

## FAQs for Incoming 9th Grade Families

### Where can I find the Oak Ridge High School Website?

- Go to our Oak Ridge website at <https://orhs.eduhsd.k12.ca.us> to view resources and commonly asked questions.

### When does school start?

- Go to: <https://www.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/Calendars/index.html> for the 2022-2023 EDUHSD Student Calendar.
  - This year, school will start on Monday, August 8, 2022.
  - The last day of school is Friday, May 26, 2023.
  - Please note various non-school and holidays.
- Please plan vacations accordingly. For example, fall Final Exam week is December 19th and the spring Final Exam week is May 22nd. Students are expected to attend final exams during the designated final exam time.

### What is the ORHS Bell Schedule?

- **Go to:** <https://orhs.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/Our-School/About-Us/Bell-Schedule/index.html> for the ORHS Bell Schedule.

### Is there a map of the ORHS campus?

- [Here](#) is the ORHS Campus Map or visit at (<https://orhs.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/Our-School/About-Us/Campus-Map/index.html>)

### When can I create a Parent Aeries Portal?

- You will be contacted in the summer (late July/early August) with the information you need to create an account.

### How does Oak Ridge High School communicate with the learning community?

- Oak Ridge High School uses Parent Square as the platform for communication.

### When will I receive a Parent Square account/invite?

- Once a Parent Aeries Portal is created, the parent/guardian will need to add oneself as a contact in the Contacts section in Aeries and designate "Lives With".
- Once this step is completed, an invite will be sent to the email address on file 24 hours after.

### Are students issued lockers at Oak Ridge High School?

- Please complete a Locker Checkout form

### What are the Graduation Requirements for the El Dorado Union High School District (and therefore Oak Ridge High School)?

- Page 7 of the EDUHSD Course Directory outlines the graduation requirements.
- [Here](#) is the link to the EDUHSD Course Directory.

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### Is there a description of the courses offered at the school?

- [Here](#) is the EDUHSD Course Directory with course descriptions.

### Is a Language Other Than English (LOTE) a graduation requirement?

- Contrary to what some might think, a LOTE is not required to graduate from Oak Ridge High School. Students graduate from ORHS each year who have never taken French, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish courses.
- And yet, two years of the same LOTE are required by most universities to be eligible to apply for university admissions. The UC/CSU systems, for example, require two years of the same LOTE as a minimum eligibility requirement.

### Which level of English should my incoming ninth grader take?

- Oak Ridge High School has two English classes for incoming freshmen: English 1 and Advanced English 1. Both classes are college preparatory. Both classes are accepted by UC/CSU for college admission.
- Middle School English teachers collaborate and articulate with High School English teachers about high school course expectations and basic skills needed to be successful in each level of the ORHS ninth grade English courses. Middle School teachers make recommendations about the best fit English class based on current mastery of skills and anticipated skills needed.

### If my student takes English I as a freshman, is Advanced English 2 available to my student during sophomore year?

- Yes. A student may take English 1 in freshman year and Advanced English 2 in sophomore year.

### What is the math placement criteria for incoming freshmen?

- [Here](#) is the 9th Grade Mathematics Placement Criteria.

### Is there a flowchart for ORHS mathematics?

- [Here](#) is the flowchart for ORHS mathematics courses.

### What is the difference between ICT Foundations and ECS?

- Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Foundations is a semester-long class. It meets the EDUHSD graduation requirement. This class is paired with the other semester-long graduation requirement: Health.
- Exploring Computer Science (ECS) is a year-long class. It meets the EDUHSD graduation requirement. This class is the first class in the Computer Science Pathway. Students who request this class will take Health at some point during high school to meet the graduation requirement.
- [Here](#) is the EDUHSD Course Directory. ICT Foundations is described on page 35. ECS is described on page 33.

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### How do I purchase PE clothes?

- Clothes for the Life Fitness class can be purchased online on our [ORHS webstore](https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/oak_ridge_high_sc3mh/) or at [https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/oak\\_ridge\\_high\\_sc3mh/](https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/oak_ridge_high_sc3mh/).

### Is there an Advanced Placement (AP) class available to freshmen?

- Oak Ridge High School does not have AP classes available to freshmen.

### Should my student take six or seven classes during freshman year?

- A full schedule at Oak Ridge High School is six classes.
- A student might be enrolled in a seventh class if he/she is a part of a specialized program such as: band, choir, engineering.
- The majority of freshmen will be enrolled in six classes.

### What are the UC/CSU minimum eligibility requirements?

- [Here](#) are the UC/CSU minimum eligibility requirements. Through the annual ORHS Career Units, ORHS Counselors will explain further.

### Is there specific information about Visual and Performing Arts courses offered at Oak Ridge High School?

- [Here](#) is specific information about the ORHS VAPA program course offerings.

### Is there specific information about the ORHS Manufacturing Technology Engineering program?

- [Here](#) is the specific information about the ORHS Manufacturing Technology Engineering program.

### Where can I find information about ORHS clubs?

- [Here](#) is the list of ORHS clubs from last year. We will hold a “club day” in September. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about current clubs available on campus this year and join clubs of interest!

### Where can I find information about ORHS athletics?

- [Here](#) is information about ORHS athletics.

### Where can I find information about the ORHS College and Career Center?

- [Here](#) is information about the ORHS College and Career Center.

### May I make an appointment with my student’s high school counselor now ?

- Once your student transitions onto the ORHS campus and starts as a student in the fall, if an appointment is needed/desired, we are happy to help. Until then, if you need to ask a question, please email. [Here](#) is contact information for ORHS Counseling Staff.

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### Is the School Office/Counseling Office open during the summer?

- The School Office/Counseling Office has modified hours during the summer.
  - The offices are open Monday through Thursday and are closed on Fridays.
- The School Office/Counseling Office are closed from mid June to mid July.
  - If you need something during that time, the District Office is open most of the summer to help as needed.
  - *\*The District Office is also closed on Fridays during the summer*

### Are counselors/teachers available during the summer?

- No, teachers and counselors are not contracted to work during the summer. They will check email/voicemail once they return from the summer holiday.

### Do we have an opportunity to request a change from the original course request in January/February?

- Yes. A Course Change Request Form will be available over summer and again the first week of school with awareness of the items below:
  - To best meet the educational needs of our students and in an effort to streamline our process, as well as increase efficiency, our Counseling Office will work exclusively with the Course Change Request Form.
  - Please refrain from email and phone communication regarding schedule changes. Rather, please only use this Course Change Request Form.
    - When you selected courses for the school year, you were advised to choose carefully. However, we recognize that plans and goals shift. As student schedules are stabilized for the year, please be mindful of the following and only request changes using the Course Change Request Form.
      - Schedule changes will be restricted to changes based on courses required for graduation, course misplacement, or a level change.
      - We are not able to accept requests for specific instructors.
  - PLEASE NOTE: **This is a request**, course change requests may not be able to be accommodated due to master schedule balancing and class availability.