

Course Registration

Course Registration for SY 2023-2024

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Teachers

Recommend courses for students

Teachers talk to classes about registration

Teachers recommend courses in Aspen, per department guidelines

Feb 14 – Mar 3

2

Students

Request additional* courses in Aspen

*Courses that do not require teacher recommendation

Students cannot change teacher recommendation

Mar 6 – Mar 13

3

Counselors

Review course requests

Counselors meet with individual students to discuss balance, check electives and alternates for accuracy

Will consult with teachers or dept head on changes if necessary

Mar 6 – Mar 31

4

Verification

Worksheet/online form to verify course requests

Opportunity to add alternates that require teacher recommendation

Final chance to add or remove course requests for next year

Apr 3

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Program of Studies published online by Friday, February 17

February 14th-March 3rd:

- Teachers will conference briefly with students to best understand student preference and calibrate against their recommendations
- Teachers will input course recommendations in Aspen

March 6th-March 13th:

- Students will see their core course selections “pre-populated” in Aspen
- Students will select their electives in Aspen

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March 6th-March 31st:

- **Students will have individual course registration conferences with counselors in March**

Things to consider:

- **Graduation requirements**
- **Sufficient credits**
- **Alternate choices**
- **Interest areas**
- **Balance**

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Additional considerations:

- **“Strength of Schedule” - double-edged sword**
- **Planning time for joy**
- **Bucking peer pressure**
- **Depth vs breadth**
- **Focus on the “why”**

MCAS

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System

MCAS Exams in the Spring

MCAS ELA

Tuesday March 28 (Session 1)

Wednesday March 29 (Session 2)

MCAS Math

Tuesday May 16

Wednesday May 17

General Details of MCAS Exams

Students testing come in at normal start time

- Only test-takers in the building in the AM
- All other students come to school later in the day

Once all students come to school, **we have a reduced, modified class schedule**

- More details on these schedules will come closer to the date

Students must use school-issued Chromebooks

Passing Grade 9 Science and Grade 10 ELA/Math are **graduation requirements**

On the Horizon

Sophomore Class Activity

- NSHS Student Center, Saturday, April 1

Post-Secondary Planning:

- Scoir
- [College Planning Guide](#)
- Alternative Pathways

College entrance exams:

- PSAT Testing in October 2023
- College Board Suite of Assessments Goes Digital for the Class of 2025
- Testing accommodations