



SDOHS FRESHMAN REGISTRATION FAQ

- ★ **If I am taking Algebra 1-2 as a freshman, how do I skip over Geometry to take Algebra 3-4?** All students must take Geometry (or Geometry Honors) after taking Algebra 1-2 (or Algebra 1-2 H).
- ★ **How do I request a specific teacher?** We are not able to take teacher requests. All teachers of the same subject will plan together so all students will have access to the same content/curriculum.
- ★ **How do I know which class choices are the best ones for me?** Counselors expect that all students will talk to their teachers, their parents and other students to research classes and understand what is involved in each class or level.
- ★ **Science seems complicated. Which science class should I take?** The Deer Valley district's science graduation requirements are: 1. 3 credits/years of science 2. 1 credit must be Biology 3. 1 credit must be Earth or Environmental 4. There are multiple options for the 3rd science including regular, dual and AP classes 5. If a student takes honors, dual, or AP science for **BOTH 10th and 11th** grade, the Earth/Environmental science will be waived 6. If a student is planning on going to a university after high school, they cannot take the combination of Environmental Science (10th grade) and Forensic Science (11th grade) 7. If a college bound student knows they want to take Forensic Science in 11th grade, they must take Earth Science in 10th.
- ★ **What if PowerSchool won't let me choose the correct class (for example, you are ahead in ELA because of starting ELA classes in the 8th grade Renaissance program, but you don't have the option to choose junior level English)?** You must choose the wrong class (a 10th grade class) in order to save your class choices. Counseling will meet individually with students one last time in mid-January. At that time, we will ask students to print out the classes in PowerSchool and hand write any changes that need to be made. Counselors will make these changes.
- ★ **What if I plan to take some of my classes on-line so I don't need to choose them for my in person schedule?** Students will need to choose all classes as if they will be here in person. Once the counselor registers the student for the on-line class(es), they can make adjustments to the classes or schedule.
- ★ **What if I forget to update my classes before registration closes on 1/6/23?** Counseling will meet individually with students one last time in mid-January. At that time, we will ask students to print out the classes in PowerSchool and hand write any changes that need to be made. Counselors will make these changes.
- ★ **What if I want to change a class after I meet with my counselor in January to make final changes?** Counselors will not be able to make changes after January. Please make sure to review and research classes so that you have the correction selections when you sit down and verify your classes with your counselor one last time in mid-January.

Please remember that schedule changes are only made for one of the following four reasons:

1. Computer error
2. Missing a class that is a graduation requirement
3. Completion of an approved summer school course
4. Medical (documentation required)

FREQUENT SCHEDULE QUESTIONS:

- ❖ **What if the schedule I have on the first day of school is different from what I saw on PowerSchool earlier?** You will get your official schedule on the first day of school. If it is different from what you saw on-line, it will not be able to be changed back.
- ❖ **What if I did not get my first choice elective?** Students may get their alternative elective choices due to class loads and availability. If you did not get your first choice elective, you may fill out a schedule change form and your counselor will check for availability at their earliest opportunity.
- ❖ **What if I changed my mind about a class over the summer?** Student class schedules were developed by requests that students made last year during the registration process to ensure correct staffing and class sizes. **Therefore, we are not able to make changes.**
- ❖ **What if I am in an Honors/AP/Dual class and I did not do my summer work or changed my mind?** Students enrolled in advanced classes must remain in the class for the first 15 days of school. If after the first 15 days, a level change still seems appropriate, the student may collaborate with their teacher and parent to determine the best course of action. If a change is agreed upon, the teacher may provide a level change form that will have to be approved by an administrator. **KEEP IN MIND THIS MAY RESULT IN MULTI-PERIOD AND/OR TEACHER CHANGES. This will not be determined in advance—students must be willing to accept the outcome of the schedule if they are approved for a level change request.**