

PHS Class of 2025 Loading...

“Preparing For Piscataway High School”



Presented by

Piscataway Middle School Counseling Department

Presentation Agenda

I. General Course Selection Procedures

II. HS Graduation Requirements

III. 9th Grade Electives

IV. High School Attendance Policy



General Course Selection Procedures

- ⌘ 8th Grade teachers: Enter course “recommendations” in Genesis March 15-26
- ⌘ Counselors: Conduct class lessons
- ⌘ Students & parents: review & select elective courses and alternates in Schoology beginning on March 15
- ⌘ Students: Meet with counselor to review elective choices (pick 6)



Graduation Requirements

⌘ English	⌘ 20 credits
⌘ Math	⌘ 15 credits
⌘ Science	⌘ 15 credits
⌘ History/W. Cultures	⌘ 15 credits
⌘ World Language	⌘ 5 credits
⌘ PE/Health/Driver's ED	⌘ 20 credits
⌘ Financial Literary	⌘ 2.5 credits
⌘ Electives (V/P-P/C)	⌘ 32.5 credits
⌘ Total	⌘ <u>125</u> credits



Course Options - English

⌘ English Course Options

- 1) English I Academic
- 2) English I Honors

Course placement is based on:

- ⊗ Final Grade, Reading Assessment, Writing Assessment, Teacher recommendation



Course Options - Math

⌘ Math Course Options

- 1) Algebra I
- 2) Geometry 9
- 3) Honors Geometry 9
- 4) Honors Algebra II

Course placement is based on:

- ⊗ Marking period grades, Department Exam, Teacher recommendation,
- ⊗ Completion of Algebra I (where applicable)



Course Options - Science

⌘ Science Course Options

- ⌘ 1) Conceptual Biology
- 2) Biology - Academic
- 3) Honors Biology

Course placement is based on:

- ☒ Final Grade in 7th & 8th grades
- ☒ Teacher recommendation



Course Options – Social Studies

⌘ Social Studies Course Option

1) Honors World Cultures

The majority of 9th grade students take this course.

Placement in Honors US History (Grade 10) will be determined by performance in Honors World Cultures.

⌘ 2) Advanced Placement World History

Course placement is based on:

- ⊗ Final Grade
- ⊗ Teacher recommendation
- ⊗ Superior reading, writing and analytical skills



Course Options– World Language

⌘ World Language Course Options

- 1) French I
- 2) Spanish I
- 3) Italian I
- 4) Chinese I
- 5) Spanish II (based on teacher recommendation)
- 6) Spanish III (based on teacher recommendation)
- 7) Spanish I for Heritage Speakers
- 8) American Sign Language



Course Options– Support Courses

⌘ Support Course Options

1) Algebra Math Lab

Placement in these courses is based on:

- ☒ Teacher recommendation
- ☒ Final Grade
- ☒ No credit course
- ☒ Takes place of an elective



Course Options– Electives

⌘ Elective Course Options

- 9th grade students have about 30 elective choices
- Most students will be able to take 3 electives
- World Language can account for 1 elective slot
- Freshmen Seminar will account for 1 elective slot.
- Students are not guaranteed their 1st choice elective.
- Students must select at 6 electives in order of preference.



PHS Career Readiness Electives

AFJROTC	Applied Technology	Business	Math Elective	Family & Consumer Science	Digital Media Literacy
AFJROTC Aerospace	WOOD TECH 1	ACCOUNTING 1	INTRO TO COMPUTER SCIENCE	FOOD & NUTRITION	INTRODUCTION TO TV/DIGITAL FILM
	ELEC/ELECTR 1	COOPERATIVE EDUCATION CLASS			RADIO BROADCASTING & AUDIO PRODUCTION
	INTRO TO ENGINEERING DESIGN	MARKETING ED			
	PRINT & PRODUCTION 1	PERSONAL FINANCE (SEM) \$			
		SPORTS/ENT (SEM)			
		WEB PAGES (SEM)			



Visual, Performing Arts & English Electives

Performing Arts	Visual Arts	English Electives
INTRO TO DANCE	CERAMICS & SCULPTURE 1	JOURNALISM
CREATIVE DRAMA/THEATER	DRAW & PAINT 1	CREATIVE WRITING
GUITAR	GRAPHIC DESIGN 1	EXPLORING GRAPHIC NOVELS (SEM)
CONCERT CHOIR	INTRO TO ANIMATION	PUBLIC SPEAKING(SEM)
ORCHESTRA	MULTIMEDIA PRINTING & DESIGN	YEARBOOK PUBLISHING (SEM)
CONCERT BAND	PHOTOGRAPHIC DESIGN 1	
CREATING MUSIC WITH TECHNOLOGY	WORLD OF ART	



PHS Block Schedule

- ⌘ The schedule will operate on an A/B day Cycle (4 classes per day)
- ⌘ Students will have a total of 8 periods to include English, Math, Science, History, PE/Health, Freshman Seminar, 2 electives
- ⌘ It is recommended that students take World Language as 1 elective in 9th grade.



PHS Attendance Policy

(PHS Student Code of Conduct)

- **Definition of Attendance:** minimum of 4 hours of a full school day (NOT including lunch) or the entire time of a half-day schedule
 - Excused – Doctor's note; parent note; religious observance; suspension
 - Unexcused



PHS Attendance Policy con't. (PHS Student Code of Conduct)

- After **five** unexcused absences:
 - Calls to parents
 - Create plans and work with parents to improve attendance
- After **ten** unexcused absences
 - Truant Officer sent to the home
 - Possible court appearance if there is evidence of juvenile-family crisis



PHS Attendance Policy (con't) **(PHS Student Code of Conduct)**

- **Consequences**

- Denied participation in extracurricular activities
- Lose some or all course credits
- Detention and/or suspension



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NEW REQUIREMENT

Beginning with the Class of 2024, you will have to take Freshman Seminar.

In this course you will learn skills that will help you to be successful in High School.

You will earn 5 credits.

You will pass or fail; no grade will be given.



What do I do now:

- ⌘ 1. Talk with your family about what you learned.
- ⌘ 2. Look through the Course Guide on Schoology or the High School Website to pick your 6 possible electives. (In order of preference)
- ⌘ 3. Complete the worksheet in Schoology with your 6 electives in order of what you want to take.
- ⌘ 4. Meet with your counselor in person if hybrid or in Zoom if remote to review High School course requests.

