

# CLASS OF 2023 SCHEDULING PRESENTATION

Parents: January 9, 2019

Students: January 15, 2019

# Phoenixville Area High School

Principal: Dr. Parkinson

Assistant Principal: Mr. Sutton

Assistant Principal: Mr. Perecko

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Mr. Gumby

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Mr. Shackelford

Ru-Z

Mrs. Bhalla

College and Career Counselor

# Transition Events

## Transition 1: January 15th

- In the afternoon, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will come to the high school to learn about the course selection process, in addition to elective content areas and the exciting curriculum they will have the opportunity to learn during the 2018-2019 school year. On January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, students will have the opportunity to ask their alpha-range counselor any questions regarding the high school and the course selection process.

## Transition 2: Early June

- The current 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will spend an afternoon at the high school prior to the start of summer, to have a formal tour of the building with a Phantom Ambassador, ask questions about the high school, meet faculty and receive course materials for AP World History and Chemistry Honors.

## Transition 3: Late August - New Student BBQ

- Following a BBQ lunch, all new students can receive a copy of their schedule to walk through the building and meet their teachers and visit their new classrooms prior to the start of the school year.

# Program of Studies

Course descriptions are available online in the ***Program of Studies***.

The screenshot displays the website for Phoenixville Area High School. At the top, there are navigation options: "Select a School", "Language", "Login", and "Search...". The main header features the Phoenixville Area School District logo on the left, which includes a large "P" and the text "PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Chester County, Pennsylvania". To the right of the logo, the text reads "PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE PHOENIX", followed by the address "1200 Gay Street, Phoenixville, PA 19380" and phone number "Phone 484-927-5100 | Fax 484-927-5101".

A navigation menu is visible below the header, with "Home", "About PAHS", "Departments", "Parents", "Sports", "Athletics", "Community", "Teachers", "Alumni", and "Calendar". The "Departments" menu is expanded, showing "Academics", "Counseling Department", "Health Services", and "Library". The "Program of Studies/Summer School" item is highlighted in a white box, and a corresponding dropdown menu is open, listing various resources such as "AP Information", "Class Rank Policy, Grading Scale and Course Weight", "College Information", "Course Selection", "Dual Enrollment", "Helpful Websites", "Honor Roll", "Navance Information", "Option II", "Registration/Withdraw Process", "Student Assistance Program", "Transcript Requests", "Work Permit", and "PASD Virtual Academy".

The background of the website features a large image of the school building with "PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL" on the facade, and a smaller image of a winter concert with students playing instruments.

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# Graduation Requirements Class of 2023

## □ **Minimum credit requirements: 24**

- English - 4.0 credits
- Social Studies - 3.0 credits\*
- Math - 3.0 credits\*
- Science - 3.0 credits\*
- *\*You must take a fourth year course in two of the following disciplines: Math, Science, or Social Studies*
- Physical Education – 1.0 credits
- Health - 0.5 credits (*by end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade*)
- Techniques of Writing – 0.5 credits (*by end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade*)
- Computer Apps & Programming **OR** Intro to Programming **OR** AP Computer Science Principles (*by request only*) – 0.5 technology credit (*by end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade*)
- Arts - 0.5 credits
- Electives - 6.0 credits
- Graduation Project – 0 credits

# Keystone Exam Requirement

- The Pennsylvania Department of Education has mandated that students demonstrate Proficiency in Keystone Exams prior to taking receipt of their High School diploma.
- Prior to the completion of their junior year, students will have taken 3 Keystone Exams: Literature, Biology and Algebra I.
- Any student completing a Keystone-related course must take the appropriate Keystone Exam.

# Physical Education Requirement

- 1.0 Credit of PE is required for graduation
- 0.5 Credit of Health during 10<sup>th</sup> Grade—Online Health option available
- Athletics & Marching Band for PE Credit
  - The maximum allowance of credit per year is .5 credit.
  - The maximum allowance for any one sport or marching band will be .5 credit.
  - Only credit obtained through a traditional PE course taken at the PAHS will apply to a student's GPA (Grade Point Average).



# Credit Logistics

- 1.0 Credit – Every day all year
- 1.17 Credits – Every day all year with one lab
- 1.33 Credits – Every day all year with two labs
- 0.5 SM – Every day for one semester (very rare)
- 0.5 YR – Every other day all year
- 6 Day Cycle

# Course Levels

- **CC** College & Career
- **H** Honors
- **AP** Advanced Placement
  - ▣ Course taught at college level
  - ▣ Possible college credit based on AP exam score and receiving college.
  - ▣ **All students will be required to decide on exam registration by the end of this upcoming September.**
  - ▣ A deposit will be required at the time of registration.
  - ▣ The deposit will not be refunded if a student cancels his/her registration.

# Required Freshman Courses

- English (1.0)
- Social Studies (1.0)
- Math (1.0 or 1.5)
- Science (1.0) + Lab (0.17) = (1.17)
- \*World Language (1.0)
- Techniques of Writing (0.5)
  
- The above classes total 5.67 or 6.17 credits (depending on math course)
- **Freshmen are required to take at least 6.17 credits.**

*\*World Language is strongly recommended, not required, for post-secondary collegiate goals.*

# Mock 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule (1)

Period/Day	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	English	English	English	English	English	English
2	Geometry	Geometry	Geometry	Geometry	Geometry	Geometry
3	TOW/Prog	TOW/Prog	TOW/Prog	TOW/Prog	TOW/Prog	TOW/Prog
4	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
5	Lunch	Chem Lab	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
6	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
7	World History	World History	World History	World History	World History	World History
8	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

7.17 credits, with one missing lunch period per cycle, this is an option on the elective form

# Mock 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule (2)

Period/Day	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	World History	World History	World History	World History	World History	World History
2	TOW	Elective	TOW	Elective	TOW	Elective
3	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
4	English	English	English	English	English	English
5	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
6	Algebra	Algebra	Algebra	Algebra	Algebra	Algebra
7	Chem Lab	Algebra	Study Hall	Algebra	Study Hall	Algebra
8	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry

6.67 credits, with two study halls per cycle, and lunch in the cafeteria every day  
 Student has elected not to take programming during ninth grade

# Mock 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule (3)

Period/Day	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
2	World History	World History	World History	World History	World History	World History
3	English	English	English	English	English	English
4	Algebra II	Algebra II	Algebra II	Algebra II	Algebra II	Algebra II
5	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
6	AP CSP	AP CSP	AP CSP	AP CSP	AP CSP	AP CSP
7	Chem Lab	TOW	Study Hall	TOW	Study Hall	TOW
8	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry

6.67 credits, with two study halls per cycle, and lunch in the cafeteria every day

# English 9

Course	Prerequisite
English 9 CC	Successful completion of 8th grade Language Arts
English 9 Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum of 90% in 8th grade Language Arts Course</li><li>• Minimum score of a 4 (out of 5) on the writing assessment</li><li>• “Advanced” on 7th grade Reading PSSA</li></ul> <p>** If a student does not meet all the prerequisites and wishes to enroll in honors, the student will be required to take the summer bridge course.</p>

# Mathematics

Course	Prerequisite
Algebra I	Successful completion of Pre-Algebra
Geometry CC	Successful completion of Algebra I
Geometry Honors	90% or higher in Algebra I
Algebra II CC	Successful completion of Geometry
Algebra II Honors	80% or higher in Geometry
Pre-Calculus Honors	80% or higher in Algebra II H and Geometry

**\*Students must be proficient on the Algebra I Keystone in order to advance to Geometry. (See next slide.)**



# Mathematics: Students currently in Algebra I

Algebra I Keystone Result	Programming
Pass	Move to Geometry
Pass 1 Module only	Enrichment for Semester 1 <i>(retest in December 2019)</i>
Score $\geq 1470$	Double Block of Algebra I and Geometry <i>(retest in December 2019)</i>
Score $< 1470$	Repeat Algebra I <i>(retest in May 2020)</i>

*There is a Summer enrichment and opportunity to retest in August.*

# Science

Course	Prerequisite
Chemistry CC	<p>There are two versions of CC Chemistry geared toward different interest and skill levels or students. Both versions of CC Chemistry focus on mastery of the fundamental concepts of Chemistry and are laboratory courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Math Intensive (M) version includes extensive mathematical modeling and problem-solving (with a prerequisite of a 70% or higher in Algebra I).</li><li>• The Literacy Intensive (L) version will focus on using and developing writing skills to explain chemistry and related phenomena (with no Algebra prerequisite).</li></ul>
Chemistry Honors	<p>85% or higher in Geometry or 90% in Algebra I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>If a student wishes to enroll in this level and does not meet the above prerequisite, he/she must complete the waiver process and show proficiency on a teacher-developed assessment. If proficiency isn't attained on the assessment, students may participate in the Chemistry H Summer Bridge Program.</i></li></ul>

# Social Studies

Course	Prerequisite
World History CC	Successful completion of 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies
World History Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 80% or above 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies and Language Arts</li><li>• “Proficient” on 7<sup>th</sup> grade Reading PSSA</li><li>• Score of a 3 or higher on the writing assessment</li></ul>
AP World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 90% or above in 8th grade Social Studies and Language Arts</li><li>• “Advanced” on 7th grade Reading PSSA</li><li>• Score of a 4 (out of 5) on the writing assessment</li></ul>

# World Language

- The following changes were made in the World Language section of the POS for 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to access a level 2 course:
  - 70% in French I and passing score on diagnostic exam (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - 70% in Spanish I and passing score on diagnostic exam (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - 70% in German I and passing score on diagnostic exam (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - 70% in Latin I and passing score on diagnostic exam (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Diagnostic exam will be given at the end the school year.

# Level Change Process

- Core course recommendations will be mailed home in March, in addition to the list of electives chosen by you/your child.
- Core course recommendations are based on prerequisites (semester 1 grades).
- School counselors will be available to meet with parents and students on March 19, 20 and 21. Information on conference sign-ups will be communicated at the beginning of March.

# Elective Courses

- World Language
  - Art
  - AFJROTC – Colonel Baldi
  - Business
  - English
  - Family & Consumer Sciences
  - Music
  - Physical Education
  - Technology Education
- A list of freshman electives is provided on the back of our freshman elective course selection form. More detailed information about all electives can be found in our Program of Studies.

# Elective Course Selection Form (1)

## Lunch

Are you comfortable missing lunch one day in a six-day cycle to maximize your schedule with electives? *(By indicating yes, you will also have no study halls.)*

- Please Circle:      YES    NO

## Required Core Courses:

The course placement for core courses will be recommended by the content area district coordinators in accordance with the prerequisites listed in the Program of Studies. Recommendations will be communicated to parents and students in March.

	Core Course Name	Credit
Core	English – The Elements of Literature	1
Core	Math – Algebra I (1.5), Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus	1-1.5
Core	Science – Chemistry	1.17
Core	Social Studies – World History	1
	Techniques of Writing	0.5

# Elective Course Selection Form (2)

## Electives:

Please follow the guide below to help select your electives for the 2019-202 school year and refer to the freshman course selection guide on the back of this sheet.

Rank	Course Name	Credit
1	<p><b>World Language</b> <b>Do you want to take a World Language?</b> Please circle: YES NO If yes, add a level (example Spanish II).</p> <p><b>French</b> Level ____      <b>German</b> Level ____      <b>Latin</b> Level ____      <b>Spanish</b> Level ____</p> <p><i>World Language is not required for graduation, but the PAHS Counseling Department strongly recommends all students enroll in at least two years of a World Language during their high school career because many colleges require it. Some colleges require more than two years.</i></p>	1.0
2	<p><b>Music Ensemble</b> Are you planning on registering for a musical ensemble (<b>band, chorus, or orchestra?</b>) <i>You will receive a separate form from your music teacher to return by February 8<sup>th</sup>.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please Circle: YES NO</li></ul>	0.5-1.0



# Elective Course Selection Form (3)

3	<p><b>Programming Course</b> (graduation requirement – encouraged in ninth grade)          Students will be placed into a programming course dependent on their schedule and credits, and current math course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Applications (students in Algebra I in 9<sup>th</sup> grade)</li> <li>• Intro to Programming (successful completion of Algebra I)</li> <li>• AP Computer Science Principles (by request only, successful completion of Algebra I)</li> </ul> <p>If you will have successfully completed Algebra I by ninth grade, would you be interested in taking AP Computer Science Principles instead of Intro to Programming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please Circle:      YES    NO</li> </ul>	0.5-1.0
4	<p><b>Physical Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do you want to take Physical Education?</b> Please circle:      YES      NO  <i>There are three PE courses that fulfill half of the 1.0 credit PE graduation requirement.</i></li> <li>• If you would like to take a PE course, please rank these three courses in preferred order:              ___ Physical Education              ___ Fitness and Weight Training              ___ CrossFit</li> </ul>	0.5

# Elective Course Selection Form (4)

Please complete the following elective request table below. Freshman elective options are listed on this bottom of this sheet. Because electives are not guaranteed to fit a student's schedule, please select at least 5 electives (not 5 credits) in which you are interested. Please order them according to preference.

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# Elective Course Selection Form (5)

## ELECTIVE COURSES

### AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC

09154 AFROTC Year One .5 YR

### ART

05152 Art History .5 YR  
05154 Art I (formerly Intro to Art) .5 YR  
05159 Ceramics .5 YR  
05165 Mixed Media .5 YR  
05167 Digital Photography .5 YR  
10202A Graphics I .5 YR

### BUSINESS

12051 Fundamentals of Business .5 YR  
12053 Entrepreneurship .5 YR  
12167 Social Media Marketing .5 YR  
12103 Personal Finance .5 YR

### ENGLISH

05052A Theatre Arts .5 YR  
05168 Introduction to Film Studies .5 YR  
01104 Creative Writing .5 YR  
01151 Communication Arts/Public Speaking .5 YR

01155 PhRED Talks .5 YR

### FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES (\*\$25.00 Food Fee)

16054A Introduction to Foods \* .5 YR  
19052 Child Development .5 YR  
19153 Teaching Young Children .5 YR  
19154A Literature in Early Child/Elem Ed. .5 YR  
22249 Relationships, Adult Roles & Respon. .5 YR  
22249A FACS Exploration & Leadership .5 YR

### TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

10249A Computer Aided Drafting & Design .5 YR  
11056A TV Production I .5 YR  
11103 Broadcast 1.0 YR  
11105 Sports Broadcasting & Journalism .5 YR  
21009 Computer Programming and Robotics .5 YR

### MUSIC

05113 Music Theory .5 YR  
21008 Music Recording Technology .5 YR  
05107A Beginning Piano .5 YR  
05107B Intermediate/Advanced Piano .5 YR  
05108 Beginning Guitar .5 YR

# School Year Course Changes

## **Electives**

- No elective changes will take place after elective selection is complete in Skyward.

## **Leveling Down**

- All course level change requests to move down a level must be made during Marking Period 1. Students may not level down during Marking Period 2.

## **Leveling Up**

- All course level change requests to move up a level must be made within the first two academic cycles of the school year.

## **Withdrawal**

- A withdrawal from a PAHS course during semester one will result in the recording of a WITHDRAWAL PASS (WP) or a WITHDRAWAL FAIL (WF) on the student's transcript. The designation is dependent upon the course grade at the time of the withdrawal. Only a student who has a current final grade of a 59 or below may withdraw after the semester 2 start and will receive that grade on their transcript. In either scenario the student does not gain credit for any portion of the course.

See the Program of Studies (POS) for more information.

# Summer Offerings

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- Bridge Program Courses
- Keystone Enrichment Programs
- Original Credit Courses

*A Summer Program of Studies will be available on the PAHS Counseling Office in the Spring with more specific information.*

# Post-Secondary Planning

- West Chester University Admissions Requirements
- Temple University Admissions Requirements
- University of Pittsburgh Admissions Requirements
- Princeton University Admissions Requirements

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