

WOLFPACK NEWS

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SCHEDULING EDITION

A Message from Principal Begley:

As we move through the second semester, our Wolfson Administration efforts turn towards course requests and building a Master Schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. Please review all the information below carefully.

Scheduling Process:

1. Our School Counseling team will meet with all 9th – 11th grade students on February 29th by grade level. Every student will have the opportunity to meet individually with a counselor, if requested.
2. Course request forms will go home with the students on February 29th.
3. Please review the core class selections (Math, Science, History, English). Students can select up to 5 elective courses including World Language (if applicable). Refer to course progression and pre-requisite materials on the Wolfson website for additional information. <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/23661>
4. Course Request Forms must be completed and returned with parent signature to either the IB Coordinator or School Counseling office no later than March 4, 2024. If a student does not return the Course Request Form by March 4 with a parent signature, then the IB Coordinator or School Counseling office will select the student's schedule.
5. Students can view their tentative course schedule in FOCUS at the end of July. Course schedule change requests can be made via the Change Schedule Request Form available in Focus or on our website on August 1. We will not accept any further course requests/modifications after August 7, 2024.
6. Official schedules are released at Orientation in August. Once released, we will NOT accept requests for the purpose of teacher change, change of elective or lunch period, or period change. We work extremely hard to provide course schedules that fit the needs of our students.

Scheduling Tips from The College Counseling Center

OVERALL TIPS

Take all four core academic courses each year (Math, Science, English, History).

Career and Technical Education courses start in 9th grade and allow students to earn industry certifications.

Your grades are most important in the college application review. Colleges consider your strength of high school course schedule in the context of your high school course offerings.

Most important! Request a schedule that balances the right amount of rigor and your ability to achieve academic success in the classroom. IB and AP Courses are the most rigorous offered at Wolfson. Please take great care in selecting these courses and the number of AP courses taken in any given year. Our Wolfson website has information regarding course expectations and course catalog at: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/23661>

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Chorus, Band, Theatre, and Art will now offer a weighted course progression for 4 years. Great opportunity to explore the arts and showcase well-roundedness.

ABOUT FOREIGN LANGUAGE

College view: 2 years is a must, 3 years is better, 4 years is best.

ABOUT SCIENCE

Consider taking 2 sciences courses in a year to increase rigor.

ABOUT MATH

Interested in engineering? Recommend taking Calculus and Physics during high school.

AP Calculus is most rigorous math track at Wolfson. Did you know that 63% of admitted students at FSU for the Class of 2024 took Advanced Math (Calculus)?