

Transition from 8th Grade to West Ranch High School

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I have an individual meeting with the high school counselor?

A: High School Counselors cannot meet with junior high students at this time as we are extremely busy with our current students. We will be available to meet with you and your students in the fall.

Q: Will the WR Counselor answer specific questions via email or phone calls?

A: High School counselors cannot answer questions via email nor phone call as we are extremely busy with our current students. Your current Junior High Counselor is your best resource as well as our website.

Q: Can I change my child's placement in academic classes?

A: Please see the guidelines provided on the registration materials ([available during spring](#)). These guidelines have been designed to maximize student success in all their classes. Just as in college, there are certain prerequisites that must be met to ensure that a student is ready to take on the material and be successful in the class.

Q: Can I change my child's elective choice and guarantee my student will get that class?

A: Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that a student will get their first choice of elective due to the potentially large number of students who may request similar electives. If the

student does not get their elective choice in the fall, there is a very good chance he/she will get it during spring semester.

Q: Can a 9th grader take summer COC classes?

A: "Students in grades K-10 may be admitted if identified at the "genius level" through the WISC (Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children) test. A student identified as a genius would be a student in K-10 who has a score of 150 or higher on the most current version of the WISC test. Those students who have met this criteria should contact the Admissions & Records office for more information." For more information visit [COC's Website](#):

Q: How do I find out about the curriculum or different programs offered at WRHS?

A: Please take a look at our website as well as take advantage of the Freshman Orientation and Open House on West Ranch's campus. The course catalog and the registration worksheets will be helpful tools in this process.

Q: How do I know if I have been placed into the proper math class?

A: Please see the District Approved Math Sequencing Chart and Placement Chart .

Q: I was not able to go to the Open House, the 9th grade orientation. How do I get my questions answered?

A: Please take a look at the Future Wildcat Page. Here you will find answers to a number of your questions. Included will be a copy of the Open House Video, registration materials (as soon as they are announced at the Junior High) as well as college and high school graduation requirements.

Q: My Sibling and/or Carpool has a 1st period class. Can I get one as a 9th grader?

A: No, there are very few classes offered during 1st period. A majority of them are 11th and 12th grade classes. Therefore, there is no guarantee that a 9th grade student will have a per. 1 class. Please plan your transportation accordingly.

Additional Concerns:

- Marching Band counts as P.E. but District Policy is that all 9th graders be enrolled in PE (therefore Band Students will be in PE9B during the Spring Semester)
- Any questions about the West Ranch music program should be directed to Mr. Marshall (WRHS Band Director).
- Summer sports program: All students have received a summer sports program application. It can also be found on the WRHS website (Listed under athletics - Date to be announced).
- Foreign Language is an elective, as it is not a high school graduation requirement. Students may take a foreign language (aka LOTE) if they have earned a majority of A's and B's in 7th and 8th grade English.
 - If your student is not placed into a LOTE for 9th grade, **do not worry**. They will still have time to exceed the min. requirement of 2 years of a Language. In fact, it gives them the opportunity to take care of other requirements for graduation and college admissions. They can take their Fine Art and/or Health and Practical Arts. It will not put your student at any disadvantage for college admissions.

- Please keep in mind we have provided you with the information necessary to get a firm start on your high school experience. Once your student matriculates to WRHS we will have a number of additional workshops and opportunities for you to get your questions answered. Relationships, Rigor and Relevance is firmly integrated into every part of WRHS. We assume that every student is college bound and we assure you that the counselor will schedule them accordingly.