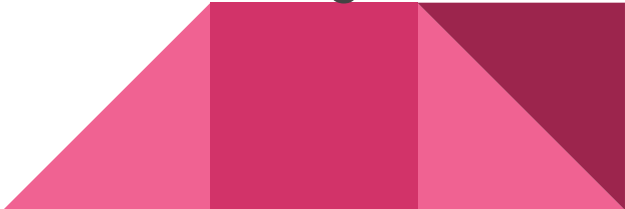


# **Course Selection Process For Grade 9 At HHS**

# The Course Selection Process

- The schedule is built and faculty are assigned based on information received from students and parents during the course selection period.
  - Teacher recommendations for level placement and realistic assessments of ability and work habits should be considered seriously by students and parents during the course selection process.
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1. Teachers make recommendations March 7th-13th.
2. Students select courses on the portal March 14th-19th.
3. 8th graders meet with HS counselors to review courses selected on the portal April 6.



# Placement Review-Course Recommendation Override


Sometimes parents / students choose to reject placement recommendations and request placement in a more demanding level (course recommendation override). There are risks in doing so.

- A student who does poorly in a more advanced class weakens their transcript. Sometimes, difficulties in one course generate difficulties in others as well.
- To keep up with the class, the student may require more individual help than the teacher can reasonably be expected to provide. The demands of an advanced curriculum do not allow teachers to accommodate to the pace of a student who is misplaced. The teacher cannot provide individual tutoring.



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- We cannot assure that a student who has difficulty will be able to move to a lower level. Classes are tightly scheduled, and it may not be possible to find a place in the new class once the academic school year has begun. The student must then either drop the course completely or remain in the requested section despite diminished performance.
  - When a transfer is possible, it may be necessary to reschedule other classes to accommodate the shift. This general disruption can cause problems in other courses where the student may be doing well.
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## 4. Students make final course selections

- When applicable, families complete the online [override form](#).
  - Override forms and/or any other changes are due **4/8/22** at noon.

Changes to course requests past the deadline may not be accommodated because the schedule is built and faculty are assigned based on information received from students and parents during the course selection period.



# Rising Freshmen (current 8th Graders)

\*All students must be registered for 30 credits. Please **choose alternates** for your electives.

\*PE is required for one semester

\*You may select up to 3 elective classes, see the Grade 9 Worksheet-hyperlink

\*Some newer courses to check out: Mixed Media, Engineering and Robotics, TV Production-Creative\*For students interested in music (no band, orchestra, or chorus experience necessary):

- Fundamentals of Music
- Intro to Piano
- Music Appreciation: Learning to Listen
- Songwriting and Studio

