



Incoming Freshman Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take a math class over the summer to get ahead?

Students can take math over the summer; however, this is not recommended by the JHS math department nor the counseling department. If you are interested in doing so, there are specific steps to be taken and documents that must be submitted. Please connect with your middle school counselor if you have questions.

Can I retake a class that I took in middle school?

Yes, if you took a high school class in middle school (Algebra 1, Geometry, World Language) you can choose to retake the class at the high school if you wish.

Can I take AP classes in 9th grade?

No, we do not have any AP classes available to freshmen. But there are Honors options available in English, Social Studies, and Science. Students can begin to take AP level courses in 10th grade if they meet the course prerequisite.

Will my 504/IEP transfer to high school?

Yes, you will be assigned a 504 monitor or IEP case manager at JHS and they will be your point person for your plan. Please connect with your middle school 504 monitor or IEP case manager with questions.

What classes should I register for if I have an IEP?

Your middle school IEP provider and/or counselor should be able to help you with this process. Any necessary edits will be made later with your IEP provider's guidance.

Do I need to audition for Band or Orchestra?

No, but you must already play an instrument used in Band or Orchestra. Please see page 46 and 47 of the catalog for more information.

What is a High School and Beyond Plan?

The High School and Beyond Plan is something that is started in middle school and is part of the high school graduation requirements. At LWSD we use Xello to complete this requirement.

If we already know how to speak a different language do we need to still take a language class?

This is entirely up to the student, but LWSD does offer world language tests for credit. Some students elect to take this test along with taking a world language class other simply just use the credit earned from the test to fulfill their graduation requirement. Be aware that some colleges do require that you take high school world language classes.

More info about the test can be found here: <https://www.lwsd.org/schools/high-school/high-school-guide/world-language-credit-options>

If I have applied to a choice school, do I still need to register for courses at my home school (JHS)?

Yes! Sometimes plans change or a student is not chosen for a lottery program. It is best to be sure that your initial classes are chosen and input on skyward as if you were going to attend your home school.

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Then, once you are accepted into a choice school program, we be sure that your schedule is updated to reflect those specific courses.