

The following information pertains to the 9th and 10th grade Small Learning Communities at Drake High School. We hope this information is helpful. For any questions, please email Liz Seabury, Principal, at lseabury@tamdistrict.org.

SLC Options: Over the years we have stayed committed to the Small Learning Community experience of providing students with a team of teachers that will work to create a personalized learning experience for all students and have this learning continue over two years. Please explore the SLC options by returning to the SLC main page and clicking on the tabs for each SLC.

**For 2019-2020 we will be offering some students the choice of taking their English, Social Studies and Science classes outside of a formal SLC. Students will be able to select this as an option when they register at Drake. This option will provide students with a more traditional high school experience with seven classes. Counseling and other support services will be in place for these students, just like all 9th grade students. This option will be discussed at Open House 1/24/19 and 8th Grade Registration 1/31/19.

SLC Information: To learn about our SLC you can:

- Review each [SLC website](#).
- Attend a school tour in the fall
- Attend our [Open House in January](#)

SLC Choice: While all SLCs offer curriculum that is aligned to both Common Core and TUHSD standards, each SLC offers differences in the instructional methods and some SLCs offer elective courses that are mandatory for that SLC. To this end, we provide students the opportunity to give us their preference in the SLCs. This preference is outlined on our registration form students complete in February. Students are provided the opportunity to provide their preference for each SLCs.

Drake Registration and the SLC Choice: We ask all students and their parents/guardians to come to Drake and register for classes on January 31, 2019. Online registration is required PRIOR to this event. You will be provided a form to complete which has two significant questions regarding SLC choice for each student:

1. What is your top priority in scheduling: the elective or the SLC choice?
2. What is your priority in your SLC choice? Students will prioritize their choices of SLCs. The school will do its best to consider these choices.

SLC Placement Notification: In May, all students and families receive a letter with their SLC placement and welcome to school information for August. In this letter we outline the process students and their families may take if they want to request a change of SLC placement.

SLC Placement Changes: Once we assign students to an SLC, we cannot make changes. Enrollment and class assignment is extremely difficult. In some years, we may have some (very small numbers) movement of students into other schooling options. In these rare situations we may change placement if the schedule can adapt. Please contact the DISC Secretary, as directed in the placement letter in May, to be considered for these changes. We consider these based on:

1. Date of contact of the DISC secretary with change request.
2. SLC numbers and possible room.

We do not consider any other request. Please do not provide us with any additional documentation or considerations.