

### **1. How do I enroll my child at Alameda High School?**

To attend AHS, the student needs to live in Alameda High's attendance zone. If your student attends any of the following middle schools (Lincoln / Bay Farm / Wood) and lives in the Alameda High attendance zone, they will be automatically rolled over to Alameda High. If your student currently attends a school that is not an AUSD school, they will first need to be enrolled in the Alameda Unified School District. To do so, please visit the AUSD homepage: [www.alamedaunified.org](http://www.alamedaunified.org) and Department tab- 'Student Services' than enrollment.

### **2. What are the hours of school at Alameda High?**

School hours are from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm with a 40 minute lunch break on all days except Wednesday when school is released at 2:30 pm. Students can go off campus for lunch but are expected to be on time for all classes. They get a 7 minute passing period between classes. If students get to school later than 8:30 am or if they are late to return after class, they have to serve lunch detention in the cafeteria.

### **3. What classes will my freshman take?**

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the following classes: English, Biology, Physical Education, Navigating Life-Ethnic Studies (a semester each), Math and an Elective. They will have a total of 6 classes.

### **4. What classes are offered at Alameda High school?**

Classes offered at Alameda High are listed on our course catalog. The catalog has descriptions for each class as well. To access the course catalog please go to the AHS website: [www.ahs.alamedaunified.org](http://www.ahs.alamedaunified.org) and then click on the Student tab. Under that you will find a section on called AHS Course Catalog & Selection.

### **5. How will my student sign up for classes?**

If your student is attending one of our feeder schools (Lincoln/Wood/Bay Farm), they will receive a presentation from Alameda High Counselors. Counselors will explain graduation requirements and course offerings to students and give them a course selection form to take home. The form will need to be reviewed and signed by the parent and returned to the middle school. Elective class choices will need to be entered in Aeries. For out of District families, the course selection form will be provided to all new students who enroll at Student services.

### **6. What math class will my student take?**

Most 9th grade students will take Algebra 1. Students who have already taken Algebra 1 and done well in it (grade of 'C' or better) should select 'Geometry'. The sequence of math classes to be taken is as follows: Algebra 1, Geometry and then Algebra 2/ Advanced Algebra 2. Students who received a 'D' or 'F' in Algebra 1 in 8th grade should retake Algebra 1.

## **7. Can my student take a summer math course and go to the next level?**

Students will be asked to sign up for courses during the course selection period in February or March. We ask that all students sign up for the next math class in sequence at this time. Thus, if the student is in Math 8 in middle school, they would sign up for Algebra 1 for 9th grade. Taking a summer math class is up to the family. Families can search for on-line math classes that are accredited in California and that meet the A-G subject requirements for CSU / UC admissions. If a student successfully completes a math course, with a grade of C or higher, the family needs to submit a transcript showing grades and credits received to the AHS Counseling office in early August before school starts. The email needs to include a request for advancement to the next level of math. Once the counselor receives this request and transcript, they will check for available spots in the requested math class and revise the student's schedule. Please note, classes completed over the summer will not be entered on the Alameda High School transcript. Students pick up their schedules at Freshman Orientation in August.

## **8. What foreign languages are offered at Alameda High?**

Languages currently being offered at AHS are Spanish, Mandarin and French. Students who pass the first level of the language in 8th grade with a grade of 'C' or higher can sign up for the next level.

## **9. What is the process for taking the 'Leadership' class as an elective?**

Students interested in Leadership should choose it as their Primary choice. They will be contacted at a later date for an interview.

## **9. How do freshmen sign up for Zero period?**

The zero period class is a class that meets daily at 7:30 am. This means that the student will be at school for 7 classes. Priority will be given to students who request foreign language and Band/Orchestra. This provides students with the opportunity to continue with foreign language and music if they have been taking these classes in middle school. However, spaces are limited and spots will be assigned by computer lottery. Students need to check that they are interested in a zero period class. There is a check box on the course selection sheet.

## **10. What is SMART period?**

SMART period is a student directed period that meets twice a week for 43 minutes. Students are placed in a Smart Period with one of their classroom teachers. During this time students can work on homework, request to see any of their teachers for additional help or make up a test. This is student directed time and students are encouraged to use this time effectively.

## **11. How do students try out or sign up for sports?**

Detailed information about sports is available on the Alameda High School website under the Student tab and 'Athletics'.

**12. Are there gender neutral bathrooms and/or locker rooms?**

Yes, there are gender neutral bathrooms available across campus. If a student doesn't want to go to a gender specific locker room, they can request to change in a gender neutral bathroom. Please let your child's PE teacher know.

**13. When will my child receive their schedule?**

Your child will receive a copy of their schedule during freshman orientation in August. Freshmen will also need to attend a Link Crew day where they will meet an assigned Link crew mentor. These are upperclassmen who will help your freshman with the transition to high school by sharing their experiences and resources. Freshmen will participate in fun activities to help them get to know their peers and they will be provided tours of the school.

**14. Can freshmen take AP or Honors classes?**

No AP ( Advanced Placement) or Honors classes are available for freshmen. Beginning sophomore year, students will be given opportunities to take AP and HP classes.

**15. How does my child audition for Band?**

Freshman can sign up for 'Band' or 'Orchestra' as long as they have experience in music. Please refer to the course catalog for pre-requisites.