

## **Buffalo High School Registration FAQ for 8th Grade Families**

### **Where can I find registration resources?**

All registration materials can be found on the [BHS Student Services Registration website](#). A separate section has been created for 8th graders.

### **When is registration due?**

8th graders should turn in their registration worksheet to their science teachers at BCMS by **Wednesday, February 11th**. BHS Counselors will work with 8th graders on Thursday, February 12th during class to input their course choices. Any student who has not completed their registration by Thursday, February 12th will need to complete their requests with BCMS School Counseling staff.

### **What classes are required in 9th grade?**

Freshmen are required to take Human Geography, English 9, a Math option, Earth Science and PE 9. PE 9 will be one trimester long. Human Geography will be 1 trimester long. Students can opt to take AP Human Geo as an advanced and rigorous class which is two trimesters long. Two trimester classes (English, Math & Science) might not be taken in sequential trimesters (ex: Math could be scheduled Tri 1 and Tri 3).

### **What elective classes can my student take as a 9th grader?**

Pages 8-19 in the Welcome Guide list all courses available to 9th graders with course descriptions. Pages 20-27 list all online courses available to 9th graders. Please refer to those pages when choosing elective or choice classes. Please note that online courses will require students to be independently motivated as no direct instruction is provided.

### **What is a prerequisite?**

A prerequisite is a required class that needs to be taken before a student can take the higher level class.

### **My student signed up for classes without me (parent/guardian). How do I see what they signed up for?**

Parents would need to contact the assigned BHS School Counselor who can provide a scanned copy of the requested courses.

### **I think I should be scheduled for Geometry instead of Intermediate Algebra. How do I get that changed?**

8th grade math teachers will provide math recommendations to BHS this spring and adjustments will be made to schedule Geometry if that is recommended. All students will initially be registered for Intermediate Algebra until that time.

**How do I double up on Math or Science?**

Doubling up is no longer an easy option on a trimester schedule. The only classes that can be taken in the same year in math are Geometry/Algebra 2, which doesn't typically impact 9th graders. Science doubling up most often occurs with Biology/Chem X, which again, is not typical for 9th graders. Please discuss this option with your assigned BHS School Counselor if you feel it applies.

**Is World Language required for a BHS diploma?**

No, World Language is not a requirement for graduation. However, if your student plans to attend a 4-year college or university, the college highly recommends a minimum of 2 years of a single language (i.e. German 1 and German 2).

**How are Music and Phy. Ed. classes scheduled in 9th grade?**

All freshman music courses will be a full period, they will not alternate with PE 9. Music courses are scheduled all year long and are a full year commitment.

**How do I sign up for two music courses?**

Please email your assigned BHS School Counselor the two ensemble music courses you are wanting to take to find out if it's possible. (i.e. Repertory Band and Tenor Bass Repertory Choir)

**Does my student have to take "The Arts" credit in their 9th grade year?**

No, it is not required as a 9th grader. The Arts credit can be completed any time prior to graduation.

**What do you use the alternative class choices for?**

At times, courses will not be available based on staffing or conflicts with other course choices. When an empty occurs on a schedule, counselors will work to fill that hole with one of the chosen alternate courses.

**How do I get more information about joining the AVID program at BHS?**

AVID is an academic elective course that prepares students for college readiness and success. Further information can be found on the [Student Services website](#) under Registration. Program Director, Jackson Litterer, can be reached at [jlitterer@bhmschools.org](mailto:jlitterer@bhmschools.org) or 763.682.8028.

**My student has a case manager at BCMS. How does this work at BHS?**

Your student will be assigned a new case manager at BHS. A BHS representative will meet with BCMS staff in the spring to share information prior to students transitioning.

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**What is Advisory?**

Advisory is a 25 minute class scheduled on Mondays & Fridays. It is similar to Prime Time at BCMS but it is not a mixed-grade class. Freshmen will be with freshmen in Advisory. Students will be assigned the same Advisory teacher for 4 years.

**What is Base Time?**

Base Time is a 25 minute class scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Students will schedule themselves for Base Time once the school year begins. It is intended to provide intervention and enrichment time with staff. Teachers may assign students to BASE or students can sign up.

**Who is my student's BHS School Counselor?**

Students are assigned school counselors by last name.

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