

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Instructions

- 1) Fill out your registration form and have a guardian sign it.
- 2) Turn in your registration form to your social studies teacher.
  - a. Forms are due by February 23
- 3) Junior High South Counselors will meet with you in the Library during social studies on February 26 to help students register.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why can't I make changes to my core classes in HAC?**

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders take English, Science, Social Studies, Math, and the Career Development/Health/PE block. In order to take Pre-AP classes, you must be recommended or turn in a waiver.

- **Why wasn't I recommended for Pre-AP? I am in Pre-AP right now and have good grades.**

Pre-AP recommendations are based not only on classroom performance, but also on standardized testing data (ACT Aspire). If a student did not take the ACT Aspire last year, then a recommendation could not be made.

- **How do I get a Pre-AP waiver?**

You or a parent/guardian may pick up a Pre-AP waiver from the Counseling Center.

- **What if I was recommended for a Pre-AP course that I don't want to take?**

Get in touch with the Counseling Center, and they can change it to a regular course request.

- **Why can't I sign up for cheer/dance/publications?**

Pay attention to school announcements throughout the rest of this semester regarding tryouts for cheer/dance and the application for publications (yearbook). If you make the cut, we'll use your registration form to know which elective course needs to be replaced.

- **Can I sign up for a sport that I didn't do this year?**

It depends on the sport. For football, you must currently be in off-season to take it in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For basketball or volleyball, you have to make the tryouts later this semester (be attentive to school announcements for specific dates). If you sign up for any of these sports and don't make the team, we will use your registration form to know which elective course to put in its place. For cross country/track, anyone may sign up. Their tryout period is the first eight days of class each semester (fall for cross country and spring for track).

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- **Are all athletics the same period?**

Cross Country/Track takes place a different class period than the other sports. For girls, volleyball and basketball take place the same period. For boys, football and basketball take place the same period. If you are wanting to play both football and basketball, sign up for the football/basketball block. If you are wanting to play both volleyball and basketball, sign up for the volleyball/basketball block. When one season ends, the coaches will allow you to try out for the other sport if that's your desire.

- **Can my two electives be PE and PE/Track?**

No, you only may have one class of elective PE.

- **Should I sign up for elective PE when it's already part of the required block?**

Every student must take the 9-weeks PE. You're welcome to take year-long elective PE, as well. Just know that for one of the 9-weeks, you will have PE twice a day.

- **Can I take ETE again in 8<sup>th</sup> grade?**

If you've had at least one semester of ETE, you may not take it again in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The reason it is called ETE 1/2 is that first semester is part 1 and second semester is part 2 (not year 1 and year 2).

- **How can I take band when I didn't take it in 7<sup>th</sup> grade?**

You need to get in touch with Susan Ford ([susan.ford@cabotschools.org](mailto:susan.ford@cabotschools.org)) to try out for an instrument. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, you will be placed in the beginner (7<sup>th</sup> grade) class for that particular instrument. You will move to the full band in 9<sup>th</sup> grade (maybe even 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade if you progress quickly in the beginner class).

- **What if I have a question that was not addressed?**

Speak with someone in the counseling center in person or by any of the contact methods below. Also, remember that the counselors will pull you from your social studies class on February 1 or 2 to collect registration forms. That would be a great time to get clarification on something.

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