



OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

INCOMING FRESHMEN CURRICULUM NIGHT
WELCOME CLASS OF 2028!
JANUARY 2024

Dr. Lauren May & Mr. Marcus Wargin

Assistant Principals

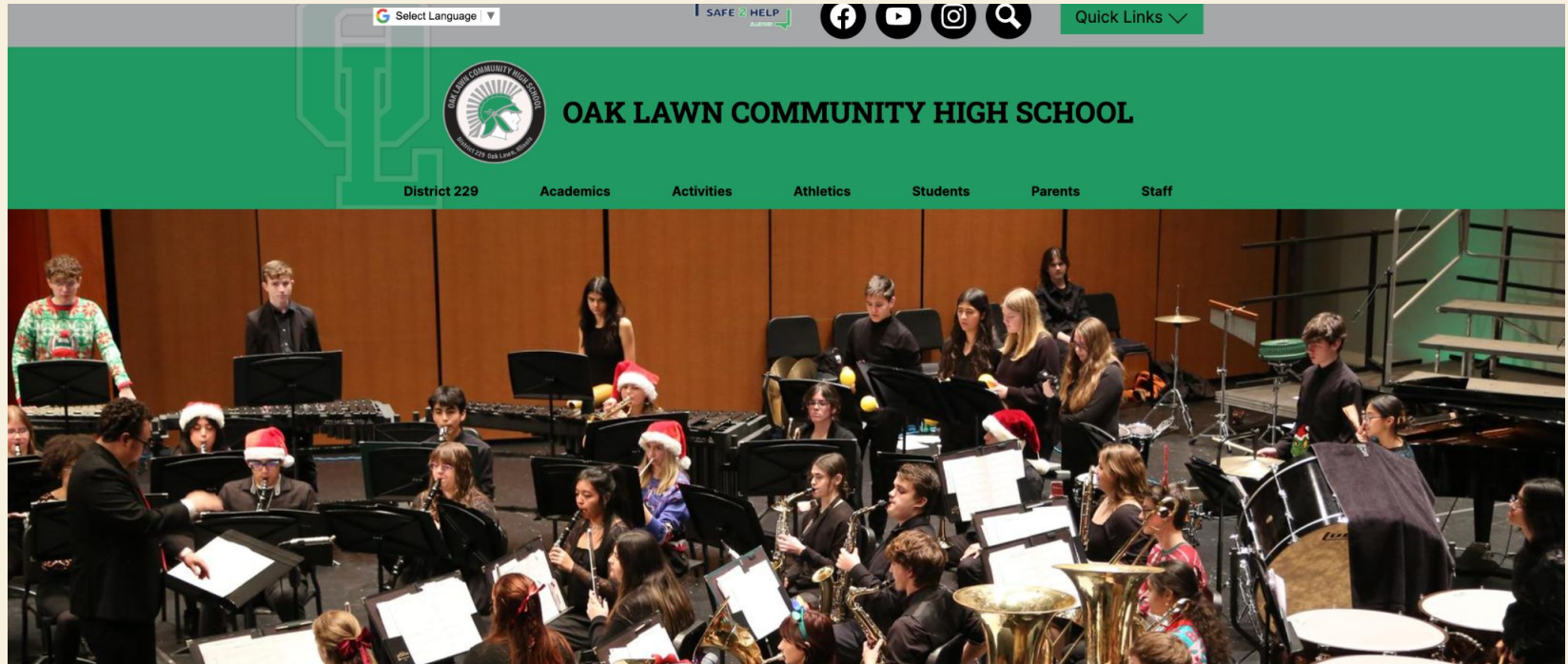
OUR MISSION:

As a diverse and inclusive 21st-Century school, our mission is to graduate students prepared for future success through a safe, supportive, and intellectually challenging environment committed to the values of **Spartan PRIDE.**

Tonight's Agenda

- General Information about OLCHS
- Overview of Course Selection Process
- Elective Session Breakouts

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Bell Schedule

Daily Bell Schedule (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday)		
Period	Start	End
0	6:50	7:40
1	8:32	9:20
2	9:24	10:12
3 (Spartan Plus)	10:16	10:56
4	11:00	11:24
5	11:28	11:52
6	11:56	12:20
7	12:24	12:48
8	12:52	1:16
9	1:20	2:08
10	2:12	3:00

Support For All Students

- Spartan Plus Period
- Student Intervention Coordinator
- Reading Strategies and Algebra Support Courses
- Counselor & Social Worker Groups
- National Honor Society Tutoring Program
- Parental Programs/Parent University
- English as Second Language Resources
- Special Education Resources

TITLE I

OLCHS PARTICIPATES IN TITLE I, PART A PROGRAMS

Title I, Part A requires:

Parents receive a description and explanation of the school's curriculum.

Parents are informed about the academic assessment used to measure children's progress.

Parents receive information about the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

Parents have a right to be involved in Title I, Part A programs.

Parents will receive timely notice if their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. Currently, all OLCHS teachers are highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002)



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Recognized for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.

2021–2024



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Oak Lawn Community High School

Empowered teachers who inspire empowered learners



Who We Are

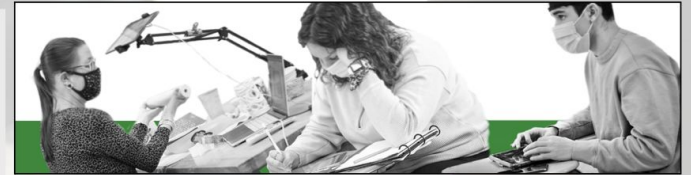
1800 students

120 faculty members

Public

Grades 9-12

Apple Products
in Use at OLCHS



Today

Oak Lawn Community High School envisions a school that develops future-ready citizens who:

- respect and embrace high standards of learning,
- strive to be responsible, engaged individuals of strong character,
- partner with our diverse communities,
- possess the skills and knowledge to innovate in the global economy.

Simply put, after four years, Spartans will be prepared for whatever is it they want to do when they graduate.

OLCHS had to re-imagine learning due to the global pandemic, and we were ready. Staff

ON FRIDAYS WE WEAR GREEN



Clubs & Activities

Alliance

Anime and SciFi

Arabic Honor Society

Bible Club

Chess Team

Creative Writing Club

Esports

Drama/Crew

Fishing Team

Gaming Club

Frosh-Soph Class Advisory Board

International Club

Jazz Band

Junior Class Advisory Board

Mathletes Team

Muslim Student Association

National Honor Society

National Art Honor Society

OLAS

Peer Tutors

Photojournalism Club

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

Scholastic Bowl Team

Senior Class Advisory Board

Shield (Yearbook)

Spartanite (Newspaper)

Spartan Screamers

Spartan Sisterhood

Speech Team

STEM Club

Student Council

Student Helpers

Visual Arts



Athletic Programs

- Football
- Golf
- Cheerleading
- Dance
- Girls Cross Country
- Boys Cross Country
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Swim/Dive
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball



Don't forget your
physical!

- Boys Swim/Dive
- Wrestling
- Boys Bowling
- Girls Bowling
- Girls Badminton
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Soccer
- Girls Softball
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Track
- Girls Track
- Boys Volleyball



Dr. Jeana Lietz
Overall School
Program



Dr. Lauren May
Curriculum &
Summer School



Mr. Marcus Wargin
Activities &
Communication



Mr. Michael Sunquist
Student Services Director



Mr. Nick Novak
Special Education Coordinator



Mr. Michael Bielski
Science



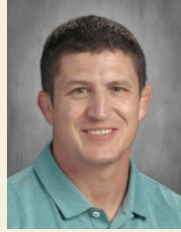
Mrs. Kristin Kuchyt
Social Studies



Mr. Chris Newton
Mathematics



Mr. Eric Kallenborn
Fine Arts



Mr. Dave Early
PE, Drivers, Health



Mr. Jeff Vazzana
English



Mr. Dustin Greenberg
World Languages and
ELL Services



Mrs. Jennifer Faro
Career & Technical
Education



Mrs. Jamie Atkus
Special Education

Preparing To Select Courses

What should we be thinking about?

- How many courses?
- Placement recommendations
- Elective offerings
- Future plans (Career Pathways)

Your Packets

Oak Lawn Community High School



2024 Planning Guide 2025

OLCHS FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTION 2024-2025

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
 Counselor: _____ Date of Birth: _____

DIRECTIONS: Please place an X in the first column to designate your course selections. Course names in **bold** department approval. Remember to choose 6 classes/12 credits. Required courses are indicated with an asterisk.

X	Course Code	Course Title	Credits
		ENGLISH	
	LP101	LRP English I	2.0
	EG116	Reading Strategies	2.0
	EG130	English I	2.0
	EG175	English I Honors	2.0
		MATHEMATICS	
	LP106	LRP Algebra I	2.0
	MH125	Algebra Support	2.0
	MH130	Algebra I	2.0
	MH175	Algebra I Honors	2.0
	MH195	AP Computer Science Principles	2.0
	MH275	Geometry Honors	2.0
		PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
	PH115	PE OPEL	2.0
	PH130	PE I	1.0
	PH240	Health	1.0
		SCIENCE	
	LP105	LRP Biology RS (Reading Support)	2.0
	NT102	Biology RS (Reading Support)	2.0
	NT130	Biology	2.0
	NT175	Biology Honors	2.0
		SOCIAL STUDIES	
	LP107	LRP World History I	1.0
	LP108	World History I	1.0
	LP109	World History II	1.0
	LP110	World History II	1.0
	LP111	Geography	1.0
	LP112	Human Geography	1.0
		ART	
	LP113	Spring Drawing and Multi Media	1.0
	LP114	Construction I	2.0
	LP115	Construction II	1.0
	LP116	Graphic Design I	1.0
	LP117	Graphic Design II	1.0
		BUSINESS EDUCATION*	
	LP118	Office Applications	1.0
	LP119	Business Development	1.0
	LP120	Business Management	2.0
	LP121	Business Law	1.0
	LP122	Business Ethics	1.0
	LP123	Business Writing	2.0
	LP124	Business Research	2.0
	LP125	Business Communication	2.0
	LP126	Business Fundamentals	2.0
	LP127	Business Law II	2.0
	LP128	Business Ethics II	2.0
	LP129	Business Writing II	2.0
	LP130	Business Research II	2.0
	LP131	Business Communication II	2.0
	LP132	Business Fundamentals II	2.0
		EL	
	EL101	Bilingual Health - Arabic	2.0
	EL102	Bilingual Physical Science - Arabic	2.0
	EL103	Bilingual World History - Arabic	2.0
	EL104	Bilingual Consumer - Arabic	2.0
	EL105	Bilingual Algebra/Algebra Support - Arabic	2.0
	EL106	Bilingual Health - Spanish	2.0
	EL107	Bilingual Physical Science - Spanish	2.0
	EL108	Bilingual World History - Spanish	2.0
	EL109	Bilingual Consumer - Spanish	2.0
	EL110	Bilingual Algebra/Algebra Support - Spanish	2.0
		FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES*	
	FS114	Intro to Child Develop & Culinary Arts	2.0
	FS252	Culinary Arts 2	2.0
	FS253	Culinary Arts 1	2.0
	FS255	Baking and Pastry	2.0
		WORLD LANGUAGES*	
	FG130	French I	2.0
	FG230	French II	2.0
	FG140	Spanish I	2.0
	FG141	Spanish II	2.0
	FG195	Spanish for Heritage Speakers I	2.0
	FG240	Spanish for Heritage Speakers I-II	2.0
	FG285	Spanish II Honors	2.0
	FG150	Arabic I	2.0
	FG151	Arabic for Heritage Speakers I	2.0
	FG196	Arabic for Heritage Speakers I	2.0
	FG290	Arabic II	2.0
	FG251	Arabic for Heritage Speakers I Honors	2.0
	FG296	Arabic for Heritage Speakers II Honors	2.0
		INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY*	
	ID130	Fundamentals of Technology	2.0
	ID230	Automotive Essentials	1.0
	ID260	Woods I	1.0
	ID242	Graphic Design I	1.0
	ID243	Graphic Design II	1.0
	ID250	Electricity/Electronics I	1.0
	ID251	Electricity/Electronics II	1.0
	ID300	PLTW: Intro to Engineering Design	1.0
		MUSIC*	
	MS140	Piano I	1.0
	MS141	Piano II	1.0
	MS115	Guitar I	1.0
	MS215	Guitar II	1.0
	MS250	Music Technology	1.0
	MS120	Band Ensemble	1.0
	MS121	Treble Clef	1.0
	MS110	Concert Band	2.0
	MS111	Concert Band	2.0

Student Name: _____
OLCHS ID# _____

CLASS OF 2028 STUDENT PLACEMENT

OLCHS works collaboratively with 8th grade teachers to determine placements for incoming freshmen based on MAP scores and middle school academic performance. All placements have been reviewed and agreed upon by teachers at OLHMS and Simmons.

For more details, please refer to the Placement Guidelines also included in your packet. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the appropriate administrator listed below.

English Placement:
English Department Chair Mr. Jeff Vazzana jvazzana@olchs.org

Math Placement:
Math Department Chair Mr. Chris Newton cnewton@olchs.org

Science Placement:
Science Department Chair Mr. Michael Bielski mbielski@olchs.org

PLEASE NOTE: Families of students with IEPs will NOT have to sign up or attend a registration conference. Your courses are selected by the IEP team at your student's annual review/transition meeting. An OLCHS staff member will be attending those conferences in late January/early February.

If you have other questions about the course selection or registration process, please call the school at 708-424-5200.



Core course placements were determined using 8th grade teacher input, prior achievement, & MAP scores as available.

CLASS OF 2028

Graduation Requirements

(SEE PAGE 4 IN THE PLANNING GUIDE)

44 Credits are required for graduation

(Each passed semester course = 1 credit)

- 8 credits of English
- 4 credits of Science
- 6 credits of Mathematics
- 5 credits of Social Studies
- 8 credits of Physical Education (PE/Health/Driver's ED)
- 1 credit of Consumer Education
- 4 credits in any of the following departments:

Art, Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, Foreign Language, Industrial Technology, or Music

CLASS OF 2028

Graduation Requirement: Service Learning

- Students must complete 25 hours of approved community service before graduation.

Contact person:

Mrs. Kelly Kenny

741-5853

kkenny@olchs.org

CLASS OF 2028

Typical Freshman Schedule and Four-Year Plan

FRESHMAN YEAR SEMESTER 1	FRESHMAN YEAR SEMESTER 2
ENGLISH 1	ENGLISH 1
WORLD HISTORY 1 OR READING	WORLD HISTORY 2 OR READING
ALGEBRA 1	ALGEBRA 1
BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY
PE 1	HEALTH
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE

(See page 5 in the Planning Guide)

CLASS OF 2028

Selecting Elective Courses

For graduation, students need four (4) credits in any of the following departments: Art, Business, Foreign Language, Family and Consumer Sciences, Music, or Industrial Technology

What should we be thinking about?

- Tonight's Elective Sessions
- Career Pathways & Interests
- Course Descriptions

CLASS OF 2028

Selecting Electives By Career Cluster

(Also see the Spartan Guide to Career Pathways - see page 4)

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We believe students should select elective courses that connect with their career interests and post-secondary goals. To better identify possible career interests, we recommend that your child completes a Career Cluster Interest Inventory to identify their top Career Clusters. Career Clusters are nationally recognized groups of occupations that require similar knowledge and skills. Students, parents, and educators can use Career Clusters to help focus education plans towards obtaining the necessary knowledge, competencies, and training for success in a particular career pathway. Your child will work with a school counselor to develop this education plan.



To take the Career Cluster Interest Inventory, go to <https://tinurl.com/OLCHSCUSTER>.

To explore OLCHS Electives available to Freshmen that connect to your child's top Career Cluster, use the chart below and the Course Descriptions on the back of this form.

Dual credit courses are indicated by*

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Architecture & Construction	Arts, A/V Technology & Communications	Business Management & Administration	Education & Training	Finance	Government & Public Administration	Health Science
-Geography -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Electricity & Electronics III* -Woods I -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Extreme Art -Exploring Drawing & Multimedia -Graphic Design I -Clay Construction -Band, Choir, Guitar, Piano, Music Techn -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Entrepreneurship -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Intro to Child Development & Culinary Arts -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Microsoft Office -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Geography -AP Human Geography -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Arabic, French, Spanish
Hospitality & Tourism	Human Services	Information Technology	Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	Manufacturing	Marketing, Sales & Service	Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
-Culinary Arts I & II -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Intro to Child Development & Culinary Arts -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Google IT! -Mobile Apps I -Web Design -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Arabic, French, Spanish	-PLTW 1 - IED -Electricity & Electronics III* -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Entrepreneurship -Arabic, French, Spanish	-AP Computer Science Principles -Mobile Apps I -PLTW 1 - IED -Arabic, French, Spanish	-Automotive Essentials -Arabic, French, Spanish

Course Selection Process

FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTION
INDIVIDUAL PHONE OR IN-PERSON MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, 3:30-8:30pm

- Review elective choices and complete **Green** Course Selection Sheet from packet
- Placements for English, math, science and world languages are pre-determined (see **Pink** Placement Sheet)
- Copies of birth certificate, Student Information Sheets, home language surveys, and payments for summer school can be dropped off at the school between 8am and 4pm or sent by mail.

COMPLETING THE COURSE SELECTION FORM

OLCHS FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTION 2024-2025

Student Name: _____	Student ID#: _____
Counselor: _____	Date of Birth: _____

DIRECTIONS: Please place an X in the first column to designate your course selections. Course names in bold require department approval. Remember to choose 6 classes/2 credits. Required courses are indicated with an asterisk (*).

X	Course Code	Course Title	Credits	
		ENGLISH		EL Continued
		<i>(1/2 credit required for graduation)</i>		EL.622 Bilingual Health - Arabic 1.0
	LP101	LRP English I	2.0	EL.651 Bilingual Physical Science - Arabic 2.0
	RC116	Reading Strategies	2.0	EL.722 Bilingual World History - Arabic 2.0
	EG130	English I	2.0	EL.122 Bilingual Consumer - Arabic 1.0
	EG175	English I Honors	2.0	EL.530 Bilingual Algebra/Algebra Support - Spanish 4.0
		MATHEMATICS		EL.622 Bilingual Health - Spanish 1.0
		<i>(1/2 credit required for graduation)</i>		EL.641 Bilingual Physical Science - Spanish 2.0
	LP106	LRP Algebra I	2.0	EL.722 Bilingual US History - Spanish 2.0
	MH125	Algebra Support	2.0	EL.122 Bilingual Consumer - Spanish 1.0
	MH130	Algebra I	2.0	
	MH175	Algebra I Honors	2.0	FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES*
	MH195	AP Computer Science Principles	2.0	FS141 Intro to Child Develop & Culinary Arts 1.0
	MH275	Geometry Honors	2.0	FS252 Culinary Arts 1 1.0
		PHYSICAL EDUCATION		FS253 Culinary Arts 2 1.0
		<i>(1/2 credit required for graduation)</i>		FS255 Baking and Pastry 1.0
	PH115	PE/PEL	1.0	WORLD LANGUAGES*
X	PH130	PE I	1.0	FG130 French I 2.0
X	PH140	Health	1.0	FG230 French II 2.0
		SCIENCE		FG140 Spanish I 2.0
		<i>(1/2 credit required for graduation)</i>		FG141 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I 2.0
	LP105	LRP Biology RS (Reading Support)	2.0	FG145 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I-H 2.0
	SN102	Biology RS (Reading Support)	2.0	FG240 Spanish II 2.0
	SN130	Biology	2.0	FG245 Spanish II Honors 2.0
	SN175	Biology Honors	2.0	FG150 Arabic I 2.0
		SOCIAL STUDIES		FG151 Arabic for Heritage Speakers I 2.0
		<i>(1/2 credit required. World History I, II, US History and Government required for grad.)</i>		FG196 Arabic for Heritage Speakers I Honors 2.0
	LP138	LRP World History I	1.0	FG250 Arabic II 2.0
	LP139	LRP World History II	1.0	FG251 Arabic for Heritage Speakers II 2.0
	SC145	World History I	1.0	FG251 Arabic for Heritage Speakers II Honors 2.0
	SC150	World History II	1.0	
	SC235	Geography	1.0	INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY*
	SC195	AP Human Geography	1.0	ID130 Foundations of Technology 1.0
		ART*		ID230 Automotive Essentials 1.0
	AT120	Extreme Art	1.0	ID260 Woods I 1.0
	AT130	Exploring Drawing and Multi Media	2.0	ID242 Graphic Design I 1.0
	AT240	Clay Construction I	1.0	ID243 Graphic Design II 1.0
	AT241	Clay Construction II	1.0	ID250 Electricity/Electronics I 1.0
	AT250	Photography I	1.0	ID251 Electricity/Electronics II 1.0
		BUSINESS EDUCATION*		ID290 P.T.V. Intro to Engineering Design 2.0
	BS131	Graphic Art	1.0	MUSIC*
	BS137	Microsoft Office Applications	1.0	MS100 Piano I 1.0
	BS140	Mobile Apps Development	2.0	MS141 Piano II 1.0
	BS141	Entrepreneurship	1.0	MS115 Guitar I 1.0
	BS160	Web Design	1.0	MS215 Guitar II 1.0
		ESL		MS250 Music Technology 1.0
	EL100	ESL Foundations	2.0	MS120 Bass Ensemble 2.0
	EL115	ESL Reading	2.0	MS121 Treble Choir 2.0
	EL130	ESL English I	2.0	MS110 Concert Band 2.0
	EL532	Bilingual Algebra/Algebra Support - Arabic	4.0	MS310 Symphonic Band 2.0
				MS311 Percussion Ensemble 2.0

OLCHS FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTION 2024-2025

2024-2025 COURSE SELECTIONS			ALTERNATIVE COURSE CHOICES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION
SUBJECT	COURSE Semester One	COURSE Semester Two	
Launch	Launch	Launch	1.
English			2.
Elective			3.
Math			
Elective			
PE/Health	Health	PE	
Science			

I understand that I may not be able to change any course(s) after March 15, 2024.

Student Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Phone: _____

ADDITIONAL CHOICES:

ZERO HOUR OPTION

Semester 1	Semester 2
SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE	
First Session: 05/10/20 (Sat.) June 5 th - June 20 th *	Second Session: 07/10/20 (Sat.) July 8 th - July 28 th *
Freshman Academy Must be recommended NO FEE	

*Days are tentative based on school's use of Emergency/Save Days.

Completed forms will be used during
Freshman Course Selection Sessions on Feb. 7th

COMPLETING THE COURSE SELECTION FORM

2024-2025 COURSE SELECTIONS		
SUBJECT	COURSE Semester One	COURSE Semester Two
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
English		
Elective		
Math		
Elective		
PE/Health	Health	PE
Science		

ALTERNATIVE COURSE CHOICES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION
1.
2.
3.

Use this grid to plan courses prior to Freshman Course Selection Sessions in February

COMPLETING THE COURSE SELECTION FORM

2024-2025 COURSE SELECTIONS		
SUBJECT	COURSE Semester One	COURSE Semester Two
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
English		
Elective		
Math		
Elective		
PE/Health	Health	PE
Science		

ALTERNATIVE COURSE CHOICES
REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Oak Lawn Community High School -- Class of 2028 Placement Guidelines for the 2024-2025 School Year

In addition to standardized test scores, OLCHS will include additional criteria for placement into freshman-level classes. This is an opportunity for students to enrich their learning experience and be placed into the most appropriate course in each subject area. Students are encouraged to take the most challenging coursework that they are prepared for and will receive appropriate support regardless of placement.

The Class of 2028 Placement Process includes student and family input in the selection of classes. In order to do so, we will consider the following information when determining placement:

1. Middle School Teacher Recommendation
2. Standardized Test Scores and/or Writing Samples
3. Eighth Grade Grades in Progress (or Standards Met)
4. Student Elective Interest
5. Student/Family Enrollment Requests

All course placements were determined collaboratively with OLHMS and Simmons. Spanish and Arabic placements are in progress.

COMPLETING THE COURSE SELECTION FORM

I understand that I may not be able to change any course(s) after March 15, 2024.

Student Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Phone: _____

ADDITIONAL CHOICES:

Enroll in a 7th course during Zero hour. Zero hour class will meet from 6:50 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. The course offered during zero hour will be determined at the end of registration. There is no fee.

ZERO HOUR OPTION	
Semester 1	Semester 2

Enroll in this course during Summer School. Summer School courses have an enrollment fee of \$150.00 per semester unless this is a repeated course. Attach payment to this form.

SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE	
First Session (\$150.00 fee.) June 5 th – June 26 th *	Second Session (\$150.00 fee.) July 8 th – July 25 th *
Freshman Academy Must be recommended NO FEE	

*Dates are tentative based on school's use of Emergency/Snow Days.

Families can select an additional seventh course (zero hour) as well as register for summer school during Freshman Course Selection Individual Meetings on Feb. 7th.

Summer School

Any incoming Freshman may take
World History I and/or World History II
(graduation requirements)
or Foundations of Technology (elective)

Classes Held Monday to Thursday

8:00am – 1:25pm

Semester 1: June 5 - June 26

Semester 2: July 8 - July 25

No class on Fridays or on June 19

Special Education/ELL Process

- High School Transition/Annual Review Meetings
 - Input from your current teachers
 - Help with selection of coursework
 - Setting goals and outcomes

After February 7th

- Student choices will be entered into our scheduling system.
- You will receive communications over the summer from the school about the final registration process.
 - OLCHS will begin the residency verification process in early 2024 by attempting to electronically verify each family's residence
 - School fees are due at the time of final registration in late July/early August.
 - Students can access their schedule in Skyward when final registration is completed.

Skyward Family Access



At OLCHS all communication will come from information in **OLCHS** Skyward. If you need to update or correct any phone or email information please contact Adrienne Gannon at 708/741-5626 or agannon@olchs.org

Oak Leaflet Newsletter



If you would like to keep in touch with what is going on at OLCCHS join our newsletter mailing list. The link to join is available on our website www.olchs.org.



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Newsletter



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@OLCHSNews



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OLCHS

2024-25 Registration Steps

- Select Courses on Wednesday, Feb 7th
- Prove Residency before May 28th
- Complete Skyward Verification July
- Schedules Available August 1st

