

Course Request Night

Class of 2030

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Agenda

- About Issaquah High
- Considerations Before Course Selection
- Supports for Students
- Next Steps/Resources

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About IHS

- 7 period day
- Semesters - not trimesters
- Credits = each period can earn a student up to 1.0 credit for the year
- Semester long courses = only last half the year (0.5 credits)
- Yearlong courses = classes that are the full year (1.0 credits)
- Credits are earned by passing the class (D or higher)

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Sample Schedule

Periods	Semester 1	Semester 2
1st	English - 1.0 credit	
2nd	PE – 0.5 credit	Art – 0.5 credit
3rd	History – 1.0 credit	
4th	Math – 1.0 credit	
5th	Science – 1.0 credit	
6th	Graphic Design – 0.5 credit	PE – 0.5 credit
7th	Spanish 1 – 1.0 credit	

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Considerations Before Selecting Requests

- Importance of finding success in 9th grade and the transition to high school

- Be sure to consider:
  - Balance
  - Interest (pathways)
  - Graduation requirements
  - Learning Recommendations

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Transition From 8th Grade

- Homeroom and Flex Time
- Guided Studies Course
    - Focuses on executive functioning skills
        - Study habits, calendar/planner, note taking, etc.
    - Homework free period that supports staying on top of the other 6 courses
    - Extra help learning/reinforcing important behaviors
        - Examples: Support using Canvas, advocating for help, etc.
- Math Support Courses Bridge to Algebra (elective credit)
    - Intensified Algebra (2 periods- 1 math credit, 1 elective credit)
    - Lab Courses (Elective Credit)
        - Alg 1 Lab
        - Geometry Lab
        - Alg 2 Lab

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How Does it All Work?

- Informed Self-Select – Course schedule built based on requests
    - Example: 15 students register for History of Sports = Course is not run that year
    - Example: 90 students select French 1 = 3 sections of 30
    - Example: 107 students select Photo = 3 sections of 32 and 11 students get their alternative art or wait to take Photo

- May-July we build the courses into Skyward, schedule students into classes and adjust/monitor class sizes/offerings.

- In August, students will get to log in and see their schedule a week or so before school starts. At this time, they will also be provided with options to request changes (only if space is available)

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Online Resources

- Course Selection must be completed in Student Access with online direction sheet – by 8am on March 6th
- Check Counseling Website for resources (Course Guide, sample schedules, videos, FAQs.)
- Check the ISD Equity page for specific information for families who are new to US public schools

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Financial Resources

- Cost should never stop students from participating in classes with course fees or participating/trying out for sports and clubs
- Easiest way to get assistance is to apply for free and reduced lunch
- If you don’t qualify for free/reduced lunch then we do have other scholarship forms available on the website

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Thank You!

Please proceed to your assigned School Counselor Session

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