



Heritage High School

8th Grade Parent Night Presentation



Administration

- Larry Oshodi – Principal
- Lisa Sullivan – Assistant Principal – SLC A
- Crystal Shaw – Assistant Principal – SLC B
- Hugh Bursch – Assistant Principal – SLC C
- Heather Harper – Assistant Principal – SLC D





SLC Model

- Heritage High School is divided into 4 SLC's (Small Learning Communities.)
- Students will be assigned to one of the 4 SLC's.



Counseling at Heritage

- SLC A: All 3 counselors have a 1/3rd of SLC A students
- SLC-B: Ms. McClelland
- SLC-C: Mrs. Dalton
- SLC-D: Ms. Magana

- Counselor Role:
- The Heritage High School Counselors provide comprehensive guidance services to all Heritage students. Each student has access to a counselor in order to address academic concerns, educational planning, and personal issues. Students may visit their counselor's office before school, at lunch or after school to make an appointment with their counselor. Parents may also contact the counselor's office to schedule an appointment during the school year.

A/B Schedule

- Classes meet every other day
- Students will have 4 classes on each day.
- A day classes are periods 1-4
- B day classes are periods 5-8
- Each class is 88 minutes



Organization tips for the A/B Schedule

- Different back pack for each day
- Different binders for “A” and “B” day
- Use a Daily Planner
 - Write in the Planner every day!!
 - If you don't have homework for a particular class write – “No Homework”
 - The best way to stay on track is to complete A day homework on the A day and B day homework on the B day.
 - Don't let the homework pile up.





Credits What are they?

- **Every semester class = 5 credits**
- **Every year long class = 10 credits**
- **D- or Higher= full credits (5 per semester)**
- **F = 0 credits**
- **Need them to graduate!**
 - **Class of 2017 needs 270 credits**



Grade Point Average (GPA)

■ **Determines:**

- **Eligibility for participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities**
- **Class rank**
- **Eligibility for scholarships**
- **Eligibility for college admission**

Athletics

- **2.0 GPA= Eligible**
- **1.75 GPA = Academic Probation (can only use ONE quarter)**
- **2.3 GPA to play sports in college (NCAA)**
- **See Mr. Cruickshank, the athletic director.**





Progress Reports/Quarter Grades vs. Semester Grades

- **Progress Reports/Quarter Grades**
 - Indicates how you're doing/whether or not you're "on track" in each class
 - Not final grades
 - No credits earned
 - Quarter grades affects eligibility
- **Semester Grades**
 - Given each semester (December/June)
 - Final Grades
 - On transcript **PERMANENTLY**
 - Affects GPA and eligibility



ACADEMIES

- Law & Government (SLC-A)
- Engineering & Technology (SLC-B)
- Health & Recreation (SLC-C)
- Environmental Science (SLC-D)
 - If you're student is interested in signing up for an academy, please have them pick up an application in the Fall.



Why is it important to pass all of your classes?

- Failed classes will need to be made up during the summer school.
 - Only limited courses are offered for Summer School!
 - Only core classes needed for graduation (with the exception of Health and P.E.) are offered in Summer School



Graduation Requirements/ College Entrance Requirements

- **Some significant differences between HHS graduation requirements and college entrance requirements**
- **Do NOT just do the minimum!**
- **4 year colleges require a minimum grade of 'C' in every class!**



GRADES

- **HHS: Credits for classes: “D-” required**
- **College Admissions: “C” or higher, but should strive to earn as many “A”s and “B”s as possible!**
- **Freshman year counts!!!**
- **The more competitive the college, the higher required GPA**



270 Credits required for Graduation

■ English

- **40 credits required for HHS graduation**
 - **4 years (Eng I, Eng II, Eng III, Eng IV)**
- **4 years required for UC/ CSU**



■ Math

- **30 credits required for HHS graduation**
 - **Must complete Algebra 1 and Geometry successfully!**
- **3 years required for UC/ CSU**
 - **Must complete Algebra II (with grade of “C” or higher for UC/CSU)**



■ Social Studies

- 30 credits required for graduation
 - 10 credits World History
 - 10 credits US History
 - 5 credits American Government
 - 5 credits Economics
- 2 years required for UC/CSU



■ Science

- 20 credits required for HHS
 - Life Science (Biology)
 - Physical Science (Earth Science, Chemistry, Physics)
- 2 years of LAB science required for UC/ CSU
 - Earth Science is NOT a lab science for UC.



■ Fine Art

- 10 credits required for graduation
 - Fine Art or Foreign Language
- 1 year of Visual or Performing Art required for UC/ CSU
 - must be 1 year of the SAME subject



■ World Languages

- **10 Credits** required for graduation
 - **EITHER Foreign Language or Visual/Performing Art**
- **2 years required for CSU**
- **2 years required for UC (3 recommended)**
 - **Must be 2 or 3 years in the SAME language**
- **At Heritage we currently offer:**
 - Spanish
 - Mandarin Chinese
 - French



■ Health

- 5 credits required for graduation

■ Physical Education

- 20 credits required for graduation
- Must take 10 credits as Freshman



Electives

- 115 credits required for graduation
- Credits earned in a particular subject area that exceed graduation requirements will count as elective credit.
- Must take 1 year of electives from the “a-g” list for UC/ CSU admissions

6 Differences between earning a diploma and being college eligible

1. Math- complete up to Algebra 2
2. Science- physical science with a lab. Earth Science is a lab science for CSU's
3. Fine Art
4. 2 years of same foreign language
5. Maintain "C's" or better
6. SAT or ACT



California High School Exit Exam

- **Must pass California High School Exit Exam in order to be awarded a diploma**
- **You will take this test your 10th grade year**
- **Two Sections: Math and English**





Practice Tests for UC/CSU

Practice Tests (are recommended to be taken during the students 10th grade year) provide information to help students identify academic skills that need improvement while there is still time to make an impact. These practice test include:

- **Kaplan Mock (practice) SAT & ACT** allows a student to gain test taking experience without the pressure of taking the actual test. Kaplan follows up with a result seminar.
- **PLAN** is a “pre-ACT” test that is used to measure the college readiness for 10th graders. It helps to assess a student’s academic development, explore careers and a tool to predict the success of the ACT.
- **PSAT** assesses the student’s ability to reason with facts and concepts. Is used by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (must be a junior to qualify). PSAT provides personalized feedback and suggestions.
 - My College Quickstar is a personalized online college and career planning kit free fo charge to allstudents who take the PSAT/NMSQT.
www.collegeboard.com/quick

Testing: SAT/ACT for UC/CSU

College entrance exams can be one of the most confusing aspects of the college entrance procedure. College entrance tests are generally taken during the junior and senior year of high school, however, they may be taken at any time. Students may take these tests as often as they like, generally the college or university takes the highest score from each test for college admissions:

- **SAT Reasoning Test** is a measure of a student's critical thinking skills. It will assess how well he/she can solve problems and analyze. www.collegeboard.com
- **ACT Assessment** is used to measure a student's readiness and academic achievement for college by assessing their english, mathematics, reading and science skills. www.actstudent.org





Post-Graduation Plans

- **Start thinking about them NOW.**
- **Start researching financial aid plans now. There are lots available.**
- **Your students plans will probably change throughout high school, so set high standards NOW.**
- **How your student does NOW affects what they can do after high school.**
- **Visit your students counselor or Michelle Snyder in the College/Career center in the fall.**

Help with Money for College

- How To Reduce Your College Costs Through Financial Aid, Scholarships or Other Strategies ~ Wednesday, March 12th in the Career Center from 7:00 to 8:30 PM - Find out everything you wanted to know about Financial Aid and the FAFSA, Cal Grants, CSS Profile, Scholarships and much, much more. The Counseling office is hosting a presentation with Dan Claffey. We want parents and students to be able to attend and have their questions answered from A to Z on the Financial Aid process. Even if you don't think you qualify for aid, come and hear Mr. Claffey's advice on how to reduce your college costs.



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HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
Freshmen
COURSE REQUEST FORM
(925) 634-0037

Student Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Phone No: _____ Birthdate: ___/___/___

Middle school attended (check): Adams Bristow
 Delta Vista Edna Hill Excelsior Knightsen O'Hara Park
 Other _____

If you have a sibling attending Heritage check the SLC to which he/she is assigned. A ___ B ___ C ___ D___

Please check if participating in:

ELD IEP/Sped 504 Gate Other: _____

**Designated school based on
residency**

If you want to attend a different school, you must apply for an Intra District Transfer. Please contact the district office for application.

(Computer Label Here)

LUHSD #: _____

SLC: _____

Before continuing, review the important information on the reverse side of this form. Sign the form and then proceed with making your course selections.



Required Courses

P-English 1	3000/3009
Heath / Foundations	2700/7457
Physical Fitness PE 9	5750/5759
Math placement will be determined based on the Algebra Readiness Test, previous math grade, and teacher recommendation.	
Science: Earth Science*	5115/5119

** Students who have satisfied the relevant prerequisites will be considered for biology.*

Elective Courses

Please choose 3 electives **and** 3 alternate choices from the Freshmen Elective Offerings list.

Course No	Course Description
1.	
2.	
3.	
Alternates	
1	
2	

Freshmen Elective Offerings List

Course No	Term	Course Description
1506	Y	P-Beginning Art
1521	Y	Design 1
1573	Y	Intro to Art History
3188	Y	Intro to Mass Media
2230/4066	Y	Computer Keyboarding/Practical Computing
3510	Y	P-French 1
2820	S1	Dr Ed - 15 ½ by Dec 20, 2012
2830	S2	Dr Ed - 15 ½ by Jun 4, 2013
3610	Y	P-Spanish 1
3620	Y	P-Spanish 2
3490	Y	Chinese Mandarin 1
4036	Y	Design Drafting
4078	Y	Technology Exploration
4221	Y	Systems Management 1
6000	S/S	Beginning Dance (can take both sem)
6007	S/S	Yoga Plus (can take both semesters)
6050 **	S/S	Instrumental Studies (can take both sem)
6010	Y	Concert Band
6036	Y	P-Orchestra
6037	Y	P-Jazz Band by audition only
6099	Y	Concert Choir
6104	Y	P-Theatre Arts 1
7680	S/S	Study Hall No Credit
7690	S/S	Unscheduled No Credit

Titles designated with the "P-" are A-G college prep classes used to meet CSU and UC requirements.

S/S Semester only class that can be repeated for both semesters



Important Information for parents and students:

The expectation at HHS is that all freshmen students will take a Study Hall period to ensure their academic success. Freshmen often struggle with an eight-class schedule and we have found that a Study Hall period greatly increases their overall success in high school.

Math placement will be determined based on the results of an Algebra Readiness test; current math class grade and performance; and teacher recommendation. If you object to your student's math placement, your student can challenge the placement at the beginning of the school year by taking a readiness test to determine appropriate placement. Regardless of what math course your student starts with; if successful in their placement, all students are able to meet the requirements for acceptance to college after high school.

Most freshmen take Earth Science. We recommend freshmen who are taking Geometry to take Biology instead of Earth Science.

Colleges look at the quality of grades, not the quantity of classes. It is important to do well and receive good grades. Students have four years to take the classes required for college acceptance. Our schedule allows for students to have plenty of opportunity to take a variety of courses over their high school career.

It is very stressful for a student to have a schedule change once the year begins. We plan how we offer courses based on course sign ups. Often times, changing one class can result in numerous changes to a student's schedule.

The Following is a SAMPLE four-year course sequence that meets/exceeds both the requirements for HHS/LUHSD graduation and for college admission. Counselors are available to assist with selection of appropriate electives based on the student's post-high school plans.

9th Grade Courses	
DAY "A"	DAY "B"
1) English 1	5) Algebra 1
2) World Language	6) Earth Science
3) Health / Foundations for Success	7) Physical Education
4) Study Hall/Elective	8) Elective/Visual & Performing Arts Elective (from "f" on "a-g" list)

10th Grade Courses	
DAY "A"	DAY "B"
1) English 2	1) Geometry
2) Study Hall /Elective	2) Biology
3) World Language 2	3) Physical Education
4) World History	4) Elective (From "g" on "a-g" list) /Study Hall

11th Grade Courses	
DAY "A"	DAY "B"
1) English 3	5) Algebra 2
2) U.S. History	6) Chemistry
3) World Language 3	7) Visual and Performing Arts Elective (from "f" on "a-g" list)
4) Elective (From "g" on "a-g" list) / Study Hall	8) Unscheduled Period/Elective (from "g" on a-g list)

12th Grade Courses	
DAY "A"	DAY "B"
1) English 4	5) Elective / Unscheduled Period
2) Economics/American Government	6) Physics
3) Elective (From "g" on "a-g" list)	7) Elective (From "g" on "a-g" list)
4) Elective / Unscheduled Period	8) Pre-Calculus

By signing below, I approve of these class choices and understand that I will remain enrolled for the duration of the course. Registration paperwork will only be processed for those students slated to attend HHS based on their verified residency in our school and district attendance boundaries.

Student: _____ Date _____ Parent: _____ Date: _____



Completed 8th grade packet must include:

- Liberty Union High School District Registration Form
- Course Request sign up forms

Only completed packets will be processed

Due Date: Friday, February 21st to Middle Schools or Friday, March 7th to Heritage High School

8th Grade Parent FAQ (Handout)

■ Frequently asked Questions for 9th Grade Parents

- **Q: How will my child's math placement be determined?**
- **A:** Math placement will be determined by your student's 8th grade teacher's recommendation, their final grade in math, along with math placement test results.
- * **Q: Will my child be behind to meet college eligibility if he/she is in Algebra 1 during freshman year?**
- **A:** The math requirement for college eligibility is Algebra 2. Students have 4 years to meet this requirement. Starting in Algebra 1 will still enable a student to reach the minimum Algebra 2 requirement.
- **Q: I want my child to be on track for college. What electives should my child consider taking their freshman year?**
- **A:** It is recommended that college bound students request a college prep visual/performing art and a foreign language. See our "a-g" list in the course catalog, available on the Heritage High School webpage, for additional course information.
- **Q: What if my child does not end up in a fine art or foreign language during freshman year?**
- **A:** If your student does not end up with one of these classes during freshman year, he/she may still fulfill these particular requirements at a later time.
- **Q: Does my child have to take Health during freshman year?**
- **A:** While Health does not HAVE to be completed in 9th grade, it is strongly recommended given the age appropriateness of the course content. Also, often times students run into future course conflicts when they postpone taking Health. It is strongly recommended that they take care of this requirement their Freshman year.
- **Q: What are the benefits of Study Hall?**
- **A:** Students are able to utilize a reverse pass to meet with teachers for additional help. Peer tutors are available to support students during a Study Hall period. This class is also an opportunity for students involved in after school activities to get started on their homework during the school day.
- **Q: When will I get my child's schedule listing the courses that they will be taking?**
- **A:** Students will be given their schedule for the school year at Walk-Thru.
- **Q: How do I keep track of my child's grades in high school?**
- **A:** Parent Portal is an online resource in which parents can monitor their child's grades and attendance. Please be sure to provide the school with your email address upon registration to be able to access this information during your child's time here at Heritage.





Recommended Schedule for 9th Grade College Eligibility (Handout)

- English 9
- Science
- Math
- 9th Grade PE
- Health/Elective
- Fine Arts
- World Language
- Elective or Study Hall

QUESTIONS?

