



Welcome to Union Pines!

New Student/Freshman FAQ

How do I change my schedule?

Schedule changes during the first week of each semester are reserved for students in need of a class to meet a graduation requirement, who have a missing class period, or who are misplaced (ex: Spanish II instead of Spanish III). Students can request to change anything else on a space available basis for the second week of each semester. See schedule change form for complete policy. All changes after the second week and all AP/honors changes must have administrative approval.

Do I need to make an appointment to see my counselor?

No, you do not need to make an appointment to see your counselor. We make every effort to create an open door policy in our department and encourage you to come by before school, at lunch, or after school. However, there may be times when your counselor is unavailable and may not meet with you at your selected drop-in time. For these purposes we have request forms in the counseling office where you can sign up for an appointment to see your counselor.

What goes on my transcript?

All courses taken at Union Pines and Sandhills Community College will appear on your transcript. You will receive credit for each class you pass with a 60 or better. All grades including F's will appear on your transcript.

What's the difference between Honors and AP?

Honors coursework follows state curriculum and state standards and provides enrichment activities. AP coursework is college-level curriculum that moves at a faster pace and requires a great deal of independent study. Students who choose to take AP courses must also take the associated AP exams. Students who take and pass these exams are eligible for college credit.

What happens if you are tardy?

If you are tardy for first period, you will report to the front office and a tardy slip will be given, which will allow you to go to class. If you are tardy to class, go to class and the teacher will admit you as tardy.

On the average, how much homework is there each night?

It depends on the teacher, but plan for 20-30 minutes on average. Though, if you use your time wisely, you can often get a good start during class.

How often are tests and quizzes given?

This also depends on the class. Many teachers will give quizzes and minor assessments throughout a unit and then a longer test at the end of a unit.

How does lunch work?

Depending on your schedule you will have one of the four lunch periods. You can choose to pack a lunch or buy one from the cafeteria. The lunch menus are posted on the ncmcs website. (Free and reduced lunch is also available)

Will freshmen have a chance to figure out where their classes are before the first day of school?

Yes, freshmen and new students will have this opportunity during New Student Orientation and Freshmen Orientation in August.

When do we get our schedule?

Schedules will be posted on Powerschool the week before school begins. New students will receive their schedule upon arrival on the first day in the Guidance Office.

What school supplies do I need?

On the first day, you will want to bring your computer, pen/pencil, and something to write on. Lots of students also get a binder and dividers to keep each of their classes organized! Teachers will tell you what additional supplies you may need for their particular class.

Quick Questions:

Can girls take weight training? Absolutely!

Does it matter if we get lost and are late to class on the first day? No, teachers are very understanding the first days of school – especially with the freshmen.

What time does school start? The school day begins at 8:45am. A warning bell will sound at 8:40 – reminding you to head to 1st period.

Should I buy a student planner? You don't have to but it is a great way to keep yourself organized!

How long are the classes? About 90 minutes

Do we have a dress code? Yes. This can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).

Do you still get the credit if you fail the class? No. You must pass the class with a 60 or better to earn credit for the class.

How much time do we have in between classes? You have 5 minutes in between classes.

Please use this link to contact us about any additional questions:
https://uphs.ncmcs.org/about_us/contact

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