

8th Grade Registration Instructions

- 1) Go to “Course Info” at cjhnc.com to watch the 8th 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) Have your registration form with you at school for when the counselors pull you from your social studies class either on March 6 or 7. They will collect your form, review your selections, and answer any questions.

Home Access Center (HAC) Instructions

You can keep track of your course requests by viewing them in HAC. You have the ability to do this through the month of March.

- 1) Log into HAC and go to the “Classes” section.
- 2) Under the “Schedule” tab you should see your five core classes listed for next school year at the bottom. 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 to do that.
- 3) Once you turn in your signed registration form and the counseling center enters your electives, you will see your full seven course requests listed in HAC. Note: This is not a schedule, nor is it a guarantee you will be placed in all of your elective choices (due to tryout results, course requirements, and space availability).
- 4) After March, the ability to view course requests in HAC will go away. You can speak with someone in the counseling center to verify your requests at any time.

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 August 1.

- **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). Tryouts for cheer/dance are during March. 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 8th grade?**

If you’ve had at least one semester of ETE, you may not take it again in 8th 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 8th grade (otherwise, you can do walk-on tryouts in November).
 - For volleyball or boys/girls basketball, you must make the tryouts later this semester (be attentive to school announcements for 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 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 and make the cut for both, you will be placed in volleyball. When volleyball season ends, you will switch over the basketball. If you sign up for both and only make the cut for one, you will be placed in that sport for the whole year. 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, 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.
- **What are the requirements to participate in a sport?**

All sports require a yearly sports physical exam for participation as well as completion of the district athletic forms, which can be done by creating an account at *dragonflymax.com*.
- **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 7th grade?**

You need to get in touch with Nicole Prater (nicole.prater@cabotschools.org) to try out for an instrument. As an 8th grader, you will be placed in the beginner (7th grade) class for that particular instrument. You will move to the full band in 9th grade (maybe even 2nd semester of 8th 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?**

Students have 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 March 6/7 to collect registration forms. That would be a great time to seek clarifications.

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