

CLASS OF 2023 - FRESHMAN FORECASTING FAQ

Do all freshmen have the same schedule?

No. All freshmen take Theology 9A and 9B, English 9, Intro to Computer Science, the Freshman Fine Arts Rotation, and a PE or Health class. All freshmen also take a world language class and a math class, but these classes vary depending on the student's placement level. Science, social science, and other electives are dependent on each student's math placement.

Since I do not yet know my math placement, how do I fill out the forecasting form?

Fill out the forecasting form as if your math placement is Algebra 1, even if you are taking the math challenge exam. This means all freshmen must choose an elective in section 7b on the form. If you are placed in a higher level math class, we will adjust your course requests to reflect that placement.

When do we receive placements from the challenge exams?

You will receive placements from the challenge exams around mid-May via mail.

How many electives do I choose?

Two. The first elective is a required elective – either PE or Health 1 (section 5b on the form). The second elective (section 7b on the form) can be either another required elective or any of the other choices on the back of the forecasting form.

Are the electives on the forecasting form the only electives that are open to freshmen?

Yes. There are other elective courses, but they are only open to grades 10-12.

What are alternate electives?

Alternate electives are back-up choices in case the two electives you forecast for are full or do not fit into your schedule. They must be different than the two electives you forecast for in sections 5b and 7b on the form. You may choose from any of the electives listed on the back of the forecasting form for your alternates. All freshmen must select three alternate electives.

Are there descriptions of the courses that are available to freshmen?

Yes. Please consult the 2019-2020 year course catalog on our website here: <https://www.stmaryspdx.org/school-life/resources/forecasting>. Courses are organized in the catalog by department.

If I have questions about which classes to sign up for, or about freshman schedules in general, who should I contact?

Please contact the Registrar, Liz Olsen, at liz.olsen@smapdx.org, or the Assistant Principal of Curriculum Design and Instruction, Liane Rae, at liane.rae@smapdx.org.

When will I find out my schedule for next year?

You will find out your schedule for next year sometime in August by mail.

How do I sign up for a class that is in the after school block (ex. Mock Trial, TIES, Orchestra, etc.)?

Those classes are not part of the forecasting process. You will register for those classes after the start of the new school year. More information about signing up for those classes will be available at the beginning of the new school year.

How do I know what books or supplies I will need for my classes?

Over the summer, you will receive a packet that includes information on purchasing books and supplies for next year. You can purchase most books online through our bookstore portal at that time. Teachers will notify their students about necessary supplies in the first week of classes. You will receive information about summer reading sometime after the 18-19 school year ends.

I have questions about academic support – who should I contact?

Please contact Anne Hagge, Director of Academic Support, by phone at (503) 228-8306 or by email at anne.hagge@smapdx.org.