

# FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL

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Soon your child will be starting the process for choosing courses for next year. We invite you to an informational evening for PARENTS so that you can understand how you can support your child through this important process.

**Course Selection - Parent Information Night**  
**January 30, 2019**  
**(snow date: January 31)**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Fairfield Ludlowe High School – Larsen Auditorium**

Students will be hearing the same message in a separate assembly during school time, so they do not need to attend. We find that it is helpful for parents to be informed and knowledgeable about the expectations and requirements of the courses the students will be requesting, as well as have an opportunity to ask questions. In addition to this evening's presentation, we will be providing students and families with a number of resources, including: student informational assemblies; consultation/recommendations from teachers, counselors, and administrators; a comprehensive Program of Studies available online; and a website with course syllabi, sample tasks, and exemplary student work examples.

Topics of the evening presentation include:

- Entire course selection process with timelines
- Differences between Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Preparatory courses
- Brief overview of core curriculum areas
- Information regarding Advanced Placement courses
- Review of the Change-of-Program Policy
- Review of recent discussions around new course names and GPA weighting

It is critical that students make informed choices. We base our decisions about the courses and the number of sections we will offer on the specific requests the students make in February. Once resources are allocated, we have very limited flexibility in changing schedules, so it is critical for students to make a strong commitment to courses they request. Our goal for this evening is to assist you in making informed decisions.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening of January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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