

D211 POST: NEW HANDBOOKS SIMPLIFY TRANSITION FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN



Earlier this year, Township High School District 211 unveiled the new “Incoming Freshman Handbook.” The handbooks were designed to aid and simplify the process for students preparing to enter high school.

“In the past, we’ve had a series of separate mailings,” said Mark Kovack, Associate Superintendent for Student Services. “These were disjointed and perhaps not as engaging.”

Kovack said the decision to change to a guidebook was based on both feedback from families as well as internal evaluations.

The new books were sent to families of 8th grade students currently enrolled in districts 15 and 54. Kovack said that principals at area private middle schools also received copies.

One of the features of the new guidebook is to provide incoming students with a list of important dates and events. One such event is the incoming freshmen placement exam which takes place October 14. Kovack said information about the exam as well as available bus schedules was included in the book.

Incoming Freshman Night

Each new student's first year experience begins and best starts at an evening orientation event. Incoming Freshman Night (IFN) is a night of activities designed to help students transition to college life. The event provides information on campus resources, academic success strategies, and other important information. Incoming Freshman Night is a free event for all incoming freshmen. The event is held at the University Center, Room 100, on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.usd.edu/freshman.

INCOMING FRESHMAN NIGHT OCT. 14 8 PM - 10 PM

Placement Exam

Placement exams are designed to help determine the appropriate level of instruction for incoming students. The exams are held on the first day of classes, September 15, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room 100. The exams are held in a computer lab, and students are provided with a calculator. The exams are held in a computer lab, and students are provided with a calculator. The exams are held in a computer lab, and students are provided with a calculator.

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Student Health Information

Students are required to complete a health history form and a physical examination before enrolling in classes. The health history form is available at the University Center, Room 100, and the physical examination is held at the University Health Center. The health history form is available at the University Center, Room 100, and the physical examination is held at the University Health Center.

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Transportation to Placement Exam

Students who do not have a car or do not have a driver's license may need transportation to the placement exam. The University Center provides a shuttle service to the exam. The shuttle service is available on September 15, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The shuttle service is available on September 15, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Parents and students who want to download a copy of the new handbooks can do so through the District 211 [website under the incoming freshmen tab](#). Each school has a unique book.

Kovack said he looks forward to hearing from parents about their thoughts on the new handbooks.

“We’re anxious to get feedback from parents. That’s the primary audience,” he said. “Some of them may have suggestions for improvement. We would welcome that.”