

## Course Selection for 2024-2025

### Scheduling Information and Guidelines for Students

#### **HOW DO I SELECT CLASSES?**

Think carefully about your future career plans and choose courses that will help you best prepare to meet your goals. Keep in mind that colleges expect you to take the most challenging courses that you can manage successfully.

Review the 2024-2025 PWCS Course Catalog online for course descriptions, graduation requirements, prerequisites, etc. and discuss your choices with your parents/guardians ***before you meet with your counselor***. There are many options available to you. When making your course selection choices, please plan as if you will be successful in all the courses you are taking this year. If you would like more information regarding a specific course, you are strongly encouraged to speak with the teacher who currently teaches the class, as well as students who have taken the class. Pay close attention to all application, form submission, and placement test deadlines!

Your counselor will meet with you individually in February or March to review your choices. During this meeting, your counselor will verify that you have selected appropriate courses to satisfy your graduation requirements and career goals, have chosen alternate courses, and answer any questions you may have. Current juniors will be scheduled first, followed by sophomores, then freshmen. You and your counselor will review and update your four-year plan. This document serves as a way for you to track your progress toward meeting graduation requirements as well as plan the courses you would like to take to help you meet your career goals. Refer to the catalog to view graduation requirements for your desired diploma.

#### **MAY I TAKE ANY CLASS I WANT?**

Refer to the 2024-2025 PWCS Course Catalog online and talk with your counselor and teachers to find out about course requirements, prerequisites, and sequencing. You **MUST** comply with the course prerequisites specified in the 2024-2025 PWCS Course Catalog. Example: You must pass English 9 before you can take English 10.

Please note: Some AP and Advanced classes have summer reading or summer assignments.

#### **HOW MANY CLASSES MUST I CHOOSE?**

You must choose 7 credits worth of classes **PLUS at least 2 alternate electives**. If your requested course(s) are not available, alternative course(s) will be inserted into your schedule. **If you do not provide alternate selections, your counselor will select alternate courses for you.**

To maintain eligibility for sports and VHSL-sanctioned activities, students must take and pass a minimum of five (5) courses for credit and two (2) of those five passing grades must be "C" or higher. Classes that you previously passed and are retaking for a higher grade do not count towards eligibility. Classes that you previously failed and are retaking do count towards eligibility.

If you are a rising 12<sup>th</sup> grader and would like to request a reduced course load (early release/late arrival), you must obtain the necessary paperwork from your counselor. You **must** sign up for seven classes and at least two alternates; your course selections will be adjusted if your request for a reduced schedule is approved.

#### **MAY I LATER MAKE CHANGES TO COURSES I HAVE CHOSEN?**

You may request changes to your 2024-2025 course requests in writing with parent/guardian signature until Friday, May 3, 2024. Please be advised that classes may be closed or canceled prior to May 3, 2024, due to budget, staffing, and/or student interest. If you are interested in making a change to your course requests, do not wait until the last minute to do so. Student course selections are used as the basis for master schedule development, teacher employment, and textbook/materials purchases; therefore, change requests will not be accepted after May 3, 2024. **Please choose your courses wisely with the understanding that you will not be able to change classes next year!**

#### **MAY I REQUEST A SPECIFIC TEACHER?**

No, requests for specific teachers will not be honored.