

FAQ for Online Forecasting

- 1. Can my parent/guardian forecast for me?** While we certainly want you to get their input, you must log in under your own student account to register. There is a place at the end where your parent/guardian will need to approve your selections.
- 2. Do I need to take Biology or a World Language my freshman year?** No, for graduation purposes you need three years of science and two years of a World Language. The more selective a college however, the more core classes they will want to see and thus it might make sense to take either or both Biology and World Language your freshman year to keep your options open.
- 3. What do I need to do to complete my Technology class requirement?** If you are an incoming freshman, you are required to take Introduction to Computer Science (.5 credit). If you are a current sophomore or junior, who has not fulfilled their Technology requirement, you are required to take either Introduction to Computer Science (.5 credit) or the Integrated Computer Apps class (.5 credit). This needs to happen prior to graduation so plan accordingly!
- 4. If I take a study hall freshman year, will I still be on track to graduate?** Yes! Sometimes transitioning into high school is a lot to handle and it makes sense for a student to take a study hall to offer extra time to organize, study etc. For graduation purposes you need 26 credits. This allows for you to take up to four semester long study halls during the course of your four years in high school.
- 5. Can I take more than one early bird (EB) class? And when do they meet again?** Unfortunately you cannot take more than one (you must choose between EB weight training and EB Band.) EB classes meet from 7-7:50AM every day except for Late Start days.
- 6. What should I forecast for if I am taking a summer class to advance to a higher math class?** Make sure that you forecast for the class your teacher has recommended you for. To take a summer class for advancement you need to get pre-approval. Your counselor has the paperwork and can talk with you about the process. Upon successful completion of an approved class your schedule will be changed to add the higher level course.
- 7. What do I do if I have a "D" grade?** Remember that "D" grades are passing at Central Catholic and count toward graduation credits. The Oregon University schools have a set number of core classes they will require a grade of C- or better for admission. Please check individual school websites and talk with your counselor to find the most accurate information and best way to manage this.
- 8. Can I re-take a class to get a better grade and improve my grade point average?** You may not re-take a course that you have already earned credit for to improve your grade point average. You may re-take a course to improve your grasp of the material and have it notated on your transcript, but the grade and the credit will not be factored into your grade point average or your total number of credits for graduation.
- 9. What do I do if I want to take an honors class but my teacher hasn't recommended me for it?** First of all, you may not change the selected course to put yourself in a higher course than you have

been approved for. Secondly, you should have a conversation with your teacher to ask them why you aren't currently a good fit for the honors class. You may not have the pre-requisite or your current work is not meeting the standard for the honors course. Ask them if there is any opportunity for you during second semester to demonstrate the skills and knowledge needed for them to recommend you.

10. **What if my teacher has recommended me for an honors course and I don't want to take a course at the honors level?** If you and your parents decide that taking the honors course is not in your best interest, you may forecast for the non-honors course and you don't need a teacher recommendation.

11. **Can I request a specific teacher or period for a class?** No! You may however request a Study Hall or Early Bird Weight Training Class for a specific semester.

12. **What if I decide to change a class next fall?** Teacher initiated level changes may be made in the fall. Any changes to a student's schedule must be due to compelling circumstances. An example of a compelling circumstance would be a medical issue that would necessitate a change to a student's schedule in the interest of their personal health and wellbeing. In this example, documentation from the student's physician would be required prior to adjusting a student's schedule.

A change of mind, lack of motivation, failure to obtain outside tutorial support, unsatisfactory academic performance, wanting an easier second semester schedule, request for a different faculty member, and or requests for a different class period are not compelling circumstances.

13. **Can I try a class to see how I do and then move a level?** We encourage you to make thoughtful decisions about your classes in consideration of your abilities, goals, graduation requirements and activities beyond the classroom. Please take this time to have discussions with your parents, current teachers and counselors. As mentioned above only teacher initiated level changes will be accommodated.

14. **What happens if I turn in my forecasting late?** You put yourself at risk of not getting into your first choice courses.