



EL DIAMANTE HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN REGISTRATION 2026-2027



Dear 8th Grade Parents, We are excited to welcome your students as they prepare to take the next big step into high school! El Diamante High School will soon begin registering incoming 9th grade students for the **2026–2027 school year**. Below you will find important dates and event descriptions designed to guide you through the registration process. These activities are carefully planned to ensure a smooth and successful transition to high school for both students and families. We look forward to partnering with you during this exciting milestone and welcoming your family to the El Diamante community!

Linked Learning Academies - Media Arts and S.T.R.O.N.G.

The Linked Learning Academies are located at our district's four comprehensive high schools: El Diamante, Golden West, Mt. Whitney, and Redwood High Schools. Incoming eighth-grade students may choose to apply for an academy at any of the four high schools based on their career interests. For more information about the academies, [CLICK HERE](#). Eighth-grade students can still apply to open academies until January 30th through this [application](#). Students accepted into an El Diamante Academy will be contacted via email the first week of February. Students and Parents will need to attend the mandatory Academy Signing Night on February 11th at 5:00pm to sign their academy contract, in order to finalize their spot in the academy. Failure to attend the signing night with no prior notice may result in losing your spot in the academy. Contact us prior to the event if you are unable to attend.

Students will register for their classes at the Academy Signing Night. More detailed registration information will be shared during the Academy Signing Night. For more information contact Mrs. Nauman, Site Academy Administrator at nnauman@vusd.org

8TH GRADE PREVIEW DAY

Friday, February 13th - During the school day Eight graders will be visiting El Diamante High School campus for a fun and informative Preview Day! This special visit gives students the opportunity to experience campus life and begin envisioning their high school journey. During the morning, students will enjoy a spirited pep rally, take a guided tour of our campus, and explore our CTE, VAPA and Academy Showcase. Teachers and current students will be on hand to share information about programs, pathways and elective opportunities available at El Diamante. This event is designed to help students discover their interests and learn more about the wide range of electives offered. After Preview Day, we encourage families to talk together and select four elective course preferences based on what students learned and enjoyed during their visit. Private School Students: Please plan to drop students off at EDHS at 9:15 a.m. and pick them up at 11:30 a.m.

FUTURE MINER NIGHT/EDHS OPEN HOUSE

Monday, March 9th - 5:00 pm

Parents and students are invited to visit EDHS for an evening designed to help families feel informed, connected, and excited about the transition to high school. This evening will begin with a brief informational meeting, followed by an EDHS fair in the quad. Families will have the opportunity to visit booths hosted by representatives from elective courses, core academic classes, athletics, and student clubs, and to meet our administrators, athletic director, and staff. After the fair, parents and students are welcome to enjoy a self-guided tour of the campus. In addition, families of students with an IEP are invited to attend a dedicated informational meeting at 6:00 pm in the EDHS Library. This session will focus on the transition to high school and provide important information and support for students and families.

REGISTRATION

When selecting courses for freshmen year, students will be selecting 4 elective courses. English and Mathematics placements are based on 8th grade performance. Please make a note on your child's registration sheet if you are interested in pursuing Honors Math or English classes. Final confirmation will take place after the completion of 8th grade. Please note, even if your child is selected to participate in an Academy program not held at El Diamante, your child will still need to select courses at EDHS (their assigned) home school. We will not drop your child to attend an academy until we have received the final confirmation from the Academy School. Please review EDHS registration information and discuss course selections with your child. Please note that these registration meetings will be 3-5 minutes in length. If you want to schedule a 4 year plan meeting, please contact the freshmen Counselor after May 2026. Please have your student bring their completed [Freshman Registration Sheet](#). Below are the scheduled registration dates at our feeder schools.

LA JOLLA MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2/17 & 2/18

RIDGEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2/24

GREEN ACRES - 2/24

PRIVATE & ALL OTHER SCHOOLS

EDHS ENROLLMENT

2026-27 Online portal opens mid-March You will need to enroll your student before setting an appointment for class registration. The enrollment process is done completely online. Please go to the [EDHS Website](#) and click on the "[Student Enrollment](#)" button in the top right corner on the homepage.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be by appointment only. We will be sending you a link to register for a registration appointment once you have successfully completed all parts of the EDHS Enrollment process. You will have the option to have your registration meeting by phone or through Zoom. Please provide a copy of your most recent grade report to help with English and Math course placements. Please have your student bring their completed [Freshman Registration Sheet](#).

If you have questions, please contact the **El Diamante Student Services Department at 735-3523**. Please check out the [EDHS Future Miner Website](#) for more detailed information about the registration process and EDHS programs. We look forward to meeting with each of you, and we are excited to welcome your student as an El Diamante Miner!

Scan the QR Code below to view the Enrollment Flyer



Niels Burgess
Principal

Melissa Garcia
Assistant Principal - Student Services

Nancy Nauman
Academy Site Administrator

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NAME: _____ STUDENT ID: _____

Every effort is made to satisfy student course requests. Please be mindful that enrollment in all selected courses is not guaranteed. Placements in required classes and/or academic support classes are based on multiple measures. Please choose your courses carefully; **there are no schedule changes at the start of the school year unless due to errors in the student's schedule.**

Do you plan to be an athlete for the 26-27 school year Yes _____ No _____

FRESHMAN COURSE REQUEST

Circle a required course in each section and write down your selected courses for Electives, Alternate Electives, and Summer School. Select courses you are willing to take, as these will be the courses entered into the system.

A. SOCIAL SCIENCE	5446 Success 101 - ONE SEMESTER	
B. ENGLISH	1002-1003 English 1(P) 1006-1007 English 1 Honors (P)	1006AOS-1007AOS English 1 Honors (P) AOS*** 1006 MAA-1007 MAA English 1 Honors (P) MAA***
C. MATHEMATICS	3267-3268 Int. Math 1 (P) 3270-3271 Int. Math 2 (P)	3272-3273 Int. Math 2 Honors (P)*
D. SCIENCE	4302 Health (P) - ONE SEMESTER 4350AOS-4351AOS STRONG 1 AOS (Fulfills health requirement)*** 4006-4007 Biology (P)(STRONG Academy Only)***	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	0602-0603 Core Physical Education 0641-0642 Integrated Core PE 1* (A)	
ELECTIVE #1		
ELECTIVE #2		
ALTERNATE ELECTIVE #3		
ALTERNATE ELECTIVE #4		
ADVANCEMENT SUM SCHOOL (Optional)	4302SUM Health (P) (ONE SEMESTER)	
Pre-First (Optional)	6414-6415 Jazz Band (P)(PO)** 2206-2207 Spanish 2 (P)* (PO)* 8310-8311 Student Activities (PO)(Mock Trial)**	
COUNSELOR ONLY	1084FA-1085FA Freshman Academy** 8477-8478 AVID ALD 1 8483-8484 ELD 2 (ELPAC 1 Only)	0306-0307 Culinary 1 (SLC ONLY) 8009-8010 Academic Academy** (Access)##

FRESHMAN ELECTIVES

AGRICULTURE	0214-0215 Ag Business 2 0007-0008 Int. Animal & Plant Phy. (P)*	0052-0053 Ag Mechanics 1 (P)* 0392-0393 Ag Construction and Technology 1*
AUTOMOTIVE	0406-0407 Intro to Auto Tech (P)*	
AVID	8412-8413 AVID 1***	
BUSINESS	0118-0119 Foundations of Business	
CULINARY ARTS	0318-0319 Culinary Arts II	
MEDIA ARTS ACADEMY ONLY	0165MAA-0166MAA Intro to Video MAA (P)	
SCIENCE	4106-4107 Chemistry (P)* (must be enrolled in Int. Math 2 Honors) 4006-4007 Biology (P)*** (STRONG Academy Only)	
STRONG ACADEMY ONLY	4350AOS-4351AOS STRONG 1 (Fulfills health requirement)***	
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS (VAPA)	6202-6203 Drama 1(P) 6001-6002 3D Art 1 (P) 6102-6103 Studio Art 1 (P) 6406-6407 Advanced Band (P)**# 6406PER-6407PER Adv. Perc. (P) **# 6462-6463 Wind Ensemble Honors**#	6414-6415 Jazz Band (P)(P0)** 6452-6453 Orchestra (P) 6422-6423 Color Guard**# 6502-6503 Beg Sop./Alto Chorus (P) 6506-6507 Bass Clef Chorus(P) 6601-6602 Intro to Dance (P)
WORLD LANGUAGE	2202-2203 Spanish 1 (P) 2301-2303 Spanish 1 Spanish Speakers (P)*	2206-2207 Spanish 2(P)* 2002-2003 French 1 (P)
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	8300-8301 Student Government(ASB)**	

LEGEND

* Prerequisite required ** Instructor permission required *** Application required	# Audition only (P) College prep UC/CSU a-g approved (AP)Advanced Placement	(A) Athletic participation recommended (P0) Before school/zero period/Pre First (DE) Dual Enrollment
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El Diamante High School

Freshman CTE & Elective Courses for 2026-2027



California Technical Education (CTE) Pathway course offerings:

Media Arts Academy

0165/66 **Intro to Video MAA (P)(g):**

This course is the entry level course for the Media Arts Academy. Students will develop a strong understanding of the language of film in a real-world, hands-on production studio that supports the learning core academic skills. Production skills include story development, script writing, camera skills, shot composition, lighting and sound, film editing, and publishing.

STRONG Academy

4350/51 **STRONG 1 AOS (P)(g):**

This course is the entry level course for the STRONG Academy. Students learn various medical and sports science areas.

Agricultural Mechanics

0052/53 **Ag Mechanics 1(P)(g):** Basic course in farm shop skills and mechanics that includes woodworking, metals, rope work, cutting and welding, etc.

Agricultural Horticulture

0007/08 **Intro Animal and Plant Physiology (P)(g):**

This course introduces students to agriculture sciences and the pathway leading to Floral Design.

Agricultural Technology

0392/33 **Ag Tech 1(P)(g):** This course introduces students to agricultural technology from construction, irrigation systems and mechatronics and the pathway leading to AgriTech.

Automotive

0406/07 **Intro to Automotive Technology (P)(g):**

This course introduces students to automotive service, maintenance and repair and the pathway leading to Automotive.

Culinary Arts

0318/19 **Culinary Arts II (P)(g):** This course introduces students to Food Services, Food Preparation and Hospitality Industry and the Retail Foods pathway.

Foundations of Business

0118/19 **Foundations of Business (P)(g):** This is a year-long course covering various careers and components of the business world. Course content includes information processing, finance, marketing, operations and management. Projects and simulations are used to enhance instruction. Key guest speakers from the business community may be featured during instruction in order to connect the current business world to topics being covered throughout the course.

AVID

8412/13 **AVID 1 (P)(g):** This course provides support to students who have the determination to achieve university admission. The course provides a curriculum to prepare students for college through writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading activities, as well as college visits and guest speakers.

Elective Course offerings:

Language Other Than English (LOTE)

2002/03 **French 1(P)(e):** Students receive intensive instruction in the four major aspects of communication, listening, reading, writing and speaking.

2202/03 **Spanish 1 (P)(e):** Beginning course designed for the student with no prior experience with the Spanish Language.

2206/07 **Spanish 2 (P)(e):** This course is designed for students who are currently taking Spanish 1 in 8th grade. This course expands on sentence structure, vocab, culture and heritage presented in Spanish 1.

2302/03 **Spanish 1 SS* (P)(e):** Designed as a basic course for students fluent in everyday conversational Spanish but who are deficient in Spanish reading and writing skills.

Science

4106/07 **Chemistry* (P)(d):** This is a rigorous course designed for the student who has strong

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** Staff approval
H Honors

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(b) = English
(c) = Mathematics
(d) = Laboratory Science
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(f) = Visual & Performing Arts
(g) = College-Preparatory Elective



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mathematical and English skills. Mathematical abilities are utilized to solve complex and challenging scientific problems. Students must have successfully passed Integrated Math 1 during their 8th grade year.

4006/07 Biology*(P)(d): (STRONG Academy only) This course is designed as an introductory course in living systems for the college preparatory student. Major areas of study include cell biology, genetics, ecology, evolution and structure and function of living things.

Visual & Performing Arts

6001/02 3D Art 1 (P)(f): Introduction and exploration of 3 dimensional art forms. Units of study may include sculpture, clay, fiber, paper, mixed media, jewelry, color theory, and printmaking.

6102/03 Studio Art 1 (P)(f): Introduction and exploration of 2 dimensional art forms. Units of study include painting and drawing techniques, color theory, graphics, perspective, creative thinking and problems solving.

6202/03 Drama 1 (P)(f): Drama 1 is an introduction to the dramatic arts. Includes a study of acting and technical theater terminology, theater history, the structure of the play, and play criticism.

6502/03 Beg Sopr/Alto Choir (P)(f): This course is open by permission of the director to beginning treble singers. This is a year-long course in beginning vocal techniques, music theory, sight reading, and choral literature for the beginning treble ensemble.

6506/07 Bass Clef Choir (P)(f): Bass Clef Chorus is open by permission of the director to beginning bass and treble singers. This is a year-long course in beginning vocal techniques, music theory, sight-reading, and choral literature.

6601/02 Intro to Dance (P)(f): Develops correct beginning terminology and technical execution in tap, jazz modern and ballet. The course develops creative expression through choreography and performance.

Enrollment in the following courses is by audition only:

6406/07 Adv Band (P)(f): This course is designed to expose the student to the various styles of band literature and marching styles.

6406/07 Adv. Band Percussion (P)(f): This course is designed to expose the student to the various styles of band literature and marching styles for percussionists.

6414/15 Jazz Band (P)(f): Course designed to expose students to the 20th century American music called jazz.

6422/23 Color Guard (P)(f): This course is designed to expose the student to styles of dance and flag techniques utilized in the modern marching band and winter guard.

6452/53 Orchestra (P)(f): This course uses a wide range of orchestral music to develop artistic awareness and technical performance skills.

6456/57 Advanced Orchestra (P)(f): This course uses a wide range of advanced orchestral music to develop artistic awareness and technical performance skills.

6601/02 Intermediate Dance (P)(f): This course emphasizes and extends understanding of intermediate dance terminology and technical execution in tap, jazz modern and ballet. The course develops creative expression through choreography and performance.

6608/09 Advanced Dance (P)(f): Enrollment in this class is by audition only. This course focuses on learning correct advanced terminology and technical execution in modern, tap, jazz and ballet.

6611/12 Dance Performance (P)(f): Enrollment in this class is by audition only. This is an advanced level course for students with several years of prior dance experience in Ballet; Jazz, Modern and Contemporary dance styles.

Leadership

8300-01 Student Government (ASB) (P)(f): Applications will be available for interested students. (GPA requirement) ASB class plans, organizes and carries out campus activities and rallies building school culture.

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EL DIAMANTE HIGH SCHOOL



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Welcome to El Diamante High School!

The transition to high school is a big step in your child's academic career. As your child's school nurse, I would like to review a few important points with you. Physical education (PE) in high school is more involved and strenuous than they have been exposed to before. If your student has any physical limitations that may affect his/her ability to participate, we require a new note from their health care provider EVERY school year.

Athletics at the high school level require a sports physical to be completed once a year. The approved sports physical form is available on the El Diamante website under the "Athletics" tab. This is the only form accepted and must state that the student is "cleared to participate in competitive sports".

Please note your child is not allowed to carry ANY form of medication on their person at school. The exception is an inhaler or epi pen and only with the proper forms filled out. If your child needs medications to be available for them, they will need to have the "Medication in-school" form filled out by both you, and the provider. This form is available on the El Diamante website under the "For parents and students" tab. A new form is required every school year.

Most importantly, please take the time to update your student's emergency card. This is the only way for me to reach you in case of an emergency regarding your child. At the bottom of the card, you will have the opportunity to give permission for the Registered Credentialed School Nurse to give your student over-the-counter (OTC) medications. Board policy requires this permission must come from the registration card. If you would like to opt-in for this option, you must complete their card. I would like to kindly remind you that your student will be attending a new school and I do not always have access to the same information that was provided at their middle school. Please take the time and write out, in full, any medical condition I need to be aware of on the registration card.

The proper care of your child requires a partnership between you and the school. Thank you for taking the time to read this valuable information.

With appreciation,
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Credentialed School Nurse



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El Diamante Athletics Freshmen Information

El Diamante Athletics welcomes interested student athletes to participate in our competitive interscholastic program. EDHS Athletic teams are listed below by season. Student Athletes must have a physical on file **prior** to participation. Students are required to maintain 2.0 for athletic eligibility and complete athletic clearance paperwork. Physical packets can be picked up from the attendance office or printed from the EDHS Website. If you have any questions regarding further information for a specific sport, please contact the head coach for that sport, listed on our website.

You can also join us for our Athletics Open House on April 13th in the EDHS Gym. More information will be provided as we get closer.

EDHS Athletics website: <https://www.edhsminersathletics.com/>
Click on "About" to access important forms and links.

Please note:

- Any middle school athlete must be enrolled as an EDHS student **prior** to starting any practices.
- Summer/pre-season conditioning begins as early as June 9th. Contact the coach ASAP for more information
- Fall sports tryouts are typically end of July - before school begins (Cheer tryouts are in early May), however, conditioning takes place over the summer!
- Parents are invited to El Diamante's Open House in March to view the campus and visit the Athletics Booths. Date and time are TBD and will be shared on the website soon.

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Cross Country	Boys Basketball	Baseball
Football	Girls Basketball	Boys Golf
Girls Golf	Boys Soccer	Boys Tennis
Girls Tennis	Girls Soccer	Softball
Volleyball	Boys Wrestling	Boys Swimming and Diving
Boys Water Polo	Girls Wrestling	Girls Swimming and Diving
Girls Water Polo	Competition Cheer	Boys Track and Field
Sideline Cheerleading		Girls Track and Field
		Competitive Sport Stunt

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