

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Instructions

- 1) Go to “Course Info” at [cjhnc.com](http://cjhnc.com) to watch the 8<sup>th</sup> grade course registration video. You also will find videos for electives, contact info for elective teachers/coaches, and other helpful items.
- 2) Fill out your registration form and have a parent sign it.
- 3) Log into your HAC account before 8am on Thursday, February 29 to select your **top two** elective requests. Details on how to do this are found below. If a student chooses courses in HAC that do not match the form a parent signs off on, they will be overridden to match the registration form.
- 4) Have your registration form with you at school for when the counselors pull you from your social studies class either on February 29 or March 1. They will collect your form, review your selections, and answer any questions.

## Home Access Center (HAC) Instructions

- 1) Log into HAC (must be the student’s login, not the parent’s).
- 2) Click the “Classes” tab.
- 3) Underneath that, go to the “Requests” tab.
- 4) Click the “Edit” button on the electives row.
- 5) Select the two electives you would like to be in next year (the top two courses you listed on your registration form). Do not select more than two electives.
- 6) Everyone is scheduled into regular classes by default (or into honors if recommended). If you would like to add/remove any honors courses, see below on how do go about that.
- 7) **Hit the “Save” button!**

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I sign up for honors courses if I wasn’t recommended?**  
You need to have a conversation with your teacher(s)/counselor to get feedback. Then you will be given a waiver that must be signed by a parent. Your course(s) will be changed if you turn it in by July 31.
- **I was recommended for an honors course that I don’t want to take. What do I do?**  
You must get in touch with a counselor to make this change.
- **Why can’t I sign up for cheer/dance/publications?**  
Pay attention to school announcements regarding the application for publications (yearbook). Try-outs for cheer/dance already have begun. If you make the cut, we’ll use your registration form to know which elective course needs to be replaced.
- **Can I take ETE again in 8<sup>th</sup> grade?**  
If you’ve had at least one semester of ETE, you may not take it again in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Can my two electives be PE and PE/Track?**  
No, you only may have one class of elective PE.

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- **Can I sign up for a sport that I didn't do this year?**
  - For football, you currently must be in off-season to take it in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - For volleyball or boys basketball, you have to make the tryouts later this semester (be attentive to school announcements for specific dates). If you sign up for either of these sports and don't make it, we will use your registration form to know which elective course to put in its place.
  - For girls basketball, all may sign up. Tryouts are the first two weeks of school. Those who do not make it will choose a new elective (choices will be limited due to availability).
  - For cross country/track, anyone may sign up. The tryout period is the first eight days of class each semester (fall for cross country and spring for track). Those who do not make it will choose a new elective (choices will be limited due to availability).
- **What if I'm a girl wanting to take more than one sport?**

Volleyball and basketball are during the same class period. If you sign up for both, you will be placed in volleyball if you make the cut in May (if you don't, you'll be placed in basketball). When volleyball season ends, you will be given the option to stay in volleyball or to try out for basketball. Of course, if you don't make the cut, you can return to volleyball. Cross Country/Track takes place a different class period than the other sports.
- **What if I'm a boy wanting to take more than one sport?**

Football and basketball are during the same class period. If you sign up for both and make the basketball cut in May, you will be placed in football. When football season ends, you will switch over to basketball. Cross Country/Track takes place a different class period than the other sports.
- **Should I sign up for elective PE when it's already part of the required block?**

Every student must take the 9-weeks PE. You're welcome to take year-long elective PE as well. Just know that for one of the 9-weeks, you will have PE twice a day.
- **How can I take band if I didn't take it in 7<sup>th</sup> grade?**

You need to get in touch with Nicole Prater ([nicole.prater@cabotschools.org](mailto:nicole.prater@cabotschools.org)) to try out for an instrument. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, you will be placed in the beginner (7<sup>th</sup> grade) class for that particular instrument. You will move to the full band in 9<sup>th</sup> grade (maybe even 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade if you progress quickly in the beginner class).
- **What happens if I realize I don't like one of my electives after school has started?**

Everyone has the first two weeks of each semester to change an elective using a schedule change request form from the counseling center. Options will be limited to classes with space available.
- **What if I have a question that was not addressed?**

Speak with someone in the counseling center (contact info below). Also, remember that the counselors will pull you from social studies class on February 29/March 1 to collect registration forms. That would be a great time to seek clarifications.

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