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**2023-2024 FHS Program of Studies  
Teaching and Learning Subcommittee  
December 14, 2022**



# Agenda

1. Process Overview
2. Add/Drop Process
3. Course Overrides
4. Math Revisions
5. SCOIR Update



## Process Overview

- Began work in September
- Each department worked independently on a shared google doc
- Allowed for cross department collaboration
- Updated “look and feel” for consistency



# Add/Drop Period and Level Changes

**Add/ Drop Period:** Students will be permitted to make changes to their schedule during the first full cycle of the academic year

**only.** Changes permitted during the add/drop period include:

- Modifications needed to fulfill graduation requirements
- Filling “un-scheduled periods”
- Adding a TA, Independent Study, or ADC to their schedule
- Changes to electives based on priority requests and availability in the student’s schedule.

**Please Note: During the Add/Drop period, level changes are not permitted.**

**Level Changes:** Students requesting a level change must stay in the leveled subject until 1st Term Progress Reports. A level change form must be completed for any level changes that occurs during the school year. The link to the [Level Change Form can be found here.](#)

- Level changes can only occur at the start of a new term **if space is available.**
- When a student requests to change a level (AP, Honors, ACP, CP) after starting a course, the academic grades and attendance records from the initial course automatically transfer directly to the subsequent course placement.
- Exception: If the level change is driven by the teacher or if the teacher feels a student is misplaced, the teacher will communicate the need for a level change to the student, parent/guardian, counselor and Department Head.



# Course Overrides

## **Current FHS Student Course Overrides**

During the Course Selection Process, students and parents who are considering an an override to a higher leveled course (ie ACP to Honors) must understand the increased expectations, commit to these expectations, and seek help from the teacher as needed.

To initiate the course override process, students must be earning a grade of B or higher in the current subject. After the override process is completed during course selection, no course overrides will be permitted.

However, students may engage in the level change process the following academic year. Please see the level change process for more information.

Students must also be aware of the academic eligibility policy and be in compliance with this policy to participate in co-curricular activities.

## **Current 8th Grader Course Overrides**

Incoming 9th graders will **not** be permitted to complete a course override to a higher leveled course.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers can modify their recommendation based on student progress current the second semester.

Students can initiate a level change after 1st Term Progress reports if the student is earning a B or higher in the 9th grade subject.



## Math Revisions

- Moving Geometry to 9th grade for all FHS students
  - Allows for consistency of 9th grade experience
  - Allows all students to be in Algebra 1 or Algebra 2 closer to MCAS where more algebraic standards have historically been assessed
  - Provides middle school math departments the opportunity to expand Algebra 1 classes

- Migrating to a new future planning platform
- Will replace Naviance
- Rollout will begin with the Class of 2025 (current 10th grade students) in the Fall of 2024
- Student, Parent and Counselor portals that are all synced
- Allows for asynchronous counseling curriculum
- Syncs with CLEVER
- Personalized tech support
- Cost Savings

**THANK YOU**

