

NEWSLETTER

8th Grade Edition

Class of 2016

January 2012

8th Grade Student and Parent Night Meetings

In January, the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) schools begin preparations to enroll 8th grade students by offering 8th grade parent and student information nights to assist families in making choices about classes and programs for the 9th grade year. Parent meetings are designed to help the students make knowledgeable and realistic decisions in educational planning for high school and post-secondary options. With increased competition for admission into colleges, the HBUHSD strives to provide students and parents with accurate, current information that help families make choices to ensure student success in high school and beyond. Both students and parents are encouraged to review the online [Planning Guide for Students and Parents](http://www.hbuhd.edu) (www.hbuhd.edu, under Student Services) and each school website to help select an appropriate high school program and to see what each school uniquely offers. By April, the high school guidance staff will go to the feeder schools to assist 8th grade students in course selection. Parent information nights (see schedule below) will give families an opportunity to ask questions about the pre-registration process and school programs. School guidance staff and teachers will use multiple measures to help determine student placement that will include standardized test scores, teacher comments, and student achievement (grades) for specific class placement.

	<u>HONORS NIGHTS</u>		<u>GENERAL PARENT NIGHTS</u>		
	Date/Time	Location	Date/Time	8th Grade School	Location
EHS	Thursday, March 15 6:00pm	EHS Gymnasium	Thursday, March 15 7:00pm	All enrolling students/parents	EHS Gymnasium
FVHS	Monday, March 19 7:00pm	FVHS Cafeteria	Monday March 26 7:00pm	Fulton, Masuda, Moiola, & Shoreline Christian	FVHS Gymnasium
HBHS	Wednesday March 14 6:30pm	Student Center	Wednesday March 7 6:30pm	All enrolling students/parents	HBHS Gymnasium
MHS	Monday, April 16 6:00pm Monday, April 23 6:00pm	MHS Gymnasium	Monday, April 16 7:00pm Monday, April 23 7:00pm	Stacey, Mesa View & Private Marine View and Spring View	MHS Gymnasium MHS Gymnasium
OVHS	Distinguished Programs Wednesday, January 11 5:30 or 6:30pm	OVHS Theater	Thursday March 29 6:30pm	All enrolling students/parents	OVHS Theater
WHS	Wednesday, January 11 6:30pm	WHS Gymnasium	Wednesday, January 11 6:30pm	All enrolling students/parents	WHS Gymnasium

Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Academic Recognition

Upon high school graduation, students will have the opportunity to be awarded Summa Cum Laude (a cumulative GPA of 4.40 and above) or Magna Cum Laude (a cumulative GPA of 4.00-4.39). These two tiers of recognition have replaced the traditional Valedictorian and Salutatorian so that we may recognize more deserving students than the top two. In addition, the Scholar with Distinction, Scholar with Honors, and Scholar with Expertise (known as Academic Recognition) designations are offered by the Huntington Beach Union High School District to increase academic motivation, broaden university admission options, provide access to competitive majors and prepare for college admissions and exams. All students earning recognition in either or both of these four-year programs will be acknowledged at the commencement ceremony and a special notation will appear on the transcript. Coursework, grades, and character will be used to determine eligibility for the Academic Recognition Program and for Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude.

Health Requirement

One semester of Health is a required 9th grade course. Students enrolled in programs such as IB, MERITS, APA, MUN, CIBACS, Honors courses and Band may have an impacted 9th grade schedule where health will not fit into the schedule during that year. HBUHSD Alternative Education is working on several ways for students to complete Health before they graduate. We encourage all families to take the HBUHSD courses within the district. Administrative approval is required for a student to take the health requirement through an alternative option outside of the district. You will need to fill out the Health Requirement Alternative Option form available from the guidance office at your local high school or on the HBUHSD website under "Student Services" in order to take Health outside of the district. The Board of Trustees, Administration and the teaching staff want to emphasize that the Health curriculum is best offered in a 9th grade classroom setting where content is delivered according to the state standards and where students can discuss health-related issues in a safe and healthy environment.

<i>High School/Website</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone (714)</i>	<i>Assistant Principal</i>
Edison – www.edisonchargers.com	21400 Magnolia Ave., HB 92646	962-1356	Kimberly Fricker
Fountain Valley – www.fvhs.com	17816 Bushard Ave., FV 92708	962-3301	Nancy Peterson
Huntington Beach – www.hboilers.com	1905 Main St., HB 92648	536-2514	Karen Dabney
Marina – www.marinavikings.org	15871 Springdale St., HB 92649	893-6571	Kira Hurst
Ocean View – www.ovhs.info	17071 Gothard St., HB 92647	848-0656	Marilyn Palomino
Westminster – www.whslions.com	14325 Goldenwest St., WM 92683	893-1381	Ted Reid

Course Selection for a Successful High School Experience

As a student enters high school, it is important that he/she completes a level of coursework that will provide a successful, motivating experience. **The A-G minimum subject requirements are required for admission to the California State University or the University of California. Most other four year universities have similar requirements. More detailed information can be found in [The Planning Guide](#), which is made available late spring for registration of the 2012-2013 school year.**

- 4 years - English ("college-prep" or "honors" level)
- 3 years - Advanced Math (2 years Algebra, 1 year Geometry); **UC recommends 4 years**
- 2 years - Lab Science; **from two of these areas: biology, chemistry, physics**
(Physical Science meets CSU lab requirement as one year of lab science)
- 2 years - Foreign Language (same language); **UC recommends 3-4 years**
- 1 year - U.S. History
- 1 year - World History (or AP European History)
- 1 year - Visual/Performing Arts
- 1 year - Academic electives

In addition to fulfilling graduation requirements, students may complete subject requirements for college or university admissions by taking a combination of "college-prep" and "honors" in the 9th grade and "Advanced Placement" courses in the upper grades. Mid-year grades in academic 8th grade courses, teacher comments, a variety of test scores, and student motivation will help you and your child to select courses appropriate for your student's educational plan. As part of the placement process, students may be given a reading test during the regular school day at the 8th grade school. For math, students will be given an algebra placement and/or a geometry placement test in late May/early June at their 8th grade school sites. High schools will be using multiple measures of assessment to determine placement in Biology, English Honors and in Social Studies Honors.

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High School Registration Information

Si necesita esta guía informativa en español contacte la Oficina PELL de su escuela.
Neu quy vi can co ban tieng Viet cua Tap Tai-lieu Huong-dan nay, xin lien lac voi Van phong PELL cua trung con quy vi.