



# New Student Frequently Asked Questions

<b>What is traditional versus block scheduling and how many credits does a student earn per year?</b>	Traditional scheduling refers to classes that last the entire school year (usually 50-55 min per day) while block scheduling refers to classes that only last 1 semester, or 1/2 the school year (90 minutes per day). PUSD is on block scheduling which means our students take four 90-minute classes each semester and earn 8 credits per year.
<b>How many credits do you need to graduate? When can a student map out a 4-year plan for high school?</b>	In PUSD students need 28 credits to graduate. All students meet with counselors in the fall each year and have the opportunity at that time to map out (and modify) their 4-year plan. Parents will be notified via e-mail when class meetings are held, and all materials will be sent home for them to review and sign. Freshman usually map out their 4-year plan in Nov-Dec.
<b>When will we find out our schedule?</b>	Schedules are released via Parent Vue and Student Vue a few days before school starts. If you have forgot what your student signed up for next year, you can see it in Parent Vue under the Course Request tab.
<b>Can a student sign-up to take electives at other PUSD schools?</b>	Any PUSD student may apply to take a class offered on another high school campus. PUSD usually only offers 1-way of transportation, so parent or student transportation is usually required. See your Guidance Counselor for a list of off-campus programs and the application. Families won't find out until May-June if they got in to the off-campus elective for the following school year.
<b>Who should I contact if my student has an IEP or 504 plan?</b>	Hopefully the parent indicated during the PUSD Enrollment process through Parent Vue that there was an IEP or 504 plan. If you can communicate this with your enrolling counselor AND provide them a copy it will reduce any delay in services.
<b>Is there a school tour that our incoming freshman can take?</b>	We do not offer school tours although we will offer a Future Freshman Night in the spring and a Freshman Orientation in July. Dates and times for both events will be communicated on social media.
<b>How will we get our bussing information?</b>	Students that are in LHS bussing zones can log-in to our District Transportation app to see bus #, routes, and pickup and drop off times. See the district website for details on downloading the bussing app and signing in for the first time.
<b>Where do I get a locker and pay my class fees?</b>	Lockers are optional and most students do not use them. Students can pay for a locker and all class fees through the Bookstore. A list of class fees and optional fees (locker, yearbook, athletic passes) will be sent out in July.
<b>How do I get information on sports teams?</b>	Liberty boasts 15 varsity sports for both boys and girls, many of which are known for their great accomplishments. There is a list of sports by season, coach's names and contract information, as well as information on getting cleared to participate on our website. Any information on spring or summer camps, open gyms, etc. will be available at our Freshman Orientation Night this spring. Be sure to follow us on social media, too! Athletics page: <a href="https://bit.ly/libertysports">https://bit.ly/libertysports</a>
<b>How do I get information about clubs?</b>	Liberty is proud to offer over 40 clubs so there is sure to be something for everyone! See list of Liberty clubs and sponsors online at: <a href="https://bit.ly/libertyclubs">https://bit.ly/libertyclubs</a>
<b>When are Student Council elections?</b>	Freshman elections are usually in the fall. It varies from year to year if they join Student Council in the fall or in the spring semester. Election information will be on our announcements, posters in the hallways, and on social media. You can contact our student council advisor if you have more questions.
<b>When is lunch and how do I add money to my student's account to buy lunch?</b>	Liberty has 2 different lunch hours. First lunch is 3 <sup>rd</sup> hour (starts at 10:32 am) and second lunch is 4 <sup>th</sup> hour (stats at 12:10 pm), both lunches are 40 minutes. While many students bring their own lunch daily, lunches can be purchased in the cafeteria and you may add money to their account online through <a href="http://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a> .
<b>Where can I get a copy of the bell schedule or campus map?</b>	Campus maps and bell schedules are available online on the Guidance website or in the front office. <a href="https://bit.ly/lhsbellandmap">https://bit.ly/lhsbellandmap</a>
<b>How can my student find their login and password for Student Vue?</b>	Parents can log-in to their Parent Vue account and look up their child's log-in and password on their account. This option is under the Parent Resources section in Parent Vue.

<p><b>What do I do if my student has already completed Algebra I and would like to take a higher math class?</b></p>	<p>There are multiple scenarios here for awarding Algebra I credit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If a non-PUSD student took and passed Algebra I in 8th grade <u>through an accredited HS program</u> then we will honor and post the grade off of the HS transcript (<i>Example - BASIS students w/ high school transcript OR West Wing student with SDOC high school transcript</i>). In this example the student DOES NOT need to Competency Test and it is the parent's responsibility to contact the awarding HS upon completion of the class and request that the transcripts be sent to LHS. <b><i>It is recommended that the parent also communicate this with the counselor assigned to do your student's enrollment.</i></b></li> <li>○ Any student that took and passed Algebra I at their elementary school that is NOT 9-12 accredited, must take a Competency Test to earn HS credit (<i>Example - Candeo student since they are not 9-12 accredited or many out-of-state schools</i>).</li> <li>○ Any student that does not have the Algebra I credit on a high school transcript, will need to Competency Tests for Algebra I credit. The parent must sign them up through the link below and they will take the PUSD Algebra I final exam and the grade earned is what we will post on the HS transcript. If a student does not like their grade on the Competency Test and would like to retake the class with us then they have the option to deny the grade/credit earned on the Competency Test and take the class at LHS.</li> </ul> <p>Here's the link to sign up to take the placement test: <a href="https://bit.ly/LHS2027testing">https://bit.ly/LHS2027testing</a></p>
<p><b>How do I sign-up to take the Honors Biology placement test?</b></p>	<p>Biology Honors Placement Testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any student wanting to do Biology Honors must take the PUSD Placement Test and Score an 80% or higher to be eligible to take the class.</li> <li>○ All students will register for regular Biology until qualifying placement score is achieved.</li> <li>○ Students may only take the Biology Honors Placement test one time to qualify.</li> </ul> <p>Here's the link to sign up to take the placement test: <a href="https://bit.ly/LHS2027testing">https://bit.ly/LHS2027testing</a></p>
<p><b>Does my student have to take Spanish classes if they are a native Spanish speaker?</b></p>	<p>We will honor and post credits if your student has Spanish credits <u>on a high school transcript</u>. Please request to have the awarding school send us a copy of the transcript and let your enrollment counselor know. If they are a native speaker, they can test for credit by taking our District final exams. Once your student has been assigned a counselor, they can register to Competency Test through them.</p>
<p><b>How do we sign-up for Dual Enrollment classes to get college credit?</b></p>	<p>You do not need to do anything now to sign-up for Dual Enrollment classes except be registered for the HS version of the class. If a class is offered as dual enrollment, the registration for the community college portion of the class will take place AFTER school starts. All dual enrollment registration information will come from their Liberty HS teacher. Our Career Center Specialist is our DE Coordinator that helps facilitate the registration process and can answer any questions for you during that process.</p>
<p><b>When are students eligible to do internships?</b></p>	<p>We offer a variety of internships that students are eligible to take during their senior year.</p>
<p><b>How early can students start applying for scholarships?</b></p>	<p>Students can apply for scholarships anytime in grades 9-12. There is a scholarship portal available to them in Student Vue once they are in HS. We also have a Career Center located in the library that has a wealth of information as well as scholarship information on the Guidance website.</p>

If you have any additional questions that were not addressed here, please come find the Guidance table at Future Freshman Night this spring.

<b>Graduation Credits Checklist:</b>	
<b>4 English:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV
<b>4 Math:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> Math: _____
<b>3 Science:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Science: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Science: _____
<b>3 Social Studies:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> World History <input type="checkbox"/> AZ/US History <input type="checkbox"/> Gov/Econ
<b>1 PE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>1 CTE or Fine Arts credit:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<b>Additional University Requirements:</b>	Foreign Language I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Elective Credits</b>	_____