

CCHS PRE-REGISTRATION FAQ'S

- 1. This pre-registration form has all four years. Can a student fill out all four years or just the year/grade they will be in next year?**
Students only have to fill out their grade level for next year; however, students can fill out the all four years so that they can see if they are on track for graduation, A-G and completion of their ROP or SLC pathway.
- 2. Who do the students turn their form into after they fill it out and what happens if they do not turn it in?**
Students are to take the form home and fill it with their parents and return it to their second period teacher. If a student does not turn the form in, we will pick their classes and electives for them.
- 3. Will students have the opportunity to meet with their counselor to discuss their course selection?**
Yes; however, DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO THE COUNSELING OFFICES. Counselors will review the forms and call in students and talk it over with them.
- 4. Why must students rank their SLC choices?**
Students must rank their SLC choice from 1 (their first choice) to 6 (their last choice) just in case they do not get the opportunity to be in an SLC because it is full.
- 5. How many students in each SLC?**
Each SLC will have 300 students (from grades 10-12). The only exception is Freshman Academy which will divide the freshman class into two groups of 300 (we are expecting 500 to 600 freshmen next year). If an SLC is full, we will do our best to try to place the student in their second SLC choice.
- 6. Do all of the students have to choose an SLC elective pathway?**
YES. This is non-negotiable next year for all SUSD high school students. Students are to use the back of the first page and choose an SLC and one of the three (or four for CAPA) elective pathways. They are to mark their first choice on the front of the pre-registration form. SLC pathway choices 2—6 they can mark on the back of the pre-registration form.
- 7. Can a student select to take more than one elective in their SLC?**
Yes. Students can take electives in their SLC pathways; however, the goal is for them to complete their SLC elective pathway by the end of their Sr year.
- 8. Can students sign up for other electives in other SLCs?**
NO. Students can only sign up for electives for their SLC and global electives (on the attached sheet of paper) to ensure that our SLCs stay pure.
- 9. What about Special Education students, will they be able to sign up for SLC electives?**
Yes based on their IEP. Some of our students IEP may have to be modified; however, we are working with the district Special Ed department on this a well to ensure that our special needs students are service appropriately based on their IEP.
- 10. Will all freshmen be in the Freshman Academy next year and take the High School Success course?**
All incoming freshman will be in the Freshman Academy and take the High School Success Course. Freshmen who are choosing to be music/drama/art/dance majors in college can sign up for the CAPA electives (they will still take High School Success). CAPA is the only SLC who will allow freshman students to take SLC electives. WE ARE THE ONLY HIGH SCHOOL IN SUSD DOING A FULL FRESHMAN ACADEMY.
- 11. If a student is in our Music Magnet, do they have to be in the CAPA SLC?**
NO. Students in the Music Magnet must take at least one performing arts course that does not have to be in the CAPA SLC. Thus, if they want to be in another SLC they must understand that they must select performing arts elective to maintain their magnet status in addition to their SLC elective.
- 12. Marching Band, Mariachi, Choir, Yearbook, and Newspaper electives are not listed in the SLCs, why?**
We left out these electives to allow students the flexibility to participate in these elective courses if they have an interest in another SLC elective pathway. Thus, they have to sign up for these courses as electives, NOT as their SLC elective.
- 13. Which students have to take the California Exit Exam courses?**

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All Jr and Sr students who have not passed the CAHSEE are placed in the CAHSEE course regardless if they sign up for it or not. Incoming freshman and sophomores who are still taking Algebra in addition to scoring at the Basic level (or below) on the math portion of the CST are placed in the CAHSEE course as well. In all of these cases, students lose an elective course and it is replaced with CAHSEE.

14. **What if a student wants to repeat a class because they failed it or want to improve their D grade to a C? Will they be able to sign up for it to take next year?**
Students can sign up to re-take a class in the elective section of the pre-registration form; however, their ability to re-take courses will be based on seat availability. It will be good for you to explain to them that they should plan to take these courses as 5th period class and/or during intersession or summer school just in case there is no room in the class during the school day.
15. **If students and/or parents have additional questions, who should I refer them too?**
Please let these individuals know that they can contact their student's counselor for any additional questions. Remember DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO THEIR COUNSELOR DURING CLASS TIME. Students can make an appointment with their counselor and they will call them in.
16. **How can I get early release or late start?**
There is a process for early release and late start. First, the student must be a senior and understand that they cannot be credit deficient (i.e. have no classes to retake). Then the student can file for early release by filling out the form (which they will be able to get from the office areas starting this Friday) and meet with their counselor and assistant principal. ALL seniors must remember that they are still required to take Senior English, Government and Econ and at least ONE SLC elective.
17. **Can I switch SLCs?**
Students have to stay in their SLC until the end of the year. At that time, they can switch to another SLC when they pre-register for 1010-2011 school year.
18. **Can I try other SLCs electives?**
No, there is no sampler SLC track. Students can sign up for the various electives in their SLC; however, they cannot choose the electives in an SLC they are not in.
19. **If I do not get my first choice SLC, will I get my second choice?**
Yes; however, it depends on if that SLC has room. That is why it is extremely important that they turn in their pre-registration form ASAP. In addition, when an SLC fills up, we will randomly pull out students and use their second, third, fourth, or more. Our goal is to try to keep the students with their first or second choice; however, we need them to rank all of the SLCs just in case we cannot do this.
20. **Should I pick my second, third or fourth choice electives on the pre-registration form?**
NO. Students should choose their first choice electives and rank the SLCs from 1 to 6. If a student does not receive their first choice electives, they will meet with the student and work with them on selecting different electives and/or SLC career pathway.
21. **Will students meet with the counselor to review their pre-registration forms?**
YES. Counselors will be meeting with students over the next few weeks (with the exception of CST testing periods).
22. **If a student wants to see their counselor, how can they do it?**
Teachers are not to send students to the counseling offices during class time for pre-registration. If a student wants to discuss their pre-registration with their counselor, they can come to the counseling office during their lunch time, before or after school, and/or during passing period and make an appointment. Counselors will see them as soon as they can.

Thanks for your assistance and if you have any additional questions please let admin know.

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