

PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL RISING
10TH-12TH CURRICULUM INFORMATION



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GOAL OF PCHS REGISTRATION SESSIONS

Explore the academic offerings and registration for the 2023-24 school year.



PANTHER CREEK REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- X All information will be found on the PCHS webpage

<http://www.wcpss.net/panthercreekhs>

COURSE REGISTRATION TIMELINE: GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✕ **February 17 – February 22:** All students will attend registration presentations in the auditorium
 - ✕ Feb. 17th - Rising 12th Grade
 - ✕ Feb. 21st - Rising 11th Grade
 - ✕ Feb. 22nd - Rising 10th Grade

COURSE REGISTRATION TIMELINE – 11TH GRADE

- ✗ **Week of February 27:** Registration opens for current 11th graders to register for 23-24 school year; PS portal will open
- ✗ **Monday, February 27 – Friday, March 3:** Junior conferences will be held. Students will receive an appointment time/date from their counselor for their meeting.
- ✗ The portal will close on Friday night, March 3rd
- ✗ If your conference is scheduled after March 3rd, your course requests will still be accepted past the deadline

COURSE REGISTRATION TIMELINE – 10TH GRADE

- ✗ **Week of March 6:** Registration opens for current 10th graders to register for 23-24 school year; PS portal will open
- ✗ **Monday, March 6 through Friday, March 10:** Students can make individual appointments with their counselor, if needed.
 - ✗ Counselor appointments will be made on the Panther Creek Student Services website. Once you make an appointment show your teacher the appointment date and time during class to come to Student Services.
- ✗ **Monday, March 6 – Friday, March 10:** Current 10th graders will enter course selections in PowerSchool
 - ✗ **The portal will close on Friday night, March 10**

COURSE REGISTRATION TIMELINE – 9TH GRADE

- ✗ **Week of March 13:** Registration opens for current 9th graders to register for 23-24 school year; PS portal opens
- ✗ **Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 17:** Students can make individual appointments with their counselor, if needed
 - ✗ Counselor appointments will be made on the Panther Creek Student Services website. Once you make an appointment show your teacher the appointment date and time during class to come to Student Services.
- ✗ **Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 17:** Current 9th graders will enter course selections in PowerSchool
 - ✗ The portal will close on Friday night, March 17th

COURSE REGISTRATION TIMELINE

X Curriculum Fair for Students

- X Students will be able to visit teachers from each of the departments before registration week in order to ask specific questions about courses

REGISTRATION CURRICULUM FAIR DATES LOCATED IN ROOM 2613

- X Thursday, February 16 – Social Studies and Special Education
- X Friday, February 17 – Science and Math
- X Tuesday, February 21 - CTE and Fine Arts
- X Wednesday, February 22 - English, World Language and Healthful Living

COURSE REGISTRATION TIMELINE

- X March:** Contact appropriate teachers regarding any course that requires an application, audition, portfolio, or recommendation (has * on the selection sheet)
- X March:** Review teacher recommendations in PowerSchool (core subjects and World Lang) – talk to teachers if you have questions

COURSE REGISTRATION TIMELINE

- ✘ **March/April:** Counselors will review course choices entered in PowerSchool and communicate with students as needed
- ✘ **May 26th:** Last day to change course selections for 2023-2024
- ✘ All changes to course registration choices after your registration week in March should be emailed to your counselor.

COURSE REGISTRATION TIPS

- ✗ [Review the 23-24 WCPSS High School Program Planning Guide.](#)
 - ✗ Graduation requirements
 - ✗ UNC System Admission Requirements
 - ✗ Promotion Requirements
 - ✗ Prerequisites/Corequisites
- ✗ Review your **previous courses and grades – Credit Detail Report**
- ✗ **Talk to your teachers** about possible course choices – review their recommendations
- ✗ **Talk to your parents**
- ✗ **Talk to your counselor**

COURSE REGISTRATION TIPS

- ✗ Think about what your interests are – do not choose classes based on what peers/others are doing
- ✗ Think about your academic workload plus extracurricular, athletic, job, and other responsibilities
- ✗ Review college/university entrance requirements for schools in which you have an interest

COURSE REGISTRATION TIPS

- ✗ Select 8 primary courses and 3 alternate courses for a total of 11 choices
 - ✗ Include graduation requirement courses as primary choices
- ✗ Be prepared to receive any combination of 8 classes from your 11 choices!
 - ✗ There is no schedule change process – only a correction if there is an error.

COURSE REGISTRATION RESOURCES

Use link from PCHS webpage to get to
Student Services page:

- X Course Information tab:
 - Course selection sheets (9th and 10th - 12th)
 - CTE Pathways

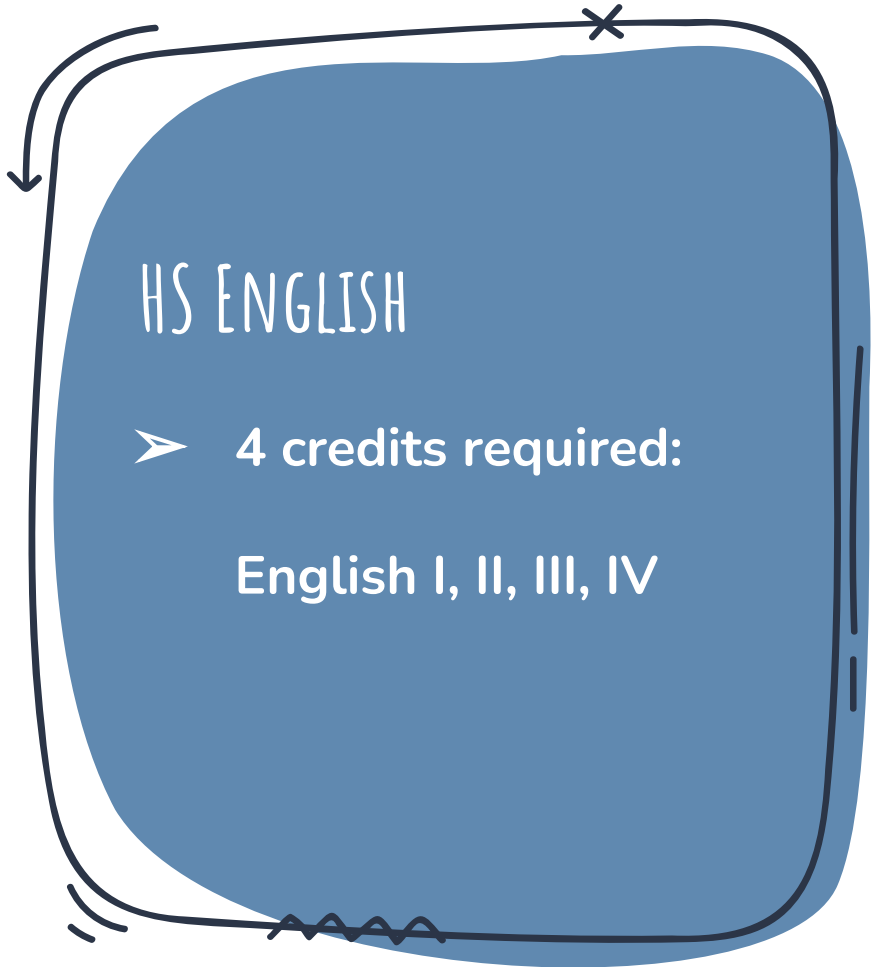
- X [Wake Tech Community College Information](#)
 - Career and College Promise

- X [WCPSS High School Program Planning Guide](#)
 - Course description and prerequisite information



HS CORE COURSES





Grade Level	Course offerings
10th	English II Academic or Honors
11th	English III Academic, Honors or AP English Language
12th	English IV Academic, Honors or AP English Literature

HS SOCIAL STUDIES

➤ 4 credits required

World History, Civic
Literacy, American History,
Economic and Personal
Finance

Grade Level	Course offerings
10th	Civic Literacy Academic/Honors or AP US Government & Politics
11th	American History Academic/Honors or AP US History
12th	Economic & Personal Finance Academic/Honors

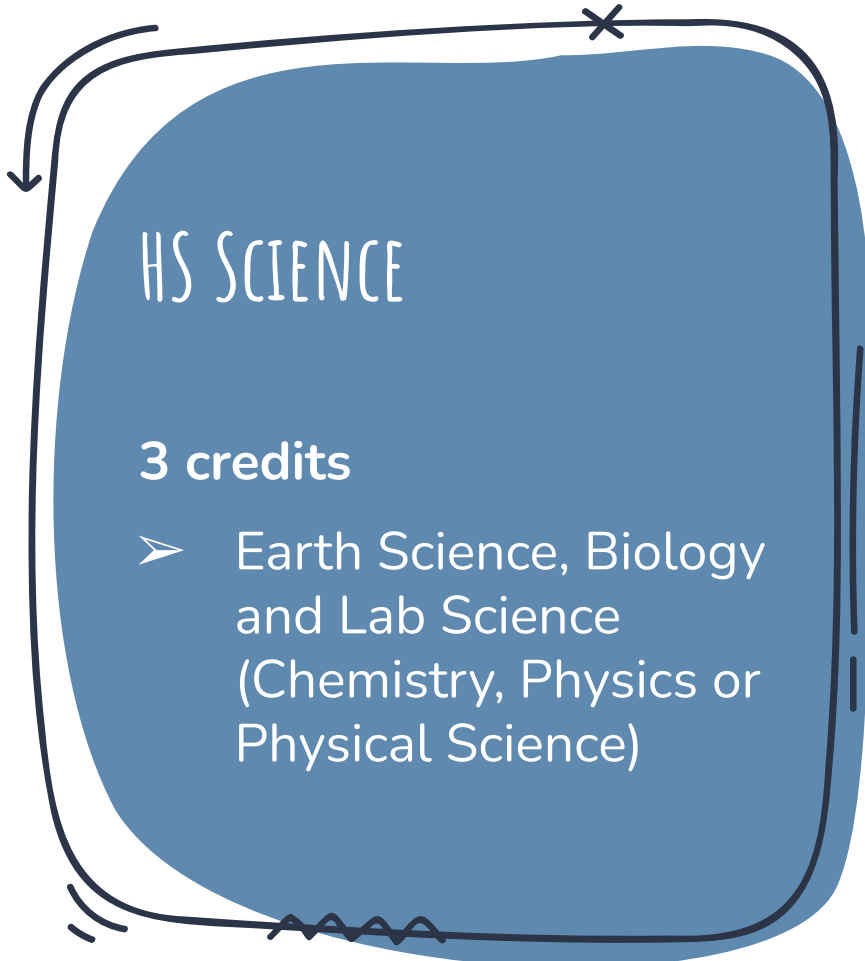
MATH

➤ 4 credits required:



Math I, II, III, and a 4th math that aligns with your post secondary goals.

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4
A	Foundations of NC Math 1 (NC Math 1A)	NC Math 1B	Foundations of NC Math 2	NC Math 2	Foundations of NC Math 3	NC Math 3	NC Math 4
B	NC Math 1		NC Math 2		NC Math 3		NC Math 4
C	NC Math 1 (Honors)		NC Math 2 (Honors)		NC Math 3 (Honors)		NC Math 4 (Honors) Or AP Precalculus and/or AP Statistics
D	Math Plus (Honors)	NC Math 2 (Honors)	NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus** or NC Math 4 (Honors)**		AP Statistics and/or Discrete Math for CS (Honors)
E	Math Plus (Honors)	NC Math 2 (Honors)	NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus		AP Calculus AB/BC and/or AP Statistics*
F	NC Math 2 (Honors)		NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus		AP Calculus AB/BC and/or AP Statistics*
G	NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus		AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC	Math Analysis and/or AP Statistics*



9th Grade Math Course: Foundations of Math and Math IB or Math I			
9th	10th	11th	12th
Math 1	Math 2	Math 3	Math 4
Earth Science (Honors or Acad.)	Biology (Honors or Acad.)	Chemistry/Physics/Phy. Science (Honors, Academic or AP)	

9th Grade Math Course: Math 2 Honors (or above)			
9th	10th	11th	12th
Math 2	Math 3	Math 4	Math Elective
Biology (Honors)	Chemistry/Physics/Phy. Science (Honors, Academic or AP)	Earth Science (Honors or AP)	

WORLD LANGUAGES

- ✓ World language credits are **NOT REQUIRED** for graduation. However, they are needed for entry to a 4-year UNC system college/university.
- ✓ Need TWO levels of ONE language
 - ✓ Spanish 1&2, Latin 1&2, French 1&2,
 - ✓ Can still make it to the AP level if they begin sophomore year
- ✓ PCHS offers Spanish, French, and Latin

FUTURE READY CORE COURSE OF STUDY

- ✓ **English:** 4 credits
 - English I, II, III, IV
- ✓ **Mathematics :** 4 credits
 - NC Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, and 4th Math option
- ✓ **Science:** 3 credits
 - Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry/Physical Science
- ✓ **Social Studies:** 4 credits
 - World History, Civic Literacy, American History, Economics and Personal Finance
- ✓ **Health and PE:** 1 credit
- ✓ **Elective:** 10 credits

Total: 26 credits

CTE PATHWAYS

- ✗ There are several CTE Career Pathways that contain specific courses in them – these provide connection and cohesion
- ✗ If you complete Prerequisite Level 1 course and the Concentrator Level 2 course, you are eligible to take the ACT WorkKeys exam as a Senior which provides career readiness credentials
 - ✗ There are also supplemental employability skills classes.
 - ✗ See the full list of pathways on the chart linked from the course selection sheet.

WHAT ABOUT AP COURSES?

- ✗ Advanced Placement (AP) = College level
 - ✗ AP exam to earn college credit (based on university)
 - ✗ One additional GPA quality point
- ✗ Select AP courses for the right reasons
 - ✗ Interest and strength in the academic area
 - ✗ Aligns with individual and career goals
 - ✗ Capable of increased academic rigor (quality of work, work ethic, attendance)
- ✗ Balance course work with other responsibilities
 - Extra-curricular activities, course load, work, etc.

MORE ABOUT AP COURSES...

- X View course descriptions and overviews on www.collegeboard.org
- X Many AP courses have “Recommended Summer Assignments”
- X Students are encouraged to take the AP Exam
- X You will be required to submit an AP agreement form by May 26th

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

Arts

- x AP Music Theory
- x AP Art History
- x AP Visual Arts (2D – Drawing or Design)
 - x paired with Independent Study

CTE

- x AP Computer Science Principles
- x AP Computer Science A

English

- x AP English Language and Composition (Juniors)
 - x Satisfies English III graduation requirement
- x AP English Literature and Composition (Seniors)
 - x Satisfies English IV graduation requirement

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

Science Department

- x AP Biology (paired with Research Methods Honors)
- x AP Chemistry
 - x Paired with Honors Chemistry as a year-long commitment – primarily 10th grade
 - x Also a semester only option – for students who took Chemistry Honors
- x AP Environmental Science
- x AP Physics (I, II, or C: Mechanics)

Math Department

- x AP Pre-Calculus
- x AP Calculus AB
- x AP Calculus BC
- x AP Statistics

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

Social Studies

- X AP European History
- X AP Government & Politics (12th)
- X AP Human Geography
- X AP Psychology
- X AP United States History (11th)
 - X In lieu of American History– Counts as 1 graduation credit

World Languages

- X AP Latin
- X AP French Language
- X AP Spanish Language (paired with Spanish V)
- X AP Spanish Literature

ELECTIVE COURSES WITH A YEAR-LONG COMMITMENT

- X AP Biology
- X AP Chemistry
- X Yearbook
- X Newspaper (no recommendation required)
- X Band
- X Specific Dance courses
- X Specific Vocal Music (Chorus) courses

DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

X Wake Tech Career & College Promise (CCP)

- ✓ Is used to accelerate completion of college certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees that lead to college transfer or provide entry-level job skills
 - PCHS is your primary educational institution and Wake Tech is secondary. Your Wake Tech schedule must fit around your primary schedule at PCHS.
- ✓ Available to juniors and seniors with at least a 2.8 minimum unweighted GPA; or demonstrates college readiness via an approved assessment
- ✓ Review new 2023-2024 [guidelines](#) and quick steps before submitting for approval
- ✓ Students must complete a Dual Enrollment form and CCP Agreement form PRIOR to completing a CCP application.
 - Dual Enrollment Form ≠ Principal/Designee Consent (Ms. Telfair)

X CCP Interest Session: February 28th during both lunches (highly recommended)

QUALITY POINTS FOR GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

Grade	Academic	Honors	AP Courses
A	4	4.5	5
B	3	3.5	4
C	2	2.5	3
D	1	1.5	2
F	0	0	0

MID-YEAR/EARLY GRADUATION

- ✗ Students can choose to graduate 1-year early or mid-year of their graduation year (January).
- ✗ Students would need to inform their counselor of their intention and complete appropriate paperwork so that a graduation plan can be developed.

EARLY RELEASE/LATE ARRIVAL

- ✗ Offered to Juniors and Seniors
- ✗ Reasons for LA/ER: Dual enrollment, Employment, Internship, Other (*must speak with counselor prior to submitting request*)
- ✗ Students will sign up for 11 courses and then apply for Early Release/Late Arrival during designated timeframe
- ✗ Applications will be available in April. It is best to submit the application before the end of the school year.

COURSE REGISTRATION TIPS FOR ATHLETES



Students must earn three (3) credits in the semester prior to their sport season to be eligible to participate in athletics.

1.5 minimum GPA

THE BOTTOM LINE

X Select courses wisely:

- X** Take courses you are interested in.
- X** Take a workload you can balance.
- X** Know that you can get any of the 11 courses combinations that you select in the registration process. We cannot guarantee your first choices.
- X** Talk to teachers, counselors and parents to get input.



HELPFUL LINKS

[PCHS Rising 9th Grade Course Offerings](#)

[WCPSS 2023-24 Program Planning Guide](#)

[PowerSchool Registration Instruction](#) (use this document to view recommendations)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
AND PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU
NEED SUPPORT WITH THE
REGISTRATION PROCESS!



Any
Questions?