

# Grade 9 Course Registration

A Parent and Student Survival Guide for EWHS Honors Course Selection



# YOU WON'T REALLY MAKE MANY CHOICES

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# You are coming to EWHS to complete the IB Diploma, so the choices you make need to:



Prepare you for the  
IB diploma



Prepare you for  
college  
requirements



Ensure you have a  
great experience at  
EWHS

## EARNING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

### Edmonds School District Graduation Requirements:

Graduation Requirements	Credits	Use this space to check off courses completed
Art	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
English	4.0	English 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social Studies	3.5	World History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government, Economics, and Contemporary Problems <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics (see new)	3.0	Math 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Science	2.0	Science 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Career and Technical Education	1.0	Career and Technical Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personal Finance	.5	Personal Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Physical Education	1.5	Physical Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health	.5	Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Culminating Project		Culminating Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Stop Looking at the ESD Graduation Requirements!

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Personal Finance	.5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Education	1.0	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Health	.5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Culminating Project		<input type="checkbox"/>
High School and Beyond Plan		<input type="checkbox"/>
Electives	4.5	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (check one box for each semester completed)
Total Credits Required:	22.0	— Total credits remaining for graduation (22.0—[completed credits to date])

The Edmonds School District uses this chart to explain its high school graduation requirements to the majority of families in the district. It is just easier for the district to communicate to everyone that way.

**BUT...the chart does not apply to full-IB students at EWHS.**

Really. Stop looking at it.

FULL-IB STUDENTS  
USE THEIR IB  
DIPLOMA STATUS  
TO GRADUATE  
FROM FEWHS



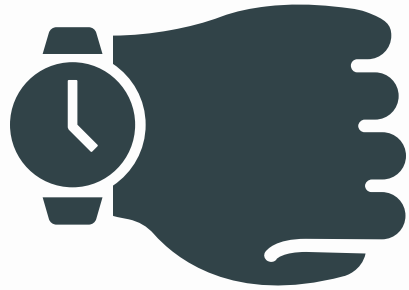
A WA State law passed several years ago made this possible:

1. Pass IB classes
2. Complete all of your formal IB assessments
3. Sit for all IB exams and
4. Complete IB Diploma requirements

AND THAT'S IT!

## BLOCK SCHEDULE

# UNDERSTAND OUR SCHEDULE TO UNDERSTAND REGISTRATION



1. We offer 6 class periods each semester.
2. Students attend only 3 of their classes each day.
3. We have 2 semesters each academic year.
4. It's easier to understand in a graphic

# COURSE REGISTRATION MADE EASY...

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.

# The Basic Blocks In Every Schedule



1

All honors students start by selecting these 3 core ninth grade classes

1. English 9 Honors (a full-year class)
2. World History 9 (only a half-year class)
3. Biology 9 Honors (a full-year class)

Since every honors student takes these classes, we went ahead and pre-checked these boxes and added these classes for you.

# A GRAPHIC TO HELP YOU VISUALIZE

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1. English 9 Honors	1. English 9 Honors
2.	2.
3. Biology 9 Honors	3. Biology 9 Honors
4.	4.
5. World History 9 Honors	5.
6.	6.

## STEP TWO: Language Acquisition



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Pick an **IB language**. 95% of new students have no language study at all in middle school, so most select the language YEAR ONE box.

1. French
2. Mandarin
3. Spanish

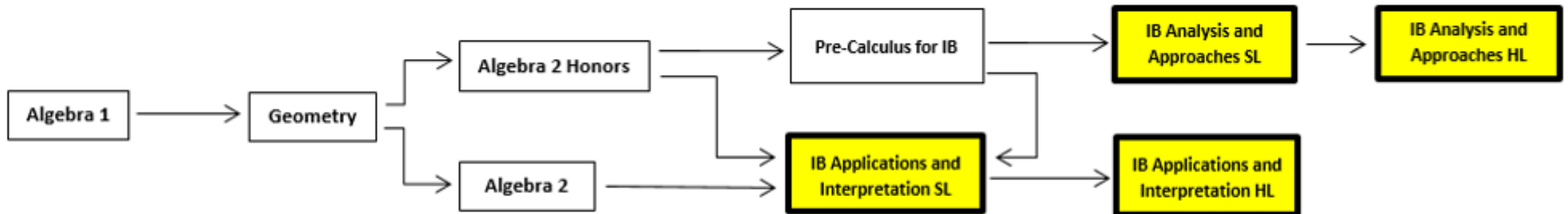
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SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1. English 9 Honors	1. English 9 Honors
2. Language Acquisition Level 1 (or Level 2)	2. Language Acquisition Level 1 (or Level 2)
3. Biology 9 Honors	3. Biology 9 Honors
4.	4.
5. World History 9 Honors	5.
6.	6.

## STEP 3: Math

Select Math by finding where you are...and moving on to the next course. Full-IB students must get to a yellow box by Senior year

You eventually **must** get to **any one** of the bold boxes to get to an IB exam.





# If that graphic wasn't helpful

## Using words:

If you are currently in **Math 8**, you choose **Algebra**.

If you are currently in **Algebra 1**, you choose **Geometry**.

*We do not offer Geometry Honors. No, I don't know why*

If you are currently in **Geometry**, you choose **Algebra 2 Honors**.

If you are currently in **Algebra 2 Honors**, you choose **Pre-Calculus for IB**.

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1. English 9 Honors	1. English 9 Honors
2. Language Acquisition Level 1 (or Level 2)	2. Language Acquisition Level 1 (or Level 2)
3. Biology 9 Honors	3. Biology 9 Honors
4. Your Next Math Class	4. Your Next Math Class
5. World History 9 Honors	5.
6.	6.

And now we get into...

**ELECTIVES**

Before we pick our electives...

If you are in **MUSIC**, you choose your Music program electives **FIRST**.

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If you are a...

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Choir student: Select **BEL CANTO CHOIR** (no pre-req required).

Orchestra student: Select **CONCERT ORCHESTRA**.

Band student: Select **CONCERT BAND**.

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<b>4. Your next math class</b>	4. Your next math class
<b>5. World History 9 Honors</b>	5.
<b>6. Bel Canto; Concert Orchestra; Concert Band</b>	6. Bel Canto; Concert Orchestra; Concert Band

# COURSE REGISTRATION MADE EASY

For music kids, most of the boxes are now full.

## But we aren't done.

Because now every student – including Music students – need to rank several choices, because every student takes several electives in the Freshman year.

## Step 4: Picking Some Electives



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Now, whether you are in Music or not, the issue of choosing electives is one of **preference** and **priorities**.

You select a series of electives, and **we do our very best** to give you the ones that you have prioritized.

# For Honors, Electives Always Start With Art....

Many colleges require students take one year of Art classes to apply.

We encourage you to take art classes in the Freshman year because – for IB students in particular – we can't guarantee you are going to have time to take ART later. Some things to note:

- Music counts as Art (so you music kids have met this requirement)!
- Drama counts as Art (great for students developing their public speaking skills)
- You are not required to be in ONE Art class all year.
- Two semester Art classes = one year of Art college requirement

# PHYSICAL ART

## THE FIRST COURSE YOU TAKE IS: FUNDAMENTALS OF ART

After that, all of these physical art courses are open to you:

- Clay Design 1/2/3
- Glass Experience
- Mixed Media Art

# PHYSICAL ART

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ART CLASSES, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE FUNDAMENTALS OF ART FIRST:

- PHOTOGRAPHY 1
- GRAPHIC ARTS 1/2

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3. Biology 9 Honors	3. Biology 9 Honors
4. Your next math class	4. Your next math class
5. World History 9 Honors	5. BEGINNING DRAMA
6. FUNDAMENTALS OF ART	6. CLAY DESIGN 1



# SOME OTHER ELECTIVE THOUGHTS

# More Electives: MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY 1 & 2

1. Want to learn everything there is to know about the **Microsoft** platform of programs?
2. Want to go beyond the fundamentals and actually earn **Microsoft Certifications** while you are still in HIGH SCHOOL?
3. It's all in the Microsoft IT Academy. *#awesome*

# Hey! There Are Lots Of Elective Choices!

## Physical Education

- Yogilates
- Weight Training
- Walking/Conditioning

## CTE

- Chef School 1 & 2
- Fashion Design
- Graphic Arts 1 & 2

## STEM

- Robotics
- CAD Design 1
- Computer Science Foundation

## Business

- Marketing Essentials
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing

YOU HAVE TO  
PRIORITIZE CHOICES  
AND ONLY SIGN UP  
FOR A CLASS YOU  
ARE ACTUALLY  
WILLING TO TAKE.

1

You talked a lot about honors. Do we need to take a full honors load?

We want you to be successful, both in high school and beyond. This is a presentation for students pursuing full-IB, so I'm doing my part to prep you to take IB classes and be ready for honors programs.

2

I was told that if I took the district language test, I'd have credit in high school.

Sorry. You have to be enrolled in a second language to meet IB requirements; the district "test for language credit" doesn't mean anything to the IB – and since we aren't using the district credit chart to graduate, those credits aren't necessary. You must start with French, Mandarin, or Spanish.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1

Just checking: Music classes count as Art for the purposes of my future college application plans, right?  
Yep. Music is Art. Always has been. Always will be.

2

What's your best piece of advice for parents?  
It sounds silly, but please make sure your email address and contact information is legible when you register at EWHS. If there are issues, we need to contact you and, sometimes, your info is illegible.

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Do I have to take Art classes as a freshman?

No, but later on, if you decide to apply to a college that requires a year of Art, you might not have any room in your schedule to take it. We learned this lesson the hard way many years ago, and this is the best advice we can give for you to keep ALL of your college options open.

**We don't want you to discover – three years from now – that you have to do a year of art and have absolutely no room in your schedule to do it.**

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4. Your next math class	4. Your next math class
5. World History 9 Honors	5. Elective 1
6. Elective 2	6. Elective 3

REMEMBER: THIS IS JUST A GRAPHIC. THESE AREN'T THE PERIODS THAT THE COURSES ARE TAUGHT - AND THIS ISN'T YOUR SCHEDULE. YOU'LL GET YOUR SCHEDULE IN THE LATE SUMMER. IF THERE ARE ERRORS, WE CAN CORRECT THEM AT THAT TIME. BUT REMEMBER: ONLY SIGN UP FOR ELECTIVES THAT YOU WANT TO TAKE - OR YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF IN A CLASS THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN....

# Course Registration Made Easy....

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1. ENGLISH 10 HONORS	1. ENGLISH 10 HONORS
2. LANGUAGE ACQUISITION 2 or 3	2. LANGUAGE ACQUISITION 2 or 3
3. CHEMISTRY 10 HONORS	3. CHEMISTRY 10 HONORS
4. Your next math class	4. Your next math class
5. HISTORY 10 HONORS	5. HISTORY 10 HONORS
6. Elective 1	6. Elective 2



# QUESTIONS?

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