

Course Registration for 2018-2019 at Panther Creek High School

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Panther Creek Registration Information

- All information will be found on the PCHS webpage

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

Course Registration Timeline

- **By March 2:** Teachers will enter course recommendations in PowerSchool
- **February 19 – March 2:** Counselors will provide classroom guidance about registration in English I, II and III
- **March 2:** Counselors will provide grade-level assemblies about registration for students not currently in English

Course Registration Timeline

- **February 19 – March 2:** Audition and Application Window (Yearbook, Sports Medicine, Fine Arts, and any other courses with this requirement)
- **February 22 – March 7:** PCHS Registration Curriculum Fair during SMART Lunch – questions can be answered by teachers



Course Registration Timeline

- **March 5 – March 29:** Students will enter their course selections in PowerSchool. Counselors will come in through Period 2 classes to support this process.
- **April 25:** Option Verification Sheets will be sent home – students may make changes on the sheet if needed – everyone will sign and return them to Per 2 teacher
- **June 11:** Last day to change course selections for 2018-19



Course Registration Tips

- Review the **graduation requirements** on page 9 of the *WCPSS High School Program Planning Guide*.
- Review your **previous courses and grades**
- **Talk to your teachers** about possible course choices
- **Talk to your parents**
- **Talk to your counselor** – make an appointment if you need individual information

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
- Review the WCPSS High School Program Planning Guide for course information for prerequisites needed for courses

Course Registration Tips

- Select 8 primary courses and 3 alternate courses for a total of 11 choices
 - Include English, Math, Science and Social Studies in your primary course selections
- **Be prepared to receive any combination of 8 classes from your 11 choices!**
 - Opportunities for schedule changes are extremely limited

CTE Career Clusters

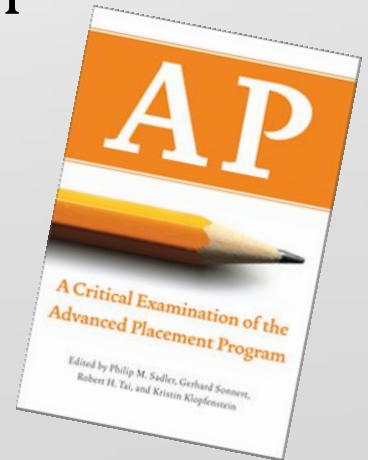
- There are 10 CTE Career Clusters that contain specific courses in them – these provide connection and cohesion
- If you complete 4 courses in a cluster, you are eligible to take the ACT WorkKeys exam as a Senior which provides career readiness credentials
 - There are “foundation,” “enhancement” and “completer” courses in each cluster

What about AP courses?

- Advanced Placement (AP) = College level
 - AP exam to earn college credit (based on university)
 - One additional quality point for students who entered grade 9 in 2015-2016
- 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...

- View course descriptions and overviews on www.collegeboard.org
- Most AP courses have “Recommended Summer Assignments”
- Students are expected to take the AP Exam



AP Course Offerings

Arts

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

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- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles

English

- AP English Language and Composition (Juniors)
 - English III credit
- AP English Literature and Composition (Seniors)
 - English IV credit

AP Course Offerings

Math Department

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

Science

- AP Biology (paired with Research Methods Honors)
- AP Chemistry
 - Paired with Honors Chemistry as a year-long option
 - Also a semester only option
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics (I, II, or C: Mechanics)

AP Course Offerings

Social Studies

- AP European History
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- AP United States History

World Languages

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

PCHS Course Change Criteria

Consideration of a schedule change only for the following reasons:

- Student has already received credit for the course.
- Student has not met the prerequisite for the scheduled course.
- Student has an incomplete schedule.
- Student previously failed the course with the same teacher.
- Student needs specific course to meet graduation requirements (priority is given to seniors and students with non-elective graduation requirement issues).
- Student wants to increase academic rigor.
- Student's schedule must be changed for administrative reasons (class size, etc).



Dual Enrollment Opportunities

- **College & Career Promise (CCP)**
 - ✓ Available for juniors and seniors with at least a 3.0 weighted GPA
 - ✓ Is used to accelerate completion of college certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees that lead to college transfer or provide entry-level job skills
 - ✓ Offered via Wake Technical Community College
 - ✓ Students must be approved for dual enrollment prior to enrolling in courses
 - ✓ Go to the Student Services Weebly page for more information

The Bottom Line

- **Select courses wisely:**
 - take courses you are interested in,
 - take a workload you can balance,
 - know that you can get any of the 11 courses that you select in the registration process
 - talk to teachers, counselors and parents to get input





THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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