summer:** Students and families are informed of their finalized schedule for the following school year. Families will receive communication regarding schedule change requests.

**Questions** about students' individual schedules and/or future planning should be addressed to the Counseling Center.

**Questions** about the scheduling process and/or procedures should be addressed to Andrea LaPira, Assistant Principal (alapira@wssd.org)

Teachers completed recommendations for students' **core academic courses** in February. Students will also make **elective course** selections, including **two** alternative elective choices. It is **very important** that students take care in selecting their alternative electives.

After selecting the correct core academic courses, students will need to choose enough academic or elective options to complete **eight credits** during the school year. Students who do not register for a complete course load will be contacted to complete the registration process.

The **Silver Guide**, our course selection guide, may be found on the WSSD website.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### DOUBLING

If a student wishes to “double,” or to take two math classes, for example, for which they have yet to be recommended, instead of the required ONE, they must either: (1) see their most recent teacher in that department and ask for a recommendation to the relevant course, or (2) see their counselor to get the recommendation added. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR A COURSE IN A CORE CONTENT AREA WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION INTO THAT COURSE.

### WAIVERS

If a student/guardian disagrees with the recommendation of a core content area teacher, the student/guardian may contact the teacher directly to discuss the placement decision. If the teacher's recommendation does not agree with the parent and student, a **Waiver Form** may be requested from the Counseling Center. If a waiver is completed, the student's counselor will make any necessary changes to the student's requested courses. Students who utilize a waiver will not be permitted to drop the course they selected.

### STUDENTS MISSING A RECOMMENDATION IN POWERSCHOOL

If a student does not see the option to register for a course they must take, they should see their most recent teacher in that department to be sure the recommendation was completed or check with their counselor for assistance.

### ACCELERATION TO BIOLOGY (DEMONSTRATING MASTERY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE)

If a student receives an **honors recommendation** for Environmental Science from their current science teacher and would like the opportunity to take the Environmental Science exam to be considered for placement directly into Biology, they should request the permission form from Ms. Laster. Communication regarding the spring administration of the Environmental Science exam will be forthcoming once the high school administration is provided with the permission forms and student list.

### WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHAT OUR STUDENT'S SCHEDULE WILL BE NEXT YEAR?

Following the window when course requests are submitted, high school administration will complete the work of sectioning and building the schedule. Families will be informed when schedules are viewable in PowerSchool for the 9th grade school year, generally in August.

### WHAT IF A STUDENT OR GUARDIAN DECIDES TO MAKE A SCHEDULE CHANGE?

Schedule changes may be requested through the counseling center through the end of the first week of classes. It is very important that students take care in selecting their alternative electives. Staffing and sectioning are predicated upon accurate information during the course selection process. Therefore, changing your requests at a later time is often not possible. Please engage your child in conversations about their selections, planning with the end in mind.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULING PROCESS?

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the 8th grade counselor, Jessica Domsky, ([jdomsky@wssd.org](mailto:jdomsky@wssd.org)), or Andrea LaPira ([alapira@wssd.org](mailto:alapira@wssd.org)) for assistance.

# Course Registration Instructions

Please note: Course registration should be completed ON A COMPUTER, not on a phone!

The screenshot shows the 'Student and Parent Sign In' page. It features a 'Sign In' button and a 'Create Account' button. Below these are input fields for 'Username' and 'Password'. A link for 'Forgot Username or Password?' is located below the password field. A 'Sign In' button is positioned to the right of the password field. At the bottom, there is a text box with the message: 'For HELP logging on contact Derrick Clements at [dclements@wssd.org](mailto:dclements@wssd.org)'.

Students will **log in to the PowerSchool Student Portal at the following link:**

<https://wssd.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

The username AND password to log in here is the student's ID number (unless they've changed the password themselves). If you are unsure of the student's ID number, please stop by to see Ms. Ford in the main office. If you need help resetting your password, contact Mr. Clements ([dclements@wssd.org](mailto:dclements@wssd.org)) or fill out a HelpDesk ticket to have your password reset.

After logging in, students should select the **CLASS REGISTRATION** button in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen. **Please note:** You will not be able to begin making course selections until the selection window has been opened, and you will not be able to make further changes after the window is closed.

The screenshot shows the 'Grades and Attendance' page for a student named Fake, Chewy Bacca. The page includes a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Busing Information', 'Grades and Attendance', 'Grade History', 'Locker Information', 'Course Based Report Card', 'Attendance History', 'Teacher Comments', 'Forms', 'School Bulletin', 'Class Registration', and 'Balance'. The main content area displays 'Attendance By Class' and 'Attendance By Day' tables.

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	Q1	Q2	E1	S1	Q3	Q4	E2	S2	Y1	Absences	Tardies								
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Attendance By Day

Last Week					This Week				Absences		Tardies			
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD	
										0	1	0	0	
Attendance Totals											0	1	0	0

# The Class Registration Screen

Students must select at least one credit in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language until all required credits for graduation are met. If you intend to double in a course, please select that course or see your teacher for a recommendation. The course registration portal will close at 8:00AM on March 12, 2021.

[View course requests](#)

**Core Academic Courses** Click the edit button to request a course ⇒ 

Each school, year, you are required to take one course in English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and World Language until you have fulfilled graduation requirements. You may select more than one in a content area if you were recommended and plan to double. If you need a teacher recommendation, see the last teacher you had in that content area.

Number of requests to generate : 1

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**10th Grade Elective Selections** Click the edit button to request a course ⇒  

Students in tenth grade have up to two electives to choose. If you are doubling in an area of study, the second course is considered an elective.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Students will see five different categories of courses. You will need to click the pencil icon  to select your courses in each category.

## Core Academic Courses

- Every student must choose at least one **English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language** or **Special Education** class. These courses will include a teacher recommendation.
- When a course states that it is a requirement for graduation, it indicates that the student is being recommended for the next course in sequence in that area of study and that course meets graduation distribution requirements.
- You will only be able to select the courses for which you were recommended. See the arrow.

### Core Academic Courses

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	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adv Alg 2/Trig H	3221		1	You must select one math course. Advanced Algebra 2/Trigonometry is a required course for graduation.	 Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adv Algebra 1	3042		1	You must select one math course. Advanced Algebra 1 is a required course for graduation.	 Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adv Algebra 1 H	3021		1	You must select one math course. Advanced Algebra 1 is a required course for graduation.	 Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 2	3242		1	You must select one math course. Algebra 2 is a required course for graduation.	Recommend   

**TIP: Click the "alerts" header to sort this column to show courses for which you were recommended first!**

**Core Academic Courses**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 2	3242		1	You must select one math course. Algebra 2 is a required course for graduation.	Recommended TABATHA DUFFY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biology H	4101		1	You must choose one science course. Biology meets science requirements for graduation.	Recommended TABATHA DUFFY
<input type="checkbox"/>	English 10 H	1221		1	You must select one English course. English 10 is a required course for graduation.	Recommended TABATHA DUFFY
<input type="checkbox"/>	French 2	5322		1	All French courses meet the course credit requirements for World Language.	Recommended TABATHA DUFFY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern World History H	2221		1	You must select one social studies course. Modern World History is a required course for graduation.	Recommended TABATHA DUFFY

**Core Academic Courses**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Modern World History H	2221		1	You must select one social studies course. Modern World History is a required course for graduation.	Recommended TABATHA DUFFY
<input type="checkbox"/>	AP Music Theory	7521		1	All music courses meet credit requirements for Fine and Applied Arts.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELL	5810		1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	French 1	5311		1	All French courses meet the course credit requirements for World Language.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish 1	5712		1	All Spanish courses meet the course credit requirements for World Language.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adv Alg 2/Trig H	3221		1	You must select one math course. Advanced Algebra 2/Trigonometry is a required course for graduation.	Prerequisites have not been met

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✓ You may select between 4 and 7 courses. You have selected 5 course(s).

Cancel Okay

**Once you have selected all of the required courses, click "Okay" to submit the selections.**

# The Class Registration Screen: What must I select?

## Core Academic Courses

Click

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Number of requests to generate : 1



**1** You must select all core courses for which you are recommended. If you do not see a course you know you need to take, contact your most recent teacher in that department, or contact your counselor.

## 10th Grade Elective Selections

Click

Students in tenth grade have up to two electives to choose. If you are doubling in an area of study, the second course is considered an elective.

Number of requests to generate : 1



**2** You must make enough elective selections to add up to eight credits. How many varies by grade, previous courses, and other factors.

## Fifth Block Music Courses

Click

If you plan to take a fifth block music class, make a selection here. You may leave this area blank if you do not participate in fifth block music.

Number of requests to generate : 1



**3** These courses are not required for all students, but if you are part of a musical ensemble, here is where you register for those ensembles which carry credit.

## Alternate Electives

Click

Each student must choose two alternate electives.

Number of requests to generate : 1



**4** EVERY student must request TWO alternative electives that THEY ARE ACTUALLY WILLING TO TAKE and interested in.

## Additional Requests

Click

Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.

Requires between 2 and 11 credit hours.

Requesting 0 credit hours.

Requesting 0 additional credit hours.



Shows the number of credits for which you are currently registered.

## Elective Courses: How many do I need?

After selecting the correct core academic courses, students will need to choose enough academic or elective options to complete **eight credits** during the school day.

- In ninth grade, students usually have one elective choice to make.
- In tenth grade, students usually have two elective choices to make.
- In eleventh grade, students may have up to three elective choices.
- In twelfth grade, students may have up to four elective choices.

Students who wish to take an extra course or "double" in an area of study must see their most recent teacher in that area of study to get a recommendation for that course. For example, if a student is recommended only for Geometry but wants to "double" and take Geometry and Algebra 2, then the student would go to their most recent math teacher to request an Algebra 2 recommendation, if that recommendation was not already completed.

## Fifth Block Music

Students who intend to participate in fifth block music ensembles or bandfront should select those courses here. If a student signs up for a fifth block course and later changes their mind, they must drop the course just as they would any other course during the school day. These courses have attendance and grade records, just as other courses do.

## Alternate Electives

All students, regardless of grade level, will be required to select two alternate elective choices. These classes will replace elective classes that don't otherwise fit into the student's schedule. Alternate courses should be selected with care.

### Alternate Electives

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adv Auto Lab	6630		1	Advanced Auto Lab is an elective course.	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adv Childhood	7720		1	Family and Consumer Science classes are elective courses.	

## Additional Requests

This category is used for the required Health and Phys Ed course for both ninth and tenth grade students. Students must select Health/PE if it is listed here.

In those categories, students will see "Click the edit button to request a course." Go to the pencil icon to the right, and you will see either a red exclamation point or green check.

- ! = action must be taken
- ✓ = optional to take action

Students will then go to each category and select the appropriate courses. Note that students may scroll between screens at the bottom.

## Finishing up!

