DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Class of 2029 Families:

We are excited to welcome you to the Warrior family! During the upcoming months, we have several opportunities for you to get to know Deerfield High School and prepare for next school year. On **Wednesday, January 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, we invite you to join us for **High School Preview Night**. High School Preview Night offers an opportunity for 8th graders and their parents/guardians to meet our high school leaders and teachers; explore the array of courses, extracurriculars, services available; chat with students to learn about the high school experience; and connect with parent/guardian organizations.

For this event, students and families should enter the building at our main entrance (circle drive). Our parent/guardian organizations will welcome you at the entrance, where you can learn more about how to get involved with these different groups - and even stock up on Warrior apparel! After exploring what our parent organizations have to offer, you will head to the Warrior Gym for a fun-filled presentation starting promptly at 6:30 pm. At 7:30 pm students and families will be able to tour the building and talk to administrators, teachers, and students about subject-specific courses, activities, athletics, and much more.

The next step in the registration process is the opening of course requests. On January 10th (Friday), you can begin entering course requests in Infinite Campus.

How to find the answer to your questions:

- The Course Registration Video and corresponding slides (approx. 10 minutes) is a great first step towards learning about high school course registration. Principal Kathryn Anderson will introduce you to course options, the bell schedule and the online course registration process.
- Take time to read the Lookbook. The Lookbook is designed to address frequently asked questions.
- The Program of Studies 25-26 is an informative resource for learning about course offerings at Deerfield High School.
- You can follow these step-by-step directions for making course requests.
- For issues with your portal password or concerns about not receiving emails from DHS, you can email DHSportal@dist113.org for technical assistance.
- If you are new to DHS and you did not receive an activation code, please email DHSportal@dist113.org. Don't forget to check your spam folder just in case.
- For questions about courses, please contact the Academic Department Chair. For questions about overall load, you can email the Counseling Department Chair. All contact information can be found here.

Course Placement:

• Locked course placements were identified after reviewing standardized test results. These courses are automatically added to your student's schedule. If you agree with a locked course recommendation, you do not need to enter a course

- request for that particular academic department.
- The Automatic Accelerated Placement is based on meeting or exceeding benchmarks for Reading & Writing and/or Math scores based on standardized test performance. Students will possibly have Automatic Accelerated Placements for English and Mathematics. Automatic Accelerated Placements will start with the letters "AAP" and will be locked and viewable in the course plan in Infinite Campus.
- If you want to discuss a change to course placement (Standard, Honors), please email the DHS Academic Department Chair (not your middle school teacher).
- If you are unable to view locked course recommendations, please email DHSportal@dist113.org.

Making Course Requests:

- When planning out a school day, remember DHS has an 8-period day. The Worksheet for Freshman Course Requests serves as a guide to help you map out for an 8-period day. You are not selecting the specific periods for each course. The master schedule will be created after registration closes.
- Physics fills two periods. If you add EB Physics and Physics is locked, you do not need to take additional steps. The Science Department Chair will delete Physics and lock EB Physics after course requests close.
- Freshman PE has already been added for all freshmen.
- All freshmen select a Freshman Advisory. Traditional Freshman Advisory is found in the drop down menu of the non-credit category in Infinite Campus. Fine Arts Freshman Advisories can be found in the drop down menu for the Fine Arts category in Infinite Campus.
- If your student has an IEP, the IEP team will update your registration to reflect the special education services that are agreed upon during the articulation meeting. Any course that requires special education services will be locked at the meeting. General education course registrations, such as advisory or electives, are the responsibility of the student and family to enter.
- If your student has a 504 plan, you will be contacted in the spring after registration for a meeting with DHS staff.
- Requests to take a class during a specific semester are not guaranteed. Based on a number of factors, a student may be enrolled in a different semester of the class than they had initially requested. This includes Traffic Safety.

Registration Tips

- Social Emotional well-being is important. Families can use the Time Management Worksheet to map out weekly time commitments.
- If you are selecting a full-year course, don't forget to select both semesters. First-semester course numbers end with the number "2." Second-semester course numbers end with a "4."
- You can ignore any messages about "overflow" or "credits" in Infinite Campus.
- Once you are done selecting courses, save your work! There is no "submit" button. By saving your work, your course requests are submitted.

Upcoming Dates

• Don't forget - High School Preview Night is **Wednesday, January 15**, 6:30-8:30 pm.

- The deadline for completion of course selection is February 12 at 3:30 pm.
- You will have the opportunity to confirm the accuracy of your requests during
 Course Verification from February 13 (after 8:00 am) February 18 (by 3:30
 pm). A detailed email will include your course requests and who to contact
 regarding mistakes.

We look forward to seeing you next week at High School Preview Night!

Kathryn Anderson, Principal Shana Axelrod, Counseling Department Chair







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