



Horizon to High School

Planning Your Freshman Year



To the Future Class of 2029,

Your time in Manteca Unified School District is an educational journey and the transition from elementary to high school is an exciting next step!

You are getting ready to leave your elementary campus and will be exploring a much larger campus that will be brand new to you! You may be feeling nervous or overwhelmed by the idea of moving on to high school. These feelings are completely normal, and rest assured, Manteca Unified is here to support you and your family as you prepare for freshman year.

Outlined below are a few things to expect in the coming weeks and months:

Your local high school will host an 8th Grade Parent night in late January or early February.

You will receive an invitation with a specific date soon. *Both you and your family are highly encouraged to attend this in-person event, which will include information about classes, campus culture, expectations, extracurricular opportunities and more!*

Academic counselors will visit your elementary school in the next few months to discuss classes and program opportunities.

You will be given a "Class Ballot" which is a listing of school-specific freshman classes that you can enroll in. Families, you are encouraged to review the Class Ballot with your child. *Parents/support providers play an important role in their child's educational journey, even through high school.*

Academic counselors will visit your school site again in February or March, and you will have a 1-on-1 meeting with them.

Counselors will answer any questions and help you select an educational pathway. We believe every student has a pathway whether it's education, employment and/or enlistment! During this 1-on-1 meeting you will enroll in your freshman classes. *Families, you will be invited to this meeting and are encouraged to attend!*

**We look forward to supporting you during this exciting time!
For questions, please contact your school office.**

Example Freshman Schedule

Below is an example of what a freshman high school student's class schedule might look like.

Counselors will work with 8th grade students to build a schedule that best suits their educational needs and interests.

9th Grade Term 1 4 Classes - 40 Credits	9th Grade Term 2 4 Classes - 40 Credits
English	Life Science
Math	Physical Education
Elective	Elective
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Electives Might Include

Career Technical Education (CTE) Courses: Animal Science, Intro to Digital Photography & Design, Business Applications, Intro to Education and Child Development, Interior Design and Fashion, Introduction to Health Science, Culinary Arts and more!

Visual and Performing Arts Courses: Introduction to Art, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Choir, Band, Introduction to Theatre and more!

Language Other than English: Spanish and French

Ask your counselor what elective courses are available at your high school!

Explore courses using MUSD's High School Course Catalog:

www.mantecausd.net/coursecatalog