



O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 203

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FRESHMAN YEAR

What is the daily schedule at the Milburn campus?

7:00 AM	BUILDING DOORS OPEN	Note: There are 5-minute passing periods between hours.
7:30 a.m. — 8:25 a.m.	1 st Hour	
8:30 a.m. — 9:25 a.m.	2 nd Hour	
9:30 a.m. — 10:25 a.m.	3 rd Hour	
10:30 a.m. — 11:25 a.m.	4 th Hour	4A lunch or advisory 10:30-10:55 4B lunch or advisory 11:00-11:25
11:30 a.m. — 12:25 p.m.	5 th Hour	5A lunch 11:30-11:55 5B advisory 12:00-12:25
12:30 p.m. — 1:25 p.m.	6 th Hour	
1:30 p.m. — 2:25 p.m.	7 th Hour	

What is the typical course load for a freshman student?

There are 7 periods in the school day, including lunch. Freshman students typically take six courses: five core academic courses and one elective. Students and parents can reference OTHS Graduation Requirements as well as College Admission Requirements in the OTHS Curriculum Guide found on the OTHS website.

How is an elective-credit course different from a core-credit course?

Students receive 0.5 credit per semester for both elective-credit courses and core-credit courses.

- **Core Courses:** Focus on foundational subjects such as English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health, and Physical Education.
- **Elective Courses:** Allow students to explore their interests in subjects such as Art, Music, World Language, and Career & Technology Education.

To graduate, OTHS students must complete at least 7 semesters of coursework and earn 21 units of credit.

How much homework can my student expect each day?

The amount of time a student spends on homework varies by day, course, and individual study skills. Students in honors coursework can typically expect one to two hours of homework per night, depending on the specific course and their study habits.

How do we learn about extracurricular activities?

At the start of the school year, O'Fallon Township High School hosts an evening event titled "OTHS Connects". Information about all extracurricular activities will be available at this event. Additionally, families can visit the OTHS website under [Clubs & Activities](#) for up-to-date information.

When will the OTHS District 203 Registration process occur?

Registration is mandatory for all students, including incoming feeder school students. Online registration will open mid July 2026 and may be completed online through Skyward Family Access.

- OTHS District 203 Skyward login and password information for freshman families will be emailed to the address on file in the Spring semester.
- Families with current upperclassmen at OTHS can use their existing login information to register incoming freshmen.
- For assistance with login issues, please contact the OTHS Computer Department at computerdepartment@oths.us.
- Continue to check the OTHS Website for up-to-date information pertaining to the [OTHS District 203 Registration](#).



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When can my student take Drivers Education? What is the cost? Is it required to graduate?

Driver Education is optional and not required for graduation.

- **Cost:** \$250 for classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training.
- **Course Structure:** Driver Education consists of a nine-week classroom-based course, which is paired with the nine-week Technology Essentials course. Behind-the-wheel instruction is conducted separately and does not occur concurrently with the Driver Education classroom portion.
- **Age Requirement:** Students must be 15 years of age during their enrolled term.
- **Enrollment:** Students must list Driver Education on their course selection sheet if they wish to enroll.

Is Summer School available for my rising 9th grader?

Summer School offerings and policies are determined during the Spring semester. Summer School courses, when offered, are available on a tuition basis. Continue to check the OTHS Website for updates regarding summer school opportunities for incoming 9th graders.

When will my student receive a copy of their course requests?

An email will be sent to families in the Spring semester with detailed information on the following topics:

- OTHS Skyward Family Access Log-in
- 2026-2027 OTHS Course Request Viewing
- Freshman Orientation

When will my student receive their fall 9th grade schedule?

Student schedules for the fall semester will be available for viewing in **Skyward** in **late-July**. Schedules are subject to change leading up to the first day of school in August.

Counselor Availability: School Counselors will be available on select dates during the summer to assist with schedule changes. These dates will be shared on the OTHS Website. However, students are encouraged to finalize course request changes by the last day of school in May.

Per the **OTHS Student Handbook**, schedule changes will not be granted in the following circumstances:

1. Requests to change student's lunch hour.
2. Requests for a different teacher.
3. Requests to rearrange courses to accommodate preferred class periods.

Should you have any questions related to the information shared in this letter, please reach out to the OTHS Milburn School Counseling Office at milburnschoolcounseling@oths.us

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