



WELCOME CLASS OF 2028

TO PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL

PLACEMENT TESTING - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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“It is my pleasure to welcome you to Palatine High School! Palatine has a long tradition of excellence in academics, athletics and clubs or activities. Our school community exemplifies “Pirate Pride” and we hope that all of our new students and parents embrace it and carry on the strong tradition on their four-year journey.”

A MESSAGE FROM TONY MEDINA PRINCIPAL OF PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL

Our amazing staff works diligently to provide your child with a classroom atmosphere that encourages students to set high expectations for themselves and achieve at a high level.

We encourage you to get involved in your child’s high school experience. Help them maximize their time here by setting goals and encouraging them to challenge themselves. Be sure to ask thoughtful questions about their interests, not only about academics but also colleges and careers. Dig deep into what courses your children may choose based on their career interests. When researching, start the discussion with your children about challenging themselves to take one of our Advanced Placement or Dual Credit courses that will result in them earning college credit. Other helpful post high school information can be found regarding the Harper College Promise Scholarship inside the back cover of this guide.

Stay active in your child’s athletics or activities. Our Pirate Booster Club is a great way to connect with other parents. The boosters provide incredible opportunities for our students through fundraising efforts and donations. Getting involved with the boosters will provide you with a stronger connection with our school community that will enhance not only your time as a Pirate, but also your child’s.

We could not be more excited to welcome our newest Pirates. I look forward to connecting with you and your child to make it an incredible four years.

Principal
Tony Medina

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 21, 2023	PLACEMENT TESTING
December 6, 2023	INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT
December 15, 2023	ELECTIVE COURSE REQUESTS DUE IN PARENT PORTAL
January 26, 2024	COURSE REQUEST CONFIRMATION
February 2, 2024	LAST DATE TO REQUEST ELECTIVE COURSE CHANGES
May 7, 2024	PHS’S ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS FAIR
June 1 - July 19, 2024	REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
June - July, 2024	SUMMER ORIENTATION SESSIONS
August 6, 2024	FRESHMEN KICK-OFF
August 12, 2024	CLASSES BEGIN



Please visit the [Incoming Freshmen page](#) for more information.



ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Palatine High School values student involvement and participation in extra-curricular activities including athletics, clubs, and the fine arts. These activities provide students opportunities for enrichment while also helping them to connect to their school community. All students are encouraged to join at least one of these groups.

Palatine High School offers a wide variety of unique student clubs and activities. A full list of these organizations is available on the school website at <https://adc.d211.org/domain/154>.

Athletic teams are organized according to the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons. A list of teams is available at: <https://www.palatine.portal.rschooltoday.com>.

Athletic and activity camps are part of the Palatine High School summer school program. Specific summer camp details will be sent to you in the spring as part of the summer school information packet. Students must have a valid physical on file with the nurse's office and be registered online to participate in these camps.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Incoming freshmen choosing to participate in a Palatine High School summer athletic camp, including pom-poms and color guard, must provide evidence of a valid physical exam within the last 13 months prior to the start of the summer camp which is on or after May 1, 2023.



STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services Department supports every Palatine High School student. Students are assigned a school counselor who serves as their main point of contact for all school-related matters throughout high school. Students can request an appointment with their school counselor during any non-academic period of the student's school day.

Counselors lead students through grade-specific activities and lessons during the school year. The activities, often provided in classroom settings, are designed to support student development in the areas of academic proficiency, post-high school planning, and social-emotional wellbeing.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child's school counselor anytime the parent seeks greater insight about their child's status in school. The counselor has access to a variety of resources to assist parents and can facilitate connections with others in the school as needed.

Registrar

The Registrar's Office maintains all permanent school records and manages the collection of students' grades at the conclusion of each semester. Permanent records are maintained for sixty years after a student graduates, transfers, or permanently withdraws from school.

Palatine High School uses Maia Learning, an online system to process requests from current high school students for school transcripts. Details about transcript requests can be found on the school website at <https://adc.d211.org/page/6369>.

Student Support Teams

Palatine High School has assembled student support teams to best meet the needs of all students. Composed of an assistant principal, 2-3 school counselors, a psychologist, and a social worker, each team monitors students according to academic, behavior, and attendance factors. Any student displaying indicators of concern receives concentrated attention and support. The school counselor remains the best point of contact for any parent interested in knowing more about the student support team model.

Student Support Teams can be reached at 847-755-1617 (Team 1), 847-755-1619 (Team 2), 847-755-1615 (Team 3), 847-755-1971 (Team 4).



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration occurs annually through Infinite Campus. During spring you will receive details about the registration process, including details about required and optional school fees.

Registration fees may be waived for students who qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Parents can qualify their students for these benefits by submitting an application form. Applications for free or reduced-price meal benefits will be sent to families in July.

Completing the registration process provides confirmation that your incoming freshman student intends to attend Palatine High School in the coming school year.

You will need to upload the following documents to Infinite Campus.

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency can be demonstrated by providing one of the following original documents:
 - Current ComEd or Nicor utility bill in the parent's or legal guardian's name.
 - Current lease naming parent/guardian as a party to the lease.
 - Current property tax bill in the parent's or legal guardian's name.

Contact the Student Services Office at 847-755-1628 for further details.



SUMMER SCHOOL

District 211's Summer School program includes academic courses and activity/athletic camps. Academic courses allow students to recover course credits, explore areas of career interest, and enhance academic skills. School activity and athletic camps provide an opportunity for students to strengthen skills and preparation for athletic/activity seasons and events.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS SPRING 2024

Session 1: June 3 - June 25

Session 2: June 26 - July 18

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN THE SPRING

PLACEMENT EXAM

Incoming freshmen are required to complete a placement exam which assists in determining English, math, and science course placement along with identifying students for required participation in the Incoming Freshmen math and reading summer school programs.

The fall administration is the first digital administration of the PSAT 8/9. The PSAT 8/9 is part of a series of exams offered by the College Board and serves as a precursor to the SAT. The SAT serves as both a college entrance exam and is used by the State of Illinois as its mandated assessment for grade 11 students. More information about the PSAT 8/9 is available at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023
Report Time: 7:45 a.m.
Testing Time: 8:00 - 11:15 a.m.

- What to Bring:**
- Full charged school-issued Chromebook (District 15 and 54 students)
 - Chromebook chargers
 - Calculator (smartphones cannot be used as a calculator)
 - Students who do not attend District 15 or 54 will test in a computer lab

Students eligible for testing accommodations will receive additional information leading up to the exam date. Students with accommodations will finish at different times depending on their College Board approved accommodations therefore, they will need to arrange for their own transportation home after testing.

Questions about the placement exam can be directed to Fred Rasmussen, director of student services, at 847-755-1626.

TRANSPORTATION TO PLACEMENT EXAMS

Palatine High School provides dedicated bus transportation to and from the placement exam. Students wanting to access this optional service must be at the designated bus stop (intersection) closest to their home no later than 7:15 a.m. on October 21. Questions about bus transportation can be directed to the District 211 Transportation office at 847-755-6796. Bus routes are provided for your reference.

BUS #1		BUS #5		BUS #8	
Stop 1	N. Meryls Tr./Rosiland Rd.	Stop 1	Frontage/Silver	Stop 1	Olive/Warren
Stop 2	N. Quentin Rd./W. Woodland Ave.	Stop 2	Frontage/Bayside	Stop 2	Bell/Joyce
Stop 3	Lake Cook Rd./Crooked Creek	Stop 3	Frontage/Long Valley	Stop 3	Joan/Winston
Stop 4	Lake Cook Rd./Barrington Woods	Stop 4	Frontage/Woodbury	Stop 4	Winston/Anderson
Stop 5	Lake Cook Rd./Lenwood	Stop 5	Rand/Long Valley	Stop 5	Jonathan/Lake Louise Drive
Stop 6	Hicks Rd./Forest Knoll	Stop 6	Rand/Ports O Call entrance	Stop 6	Wilke/Anderson
BUS #2		BUS #6		Stop 7	Williams/Plate
Stop 1	Hicks Rd./Constitution	Stop 1	Tahoe/Willow Wood	Stop 8	Jane Addams School
Stop 2	Old Hicks Rd./Nichols	Stop 2	Hicks/Rimini Ct.	BUS #9	
Stop 3	Nichols/Baldwin	Stop 3	Northwest Hwy./Benton (north of NW Hwy.)	Stop 1	Quentin/Inverleith Apts
Stop 4	Baldwin/Gardenia (west side of Baldwin)	Stop 4	Smith/Colfax	Stop 2	Alva/Franklin
Stop 5	Baldwin/Dundee Quarter	Stop 5	Colfax/Benton	Stop 3	Northwest Hwy/Maple
BUS #3		Stop 6	Benton/Palatine Rd.	Stop 4	Sterling/Countryside
Stop 1	Rand/Pine Creek Apts	Stop 7	Palatine Rd./Kerwood	Stop 5	Palos/North St.
Stop 2	Rand/Diane	BUS #7		Stop 6	Dundee/Knollwood
Stop 3	Capri/Lilly	Stop 1	Rohlwing/Kenilworth	Stop 7	Quentin/Panorama Dr.
Stop 4	Gardenia/Ivy	Stop 2	Rohlwing/Lincoln	BUS #10	
Stop 5	Rand Grove Village	Stop 3	Lincoln/Ashland	Stop 1	Smith/Brandon
BUS #4		Stop 4	Baldwin/MacArthur	Stop 2	Stephen/Geri Ct.
Stop 1	Baldwin/Inverray (east side of Baldwin)	Stop 5	Baldwin/Clark	Stop 3	Lakeside/Martin
Stop 2	Baldwin/Hidden Creek Circle	Stop 6	Clark/Anderson	Stop 4	W. Dundee/Pendelton
Stop 3	Nichols/Bloomington			Stop 5	Cherrywood Apts/Smith
				Stop 6	Garden/King Charles
				Stop 7	Cunningham/Timberlea

PLACEMENT EXAM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
8:00 - 11:15 A.M.

INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT

Each year, Palatine High School invites incoming freshmen and their parents to an evening event designed to provide a smooth transition from 8th grade to 9th grade. During Incoming Freshman Night, parents and students receive placement test results with information about the course planning process, elective course choices, summer school options, and school registration.

INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT
DECEMBER 6
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Incoming Freshman Night includes a Curriculum Fair with classroom teachers providing information about core classes (English, math, and science) and elective course options.

Palatine High School will host its annual Incoming Freshman Night for the Class of 2028 on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Parents of enrolled students will receive more information about this event in November. The presentation will be available in Spanish.



ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS FAIR

Palatine High School will host the Activities and Athletics Fair in the Spring. Students and parents can explore and learn about all the athletic and activity opportunities. Coaches and sponsors will be available to meet students. In addition, families can register for summer athletic camps and submit the required school physical.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Over the summer, Palatine High School will host orientation sessions for all incoming freshmen and their parents. Facilitated by school counselors, these 90-minute orientation sessions provide small groups of participants with a deeper understanding of the school’s curriculum, guidance service model, technology resources, and iPad distribution. The specific orientation sessions dates will be sent to parents in the spring.

You may want to examine the school website at <http://phs.d211.org> in advance of orientation sessions to learn more about academic programs, student activities and athletics, and other general information about Palatine High School.

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN KICK-OFF

We are excited to invite you and your student to the **17th annual Incoming Freshman Welcome Day on August 6, 2024**. There will be a series of sessions for incoming students and their parents designed to prepare you for the transition to high school. Each session will be led by current students and faculty. At the conclusion of the sessions students will have an opportunity to walk their schedule in preparation for the first day of school.

DISTRICT 211 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Recommended Guide for Academic Preparation

ACADEMIC AREA	DISTRICT 211 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS*	COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREER PROGRAMS, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	4-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAMS*	HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
ENGLISH	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years: Emphasis on written and oral communication and literature	4 Years
MATHEMATICS	3 Years including a 300-level course	2 Years	3 Years: Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry	4 Years: Recommended through Calculus
SCIENCE (laboratory sciences)	2 Years	2 Years	3 Years: Recommended core areas: Biology, Chemistry, Physics	4 Years: Recommended core areas: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
SOCIAL STUDIES	2 Years: U.S. History and Social Science Survey or equivalent	2 Years	3 Years: Emphasis on History and Government (requirement varies)	3 to 4 Years
WORLD LANGUAGE	1 Year or Career/Technical Education/Fine Arts	None Required	2 Years**	2 to 4 Years
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION or FINE ARTS	1 Year or World Language	None Required	2 Years:** May include course in: Applied Technology, Art, Business Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, or Music	1 Year recommended

* Additional District 211 requirements include: consumer education, driver education, 2 years of physical education, and 2 years of Wellness.

** World language preparation may be recommended or required by colleges or universities. State-supported universities in Illinois may accept vocational education or fine arts courses in lieu of foreign language. Check with a counselor for details.

SPECIAL POLICIES REGARDING CREDITS DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

- Students may drop an elective course after the first semester and receive one-half credit. However, one semester of a one-year course may not meet college entrance requirements.
- Students may drop a fifth or sixth class without penalty until the 25th day of the semester. Thereafter, the student will be given “W/F” or “W/P” based on academic standing at the time of the drop. **The “W/F” grade will be included in the calculation of grade point average.** Students who drop after the 25th day will be assigned compulsory study hall instead of attending class for the remainder of the semester.

Selected courses in the curriculum have been designated as “dual” or “articulated credit.” These courses, designated as 600-level courses, are offered as part of a curriculum collaboration with Harper College or other colleges as indicated. Dual credit allows a student to earn both college and high school credit simultaneously. Certain restrictions apply to these courses and interested students should see their high school counselor for details.

Additional information regarding how dual credit coursework may transfer to a variety of colleges can be found at <https://transferology.com>.

COURSE PLACEMENT AND ELECTIVE COURSE REQUESTS

Incoming freshmen will be placed into specific English, math, and science courses based on placement test scores and recommendations from 8th grade teachers.

The typical freshman will participate in the following set of courses:

1.	English:
2.	Math:
3.	Science:
4.	Wellness
5.	Lunch
6.	*Elective #1: _____
7.	*Elective #2: _____
8.	Study Hall

***Elective course options** will be provided to you in December. We encourage you to review these options with your child’s academic readiness, personal interests, and future goals.

***Elective course requests** will be collected via the D211 Infinite Campus Parent Portal and specific instructions for using this system will be sent to you in late October. The deadline to submit elective course requests is December 15, 2023.

If you have specific questions about courses please email the department chair.

Department Chairs			
Applied Technology Mark Hibner mhibner@d211.org	English Jennifer Krause jkrause@d211.org	Math Craig Barnes cbarnes@d211.org	Special Education Daniel Gavin dgavin@d211.org
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Social Studies Christopher Bays cbays@d211.org	World Language Gustavo Correa gcorrea@d211.org		

DEADLINE FOR ELECTIVE COURSE REQUEST CHANGES
FEBRUARY 2, 2024



MATH PLACEMENT

Math placement is finalized in the spring for all students initially placed into a math course of geometry or higher. Some students may be recommended for a summer school math class during the summer prior to their freshman year.



FRESHMEN STUDY HALL

Select students will have the option to take a third elective course in lieu of the required freshmen study hall. Eligible students will be notified of this option in late January on their course selection notice.



AP SEMINAR

Students scoring in the top 20% of their class on the placement test are invited to take the District 211 Creative Aptitude Problem Solving (CAPS) assessment on January 10, 2024. Results of the CAPS assessment will be used to determine eligibility to take the AP Seminar course. A full description of AP Seminar is available in the District 211 curriculum guide <https://adc.d211.org/curriculum-guide>.

FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES AND MEAL/FEE WAIVER INFORMATION

Each July, the annual meal/fee waiver application is available for families interested in applying for benefits. If approved, students are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals, as well as waiver of applicable school fees including instructional fees, Driver Education, PE uniforms and locks, AP testing, summer school tuition, and graduation cap and gown fees. A new application must be submitted annually to qualify.

District 211 cafeterias offer breakfast, lunch, and snack service daily. Menus and information on food & nutrition services is available online at <https://adc.d211.org/Page/6398>.

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211 HAS A FIRST DAY EXCLUSION POLICY. STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

Students cannot attend school unless these requirements are satisfied. The physical exam must be documented using the official State of Illinois form available on the District 211 website at <https://adc.d211.org/health-exam-form>. **The physical must be completed within 12 months of the start of school which is on or after August 12, 2023.**

Religious Exemptions to Required Immunizations

Families seeking a religious exemption from the immunization requirements must use the official Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations and/or Examinations form. This form must be signed by a licensed medical physician.

Illinois School Code requires all incoming 9th graders to have a valid physical examination and up-to-date immunization records on file with their high school prior to beginning freshman year.

School Health Services

Palatine High School's Health Services office is staffed by a school nurse and a health clerk who provide support for illnesses, known medical conditions, and injuries. In the event a student must be sent home from school for a medical reason, the Health Services office will notify the parent/guardian. In cases where the parent/guardian is unavailable, the office will contact an adult listed as an emergency contact on the student's school registration information. Please make sure emergency contact information is up to date.

The Health Services office will only administer prescription and non-prescription medications in school after the parent/guardian has provided a signed copy of the Authorization for Administration of Medication form. Families of students with chronic health conditions should contact the Health Services office to discuss appropriate accommodations for the student.

The Palatine High School school nurse can be reached at 847-755-1662.

Email all medical forms to phsnurse@d211.org.

Required Dental Examination

All students in the Class of 2028 are required to provide proof that an oral health examination was completed by a licensed dentist between November 15, 2023 – May 15, 2025.

The official State of Illinois oral examination form is available on the District 211 website at <https://il49000007.schoolwires.net/domain/3472>.

SOFTWARE SYSTEMS & USER ACCOUNTS

A variety of software systems are used to maintain student information, manage instructional tasks, and support student development. Parents and students alike have access to these systems, and parents are encouraged to establish user accounts for each system and reference the library of tutorial videos to learn how to maximize the use of these systems. The tutorial videos are available on the District 211 website at adc.d211.org/page/7133.



Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus (IC) is used to manage student data such as contact information, attendance, grades, and assessment scores. The IC portal is located at <https://campus.d211.org/campus/portal/township.jsp> and requires parents to create a unique individualized user account. Account creation requires an activation key and all parents are sent that key during the fall of their child's 8th grade year in anticipation of entrance to high school. Parents of transfer students will receive an activation key upon school enrollment. Parents are discouraged from sharing their IC password with their child since the parent account includes privileges unique to the parent's role. Students have their own IC accounts.



Schoology

The Schoology portal is located at <https://d211.schoology.com/login?&school=13690631>. This platform helps teachers track, report, deliver, and collect instructional materials. Parents will receive an email early in the school year with details about accessing Schoology, including an individualized username and temporary password. Once in Schoology, parents will be able to see every course associated with their child.



MySchoolBucks

MySchoolBucks is the exclusive system for District 211 parents to make school meal prepayments, as well as make online payments for monetary transactions with the school such as iPad protection plans and repair costs, student parking permits, and more.

Parents can create a free MySchoolBucks account by www.myschoolbucks.com or downloading the MySchoolBucks app to their mobile device. Please contact the District 211 Food and Nutrition Services department at 847-755-6681 if you have questions about this free service.



Maia Learning

MaiaLearning is D211's college and career readiness platform that engages students in planning their future. Students can use MaiaLearning to learn about their interests and strengths and explore postsecondary and career options based on their interests. Students can build academic, postsecondary, and career plans, create resumes and portfolios and manage college applications, letters of recommendation, and transcripts. Community service hours and work experience are entered into Maia Learning to display on a resume and for Harper Promise. Please contact your student's counselor if you have questions. <https://www.maialearning.com/v3/>



Traversa Ride 360

The Traversa Ride 360 mobile app provides secure access to student routing information. Ride 360 provides quick access to your child's routing information, including the bus stop, route, and bus number. Ride 360 can also utilize GPS data to give parents and guardians access to information on where their child's school bus is, the planned bus path, and what time it is expected to be at their scheduled bus stop. School districts may also send notifications to subscribed users.

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS AT PALATINE

At Palatine High School, we strive to provide academic support to all students, both inside and outside the classroom in order to enhance student success. While students are always encouraged to seek assistance from their academic teacher, a variety of resources are available for students seeking additional supports. Most teachers have an electronic learning management system such as Schoology that allows students to keep updated about class assignments and expectations.

Students are expected by both state and national policies to attain a certain level of achievement, students who are not meeting or not on track to meet these standards may be assigned additional academic support to allow them to meet these standards.

Counselor

Students work with their counselor to develop a personal academic plan based on their interests and goals. The counselor can also recommend other academic supports as needed.

Tutoring

Individual and small group tutoring in various subjects throughout the school day. Students are able to drop in for extra support as needed to ensure academic success. Students should ask their teacher for additional assistance or stop in the departmental offices to seek support in areas where regular tutors are not available.

Teachers in Math, Science and English are available throughout the school day in the Student Success Center (SSC) which is located in the Library. In addition teachers in Math, Science, English and Social Studies are available in the SSC before school from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. After hours tutoring is available on Tuesday through Thursday until 4:30 p.m. in the SSC.

Media Center

The Palatine High School Media Center is a great location in the school where students can come to study, do research, check out books, or use the many available technology resources. The Media Center completed renovations in early 2017 and now includes the school's collection of thousands of books, available for checkout by students and staff. The Media Center also maintains an extensive listing of online research databases, available to students both on and off campus over the Internet. Students can also access hundreds of eBooks on their tablets and smartphones using District 211's [Overdrive and Open Ebooks online](#) libraries. The media Center is open from 7:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The media center closes right after school on Fridays.

Advanced Placement Supports

Students participating in one or more AP courses can receive additional support to boost their success. Students have access to tutoring and test prep materials, as well as to our AP support team who follows up with interested and/or struggling students to offer one-on-one coaching.

Addition targeted first time AP tutoring is available as follows:

Math	English	Government
Physics	Psychology	Spanish
US History	Human Geography	

Test Make-Up

Students have access to make up tests and quizzes in our test make up room from 7:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on all normal school days. Test Make-Up is located in the Media Center.

Required Supports

Students are expected by both state and national policies to attain a certain level of achievement, students who are not meeting or not on track to meet these standards may be assigned additional academic support to allow them to meet these standards.

Guided Study Hall

Students may be assigned to a Guided Study Hall. This study hall provides students with extra support in a smaller setting. In addition, students will work to develop study, organizational, and other academic skills.

SAT Prep

Students identified by their PSAT test scores may be assigned to our SAT Prep program. During ½ of their lunch period, they will receive additional strategies and materials in a smaller setting tailored for their needs.

Athletic Study Hall

Student-athletes may be assigned to an Athletic Study Hall if their grades fall below the district standard. This study hall is designed to give your child a quiet work environment and access to additional resources to support academic success.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

- Q:

When is the first day of school for freshmen?
Classes begin on Monday, August 12, 2024.
- Q:

Is a school supply list available so my freshman student is fully prepared on the first day of school?
A supply list is not issued for freshmen. Individual teachers will share details about specific supply items students will need for their classes. Students are encouraged to bring pens, pencils, folders, notebooks, school-issued iPad, and charger on the first day of classes.
- Q:

How many courses do students take during 9th grade?
All freshmen are required to take English, math, science, and Wellness classes. Additionally, freshmen take two elective courses and have a lunch period in their daily schedule. All 9th grade students are assigned to a study hall period. Parents will be notified if their child is eligible to choose a third elective course in lieu of study hall.
- Q:

How do students qualify for a third elective?
Freshmen students who qualify for a third elective will be notified in January. We recommend that all students select an alternate elective choice. Students' elective choices must be finalized by February 2, 2024.
- Q:

When do students receive their freshmen year daily course schedules?
Official course schedules will be available on the first day of school. Students will receive a tentative schedule during the summer before the start of freshman year.
- Q:

My child is interested in athletics. Are there summer camps and when do fall sports begin?
Summer Camps are usually during summer school days. The fall 2024 sports season will begin on August 5.
- Q:

How do I register my child for an athletic team or extracurricular activity?
Parents use Infinite Campus to register for extracurricular athletic teams, clubs, and activities. Completing the registration process requires the parent to log onto the Infinite Campus Parent Portal first. A menu of options is displayed on the left-hand side of the screen after logging in. Select school store and follow the on-screen prompts to complete registration for the desired team and/or activity.
- Q:

Where is my bus stop, and what time will the bus pick me up?
Parents can use the *Traversa Ride 360* mobile app to track their child's bus. Please call the Transportation department at 847-755-6798 with any questions about bus service.

- Q:

Is summer school required?
Incoming freshman students are individually invited to attend specific courses to assist them in developing the skills necessary for success in high school. The Incoming Freshman Academy is a mandatory summer program for select students based on their math and English course placement. Notification regarding Incoming Freshman Academy participation will occur in January. Additionally, students may be invited to attend optional math courses based on their math placement for freshman year. Math placement is finalized in the spring; students will be notified of their recommended summer math programs at that time.
- Q:

What is the Wellness class and does my freshman have to take it?
All freshmen are required to take Wellness as part of their 9th grade set of courses. Students in the Wellness course split time between a classroom setting where essential concepts are explored and an activity setting where concepts are applied. More information about the Wellness course is available in the [District 211 Curriculum Guide](#).
- Q:

I am not satisfied with my child's results on the placement exam. Can my child retake the placement exam?
Retesting is not available due to exam protocols established by the College Board. The placement exam, the PSAT 8/9, is not the only factor used to determine a student's placement in core subjects. Teacher recommendations also are considered before specific courses are assigned.
- Q:

When will my child receive the results of the placement exam?
Placement exam results will be distributed at Incoming Freshman Night on December 6, 2023.
- Q:

Whom should I contact if I have questions about placement test scores, course placement, or other details about my child's transition to high school?
Questions about course placement determinations should be directed to the student services office at 847-755-1626. Student service staff members are available to assist the families of the Class of 2028 so that the high school experience begins on a positive note.



PALATINE PIRATE BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP

Your membership, or direct donation to the PHS Pirate Boosters, will provide funds for multi-disciplinary, academic, athletic, and music programs that benefit all students at Palatine High School. Please see our Welcome Letter and Volunteer Opportunities (link here: <https://forms.gle/34RaLxCaSqfG2ATX8>) on our website, www.phspirateboosters.com, for additional information. Questions? Please email membership@PHSPirateBoosters.com.

*All-Age Athletic Passes are good for adult/child admission; however, they are not valid for IHSA playoff games. High School District 211 students are admitted free to football and basketball games with a school ID. Additional All-Age Athletic Passes (\$15 each) are available for purchase through the Pirate Boosters. The Pirate Boosters Membership is required to purchase additional passes.

Basic Membership: \$30

The Basic Membership includes a car decal and a subscription to our online newsletter.

Deluxe Athletic Membership: \$65

The Deluxe Athletic Membership includes includes basic membership benefits, plus 4 athletic passes*.

Additional Athletic Passes: \$15 each

Additional athletic season passes can be purchased at \$15 each.

Deluxe Theater Membership: \$65

The Deluxe Theater Membership includes basic membership benefits, plus 4 single use tickets to play or musical.

Combo Athletic + Theater Membership: \$100

The Combo Athletic + Theater Membership includes basic membership benefits, plus 4 athletic passes AND 4 single use theater tickets.

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HARPER COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

District 211 students are eligible to participate in the Harper College Promise Scholarship which provides up to two years (60 credit hours) of free tuition at Harper College upon high school graduation. Students can earn this scholarship by achieving quality grades in their high school courses, by having good attendance, graduating from high school on time and ready to begin college-level coursework, and by performing community service hours annually. Students apply for this scholarship during the first semester of freshman year and eligibility criteria becomes active during the second semester.



More information about the Harper Promise Scholarship is available on the District 211 website at <https://adc.d211.org/harper-promise> or the Harper College website at <https://www.harpercollege.edu/about/promise/index.php>.



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