

FAQs for incoming Shorecrest High School Families

How should I help my student decide whether to take Honors or regular class?

It is key for students to be organized and have good time management skills. There is more homework in honors classes than in standard classes. Help your student think about a balance of academics and extracurricular activities and the overall difficulty of your student's schedule. It is important to know that moving out of an Honors course is difficult to do; the choice to enroll in Honors should be made with confidence. Aim for stretch, not strain.

My student is trying to decide whether to take Biology or Integrated Physical Science (IPS) their freshman year. What should I be thinking about in helping make this choice?

Integrated Physical Science (IPS) is an important foundational science course and one we recommend for the majority of students. Students who have already completed Algebra and Geometry are having the most success in taking Biology as a 9th grader. Some freshmen might do well in Biology but some sophomores are not yet ready for the rigor of the upper level courses that come after Biology.

Can my 9th grader go off campus during lunch?

Yes, we have an open campus for all grade levels at lunch only. There is no open campus during Highlander Home or nutrition break. Please talk with your student to set boundaries and expectations about leaving campus during lunch. For example: Does your student have permission to go in another student's car?

Will my student get a planner?

Shorecrest doesn't provide a planner for every student. Some students purchase a SC planner from Shorecrest or an office supply store and some students use their Chromebook and use the calendar feature in Canvas or on Google.

How do I keep track of grades?

Shorecrest uses Canvas for grades and students will have the same username and password that they did at Kellogg. If you have questions or concerns, you are always welcome to contact the teacher. Teacher contact information can be found on the SC website.

My student really used tutorial and homework lunch at Kellogg. Is there anything like that at SC?

Shorecrest has Highlander Home that is similar to tutorial. All students are assigned to a Highlander Home. It takes place mid-morning at 9:40 AM M, T, Th, Friday. Students use that time for homework or to get help from a teacher. We also have math help after school one day a week and homework club after school two days a week.

My student picked classes in March for next year. What if he/she changes his/her mind?

Students are able to request a schedule change the week after school starts. Know that it can be difficult to accommodate changes due to classes filling or to conflicts with your student's other class needs. These requests are made using a form that requires a parent signature.

I heard that students can get PE waived if they play a sport. Is that true?

The state requires that students take 1.5 credits of PE (3 classes) over the course of four years. Additionally, there is a .5 (one semester) Health requirement. Shorecrest doesn't automatically waive PE if students play a sport and we recommend that 9th graders look to build in PE classes early in their high school schedule. Zero period PE is offered. In the **junior year**, students can apply for a PE waiver of a maximum of 1.0 credit if they are unable to fulfill this requirement due to their academic schedule and they have a Shorecrest or documented outside sport or physical activity. Counselors advise students on this process.

Are students assigned lockers? Is there a school supply list?

Shorecrest only has lockers for students in the gym locker rooms for PE. Otherwise, there are no lockers available. Students should come to school on the first day with basic school supplies – binder, paper, pens/pencils. Teachers will tell students if there are specific needs for a particular class.

When will my student pick up his/her Chromebook? Is there fee assistance for the insurance?

Students will pick up Chromebooks in the summer on the day dedicated to Link Crew activities. There is fee assistance. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, the insurance fee will be waived on the day of Chromebook pick up.

I want my student to get involved in activities at Shorecrest. How can I help them choose?

We'll have a Fall Kick-Off event in August and clubs will have display tables and a form for interested students to sign up. The SC website also has a great list of all of our clubs and activities.

Is there fee assistance available for athletics, ASB or class fees?

Yes. See your student's counselor for fee assistance.