

Interlake Registration Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take less than 7 periods & request a late arrival/early dismissal?

If you are a junior or senior, you may request to have 1st or 7th period open without a class. This cannot be guaranteed. You cannot have an open period in the middle of the day. All 9th and 10th graders must have 7 classes.

If I want to take an IB or Advanced Placement class, are there things I need to do in addition to adding the class to my course requests?

IB/AP classes are rigorous classes and are a commitment. Please know that if you choose and IB/AP class, you will be expected to remain in the class for the full year. We always recommend that students consult with current teachers, parents, and their counselor about course selection. If you are interested in the IB diploma, please look at the IB planning webpage [About the IB Diploma at Interlake HS](#)

What can I list for "course alternates"? Do I really need 3 or 4?

Any class that you would be okay taking in place of a 1st choice elective. These are used to fill a schedule when 1st choices don't work. Please choose several alternates and be prepared to possibly have one in your schedule.

What are electives and how do I get 3.5 credits of them?

Any class that you take beyond the core requirements. Example: After taking 2 semesters of CTE, any other CTE courses will fill into the general electives. Students will graduate with many extra electives.

How do I know what my remaining graduation requirements are? The easiest way to find what your graduation requirements are and what

you have remaining is by going to the “Course History” tab in StudentVue.

Since there is a difference between graduation requirements and college entrance requirements and I want to go to college, how do I know what I should take for college admission?

In the BSD Course Catalog and on the Interlake College and Career center webpages, you will find information in multiple locations about the recommendations for what to take for college admission. [Interlake College planning FAQ](#) [Interlake College and Career Center](#) Another great reference is our BSD college conference webpage.

<https://bsd405.org/about/initiatives/college/college-conference/>

In addition, students can reference individual college admission websites. Use the University of Washington Seattle campus as a good baseline of college admissions expectations [University of WA- Seattle Admission Requirements](#) A good general response is that a student should sign up for as rigorous a program as they are capable of successfully completing.

I am behind on credits or need to go to summer school. How can I earn more credits or sign up for summer school?

You should also set up an appointment to work with your counselor on how you will obtain additional credits. Summer school information will be available later in the spring [Summer programs in Bellevue School District](#)

How do I know my total number of credits earned and my overall grade point average (GPA)?

Students can find this information in StudentVue under the “documents” tab. There is a copy of the most recent transcript which will show total number of credits earned and GPA to date. Students can also access course history in StudentVue.

What do I need to do for the WA State History requirement?

Washington State History is a graduation requirement that is often completed in middle school in the state of Washington. You can check your most recent transcript to see if this has been met. If it has not, connect with your counselor about the online WA state history course through BSD.

Do I have to take 2 credits of art and 2 credits of language to graduate?

To graduate, students must take a minimum of 1.0 credits of art. If the remaining 1.0 art credits and 2.0 language credits are not aligned with their personal pathway, they can work with their counselor to fill out a personal pathway form which allows them to earn credits in the area most aligned to their graduation pathway. [BSD Personal Pathway form](#)

Incoming Freshman Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take a math class over the summer to get ahead? Students can take math over the summer; however, this is **not** recommended by the Interlake math department. Most students are on track to complete Calculus in 12th grade without any acceleration. Students must complete the outside learning process for approval prior to taking a course over the summer [BSD Outside Learning process](#) Please connect with your middle school counselor if you have questions.

Can I retake a class that I took in middle school? Yes, if you took a high school class in middle school (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, World Language) you can choose to retake the class at the high school if you wish. Please connect with your middle school counselor if you have questions about repeating a class

Can I take IB or AP classes in 9th grade? Yes, all 9th graders take AP Human Geography in the 9th grade to fulfill the 9th grade social studies requirement. All World Language courses are designated IB as well. Students can begin to take more IB or AP level courses in 10th grade if they meet the course prerequisites. For more information about the IB Diploma, please look at the Interlake IB webpage [About the IB Diploma at Interlake HS](#)

Will my 504/IEP transfer to high school? Yes, if you have an IEP you will have an IEP case manager and they will be your point person for your IEP and goals. If you have a 504 plan, you will be working with your high school counselor who will be your point person for your 504 updates. Please connect with your middle school counselor or your current IEP case manager with questions.

What classes should I register for if I have an IEP? Your middle school IEP case manager and/or middle school counselor should be able to help you with this process. Any necessary edits will be made later with your IEP case manager's guidance.

Do I need to audition for Band or Orchestra? No, but you must already play an instrument used in Band or Orchestra. Please see page 79 of the BSD course catalog for more information.

What is a High School and Beyond Plan? The High School and Beyond Plan is something that is started in middle school and is part of the high school graduation requirements. At Interlake, we use Naviance to complete this requirement. Students will work on the plan throughout high school

If we already know how to speak a different language do we need to still take a language class? This is entirely up to the student, but BSD does offer world language tests for credit. Some students elect to take this test along with taking a world language class other simply just use the credit earned from the test to fulfill their graduation requirement. Be aware that some colleges do require that you take high school world language classes. More info about the test can be found here: [World Language Competency Test Info](#)