



Welcome Class of 2022

8th Grade Parent Night



*Course Placement
and Selection*



Elmwood Park High School

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EPHS Mission/Vision

To provide every student the most challenging, inspiring, and well-rounded educational experience possible through...

- **Implementing the highest Quality Teaching and Instructional Practices**
- **Increasing our College and Career Pathways for students**
- **Placing greater emphasis on student Social-Emotional Learning**
- **Further developing our EPHS School Spirit, Pride, and Involvement**
- **Maintaining a Safe and Secure educational environment**

[Principal's Message](#)

Elmwood Park High School Course Registration Philosophy

Elmwood Park High School administration, counselors, and faculty are committed to working with parents, students, and other district faculty members to ensure students are placed into courses at the most challenging level that is appropriate for every student.

Goals for Tonight

- Understand the course registration process for EPHS for the class of 2022
- Understand how course recommendations are created by EPCUSD staff
- Become aware of elective course offerings for freshman year
- Learn how parents and students can view and communicate about course recommendation information.

Course Registration Process and Timeline

- **January**: Parents receive information via mail in January with report cards.
- **January 22-24**: EPHS Counselors meet with grade 8 students at ELM. Students will make elective course selections, including alternate choices.
- **January 25**: Parents attend presentation at the EPHS Auditorium
- Core course placement decisions will be made for incoming freshman
 - based on current 8th grade course grades
 - standardized test scores,
 - current teacher recommendations.
- **February 7**: Core recommendations will be finalized
- **February 15**: Parents and students can view recommendations in PowerSchool
- **Feb 15 - Feb 28**: Families wishing to make any changes to the course selection listing can contact the counselors at Elmwood Park High School.
- **March 1**: All course selections will be finalized.

How are Core Course Recommendations Determined?

Students are recommended to take courses at the core or honors level.

Data to consider:

- Standardized test scores - PSAT 8/9, MAP, and PARCC
- 7-8th grade teacher recommendations - grades, student habits, learning needs
- Student and Parent interests

****Recommendations for students with an IEP will be made by the IEP team****

Elective Course Offerings

<i>Business and Technology</i>	<i>Fine and Performing Arts</i>	<i>Foreign Language</i>
<i>Business Principles</i> <i>Computer Graphics</i> <i>Digital Animation</i> <i>Website Design</i> <i>Digital Literacy</i> <i>Information Processing</i>	<i>Art I/II</i> <i>Chorale</i> <i>Band</i> <i>Music Theory</i>	<i>Italian I</i> <i>Spanish I</i> <i>Spanish II</i>

Where can parents and students view information?

[Program of Study](#) guidebook - available online - all courses

- Pg 6-7: graduation requirements and promotion policy
- Course Offerings - Core and Elective

Green Sheets - specific to freshman year - elective course brief description on back

Powerschool - Parent Portal will show course selections for each student by Feb 15.

Registration Process & Residency

ALL Returning Students AND New Students MUST prove residency.

Returning (ELM) students will receive a mailing in early May with their residency form.

New students must get it online after May 1 or come to EPHS at Door 1 -- (Security Desk) -- to pick a residency packet up after May 1.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7xpQhkvIEm9NDZjb1ZyS1BxLWFEUkhKNm1RX3lxeDZDaDZv/view?usp=sh
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Questions?

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