

January 6, 2020

Re: 2019-2020 Course Selection for Incoming Freshmen

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In the next few weeks, your child will begin the process of selecting courses for his/her freshman year in high school. This signals the beginning of a transition from your child being a middle school student to becoming an EHS Tiger; a very important and exciting time in his/her life. The purpose of this letter is to walk you through the steps in the EHS ninth grade course selection process.

- **Step 1:** Eighth grade academic core teachers make recommendations in the areas of math, English, and science. It is strongly encouraged that you follow the recommendation. It is required that students meet the prerequisite(s) for all course requested.
- **Step 2:** EHS counselors will meet with eighth grade students to discuss course offerings on Monday, January 13, 2020. Each student will receive the EHS 2020-2021 Course Handbook, which includes a course request form located on Page 6 of the book. The Course Handbook is posted on the Liberty Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, and Edwardsville High School websites.
- **Step 3:** A Course Selection Seminar for incoming freshman parents will take place at EHS in the Lucco-Jackson Gymnasium from 6pm-8pm on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Counselors & Department Chairs/teachers will be in attendance for the question/answer session.
- **Step 4:** Please note that it is very important that you help your child select courses appropriate for him/her. The Course Request Form must be returned to the middle school by Monday, January 27, 2020. Parents must sign the Course Request Form in order for their child to participate in the course selection process, which will take place under the supervision of high school guidance counselors and administrators and middle school staff and administrators.
 - Thursday, January 30 – Lincoln Middle School
 - Friday, January 31 – Liberty Middle School

Parents and students should review the information contained in the front of the course catalog regarding graduation credits, NCAA requirements, dual credit opportunities, etc. Proper course selection is imperative in ensuring that your child meets all of his/her graduation and/or college entrance requirements.

Completion of the course selection process does not necessarily mean that your child will be promoted to the ninth grade. Students who fail two or more subjects for the year may be retained at the present grade level, subject to a retention conference. As your child completes his/her middle school experience and prepares for high school, please encourage him/her to: 1) take seriously the freshman course selection process and 2) maintain the same high academic and behavior standards that he/she has demonstrated throughout his/her school career.

If you have any questions or need assistance in helping your child with the course selection process, please contact your child's middle school principal or the EHS Guidance counselor at 656-7100. All students at Edwardsville High School are assigned a guidance counselor.

For 2020-2021, counselor assignments and phone extensions will be as follows:

Counselor	Student's Last Name	Phone extension
○ Heather Neese	A-Cro	Ext. 20132

- Sally Atwood Cru-Ham Ext. 20133
- LaShonda Coleman Han-K Ext. 20131
- Samantha Kistner L-Oj Ext. 20136
- Tara Quinn Ok-Sn Ext. 20135
- Chung Baker So-Z Ext. 20134

The counselor's primary role is to provide academic advisement. As an academic advisor, the counselor assists students in making course selections that are appropriate for the students' abilities and future goals. Proper course selection, with careful attention to a student's abilities, interests, and future goals, helps to avoid difficulties. The counselor will notify students of graduation requirements, concerns about grades, college or career requirements, testing, etc. The counselor also acts as a reference for college, scholarship, and/or job applications. Counselors meet more frequently with students each year during the registration process. Also, as progress reports and grade cards come out, counselors are especially active with teachers, parents, and students in resolving academic conflicts.

We look forward to welcoming your child to EHS!

Respectfully,

Dr. Dennis Cramsey, Principal