

# welcome CLASS OF 2026

HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL

to

# Hoffman Estates High School

**PLACEMENT TESTING - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
See page 4 for details



# A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL ALTHER PRINCIPAL OF HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Future Hawks:

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. 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.

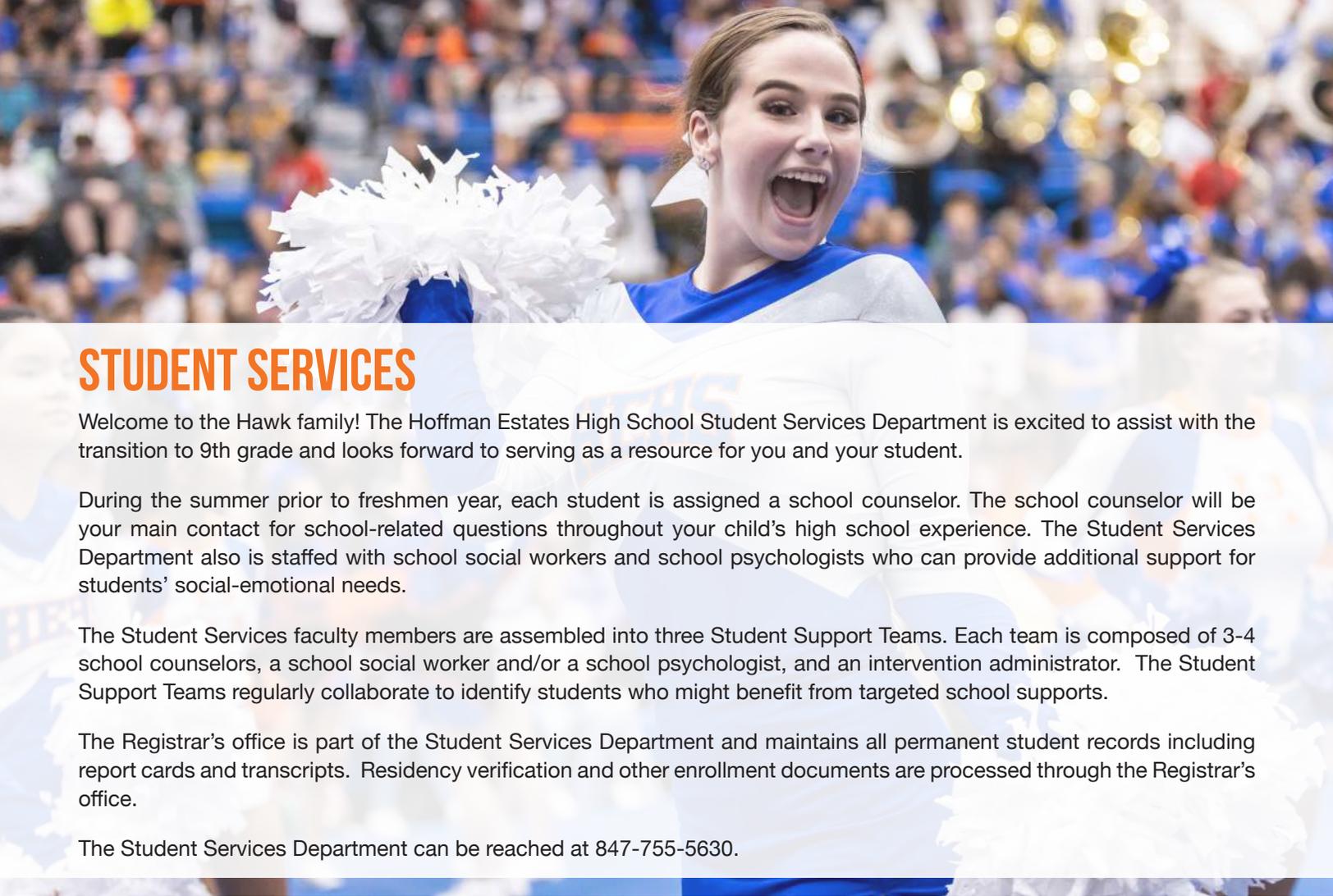
You are now part of the Hoffman Estates High School community! I look forward to collaborating with you to make Hoffman Estates High School a place where we demonstrate care for each other and strive for excellence in academics, athletics, activities, and everything we do.

Sincerely,

Michael Alther  
Principal

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## STUDENT SERVICES

Welcome to the Hawk family! The Hoffman Estates High School Student Services Department is excited to assist with the transition to 9th grade and looks forward to serving as a resource for you and your student.

During the summer prior to freshmen year, each student is assigned a school counselor. The school counselor will be your main contact for school-related questions throughout your child's high school experience. The Student Services Department also is staffed with school social workers and school psychologists who can provide additional support for students' social-emotional needs.

The Student Services faculty members are assembled into three Student Support Teams. Each team is composed of 3-4 school counselors, a school social worker and/or a school psychologist, and an intervention administrator. The Student Support Teams regularly collaborate to identify students who might benefit from targeted school supports.

The Registrar's office is part of the Student Services Department and maintains all permanent student records including report cards and transcripts. Residency verification and other enrollment documents are processed through the Registrar's office.

The Student Services Department can be reached at 847-755-5630.

## KEY DATES

**October 16, 2021**

Placement Testing

**November 1 - December 3, 2021**

Enrollment documents due (see page 2 for Enrollment Information)

**November 19, 2021**

Career Matchmaker surveys completed

**December 7, 2021**

Incoming Freshman Night

**December 15, 2021**

Elective course requests due in Parent Portal

**January 26, 2022**

Course selection confirmation mailed home

**February 4, 2022**

Last date to request elective course changes

**June - July, 2022**

Summer orientation sessions

**July 2022**

Registration for 2022-2023 school year begins

**August 5, 2022**

Freshmen Kick-Off

**August 11, 2022**

Classes begin

# ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Completing the enrollment process provides confirmation that your incoming freshman student intends to attend Hoffman Estates High School in the coming school year. The enrollment process must be completed before students can participate in incoming freshmen activities and the course selection process. Information will be sent to families in October detailing how to initially enroll or complete the process through Infinite Campus's *online registration*.

## **Enrollment window: November 1 - December 3**

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.

Enrollment is a one-time process occurring when a student prepares to enter school for the first time. Registration occurs annually requesting you to confirm or update your information in Infinite Campus. Contact the student services office at 847-755-5627 for further details.

**Enrollment documents are due by December 3, 2021**  
Contact the Registrar's Office at 847-755-5627 for further details.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The final step toward becoming a Hoffman Estates High School student is registration. Registration is an annual process taking place in the summer months preceding the start of each school year.

**Registration cannot be completed unless a parent/guardian has completed the enrollment process.**

Families will complete the registration process through Infinite Campus. You will receive additional details about the registration process, including details about required school fees and optional purchases at a later date.

**School registration cannot be completed until the 9th grade physical examination and immunization records are verified.**  
See page 3 for details about Student Health Information.

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 late July.

# 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 information about the course planning process, elective course choices, summer school options, and school registration.

Incoming Freshman Night includes a Curriculum Fair with classroom teachers providing information about elective course options.

Hoffman Estates High School will host its annual Incoming Freshman Night for the Class of 2026 on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Parents of enrolled students will receive more information about this virtual event in November.

· INCOMING ·  
FRESHMAN  
NIGHT

DEC. 8  
6-8 p.m.

# STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION



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. **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, 2021.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL THE 9TH GRADE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS ARE VERIFIED.**

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 April 30, 2021.

## 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.

## 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 [DLeach@d211.org](mailto:DLeach@d211.org) or by phone at 847-755-5662.



## Required Dental Examination

All students in the Class of 2026 are required to provide proof that an oral health examination was completed by a licensed dentist between November 15, 2022 – May 15, 2023.

The official State of Illinois oral examination form is available on the District 211 website at <https://il49000007.schoolwires.net/domain/3472>.



# PLACEMENT EXAM

Incoming freshmen are required to complete a placement exam. The results of the placement exam assist in determining the English, math, and science courses the student will participate in during 9th grade. The exam results also help identify students for required participation in the Incoming Freshmen Academy math and reading summer school programs.

Schaumburg High School uses the PSAT 8/9 as its placement exam. The PSAT 8/9 is part of a series of exams offered by the College Board and serves as a precursor to the SAT, a long standing college entrance exam that also is used by the State of Illinois as its mandated student achievement test for third-year high school students. The PSAT 8/9 provides scores for mathematics and evidence-based reading and writing. More information about the PSAT 8/9 is available on the College Board website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.



**The Class of 2026 will take its placement exam on Saturday, October 16, 2021.** Testing begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. and students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. in order to check-in and locate their assigned testing rooms. Students should bring at least two No. 2 pencils and a calculator when reporting for the placement exam. Calculators are allowed for portions of the mathematics exam, however, smartphones are not allowed to be used as calculators. The exam will conclude at 11:15 a.m. Students will not be dismissed early.

Students eligible for testing accommodations will receive information about accessing these supports in the weeks leading up to the exam date.

Questions about the placement exam can be directed to Jennifer Beers, director of student services, at 847-755-5626.

# TRANSPORTATION TO PLACEMENT EXAMS

Schaumburg 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 16. 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

- Stop 1 - Wise and Cambia Kensington Apartments
- Stop 2 - Monterey and Roselle Road (westside)
- Stop 3 - Roselle and Pratt
- Stop 4 - Lincoln and Schreiber
- Stop 5 - Springwood and Devon

## Bus #2

- Stop 1 - Nerge and Indian Hill (south side)
- Stop 2 - Nerge School
- Stop 3 - On Yosemite west of Plum Grove Road (for students west of Plum Grove Road)
- Stop 4 - On Plum Grove Road at Cross Creek (for students east of Plum Grove Road)
- Stop 5 - Greenbriar and Algonquin
- Stop 6 - Blackhawk and Sunset
- Stop 7 - Blackhawk and Laurel

## Bus #3

- Stop 1 - Stevenson School (Elk Grove)
- Stop 2 - Kathleen and Aldrin Trail
- Stop 3 - Mitchell and Von Brann
- Stop 4 - Volkamer and Roosa
- Stop 5 - Cindy and Haise
- Stop 6 - Virginia and Wisconsin
- Stop 7 - Arkansas and Tennessee

## Bus #4

- Stop 1 - Nottingham and Wise
- Stop 2 - Long Boat and Cutter
- Stop 3 - Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Stop 4 - Wisconsin and Michigan
- Stop 5 - Baltimore and Vine
- Stop 6 - Julie and Newberry
- Stop 7 - Gibson and Biesterfield
- Stop 8 - University and Plum Grove Road
- Stop 9 - Plum Grove and Spring Valley Ct
- Stop 10 - Arizona Pass and California

## Bus #5

- Stop 1 - Scarboro and Meacham
- Stop 2 - Greco and Meacham
- Stop 3 - Link School
- Stop 4 - South Glenn and Grissom
- Stop 5 - Bradley and Mitchell
- Stop 6 - Nerge and Charlela
- Stop 7 - Charlela and Huntington
- Stop 8 - Timber and David
- Stop 9 - Biesterfield and Robin
- Stop 10 - Home and Texas
- Stop 11 - Arizona Pass and California

## Bus #6

- Stop 1 - Bar Harbour at Schaumburg Road
- Stop 2 - Williamsburg at Meacham (West)
- Stop 3 - Williamsburg at Meacham (East)
- Stop 4 - Meacham at Sturgen Bay
- Stop 5 - Schaumburg at Whitman
- Stop 6 - Whitman at Sandburg
- Stop 7 - Woburn at Beckett
- Stop 8 - Columbine at Lexington
- Stop 9 - National Parkway and Lorraine



## Bus #7

- Stop 1 - Prince Edward at East Point
- Stop 2 - Summit at Hartford
- Stop 3 - Kingsport at Governor (2 stops)
- Stop 4 - Summit at Fennel
- Stop 5 - Summit at Weatherfield Way

## Bus #8

- Stop 1 - Meinke Center (on Weathersfield Way)
- Stop 2 - Scully and Lundy
- Stop 3 - Collins School
- Stop 4 - Webley and Weathersfield Way
- Stop 5 - Lamonrak and Wingate

## Bus #9

- Stop 1 - Heritage at Meadow
- Stop 2 - Spring Mill at Alcoa
- Stop 3 - Alcoa at Woodlawn
- Stop 4 - Berkley at Washington
- Stop 5 - Grissom at Evanston
- Stop 6 - Ash at Hawthorn
- Stop 7 - Hawthorn at Apple
- Stop 8 - Aster at Apple
- Stop 9 - Plum Grove at Sturbridge

**PLACEMENT EXAM**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 16  
8:00 - 11:15 A.M.**

# COURSE SELECTION 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:

- 1) English
- 2) Math
- 3) Science
- 4) Wellness
- 5) Freshman Foundations
- 6) Elective #1
- 7) Elective #2
- 8) Study Lab



**Elective course options** will be provided to you in late October. 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 and specific instructions for using this system will be sent to you in late October. The deadline to submit elective course requests is December 15, 2021.



## 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 LAB

Select students will have the option to take a third elective course in lieu of the required freshmen study lab. 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 12, 2021. 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>.



# COLLEGE MAJORS AND CAREER CLUSTERS

High School District 211 has aligned its curriculum according to 16 career clusters as defined by the National Career Cluster Framework. Each cluster is composed of career fields that are related by specific skills and areas of knowledge.

Xello, an online software tool, helps students build self-awareness, explore options, create plans, and make decisions about life after high school. Incoming freshmen will be asked to complete the Xello Career Matchmaker

survey prior to selecting elective courses. The survey results can help guide students to choose elective course options based on career clusters connected to students' future plans.

More details about District 211's curricular alignment with the 16 career clusters is available online at <http://www.d211careercluster.org/>.





## DISTRICT 211 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

All students must meet District 211 graduation requirements to be eligible to receive a diploma. Students will complete a four-year course plan with assistance from their assigned school counselor. The four-year plan accounts for all requirements as well as elective courses connected to a student's individualized areas of interest.

Students in the Class of 2026 must complete a minimum of twenty (20) units of credit including the following requirements:

1. Four units of English
2. Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject
3. Three units of mathematics with at least one course at the 300-level or higher. One of the three required units must be Algebra I and one unit must include geometry content.
4. Two units of science
5. One unit of American history
6. One unit of social science survey; or one-half unit of economics and one-half unit of government
7. One unit of world language, art, music, or vocational education
8. One-half unit of consumer education (or equivalent)
9. One unit each of Freshmen Wellness and Sophomore Wellness
10. One-half unit of physical education for each semester of attendance (or equivalent) after sophomore year
11. Complete thirty (30) hours of instruction in safety education (driver education classroom instruction)
12. Pass a qualifying examination on the state and federal constitution, Declaration of Independence, use of the American flag, and the Australian (secret ballot) method of voting
13. Participate in the assessment testing system as established by the State of Illinois
14. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

## POWER OF 15

High School District 211's goal is to have all students graduate from Hoffman Estates High School with the equivalent of at least 15 college credits. This goal is called the "Power of 15" because students who earn at least 15 college credits while still in high school are more likely to experience success after high school. Students can earn college credit by:

- Participating in an Advanced Placement (AP) course and earning a passing score on the AP exam
- Taking a Dual Credit course (a course that provides both high school and college credit simultaneously)

The District 211 Curriculum Guide identifies both AP and Dual Credit courses. It also provides more background information about the impact student grades in Dual Credit coursework may have on the student's eligibility for post-high school financial aid.

# SUMMER SCHOOL

Incoming freshman students are eligible and encouraged to attend summer school courses prior to the start of 9th grade. Participation in summer school can assist with the transition to high school and strengthen skills needed to be successful in the high school classroom. Some summer courses are designed exclusively to support students' exploration of specific Career Clusters.

Some students are required to attend Incoming Freshmen Academy summer courses relating to math and reading skill development. There are no course or transportation fees associated with these required summer courses. You will be notified in February if your child qualifies for the Incoming Freshmen Academy.

Summer school is organized as two 3-week sessions. Classes meet Monday through Thursday. Summer classes do not meet on Fridays.

- First Session: June 7 – June 28
- Second Session: June 29 – July 21 Look for information about summer school registration and fees in the spring.

# STUDENT READINESS PLAN

The District 211 *Student Readiness Plan* is designed to help students prepare for high school graduation and their lives as independent young adults. The *Readiness Plan* focuses on five essential readiness components: Academic Readiness, College & Career Exploration, Involvement, Global Competitive Skills, and Wellness.



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All Hoffman Estates High School students are assigned an account within the District 211 *Student Readiness Plan* online portal providing them with a centralized hub to create individualized goals, measure progress, and track activity throughout their high school experience.

During each year of high school, your child's school counselor will lead your student through targeted activities that directly connect to various elements of the *Student Readiness Plan*. Parents have access to view their children's *Readiness Plan* and are encouraged to have discussions with their children about goals and overall status. More information, including log on instructions, is available at <https://adc.d211.org/studentreadiness>.



# 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, and technology resources. 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.



# ACTIVITIES

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|---|---|---|
| Art Club                                | Film Making Club                              | Photography Club                                |
| Auditorium Tech Club                    | German Club                                   | Picasso Club                                    |
| Auto Club                               | GSA Club                                      | Robotics Club                                   |
| Best Buddies                            | Hawk Club                                     | Scholastic Bowl                                 |
| Blue Crew                               | Hoffman Black Students                        | Science Bowl                                    |
| Bridging the Gap                        | United  | Science Club                                    |
| Business Professionals of America (BPA) | HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) | Senior Class Club                               |
| Chess Team                              | I-Compete                                     | Social Studies Club                             |
| Choir                                   | International Club                            | Sophomore Class Club                            |
| Color Guard                             | Interact Club                                 | Spanish Club                                    |
| Crosstown Showdown Classic              | Intramurals                                   | Special Olympics                                |
| Cultural Awareness Club                 | Jazz Club                                     | Speech Team (Forensics)                         |
| Dance Club/Thespians                    | Junior Class Club                             | Spring Play                                     |
| Dance Show                              | Literary Magazine                             | Student Congress (Debate)                       |
| Drama Club                              | Marching Band                                 | Student Council                                 |
| Electronics Club                        | Math Team                                     | Talent Show                                     |
| ELS Club                                | Modern Music Msters/Film                      | Theater Guides                                  |
| ELS Poms (Hawkettes)                    | Movie Critics Club                            | Theater Tech Club                               |
| Engineering Underwater ROV              | Musical                                       | Thespians                                       |
| Fall Play                               | National Honor Society                        | Trivia Team                                     |
| Fashion Club                            | Newspaper                                     | Video Game Club                                 |
| Flags (V)                               | Operation Snowball                            | Winter Play (Madrigals)                         |
| Foreign Exchange Club                   | Orchesis (Dance Club)                         | Wood Workers Club                               |
| Forensics Team                          | Outdoor Adventure Club                        | Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE) |
| French Club                             | Orchestra                                     | Writing Club                                    |
| Freshmen Class Club                     | Peers and Leaders in Service (PALS)           | Yearbook  |
|   | Pep Club                                      |   |

**Activity Director: Tom Mocon, 847-755-5612**

# ATHLETICS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Fall</b>             | <b>Winter</b>          | <b>Spring</b>       |
| Cheerleading - fall     | Bowling                | Baseball            |
| Boys Cross Country      | Boys Basketball        | Badminton           |
| Girls Cross Country     | Girls Basketball       | Boys Gymnastics     |
| Football                | Cheerleading - winter  | Boys Lacrosse       |
| Boys Golf               | Girls Gymnastics       | Girls Lacrosse      |
| Girls Golf              | Boys Swimming & Diving | Softball            |
| Boys Soccer             | Wrestling              | Girls Soccer        |
| Girls Swimming & Diving |                        | Boys Track & Field  |
| Girls Tennis            |                        | Girls Track & Field |
| Girls Volleyball        |                        | Boys Volleyball     |
|                         |                        | Boys Water Polo     |
|                         |                        | Girls Water Polo    |
|                         |                        | Boys Tennis         |

**Athletic Director: Steve Lacni, 847-755-5770**

Hoffman Estates High School values student involvement and participation in extra-curricular 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 camp details, including how to register in Infinite Campus 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.



# ONE-TO-ONE PROGRAM

All students at Hoffman Estates High School are assigned an iPad as part of District 211's one-to-one technology program. The iPad is an integral part of the school's approach to teaching and learning, and students are expected to have their fully-charged iPad in school each day.

Student iPads are optimized for learning. Access to selected device settings are controlled by school personnel in order to minimize distractions. Additionally, the App Store is blocked to help keep students focused on learning tasks while they use their iPad.

Students are responsible for keeping their iPad in good operating condition. Devices that are damaged or lost must be reported to the school's Technology Department. Students are responsible for the costs associated with repair or



replacement. Parents are encouraged to enroll in the District 211 iPad Protection Plan. The Plan carries a \$25 annual premium and offers discounted repair/replacement costs. Full details about the iPad Protection Plan are available at <https://adc.d211.org/Page/4924>.

Any student requiring assistance with a school-assigned iPad should visit the Technology HelpDesk located in the Media Center, or visit the Technology Department's webpage at <https://adc.d211.org/domain/208>.



# 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](https://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.



## Schoolology

The *Schoolology* portal is located at <https://d211.schoolology.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 *Schoolology*, including an individualized username and temporary password. Once in *Schoolology*, parents will be able to see every course associated with their child.



## Xello

*Xello*, formerly called Career Cruising, is an online tool students use to develop awareness of future career paths and to create plans to achieve personal goals for life after high school. Students have the ability to share their *Xello* profile with their parents and this step is built into students' use of the system. Once sharing is activated, your child will send you a link to their profile. You do not need to establish an account to access this shared profile. More information about *Xello* is available at <https://xello.world/en/>.



## 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 at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) or by downloading the *MySchoolBucks* app to their mobile device. Please contact the District 211 Food & Nutrition Services department at 847-755-6681 if you have questions about this free service.



# 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>.





# HOFFMAN ESTATES LOYAL PARTNERS (HELP) MEMBERSHIP

H.E.L.P. the Hoffman Estates High School parent booster club, supports the curricular and extra-curricular activities bringing home and school into a closer relationship. All parents are encouraged to join H.E.L.P. and membership fees can be paid as part of the school registration process.

**Basic Membership**.....\$25

The *Basic Membership* includes a school store coupon and a small gift.

**Basic Membership PLUS**.....\$45

The *Basic Membership PLUS* includes a School Store coupon, a small gift, and TWO (2) all-age athletic passes\* good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games.

**Deluxe Membership** .....\$65

The *Deluxe Membership* includes a School Store coupon, a small gift, and FOUR (4) all-age athletic passes\* good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games.

**Deluxe Membership with Incentive** .....\$90

The *Deluxe Membership with Incentive* includes a School Store coupon, a small gift, and the choice of one of the three incentive items offered\*\*.

**Deluxe Membership PLUS**.....\$90

The *Deluxe Membership PLUS* includes a School Store coupon, a small gift, and SIX (6) all-age athletic passes\* good for admission to home varsity football and basketball games.

**Honored Hawk Membership**.....\$100

The *Honored Hawk Membership* includes a School Store coupon, a small gift, and TWO (2) all-age athletic passes\* good for admission to home football and basketball games, ONE (1) voucher for TWO (2) HEHS theater tickets, and the choice of the three incentive items offered.\*\*

**Graduation Yard Sign**.....\$15

Proudly show your Class of 2022 pride for your Hoffman Estates High School senior with a Graduation Yard Sign. Signs are full-color, double-sided, and come on a metal frame that easily slides into the ground. Signs will be available in April/early May 2022.

*The Hoffman Estates Loyal Partners (HELP) is the parent group within HEHS that helps support students and the school through fundraising efforts and volunteerism.*

*Last year, HELP provided (8) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors and planned a virtual Trivia Night as a fundraiser for our Hawk's Nest and all teams and clubs. They also donated funds for entertainment and swag bags at Prom, provided a gift to each incoming freshman, and much more. Your membership is appreciated as well as your volunteerism! Any amount of time and level of commitment you're willing and able to give is appreciated!*

*\*All-Age Athletic Passes are good for adult/child admission; however, they are not valid for IHSA playoff games. High School District 211 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 HELP Membership table at the first 2 home Football Games & the first home Boys Basketball Game. HELP Membership required to purchase additional passes.*

*\*\*Incentive Items can be picked up at the first 2 home Football Games. Please contact Shannon Pelayo at [hehshelpmember@gmail.com](mailto:hehshelpmember@gmail.com) for additional passes or questions*



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. When is the first day of school for freshmen?**

Classes begin on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

**2. 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.

**3. How many courses do students take during 9th grade?**

All freshmen are required to take English, math, science, and Wellness classes. Additionally, freshmen take two elective courses and have a lunch period in their daily schedule. 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 lab.

**4. 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 4, 2022.

**5. 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.

**6. My child is interested in athletics. When do fall sports begin?**

The fall 2022 sports season will begin on August 8.

**7. 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.

**8. Where is my bus stop, and what time will the bus pick me up?**

Parents can use the *MyStop* app to track their child's bus. More information about the *MyStop* app is available on the District 211 website at: <https://adc.d211.org/domain/18>. Please call the Transportation department at 847-755-6798 with any questions about bus service.



**9. 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 January. 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.

**10. 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. Successful completion of the freshman Wellness course satisfies two graduation requirements: (1) a full year 9th grade Wellness and (2) the mandated Health Education curriculum as established by the Illinois State Board of Education. 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.

**11. I am not satisfied with my child's results on the placement exam. Can my child retake the placement exam?**

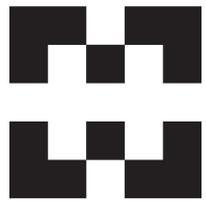
Retesting is not available due to exam protocols established by the College Board. The placement exam, the PSAT 8/9, is not the only factor used to determine a student's placement in core subjects. Teacher recommendations also are considered before specific courses are assigned.

**12. When will my child receive the results of the placement exam?**

Placement exam results will be distributed at Incoming Freshman Night on December 8, 2021.

**13. 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 2026 so that the high school experience begins on a positive note.



# Harper College®

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## 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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