

# Class of 2028 Freshmen Registration FAQ

## What time is registration open in Family Access?

Registration will open on Monday, March 11th, and close on Sunday, March 17th, at 11:59 pm.

## What do I do with my Course Selection Form?

We recommend completing the form, prior to March 11th, so that you are ready to enter your courses once the registration window opens in Skyward.

## What is the difference in LA 9 and LA 9 Honors.

Much of the focus in LA9 is getting kids to meet standard based on the SBAC. LA 9 Honors is focused on what it looks like to exceed the standard based on SBAC. In LA 9 Honors, timed writing, student led discussion, and other pre-AP skills are emphasized. There is not an expectation that Honors classes will do more work, but they may do different work.

## Once I complete the Skyward Course Selection, do I need to do anything to submit or save it?

Your course selection will save automatically. You can simply close the window once you have selected the courses.

## I am currently enrolled in a high school-equivalent class (Spanish 1/Algebra 1/Geometry). Will this be listed on my high school transcript and count for high school credit?

Yes! High school credit-bearing classes taken during 7th or 8th grade, will automatically be rolled up on to the MSHS transcript.

To remove or modify middle school grades/credits on your transcript, complete the [Request for Middle School Grade Modification Form](#).

## When do I sign-up for fall sports?

You'll want to reference the Athletics website [HERE](#) for updates and information.

## Are two years of a world language required to graduate? What about college admission?

The default graduation requirements include 2 credits of a World Language. However, students can complete the [Personalized Pathway Form](#), which can shift those credits into General Electives. Once you start high school, reach out to your School Counselor for more information!

In terms of college admission, colleges want to see at least two years of the same world language. We recommend taking three years if you plan on attending a 4-year university.

## **If I take AP Human Geography, does it count as a Social Studies elective or a General Elective?**

One of our graduation requirements is 0.5 credit of a Social Studies elective. If you take AP Human Geography, which is a year-long course, the first semester will take care of your SS Elective and the second semester will go towards General Electives.

## **If I took AVID in 7th and 8th grade, do I receive high school credit?**

No. If you take AVID in high school, it can count towards your Occupational Education credit requirement or towards general electives.

## **Which world language classes offer a 4th year at Mount Si?**

There is no guarantee that year to year the same classes will be offered. Currently, we offer French 4, German 4 and Spanish 4.

## **How do I complete my Course Request Form if I'm also taking a zero period class?**

Remember that you're not turning your form in; it's just for planning purposes! There isn't a spot for an 8th class, so we typically encourage students to write it in, underneath the electives boxes. When you enter your course requests into Skyward, make sure you've chosen enough classes to add up to 8 total credits.

## **How do I meet the WA State History graduation requirement?**

Students in our district take this as part of their 7th grade Social Studies class and, assuming the credit is earned, high school transcripts will automatically be updated to reflect this requirement as "MET". If you did not pass 7th grade Social Studies, reach out to your School Counselor for information on how to satisfy this requirement.

## **How do you recommend getting good grades in high school?**

The transition from middle school to high school can definitely be challenging! We recommend focusing on "soft skills", so things like organization, time management, self-advocacy and communication. It will be crucial for you to talk with teachers and ask questions when you have them! If you start to struggle, you can always reach out to your School Counselor for support!

## **Is PE required for all 9th grade students?**

Yes, all 9th grade students will be required to take two semesters of Fit for Life (PE).

## **Where can I find information regarding classes and the grade levels who can take them?**

You'll want to check the Course Catalog! You can read the detailed course descriptions for each class we offer at Mount Si, including grade levels, prerequisites required and which graduation requirement the class meets.

## Can I take a different World Language class, outside of what is offered at Mount Si?

Yes. Students can take World Language classes via Running Start, [MSHS's online program](#), or via an [OSPI-approved online learning provider](#).

## What if I am currently scheduled for Algebra 1 as an 8th grader, can I skip Geometry and register for Algebra 2?

No, you need to complete the course sequence and register for Geometry. There is no way to test out of Geometry.

## What AP classes are available to Freshmen?

AP Human Geography is currently the only AP course available to take during 9th grade. Check the Course Catalog (main MSHS website or the Counseling page) to see each class we offer at Mount Si and what grade levels they are available to.

## Are community service hours required for graduation?

No, community service hours are not a component of MSHS's graduation requirements. However, participating in community service is a great way to get involved, give back to your local community, make connections, and highlight experiences on your resume and college applications!

## Does Jazz Band count as one of the elective choices for 9th graders?

Jazz Band is held during zero period, so before the regular school day begins. If you register for Jazz Band, you'll end up with 8 total classes/periods.

## Does Music Creativity require previous music experience?

Refer to the Course Catalog for the course descriptions! No, you do not need to currently play an instrument to be part of this class.

### **MUSIC CREATIVITY & COLLABORATION (MCC)**

**Length / Credit:** 1 Semester / .5 Credit

**Grade Level:** 9, 10, 11, 12

**Graduation Requirement:** Fine Arts or Elective

**HOMEWORK:** Occasional, 15 mins / day

**PURPOSE:** Students will explore their individuality and creativity through replicating and arranging existing music, as well as creating their own music, through collaboration with their peers. Students will learn the basics of various available self-selected instruments through instructor facilitation and student exploration. Students will learn about the basic forms of songs and will acquire the tools and foundation to compose by themselves and in a group. This class attempts to formalize the informal "rock band" setting and challenges students to think about arranging and composing in a more formal setting.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Students must attend one evening performance event as part of the final for the class. Date will be communicated at the beginning of the semester.

**CLASS VIDEO:** View [HERE](#)

**COST:** NA

*May repeat class.*

## **What if I have changed my mind about my Math selection?**

Math is hard coded class on your schedule already (ie Math) and want to make a schedule change email your assigned counselor. Here are their alpha's:

- Mr. Dempsey (A-CI): [dempseyr@svsd410.org](mailto:dempseyr@svsd410.org)
- Ms. McKone (Co-G): [mckonec@svsd410.org](mailto:mckonec@svsd410.org)
- Mr. Crane (H-La): [cranes@svsd410.org](mailto:cranes@svsd410.org)
- Mrs. Kitterman (Le-Pa): [kittermanh@svsd410.org](mailto:kittermanh@svsd410.org)
- Ms. Maimon (Pe-Sm): [maimone@svsd410.org](mailto:maimone@svsd410.org)
- Ms. Westerman (Sn-Z): [westermans@svsd410.org](mailto:westermans@svsd410.org)

## **If I want to sign up for a class that has 2 different course codes, which one do I put in the registration form?**

Refer back to the course request form. You will put both codes on your registration in order to complete both semesters of the course.

## **If I want to sign up for a class that freshmen can join but can't find the Course Code on the Course Selection form, is it a class that is available for this year?**

If the course code is not on the 9th grade request form, unfortunately it is unavailable for 9th graders this year.

## **Do I have to take Biology as a 9th grader?**

Biology is required for all 9th graders.

## **If I already speak a language other than English fluently, do I need to take a new world language class during high school?**

Refer to the district's website on the [Seal of Biliteracy](#). If you still have questions, you can contact your assigned high school counselor.

## **If I took Spanish I during 8th grade, do I register for Spanish II for 9th grade?**

Yes! However, if you didn't do well and feel like it would be beneficial to have a fresh start, you are definitely allowed to start over again with Spanish I.