

High School Registration FAQ

1. How are students' classes chosen for 9th grade?

- ★ Core courses (*English, Math, Science, Social Studies*) are determined by 8th teacher recommendations. Guidelines were given to middle schools for determining appropriate levels (Honors or Regular/CP) based on test scores/Pre-ACT data.
- ★ Elective courses are chosen by students based on interest/graduation requirements. (Note: Wellness is taken by all freshman unless they choose ROTC and earn 2 credits)

2. What if we disagree with a teacher recommendation?

The student/parent must complete an Academic Release form which is available on the BHS Registration webpage (*Rising 9th link*) or paper copies are available in middle school counseling office. After form is turned in, it is reviewed by BHS counselor and final decision is made by BHS Curriculum principal.

3. Can I enter courses for my student in Parent Portal?

No. Course requests can only be entered in the Aspen student portal; however, you can view teacher recommendations/courses selected in Parent portal.

4. When will student schedules be available?

Schedules will be available in mid-July in Aspen (date TBD).

5. How is a high school schedule different from middle school?

At Bearden, we use "block scheduling" in which students take **4 classes** per day each semester (8 classes total). Finals are given at the end of each semester and grades are finalized in Dec/May.

**Exception- Honors English I/AP Human Geography are taught on a yearlong, alternating day format.*

6. Where can I get more information on courses or registration?

All registration materials, including course descriptions, are available on the BHS website - School Counseling - "Class of 2024 (Rising 9th)".

7. What are Knox County's graduation requirements?

A checklist is available online (Class of 2024 page) along with a "Year by Year Glance".

**Students enrolling from private schools or outside of Knox County schools will complete course registration AFTER they complete all enrollment paperwork. Registration will not be online and timeline will differ from feeder schools.*