



Incoming 9th Grade Registration Timeline 2026-2027

Registration consists of four parts:

September-October	Preregistration: Caregivers provide basic demographic information to LHS.
November-December	PowerSchool: Caregivers create their D128/LHS PowerSchool account.
January-February	8th grade orientation & course selection: Students and caregivers learn about LHS, its academic offerings, and life as a 9th grader. After orientation, they complete the course selection process.
June	Registration: Caregivers complete online registration June 1-25, 2026.

SEPTEMBER 2025

- **Pre-Registration Begins:** [8th grade newsletter #1](#) sent to families and includes name and address verification, a save-the-date for the 8th Grade Orientation in January 2026. This "preregistration" data allows LHS to communicate with incoming students.
- **Choice Zone:** Students with a Libertyville address who attend Hawthorn are typically assigned to VHHS. However, those who wish to attend LHS can declare their preference when updating their information in Registration Gateway. The deadline to declare is January 26, 2026.

OCTOBER 2025

- **Pre-ACT** - This year the Pre-ACT will be given to all 8th graders at Libertyville High School on Saturday, October 18th. Several details, including the purpose of the Pre-ACT are noted in [this District 128 communication](#).
- October 15th- Deadline to complete the pre-registration and name/address verification
- 8th grade newsletter #2 sent to all families on the 8th grade mailing list.

DECEMBER 2025

- 8th Grade Winter Reminders newsletter sent to all families and includes:
 - an invitation to 8th grade orientation
 - information on your Pre-ACT scores
 - directions to create a D128 PowerSchool account so that you can complete online course selection when the portal opens in mid - January.

-  **D128 is a different district, therefore a new PowerSchool account must be created.** If you already have a D128/LHS PowerSchool account you will be directed to add your rising 9th grader.

JANUARY 2026

- **LHS 8th Grade Orientation - Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm**
This in-person evening event helps students explore course options at LHS before online course selection begins. It includes a presentation on academic offerings, student supports, the course selection process and helping your student transition to high school.
 - Choice Zone families are encouraged to attend both LHS and VHHS's 8th Grade orientation nights. The VHHS orientation is on January 15th. Choice Zone declarations are due January 26, 2026.
 - Save the date: **LHS Activities, Athletics, and Fine Arts Fair - Thursday, March 12, 2026**
- **Course Selection for 8th Graders - January 20 - February 10, 2026**
Families will receive a newsletter with course guidance, resources and links to begin online course selection. Information will also be included on how to access the online curriculum guide via SchoolLinks. The portal will open on Tuesday, January 19th.

Steps for Caretakers:

1. **Review** the course guidance for your student. Discuss course options at home and create an academic plan for next school year.
2. **Explore** SchoolLinks Resources: Access the curriculum guide and other tools for planning.
3. **Submit** course requests online. Log into your D128/LHS PowerSchool account and submit the course requests. **The PowerSchool portal is open from Tuesday, January 20 to Tuesday, February 10, 2026.**

FEBRUARY 2026

- During the week of February 2nd LHS counselors will offer optional academic planning and course selection meetings at middle schools. Instructions to schedule appointments will be provided at 8th grade orientation.
- **Final Deadline:** all course requests for the 2026–2027 school year must be submitted through your D128/LHS PowerSchool portal by **Tuesday, February 10, 2026.**

March - April 2026

- **LHS Activities, Athletics, and Fine Arts Fair - Date To Be Announced**

This in-person evening event introduces students to opportunities for involvement in athletics, clubs and other extracurriculars. The evening highlights how students can get involved and live the Life of a Wildcat.

- LHS and D128 administration review course request data to plan sections and staffing. Upon Board approval, LHS administration begins to build the master schedule.
- Staffing and sectioning decisions may affect some students. Counselors first meet with students whose courses were canceled due to low enrollment to help them select alternatives.

MAY 2026

- Counselors meet with students to address schedule conflicts, which are most common for those taking a class with only one or two sections.
- In late May, counselors will assist students with course request changes. Requests will be reviewed based on course availability. If a class is full, students can join a waitlist.

JUNE 2026

LHS summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. The school is closed on Fridays and on June 19.

The annual online registration window runs June 1st-June 25th. Families must complete online registration and make payment of basic fees.

In June, a counselor is available twice a week for new student registrations and course changes, depending on space availability. To schedule an appointment with the counselor on duty, please call the main office at 847-327-7000.

JULY 2026

A counselor is available three times a week for new student registrations and course changes, depending on space availability. To schedule an appointment with the counselor on duty, please call the main office at 847-327-7000.

At the end of July, the Assistant Principal for Student Services and Department Chairs review the course waitlist. Students will only be notified if they are placed into courses from the waitlist.

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact:

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