

# LYME-OLD LYME HIGH SCHOOL

*Regional School District #18*

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## SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

February 2023

Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2027;

We hope you are excited about the prospect of registering for 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Lyme-Old Lyme High School. This letter includes dates and important information to aid you in the course selection process.

**Today you received the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Sheet.** LOLMS teachers have recommended the courses and levels they feel you should take next year based on your performance in Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School classes, as well as their knowledge of the LOLHS curriculum and expectations. Additionally, you will indicate elective courses you are *interested in* taking during the 2023-2024 school year.

**Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) should work together to complete the on-line course registration through the PowerSchool portal.** The course registration portal will open on Friday, February 17, 2023 and close on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Enclosed you will find step by step instructions to complete the on-line course registration. **The most important aspect is to hit SUBMIT once all of the classes have been selected.**

**Please utilize the Alternative Section during course registration** as it allows backup choices in case there is a conflict within the schedule and you cannot get another elective course you requested. We ask students to select 2-3 alternative elective courses.

**Parent(s)/guardian(s), please sign the white copy of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Sheet and return it to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher or Mrs. Renee Molnar, School Counselor at the LOLMS, by Wednesday, March 8, 2023.** You should keep the yellow copy of the course selection sheet for your records.

**If you disagree with the level recommendation for a particular subject, you may begin the 'Course Override Process'** by having a discussion with the current LOLMS academic teacher of that subject as to the advisability of a course or level change. If after the discussion you ultimately decide to pursue an override, Mrs. Molnar has the blue course recommendation override form. **The deadline to complete this process and submit the paperwork to Mrs. Molnar is Monday, March 13, 2023.**

**Upon receipt of the course override form, LOLHS will change the student's course requests.** Please note, you will not be able to see these changes on the student or parent PowerSchool portal as we are processing this information on another side of PowerSchool.

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**Things to keep in mind....**

- ❖ All students **must take a minimum of 6.5 credits** every year.
- ❖ **8 is the maximum number of scheduled credits** you may select as the classes must fit into our two day block schedule which includes 4 periods per day for a total of 8 possible periods.
- ❖ **All Freshmen will automatically be scheduled** into PE & Wellness 9-10, Heath/Safety 9-10 and High School 101.
- ❖ Choose **electives** based on your interests.
- ❖ Any time not scheduled within the 8 periods will be a study hall.
- ❖ Submitting these requests **does not guarantee** that you will receive all of the requested classes as the final configuration of the master schedule may prevent a course from fitting into your schedule.
- ❖ Providing **alternative elective choices** gives your school counselor options if there is a scheduling conflict.

If you have questions about the on-line registration process, please feel free to contact Tracy Lenz at Lyme-Old Lyme High School at 860.434.1651 ext. 1007 or [lenzt@region18.org](mailto:lenzt@region18.org). All questions regarding course recommendations should be directed to the appropriate LOLMS teacher and/or Mrs. Renee Molnar at 860.434.2568 ext. 2004 or [molnarr@region18.org](mailto:molnarr@region18.org).

We look forward to you becoming a member of the LOLHS community. In the Spring, you will receive additional information about your 2023-2024 LOLHS schedule.

Sincerely,

School Counseling Department  
Lyme-Old Lyme High School