

Course Selection & Schedule Change Guidelines

Selecting courses is one of the most important tasks students and parents can do. Proper course selection allows students to meet graduation requirements, explore possible career interests, prepare for post-secondary education opportunities and engage in activities he/she enjoys doing. Course selection is vital to the school as well, as our schedule for the next school year is built on the choices our students make now. Teaching assignments and teacher selection are based on the needs of our schedule.

To make all of these different pieces work together, it is imperative students make the right choices *now*. The school's role in course selection will be to confirm with the student his/her choices, and verify the courses selected are indeed wanted or needed by the student. Once this is complete in the spring, schedule changes will be limited. *Students will be expected to stay in the courses they choose.* Changes will be made based on misplacement, a desire to take a more challenging course or an extreme change in circumstances. ***Simply changing one's mind after the schedule is built, or believing a course is "too hard" are not valid reasons to change classes.*** Therefore, we expect students and parents to choose next year's schedule wisely. If a student needs out of a class after the schedule change deadline (this is printed in the student handbook) the student will take a Withdraw Pass, or Withdraw Fail. Students who already have three off hours will be required to select another class.

As you choose your schedule please also keep the following in mind: Students who elect to have an "off hour" may not also enroll in a study hall. Juniors are only allowed one "off hour", seniors may have two "off hours" in the fall and three in the spring. The selection of when an "off hour" fits into a student's schedule will not drive the schedule we create. For students who wish to pursue higher education after high school we discourage higher numbers of "off hours."

The counseling office and administration are here to assist in any way possible. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Schedule Changes during Check-In Will Include:

- If you have an "EMPTY" spot in your schedule.
- Concerns about teachers changing at semester.
- If you are missing a core class (English, Math, Science, History).
- If you believe you are missing 1 semester of a year-long course.
- If you believe you are missing any graduation requirements.