

A hawk mascot is the central focus, standing on a set of concrete steps with metal railings. The hawk is wearing an orange tie-dye t-shirt that features a small blue and white school logo on the chest. Its wings are spread out to the sides. In the background, there are glass doors of a school building with signs that read 'WELCOME TO HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL' and 'HOME OF THE HAWKS'.

WELCOME CLASS OF 2028

TO HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL

PLACEMENT TESTING - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS



A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL ALTHER PRINCIPAL OF HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Future Hawks:

Our staff is comprised of amazing educators who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that your student will achieve their highest potential. They truly care about each student and are dedicated to helping you and your student make the most of the academic, athletic, and extracurricular opportunities here at HEHS. Our student body is defined by our acceptance, tolerance, and respect for each other's differences. I am confident that your child will share these values and demonstrate them from their first day at HEHS to their graduation day four years later.

The information provided in this booklet is an important first step to student success at HEHS. It is a comprehensive collection of information that is designed to support the transition to high school. Please review the details about placement into core courses, special events, course selection procedures, as well as the overview of the athletic and activity opportunities available at HEHS. We also have included contact information for many of our staff and other information to help navigate the transition from junior high school to high school.

You are now part of the Hoffman Estates High School community! I look forward to collaborating with you to make Hoffman Estates High School a place where we demonstrate care for each other and strive for excellence in academics, athletics, activities, and everything we do.

Sincerely,

Michael Alther

Michael Alther
Principal

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Welcome to Hoffman Estates High School! Every school year presents an opportunity for our Hoffman Estates High School community to provide students extraordinary opportunities, innovative teaching, and exceptional learning experiences.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 21, 2023	PLACEMENT TESTING
December 7, 2023	INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT
December 15, 2023	ELECTIVE COURSE REQUESTS DUE IN PARENT PORTAL
January 26, 2024	COURSE REQUEST CONFIRMATION MAILED HOME
February 2, 2024	LAST DATE TO REQUEST ELECTIVE COURSE CHANGES
April 17, 2024	ACTIVITIES & ATHLETIC FAIR
June 1 - July 19, 2024	REGISTRATION FOR 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR
June - July, 2024	SUMMER ORIENTATION SESSIONS
August 1, 2024	FRESHMEN KICK-OFF
August 12, 2024	CLASSES BEGIN



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



ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Hoffman Estates High School values student involvement and participation in extracurricular 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 during freshman year.

Hoffman Estates High School offers over 75 unique student clubs and activities. A full list of these organizations is available on the school website at <http://www.hoffmanestates.portal.rschoolday.com>.

Athletic teams are organized according to the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons.

Athletic and activity camps are part of the Hoffman Estates 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 to participate in these camps.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Incoming freshmen choosing to participate in a Hoffman Estates 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 Hoffman Estates 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.

Student Support Teams

Hoffman Estates High School has assembled student support teams to best meet the needs of all students. Composed of an assistant principal, 3 school counselors, a psychologist, and a social worker, each team monitors student progress 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.

Contact the Student Services Office at 847-755-5630.



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 Hoffman Estates High School in the (coming school year) fall.

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 847-755-5630 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:**
- Fully 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 testing 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 Jennifer Beers, director of student services, at 847-755-5626.

TRANSPORTATION TO PLACEMENT EXAMS

Hoffman Estates 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 #7	
Stop 1	Hasting and Northway	Stop 1	Moon Lake at Volid	Stop 1	Hillcrest at Ashley
Stop 2	Northway and Yorkshire	Stop 2	Moon Lake at Brookside	Stop 2	Hillcrest at Fremont
Stop 3	Anne Fox School	Stop 3	Seaver at Poplar Creek Drive	Stop 3	Hillcrest at Pierce
Stop 4	Kensington and Laurie	Stop 4	Governors at Williamsburg	Stop 4	21 Kristin Place (on Roselle)
BUS #2		Stop 5	Governors at Kensington	Stop 5	Valley Lake and Roselle
Stop 1	Bristol and Kingsburg	BUS #6		Stop 6	Remington Place and Roselle Road
Stop 2	Kingsbury and Yorkshire	Stop 1	Hassell Road at Carling Road	Stop 7	Circle Remington Place
Stop 3	Kingsbury and Laurie	Stop 2	Hassell Road at Greenfield Road	Stop 8	Valley Lake Drive and Roselle then Valley Lake and Golf
Stop 4	Pembroke and Warwick	Stop 3	Hassell Road at Rosedale	Stop 9	Highland at Jefferson
BUS #3		Stop 4	Hassell Road at Barrington Lakes Condos (North side of Hassell)	Stop 10	Highland at Fremont
Stop 1	Warwick and Staffire	Stop 5	Hassell Road at Holbrook	Stop 11	Winston Churchill School (on Jones)
Stop 2	Knollwood and Broadway	Stop 6	Hassell Road at Oxford	BUS #8	
Stop 3	Knollwood and Manor Circle	Stop 7	Hassell Road at Kensington	Stop 1	Pennview at Knollwood
Stop 4	Knollwood and Clayton Circle S.	Stop 8	Hassell Road at Huntington (South side of Hassell)	Stop 2	Pennview at Walnut
Stop 5	Knollwood and Clayton Circle N.			Stop 3	Dumont at Walnut
BUS #4				Stop 4	Dumont at Southbridge
Stop 1	Harmon at Crowfoot			Stop 5	Dexter at Gannon
Stop 2	Apple and Harmon				
Stop 3	Bode at Apple				
Stop 4	Bode at Atlantic				
Stop 5	Williamsburg at Hasting Mill Road				
Stop 6	Green Knoll at Winding Run Lane				

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

INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT

Each year, Hoffman Estates 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 7
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.

Hoffman Estates High School will host its annual Incoming Freshman Night for the Class of 2028 on Thursday, December 7, 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

Hoffman Estates High School will host an 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, Hoffman Estates 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://hehs.d211.org> in advance of orientation sessions to learn more about academic programs, student activities and athletics, and other general information about Hoffman Estates High School.

HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN KICK-OFF

Hoffman Estates High School will sponsor a Freshman Kick-Off program prior to the start of the school year in August to acclimate the class of 2028 to our school community. The Kick- Off program will provide freshmen with an orientation to HEHS and the opportunity for students to walk the building, find their classes, and practice opening their lockers so that they feel more comfortable for their first day of high school. Members of the Class of 2028 will also have the opportunity to connect with other freshmen to begin to build new relationships. The event will end with the Class of 2028 participating in their first pep rally.

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:

Typical Freshman Schedule

English

Math

Science

Freshman Wellness

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. Specific instructions for using this system will be sent to you in late October. The deadline to submit requests is December 15, 2023.

Freshman Foundations

Elective #1

Elective #2

Study Lab

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.

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>.

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

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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

Hoffman Estates 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 Hoffman Estates High School school nurse is Dawn Leach. Mrs. Leach can be reached via email at deach@d211.org or by phone at 847-755-5662.

Email all medical forms to hehsnurse@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 HOFFMAN ESTATES

At Hoffman Estates High School, we strive to provide academic support for all students, in order to enhance student success. While students are always encouraged to seek assistance from their academic teachers, a variety of resources are available for students seeking additional support.

Grade Reporting

Student grades are reported by semesters. Each semester is made up of 18 weeks. Parents are informed of their student’s progress at 6- and 12-week intervals. The 6- and 12-week in-progress grades may include special comments from the teacher. Parents of students having difficulty or doing unsatisfactory work are urged to meet with teachers and/or the student’s counselor to discuss improvement options. Specific dates of all student reports are in each school’s Calendar Handbook. Parents/guardians can view their students academic progress in Infinite Campus.

Academic Advising

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. Administrators, counselors, psychologists, social workers, and support staff work hand-in-hand to personalize a student’s academic supports.

Academic Intervention System

Hoffman Estates High School’s academic intervention system was created to ensure that every student can meet or exceed academic standards. The goal of this system is to increase academic performance for HEHS students through personalized help from faculty, staff, peers and parents. This is accomplished by focusing on homework completion and test-taking strategies, building strong organizational habits and developing the study skills necessary to be successful in high school and beyond. The multi-tiered academic interventions provide a structure to assist all students in improving academically and being more responsible, self-directed learners.

We offer a variety of academic interventions which are assigned to students based on their academic needs. Seminar provides students an opportunity to independently develop their academic accountability and time management skills. Students have access to the HEHS media center, tutoring centers, student services staff and test make-up. Students may also be assigned to the Hawk Guided Study Center, a quiet, structured environment during the school day to complete homework and study for tests and quizzes. Students are supervised by a HEHS staff member who can collaborate with teachers and provide access to tutoring centers.

AP Study Lab

Students participating in an AP course for the first time may be assigned to or request placement within the AP Study Lab. AP teachers work to guide these AP students on improving their learning, organization, time management, and access to additional support.

Tutoring

Students are always encouraged to talk to their teachers about specific issues in their class. However, tutoring for various subjects is available throughout the school day. Additionally, there is tutoring available after school Mondays through Thursdays from 3-5 pm in the HEHS Media Center in the areas of reading, math, world language and science.

SAT Prep

Hoffman Estates High School provides a free after school SAT prep program for HEHS students. Students will be exposed to information and test taking strategies to prepare them for participation in the annual school-day SAT test administered in April.

Student Support Team (SST)

Each SST consists of an administrator, counselors, and psychologist/social worker and provides one point person for parents and students to access support services. This team format provides an opportunity for staff to collaborate and to address attendance, behavior, and academic issues quickly and efficiently.

Freshman Foundations

Hoffman Estates High School’s Freshman Foundations program is designed to ease the transition to high school. Each Freshman Foundations class is facilitated by a certified teacher and several FreshMENTORS. FreshMENTORS are junior and senior students who have been selected based on their leadership qualities. Freshmen students are assigned a guidance counselor based on their Freshman Foundations class. Lessons are conducted within the class by the classroom teacher, FreshMENTORS and guidance counselors. These lessons are focused on providing students with resources for a successful student career and helping students establish a sense of belonging at Hoffman Estates High School. Students will also have the opportunity to check their academic progress or spend time receiving tutorial supports.

Need Help, But Not Sure Where to Begin?

If a student has academic questions or difficulties they should contact their classroom teacher for help. Parents may contact teachers through email or by phone. Questions regarding scheduling, emotional health/wellness support, or post-secondary planning can be addressed by a student’s counselor. Students who may not know where to begin for support may visit their team room where a staff member or administrator can engage them and help to ascertain their unique needs.

2 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, most freshmen take two elective courses and are also scheduled for Freshman Foundation. 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. When do fall sports begin?
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* 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 February. 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 7, 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 847-755-5626. 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.



HOFFMAN ESTATES HAWK BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP

The Hoffman Estates High School parent booster club supports curricular and extra-curricular activities, bringing home and school into a closer relationship. All parents are encouraged to join, and although involvement and volunteerism are encouraged, they are not required. Membership fees can be paid as part of the school registration process and will be available on My School Bucks throughout the school year.

We appreciate your support!

Your membership fees are used to support the entire HEHS community, including school enhancements such as light pole banners, scholarships for graduating seniors, refreshments at school dances and major events, recognition of students and teams, subsidizing an enhanced prom experience, and much more. Your membership is appreciated, as well as any amount of time and level of commitment possible. Please consider sharing your skills and talents!

All-Age Athletic Passes are good for adult/child admission; however, they are not valid for IHSA playoff games. D211 students are admitted free to football and basketball games with a school ID.

Additional All-Age Athletic Passes (\$15 each) will be available for purchase at the Hawk Boosters Membership table at Parent Open House at the first 2 home football games. Hawk Booster Membership is required to purchase additional athletic passes.

Incentive items can be chosen and picked up at the Hawk Boosters Membership table at Curriculum night and the first 2 home football games. Please contact Schaunda Harper at HEBoostermembership@yahoo.com for additional passes or questions.

Memberships without incentives will mailed.

Basic Membership: \$30

Includes a \$5 off school store coupon and a small gift.

Basic Membership PLUS: \$45

Includes the Basic Membership benefits plus (2) all-age athletic passes good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games.

Deluxe Membership - Athletics: \$65

Includes the Basic Membership benefits and (4) all-age athletic passes good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games.

Deluxe Membership - Theater: \$65

Includes the Basic Membership benefits and (4) Theater passes good for admission to a musical or a play.

Deluxe Membership PLUS: \$90

Includes the Basic Membership benefits and (6) all-age athletic passes good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games.

Honored Hawk Membership: \$100

Includes the Basic Membership benefits and (4) all-age athletic passes good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games, (2) Theater passes good for admission to a musical or play, and your choice of 1 of the 3 incentive items.

Graduation Yard Sign: \$15

Proudly show your pride for your Class of 2024 Hoffman High Estates High School senior with a Graduation Yard Sign. Sign will be full color, single sided, and will come with a metal frame that easily slides into the ground. Signs will be available in late April/early May 2024.

Hoffman Hawk Yard Sign: \$15

Proudly show your Hawk Pride all school year. Sign will be full color, single sided, and will come with a metal frame that easily slides into the ground. Signs will be available for pick up at the Hawk Boosters Membership table at Curriculum night and the first 2 home football games.



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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