

Scheduling for Freshman Year Cheat Sheet



- Credits- minimum of 24 credits required for graduation
 - Schedule a minimum of 6 credits, maximum of 8
 - Study hall can be selected in Skyward as a class
 - Study hall does **not** earn any credit
 - If you want a full year of study hall, register for 6.0 credits total and then **add** study hall
 - If you want a study hall for one semester of the year, register for 6.5 credits total and then **add** study hall
 - If you are not interested in a study hall, register for 7.0 credits total
 - Students can register for a maximum of 8.0 credits; this would include an Early Bird course
 - Early Bird Options: Jazz Band & Show Choir
- Alternative Courses
 - Schedule a minimum of 3 alternative courses, maximum of 6 alternative courses
 - Rank alternative courses accordingly (1 being highest preference)
 - Elective course are not guaranteed based upon request, so having 'back up' choices is important
- Select a Physical Education class (PE Foundations or Weight Training 1)
- Elective Courses
 - When thinking about elective options, first consider Band, Choir, & Spanish
 - Reference the Course Description Guide to help select other elective courses
- Students should pick classes that
 - Interest them, challenge them, leads to a career pathway or post-secondary goal, and meets the prerequisite requirement for future classes they want to take
- Future Planning Considerations
 - Spanish Credits: If Spanish 1 was taken as an 8th grader, students would be on track to take Spanish 5, which could earn them 12-16 college retroactive credits
 - Dual Credit Courses (10th-12th Grade): credits affiliated with college credit that is given after receiving a passing grade or higher
 - AP Courses (10th-12th Grade): college credit will be given if student passes the Advanced Placement test in May with a certain score
 - Youth Apprenticeship Program (11th-12 Grade): gain hands on experience in an industry of your choice by completing requirements through program, earn a certificate and high school credit
 - CNA Course (11th-12th Grade): become a Certified Nursing Assistant by taking this course and earning college credit
 - Work Release (11th-12th Grade): students must take the Career Readiness course to earn work release. Students will earn credit for working at a placement of their choice
 - Early College Credit (11-12th Grade): if students are interested in taking college courses that we do not offer at the high school level. Students will need to exhaust all options available in the field at NLHS to be considered.
 - 8th Grade Spanish 1 and Algebra do not count as core requirements. They will be entered in as elective credits in high school

Important note: schedule changes will not be permitted once staffing and master schedule have been set!

Scheduling for Freshman Year FAQ's

How are students selected for Honors English?

There are limited spots available in Honors English. After students sign up to take Honors English they will be given a survey/assessment that will be evaluated by the high school English department. In addition to the survey/assessment State and local assessment data as well as teacher recommendation can be used to help determine eligibility. It is important to note that this placement will not limit your child's ability to take future Honors or Advanced Placement courses

*Please let your counselors know if you want to take Honors English.

Can students double up on math classes their Freshman year?

If a student has completed Algebra in 8th grade, they could potentially take both Geometry and Advanced Algebra Trigonometry, based on their math scores and teacher recommendation. Doubling up in math is only recommended for students who are planning on taking four years of high level mathematics.

If my child took Algebra as an 8th grader, does that count as a High School credit?

Though taking Algebra in 8th grade helps students with their math progression, it does not count as a high school math credit.

*Students must take a minimum of 3 math credits at the high school level to meet graduation requirements.

Given that some Colleges and Universities require a minimum of 2-3 completed years of a foreign language for admission, does 8th grade Spanish 1 count?

No, the 2-3 year requirement for foreign language must be completed at the high school level. With that being said, students who have taken Spanish 1 in 8th grade benefit as they are then on track to earn college credit with the completion of Spanish 5.

Does my child have to take Concert Choir to be eligible to take Early Bird Show Choir? Similarly, does my child have to take Concert Band to be eligible to take Early Bird Jazz Ensemble?

Yes, students who want to take either of those Early Bird Options, need to be enrolled in the connected course or attain the consent of the instructor.

When will schedules be released?

Completed schedules will be viewable on Skyward in early August.