

## **Frequently Asked Questions: Registration**

**Where can I get all the registration documents?** All registration documents are on the Elk River High School's Website, under Counseling. The direct link is: [http://erhs.elkriver.k12.mn.us/elkriver\\_highschool.cfm?subpage=16657](http://erhs.elkriver.k12.mn.us/elkriver_highschool.cfm?subpage=16657).

**Once I register, can I make a schedule change?** Staffing is dependent on registration so changes after the registration period will be limited to those students who have met one of the following criteria:

- Does not meet prerequisite for course (this includes failed pre-req, did not take pre-req)
- Inappropriate Placement (registered for courses out of sequence)
- Medical Reason

In general, schedule changes can be made within the first 5 days of a semester (for reasons listed above). However, if you need to change a course, please contact your counselor immediately, as course options and courses fill up on a first come, first serve basis AFTER the general registration period is over.

**We are moving/ leaving, so do I still need to register?** Please let the ERHS Counseling Office know this information PRIOR to registering for courses. Sometimes plans in life change and we want to ensure that you have a spot reserved and the courses you want next year. If you are moving/leaving, please request your records/transcripts prior to the end of the school year, as our Counseling office is closed from June 10 to late-August.

**What courses are required?** Please see page 2 of the “**ISD 728 Registration Guide**” for High School Graduation Requirements and the 4-year planning guide for your specific graduating class on page 9.

**How do I know if a course has a prerequisite or if the course has weighted grading?** Please refer to the “**ISD 728 Course Description Guide**”.

**Do I need to sign-up for math or science course every year and which one should I take?** You are required to take and pass 6 credits of math (equivalent to 3 full years). Students must take Geometry (either in middle school or high school) and pass a full year of Algebra II. You are required to take and pass 6 credits of science (equivalent to 3 full years). Students must take one year of Physical Science (taken in 9<sup>th</sup> grade), pass a full year of Biology (typically taken in 10<sup>th</sup> grade) and one full year of either Chemistry or Physics (typically in 11<sup>th</sup> grade). Many colleges require (or strongly recommend) 4 years of math and science, please check into colleges you wish to attend and see requirements for admission. Please see your current teacher for course recommendations (they know you best!!).

**Can I take AP or college level courses?** All students are eligible to take AP or college level courses if they meet the prerequisite requirements and we encourage you to do so. Please see the “**ISD 728 Course Description Guide**” and the specific course for these guidelines.

**I am considering PSEO, should I still register?** Yes, we would like you to still register for courses. Remember, it is important to register for courses here at ERHS even though you may intend to continue with PSEO next year. Sometimes plans in life change. We want to ensure that you have a spot reserved here and have courses that you want, in case the PSEO experience gets side-tracked for any reason.

**I failed a required course; can I retake it next year?** If you fail a required course, there are a few options. Students may take the course during summer school or during night school. Students may register for the core course during the following school year, however, you getting the course is dependent on course numbers as students that are taking it the first time have priority. Please see your counselor to discuss your options.

**Can I sign-up for a study hall?** Yes, study hall is available to students of all grades. However, it is discouraged as a freshman or sophomore as you do not receive a credit for it. We encourage all freshman and sophomores to take the full 12 credits in a school year, so as to keep on track for graduation. Taking a study hall will take away an elective choice and if you fail any courses it could put you at risk for not obtaining enough credits for graduation. As a reminder, you cannot choose what hour or semester you get study hall in your schedule.

**Can I request a certain teacher for a course?** No, we do not take requests for a specific teacher.

**My friends are in a different lunch, how can I get in the same lunch?** We do not make schedule changes so students can be in a different lunch.