

2024-25 REGISTRATION FAQs

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Why are we registering now when next fall is seven months away?

- Registration must be completed by the end of March to build the primary schedule. Creating an overall school schedule takes several months as we use course requests to determine staffing assignments. We may reach out to students and teachers throughout the process to ensure everyone's requests are considered.

What if I don't know what I want to take next year?

- No problem! This is why we have recorded the videos and created a robust course registration webpage with the necessary resources to make your decision. You can also ask questions during the registration fair on March 6. Additionally, the counselors and registrar are available March 6-13 to answer questions and discuss options.

What if I forgot to gather the required signatures?

- Schedule priority is given to those students who turn in the completed forms with signatures and finish registration by March 13. If a student doesn't follow the directions about registering, they will have limited choices when the schedule comes out.

How does EC help me complete my registration and sign up for the appropriate courses?

- In addition to the course registration page and this FAQ, we have recorded grade-specific videos that review the course options, college considerations and advice about the process. Also, college and school counselors will be available to answer questions during both lunches March 6-13. Counselors will also visit Mentor and EC3 classes on March 13 and offer tutorials during the week of registration.

Can I change my mind?

- The class schedule is optimized over the summer for class size and teacher availability. If a student changes their mind over the summer, we may not be able to accommodate the change, or schedule options will be very limited as the school schedule will have been built based on student requests in the previous spring.
- We provide opportunities during registration to consider course options and talk with teachers about workload. We encourage students to fully consider their options in advance of registration.

Is there an advantage to turning in the course selection worksheet early?

- No priority is given to students who turn their worksheets in early. On March 13, we collect all completed course selection worksheets and review PlusPortals to start creating the schedule.
- If a student does not complete their registration process (missing signatures, didn't put down elective alternates), their course preferences will not be considered when the schedule is created. It is strongly recommended that students are present at school, in class and follow the instructions for 2024-25 registration on March 13.

Can I choose my teachers?

- No. We create the schedule based on registration demand and then assign teachers to specific classes as needed. We will not know what classes each teacher will be assigned until the schedule is completed.

Can I choose what period I have certain classes?

- No. We create the schedule based on classroom availability, course sizes, teacher schedules and many other factors. We can't customize individual schedules.

Can I participate in Running Start next year?

- EC no longer offers Running Start. Students wanting to enroll in Running Start must enroll with their local public high school and cannot be dually enrolled at EC. Please talk with your counselor if you are interested.

What if a student will not return to EC for the 2024-25 year?

- We recommend that students still go through the credit check and registration process in case circumstances change.

I want to be a teacher's assistant (TA) – can I register for that?

- TA positions are only offered to seniors.
- Seniors should complete all graduation requirements before enrolling as a TA.
- Seniors should register for seven (7) academic classes and then email your counselor about your interest in becoming a TA. Seniors will be notified before school starts about their TA request.
- If you have a teacher preference, talk with the teacher directly and get their approval. Teacher approval is required. Counselors must receive confirmation from the teacher. If we cannot match you with your requested teacher (schedule issues), then you may be placed with the attendance office.
- The registrar will confirm if there is space available for TA's. TA's are assigned on a case-by-case basis before the start of the school year.

CLASSES/SCHEDULE

Who should I ask about my schedule/classes?

- Watch your registration video first and check out the registration webpage! This video will answer most of your questions about what classes you need to take, what classes you can choose to take, scheduling, other things to consider and the overall registration process.
- If you have questions specific to a course, please ask the class teacher or another teacher in the department. Your current teacher within a department will have the best perspective on which class placement is best for you.
- If you have any other questions, please talk with one of the counselors who will be available March 6-13 during all lunches outside of Student Services and will offer tutorials for smaller groups.

I would like to double up in math. Is this possible?

- Some classes (AP Statistics, Financial Algebra) can be taken concurrently with other math classes. Please check the Curriculum Guide for the math class prerequisite(s).

What is zero period?

- Zero period is a class from 7 – 7:45 a.m., four days per week before school. Jazz Ensemble, Choir and Student Leadership classes are all offered during zero period.

Can freshmen register for Student Leadership? How do I get approval?

- Freshmen can sign up for zero period Student Leadership class, though priority is given to upperclassmen. Freshman officer elections will take place at the end of October.

I took biology at my local middle school; will colleges see that as one of my credits for high school?

- The credit/grade earned will not be listed on an EC transcript. But if you provide us with an official transcript from the other school, we will provide that separate transcript to colleges.

- Colleges will see the classes and grades for all transcripts that we submit on your behalf (we only submit official transcripts received from outside organizations and schools).

How do I register for Student Leadership or Community Service?

- For Student Leadership, please stop by Campus Ministry Leadership offices or sign up with the Director of Student Life and Leadership Teacher [Mr. Pa'aga](#) at the Registration Fair.
- For Religion 12 Community Service, please email or visit the Religious Studies booth at our Registration Fair or stop by CC6 to sign up with Director of Campus Ministry [Mrs. Kittridge](#). Space is limited and priority is given by signup order.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES TAKEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

For the Class of 2024 and beyond:

- High school courses completed in middle school will automatically be included in the student's high school transcript and credit will be applied. If a student does not want their high school in the middle school course(s) listed on their high school transcript, the student and parent or guardian must complete the High School in the Middle School Transcript Change form. This form is available from the registrar or the student's counselor and must be completed by the end of the third quarter of the student's junior year.

PE/SPORTS

How does a student satisfy their PE requirement?

- All freshman students must take PE 9 and Health and need 2 more PE semesters, which can be earned in several ways.

At EC:

- Students can take PE courses in high school to fulfill the PE graduation requirement.
- Students who participate in EC sports or marching band can fulfill their PE graduation requirement. This does not count toward the 52 credits required for graduation. One full season of an EC team sport or EC marching band fulfills a semester of PE. The Athletic Director and Band Director confirm EC team sports and marching band participation. A student who takes PE 9 and participates in two full seasons of a sport in the high school will satisfy the PE requirement.

Outside of EC

- Students who participate in an activity or sport outside of EC, **MUST** complete a PE Alternate Pathway form. Students may complete a PE Alternate Pathway form for a maximum of two (2) semesters of PE. Students should check with their counselor for the form and to understand these requirements.
- A PE Alternative Pathway is **NOT** a credit and does not count toward the 52 credits required for graduation.

I am a freshman participating in an EC sport, Do I need to take PE, or can I take Strength and Agility instead?

- PE 9 is required for all freshmen unless there is a doctor's order.
- Freshmen **may not** replace PE 9 with another PE elective (Yoga, Strength and Agility, etc.).
- PE 9 and health are required for ninth grade.

I am a sophomore, junior or senior and have yet to take PE. What are my options?

- You are still required to take one semester of PE at Eastside Catholic if you did not complete PE 9.

- See “PE /Sports” above.

VISUAL/PERFORMING ART

Visual and/or Performing Arts Requirement

- Two (2) years of art are required, with a minimum requirement of one year of visual and/or performing arts.
- Students may substitute coursework for one year of art if other courses would better help them meet their educational and career goals.
- If you are interested in applying to any UC college, you will need to have one year of art in the same discipline. Please review the registration videos for the University of California visual and performing arts credit requirement.

I have already taken two credits of Visual/Performing Arts and want to take AP classes instead of two more credits of Visual/Performing Arts. Can I?

- Yes, as detailed in our Curriculum Guide, a student may substitute coursework for one year of art if other courses would better help them meet their educational and career goals.

Can I take zero period jazz band without taking wind ensemble?

- No, students in jazz band must also be concurrently enrolled in wind ensemble unless permission is given from the Band Director. Students who take the bus to school will have to make other transportation arrangements to enroll in zero period as buses arrive during or after zero period.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY

I still need to take Washington State history, what are my options?

- Washington State history is a Washington State graduation requirement. This graduation requirement is usually fulfilled in middle school in either seventh or eighth grade. If you are unsure you have met this requirement, check your middle school transcript and report card. It should specifically say “Washington State History.” This requirement is fulfilled for our EC middle school students when the eighth-grade Humanities class is completed.
- If you are a student who has transferred from another state, you may have taken a state history class that may satisfy the Washington State history credit. Please check with the EC registrar for confirmation.
- If you determine you have not taken Washington State history, you will need to take an online course. EC does not offer Washington State history as a stand-alone class. Students can fulfill this requirement through BYU in the High School, Red Comet or another OSPI online provider. Please check with your school counselor for details.

WORLD LANGUAGES

How many years of a World Language should I take?

- There is a 2-year World Language requirement for EC graduation, but 3+ years are recommended for college admission.
- Both World Language years need to be in the same language.
- International students with questions or who need clarification regarding the World Language requirement should see their school counselor.

I am a native-speaking student; do I still have to take a World Language?

- International students do not have to take a World Language at EC if they completed and passed the World Language Competency Test. EC does not administer this test. Please note: some colleges require a world language outside of English for admission. Please talk with your school counselor for more information.
- If a student is too advanced for a course offered at EC, we recommend the student take a different World Language option.

I took Spanish I/French I at my local middle school (not ECMS), will colleges see that as one of my two (three) credits for high school?

- The credit/grade will not be listed on your EC transcript, but if an outside transcript is provided to EC, then we will provide that transcript to colleges. Please note that the outside middle school language course must be a high school-level course.

I would like to take American Sign Language. Do colleges view this class as a World Language?

- In recent years, American Sign Language has been accepted by more and more universities as a world language.
- In the past few years, only the military academies required a language other than ASL but check college websites and/or with your school or college counselor if you have additional questions or concerns.

I would like to take a World Language outside of EC. Is this an option?

- As with any course taken outside of EC, pre-approval is required. Students should contact their counselor to understand the process and receive the Request to Enroll at Other Institutions form. This is a joint decision with the school administration, the World Language Department Chair, and other appropriate departments (Academic Resources, Student Services).
- In general, students are encouraged to take a World Language course at EC.

OUTSIDE/ONLINE CLASSES

Can I take an online class or a class outside of EC?

- Students may take courses at other institutions for credit to satisfy Eastside Catholic graduation requirements **only if they have received PRIOR approval from the Department Chair** and have completed the Request to Enroll at Other Institutions form. This is a joint decision with administration, the Department Chair and any other appropriate departments (Academic Resources, Student Services).

Eastside Catholic's Request to Enroll at Other Institutions form:

- *Requests to accept credits from other institutions must be submitted in writing and include the institution's name, course title, expected start and completion dates, instructional hours, institutional accreditation information, a course syllabus and the method of assessment to earn credit.*
- ***The grade from courses at other institutions is not calculated into the student's cumulative GPA and is not transcribed onto the Eastside Catholic transcript.*** *Course credits from other institutions will be factored into the overall credits needed for graduation. Transcripts from other institutions will be sent with the Eastside Catholic transcript when applying to colleges and universities. It is the responsibility of the student and/or family to confirm with the college whether this credit is accepted by that college and/or university.*
- *Students must submit the outside course for approval before enrolling. If students do not submit this form before completion of the course, we may not be able to offer credit or attach the transcript to the student's file. Outside courses must be taken at an accredited institution and if the course is considered an "online course," it must be on the [OSPI Approved Provider](#) list. The school will consider online courses not listed on the OSPI list on a case-by-case basis. Students should submit accreditation information and any other relevant information to support the*

approval process and ensure timely approval. Students and families are responsible for verifying that the course meets any other requirements specific to the student: NCAA approval, UC A-G approval, etc.

I am going to take a class over the summer before entering EC. Am I required to get approval first, and will this be added to my transcript?

- If a student does not get prior approval, the transcript from the summer course will not be added to the student's file, the course will not be transcribed onto the student's EC transcript and will not be calculated into the GPA but may be submitted to colleges. Official transcripts must come directly from the educational institution. It is a student's responsibility to request transcripts be sent to Eastside Catholic.
- Prior approval is required if a student desires credit for any online or non-EC courses. Please see the "Request to Enroll at Other Institutions, Including Online Courses" form for more information and requirements with prior approval. With this form, the course will be added to the student's file and counted towards a graduation requirement. The course will not be transcribed onto the student's EC transcript and will not be calculated into the GPA but will be submitted to colleges if we have an official transcript. Official transcripts must come directly from the educational institution.
- While approved outside courses may count towards the EC graduation credit totals, no outside courses will be transcribed on the EC transcript, nor will the grades be calculated into the Eastside Catholic GPA.

Does EC offer any online classes or independent study?

- Not currently. Students are welcome to take online classes in their own time for fun and report these classes on college applications. We do not submit transcripts for courses that are hobby, extracurricular or elective-based.