

2021-2022 Pope High School Core and Elective Registration FAQ for Rising 9th Grade Students

How do I know which core classes I will be recommended for next year? 8th grade core teachers (English, math, social studies and science) will make placement recommendations. It is *strongly recommended* students and their 8th grade core teachers discuss placement considerations prior to core registration. When making a course placement decision, students and parents should consider *content/subject area interest, rigor of their possible courses and extracurricular activities*.

When will core registration be held for rising Pope High School freshman students? Teachers will make placement recommendations for core registration for the 2021-2022 school year from **January 25th through February 5th**. Courses have specific **pre-requisites** for recommendation and enrollment. All rising freshman are strongly encouraged to review the Pope High School Freshman Catalog located on the Pope website to review course descriptions and pre-requisites.

Why is balance important when selecting academic courses? It is important for students, especially freshman, to have balance in their academic schedules. Students do not have to enroll in all honors and Advanced Placement courses for their freshman year. *When making course selections, students and parents should consider interest in the content/subject area, rigor of their possible courses and extracurricular activities*. As students progress through high school, additional honors and Advanced Placement classes can be added to their academic schedules.

What if I want a core course level that my teacher does not recommend for me for enrollment? A waiver is required when there is true disagreement between the teacher and the parent regarding a placement recommendation. A waiver is **REQUIRED** for any level change requested by a student and/or parent that was not made during core registration by the teacher. Electronic waivers will be available the week of January 25th on the Pope High School website. **Please note: the submission of a waiver(s) does not guarantee placement in the requested course(s). Waiver requests must be entered by 11:59 PM on Friday, February 5th.**

Can I change a course mid-year? No. Once a student has registered for a course, it is a year-long commitment (Fall and Spring semesters).

When is elective registration? How will I register for my elective course requests? Students will be assigned specific dates to complete elective registration using an online document. **The dates for elective registration are February 3rd and February 4th for rising 9th grade students.** Students will complete elective registration independently during the assigned dates from 12:00 AM (February 3rd) until 11:59 PM (February 4th). Please refer to the Freshman Course Catalog to review course descriptions.

How many elective course requests will I submit? Students will select **5 elective courses**. On the elective registration form, the **courses will be in order of preference from #1 (most desired course request) to #5 (acceptable course request)**. Elective courses are scheduled based on what works with a student's schedule. It is possible a student could be registered for selections #4 and #5 (lower ranked courses). The very best efforts are extended to schedule students into their most desired elective course requests. ***Students are strongly encouraged to choose elective courses CAREFULLY and WISELY.*** Requests for changes because a lower ranked course(s) was scheduled cannot be honored. ***Any of the five selected courses could be scheduled based on the totality of the student's course requests for the 2021-2022 school year.***

What if I change my mind after core or elective registration has closed? Students are expected to **HONOR** their course requests. Please choose your courses **CAREFULLY and WISELY**. ***Courses are offered and scheduled based on student course requests submitted at the time of registration.*** If a student registers for an elective class that he or she does not meet the requirement for placement in, the request is forfeited. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Late requests for course changes cannot be honored, especially during the summer months or during the opening week of school, due to seat availability.** Students are strongly encouraged to make informed decisions regarding courses by reviewing the online course catalog and by speaking with teachers.

What do I do about core and elective registration if I have applied to a magnet program? Students will complete the registration process with their peers as scheduled at their middle schools. Each magnet program will coordinate registration meetings with accepted students before the end of the current school year.

If I have a question about a class, who can I ask? Students can ask their 8th grade teacher or 8th grade counselor.