

Class of 2023 Registration Information



Important Dates

January 7 at 6:00 – Raptor Evening of Opportunity at ERHS - this is your opportunity to gather information from teachers to make registration decisions

Register online and return your card to your middle school by

LMS - January 15

WMS - January 16

OMS - January 16

CGMS - January 17

SUMMER AND ZERO HOUR COURSE INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE ERHS WEBSITE WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE

What is Included in this Packet?

- ✓ Registration Instructions
- ✓ Should I take AP Human Geography (or Honors or PLTW)?
- ✓ Examples of Completed Registration Cards
- ✓ Course Planning Worksheet – a tool to make a 4 year plan
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
- ✓ How to Be a Successful 9th Grader
- ✓ ERHS Contact Information

Students will also receive

- ✓ Registration Card (orange)
- ✓ Courses at a Glance (on the back of the orange registration card)

Registration Instructions

East Ridge has a trimester schedule with 6 classes each day. You will request 4 core classes and electives.

You will need

- Registration Card (orange)
- Courses at a Glance (on the back of the orange Registration Card)
- Access to the Program of Studies (for course descriptions) on the ERHS website



STEP 1

Complete the Registration Card with your course requests (a sample of a completed card is in this packet)

1. Required Courses - You will be selecting the following (Circle on orange card)

- ✓ Honors English 9 A/B/C **or** English 9 A/B/C = 3 credits
- ✓ Geography A/B **or** AP Human Geography A/B/C = 2 or 3 credits
- ✓ Physical Science A/B/C **or** Honors PS A/B/C **or** Biology A/B/C = 3 credits
- ✓ Math - see Courses at a Glance, Program of Studies or talk to current math teacher = 3 credits

2. Keep in mind other graduation requirements

- ✓ 1 trimester of General Physical Education must be taken during high school.
- ✓ 2 trimesters of fine art need to be taken during high school. Please see list of classes that meet fine art requirement in the Program of Studies.
- ✓ Keep in mind that many four-year colleges require a minimum of two consecutive years of the same World Language.
- ✓ Health is not offered as a separate course. It is embedded throughout your high school years. You don't need to register for Health.

3. Select your Elective Courses

- ✓ Write in the electives you'd like to request on your registration card until you have a total of 18 courses (1 course number = 1 course).
- ✓ Check the Program of Studies for course descriptions and prerequisites needed.
- ✓ Choose 5 alternate courses with course numbers. We will use these courses to create your schedule if your first choice electives don't work out



STEP 2

Register online in Infinite Campus at home.

1. Go to the South Washington County Schools website: www.sowashco.org.
 - ✓ Click on Student /Parent Portal. This is located under the Parent Tab.
 - ✓ You will log in with your network username and password information or your parents' login information.
 - ✓ If a parent is logging in and has more than one student at ERHS, they must select the student's name (at the top) before they can register that student.
 - ✓ Click on "Registration" in the menu on the left side of the page.
 - ✓ Along the top, you will click on "Course Search."
2. You have 3 options for entering course requests. You can enter the course number, course name, or click on "Go" and a list of course options will come up. You will then find your class and highlight it.
3. Click on the "Schedule Request" button.
4. Continue to do this until you have entered 18 course requests. Infinite Campus will count them, calling them "units." Students must register for each course individually. For example, when registering for English 9A, B, and C; each of these must be entered, so there will be 3 entries for English 9.
5. Enter 5 alternate choices online. You will follow the same instructions above, but you will click on the "**Alternate Request**" button.
6. If you are requesting a zero hour course as part of your 18 courses (0-5 schedule), please include the zero hour course as part of your 18 requests.
7. If you are interested in requesting a zero hour course as a 7th class (0-6 schedule), you may express interest by listing the course as an alternate. **Enrollment priority will be given to students requesting a 0-5 schedule.**
8. Check all course requests for accuracy. If you have made a mistake, click on the course name and click on the "Drop this Request" button. Once you have entered your course requests, **PRINT** the page to maintain for your records.
9. Be sure you use the "Sign out" link on the right of the screen when you are finished with registration.



STEP 3

- ✓ Have your parent sign your Registration Card.
- ✓ Return your Registration Card to school by the date on the front of your packet.
- ✓ You will meet with the ERHS counselors in January to double-check your registration.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are parents involved in course selection for 9th grade?

Parents are encouraged to attend Raptor Evening of Opportunity at ERHS on January 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM with their student.

Parents should review their student's course selections and make sure they have registered online prior to the following dates. ERHS counselors will be at the middle schools to check final registration choices on these dates and THE COURSE CARD WILL BE COLLECTED.

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***Parents are strongly encouraged to access District 833's "Program of Studies" which can be found on the East Ridge High School website. The "Program of Studies" includes short descriptions of all high school classes as well as other valuable information such as math and science pathways, high school four-year planning guide, college requirements and more.

What math class should I take in 9th grade?

Please look in the Program of Studies or Courses at a Glance for a table with the math sequence. Ask your current math teacher if you are unsure.

What science class should I take in 9th grade?

Please look in the Program of Studies for a table with the science sequence. Ask your current science teacher if you are unsure.

What ERHS elective courses are yearlong commitments?

Band, Orchestra, Choir, World Languages and Project Lead the Way classes are yearlong elective classes.

Do I need to take a world language course to graduate from high school?

World Language is NOT required to graduate from high school. However, most four-year colleges require that you take a minimum of two consecutive years of the same world language while in high school. ERHS offers French, German, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish classes.

Should I take Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) courses?

You will best prepare yourself for college by taking classes that challenge you and are the most appropriate for you. Honors classes dive deeper into the curriculum and require that a student is a good reader, is hard working, and is committed to being prepared for class each day. Advanced Placement classes are college-level classes and, along with honors classes, they require reading and studying every night. As you decide whether to take honors and/or AP classes consider taking these challenging courses in subjects that you enjoy and also consider your extra-curricular time commitments.

Will I always have the same teacher all year for my core courses?

The high school master schedule is set up in a way that you may have different core teachers from trimester to trimester.

What are weighted grades?

Some rigorous class grades are weighted with a 1.2 multiplier. Weighted classes open to freshmen include Advanced Placement and Project Lead the Way courses (more information can be found in the Program of Studies).

What are “alternate elective courses”?

Alternate electives are courses that you will be given if a one trimester course that you have requested is not offered or the student cannot get a course due to a conflict with another course that was chosen. Choose your alternate electives carefully because students often end up taking one or more of their alternate class choices. Please list 5 alternate electives on your registration card.

Who can I talk to if I have questions?

Your middle school counselor may be able to answer your questions. Also, your current teachers are great resources. Please come to Raptor Evening of Opportunity to learn about courses offered.

Am I able to change my schedule after I register?

Please choose your classes wisely. Constraints of the master schedule dictate that course change requests will not be granted.

Check out the ERHS website for more registration information.

How to Be a Successful 9th Grader

- ✓ When choosing classes, consider your entire high school schedule. Please keep in mind that striving for balance between school, family, friends and activities is extremely important.
- ✓ Work hard and earn the best grades possible. Your GPA starts in 9th grade and is important for your future.
- ✓ Be involved in activities.
- ✓ Attend the Raptor Evening of Opportunity at ERHS (January 7 at 6:00 PM). Get to know your high school teachers and staff.
- ✓ Challenge yourself appropriately with rigorous classes.
- ✓ Keep in mind potential career pathways when choosing electives.
- ✓ Ask questions.
- ✓ Practice your self-advocacy skills in 8th grade. Being able to ask for help when you need it is very important in high school.

Tips from past 9th graders about high school

You have nothing to worry about. High school is not so different than middle school. Take chances, speak up in class, and ask questions when needed.

Stay after when you don't understand something.

You should prepare to study more often, and get ready for more homework (make time).

Learn to advocate for yourself.

Work hard in 8th grade, then 9th grade won't be hard.

Do not procrastinate and be prepared, work hard, and put more effort into school.

ERHS Information

www.erhs.sowashco.org

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Please visit the East Ridge website for more information.

The attendance boundaries for District 833 can be found on the district website. Please contact Student Information for any boundary questions 651-425-6236.

If you are not currently enrolled in the district, please visit the ISD 833 Website for directions. Once you are enrolled, you will be given a username and password to log into Infinite Campus to enter your course requests.