

Incoming 9th Grade Registration Timeline

There are four steps for registration

1. **Pre-registration** (September - October): Families provide basic demographic information to LHS.
2. **Set up D128/ LHS PowerSchool account** (November- December)
3. **8th grade orientation and course selection** (January- February)
4. **Registration** (June): Completion of online registration and payment of basic fees.

The timeline below goes through the first three steps and then merges with the registration timeline for all students. **Families should check back here for updates and new links after each step.**

September 2023

LHS receives initial demographic information from feeder schools for mailing.

PRE-REGISTRATION BEGINS: Initial 8th grade mailing includes student's preliminary name and address verification and a save the date for 8th grade orientation in January 2023. This "pre-registration" data allows LHS to communicate directly with the incoming class.

Choice Zone. These are students who have a Libertyville address, but attend Hawthorn. **The default school for Choice Zone students is VHHS.** Students who know that they would like to come to LHS will be able to declare early when they update their student information in Registration Gateway.

October 2023

PSAT 8/9- This year the PSAT 8/9 will be given to all 8th graders at their D128 public feeder schools (Highland, Oak Grove, Rondout) the week of October 9th. This will be a digital test given at the middle school during the school day. Several details, including the purpose of the PSAT 8/9 and its relationship to a new Illinois law are [noted in this newsletter](#). The middle schools will send detailed information about this test.

October 13th- **Deadline to complete the pre-registration and name/address verification**

November 2023

Mail invitation for the LHS 8th Grade Orientation

D128 and LHS Admin will place students in core courses based on PSAT 8/9 data.

SET UP D128/ LHS POWERSCHOOL ACCOUNT:

Families will receive instructions to create their D128/ LHS PowerSchool account. D128 is a different district, therefore a new PowerSchool account must be created. If you already have a D128/LHS PowerSchool account you will be directed to add your rising 9th grader to it.

December 2023

January 2024

ORIENTATION AND COURSE SELECTION

8th Grade Orientation: The 8th grade orientation will be completed over two events. **Choice Zone** families are invited to attend both 8th grade orientations. Libertyville High School will hold orientation on January 11, 2024 and Vernon Hills High School will hold orientation on January 18th. **The declaration is due to D128 by January 22, 2024.**

- 1) Thursday, January 11, 2024. **Academics and Electives Open House.** This will be an evening in person event designed to help students learn about their course options at LHS. This event is held prior to online course selection to get students thinking about which courses might be a good fit for them.
- 2) Tuesday March 14th. **Activities, Athletics and Fines Arts Open House.** This will be an evening in person event designed to help students find ways to get involved and live the Life of a Wildcat.

The week of January 15th, an email with resources and links will be sent home to access and begin to use the updated online curriculum guide and other resources to begin to create an academic plan.

February 2024

On January 30th, an email will go out containing finalized course placement and instructions for course selection. The email will also include a link to a video about how to submit course requests online through PowerSchool.

COURSE SELECTION FOR 8TH GRADERS: Parents will be directed to do the following:

1. Review course placement
2. Follow the instructions to complete a course selection worksheet. This will include directions to make changes to your initial placement. For example, if your student was placed in **Freshmen Lit/Composition Honors** based upon their PSAT 8/9 score and you feel that they would be more successful in **Freshmen Lit/Composition**, then you would have the option to make that change by February 9th.
3. Log into your D128/ LHS PowerSchool account and follow the directions to submit the course requests online. Access to the online course selection window will be from Monday January 29th until Friday February 9th.

Counselors host optional academic planning and course selection meetings at the middle schools the week of February 5th. Instructions to schedule an appointment will be provided after the 8th grade orientation.

The course selection deadline is Friday, February 9th. Families must submit their course requests for the 2024-2025 school year by this date.

For March through August, please refer to the [Registration Timeline for Current Students](#). This details the final registration process, summer office hours and the opening of school. Now that we have your course requests you are *almost a Wildcat!*

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Ole Stevens.

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