

# Class of 2025 Course Elective Summary Sheet

Ninth grade students choose one (1) elective course, an alternate and a Physical Education course. Students who enroll in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra may select an additional elective, or two ½ credit electives. All students must pass one (1) credit of Art/Music to graduate. Typically, students complete their Art/Music course in ninth grade.

**Instructions: Please indicate a first and second choice elective, and a Phys Ed choice where indicated.**

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| * <i>Studio in Art: 2D Focus</i>  | Data Science                               |
| * <i>Studio in Art: 3D Focus</i>  | Spanish 1                                  |
| * <i>Design and Draw</i>          | Italian 1                                  |
| * <i>Concert Chorus</i>           | Intro to Science Research 1                |
| * <i>Orchestra</i>                | Introduction to Programming and Robotics   |
| * <i>Band</i>                     | Introduction to Programming and App Design |
| Jazz Band                         | 21st Century Technology                    |
| Music Theory                      | The Science of Coaching                    |
| Global Arts                       | Architectural Design                       |
| Hollywood: Spotlight on History   | 3D Drawing                                 |
| Military History                  | Animation                                  |
| Creative Writing                  | Computer Graphic Art                       |
| Theater Arts                      | Advanced Computer Graphic Art              |
| Film Studies                      | Studio in Ceramics 1                       |
| Broadcast Production              | Studio in Ceramics 2                       |
| Print Journalism                  | Human Rights                               |
| ** Studio in Drawing and Painting | Yearbook Production and Print              |
| Applied Arts                      |  |

All course descriptions are available in the PMHS course catalog found on the [PMHS website](#).

*\*These courses will satisfy the NYS Art/Music graduation requirement.  
\*\*Offered only for students who complete Studio in Art, Period 0, as 8<sup>th</sup> graders*

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**STUDENT NAME (print)**

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Elective First Choice

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Elective Second/Alternate Choice

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Physical Education (Circle One)                      Competitive PE                      OR                      Lifetime PE

***Every effort will be made to schedule the student's first choice elective. If this is not possible, the alternate course will be used for scheduling purposes.***

Please note *course levels roll over from 8th grade to 9th grade*. For example, if you are enrolled in Earth Science Honors in 8th grade you will be placed into Living Environment Honors in 9th grade. Similarly, if you are enrolled in English 8 in 8th grade you will be placed into English 9 as a 9th grader. Level changes may only be initiated by a student's parent/guardian and must be done so **in writing**.

**Students enrolled in Algebra as 8th graders roll over to Geometry, not Geometry Honors.** Algebra is an accelerated course. It is not an Honors course. Thus, 8th graders taking Algebra are scheduled into Geometry as 9th graders, not Geometry Honors.

Ninth grade students will typically enroll in coursework totaling between 5.5 and 7 credits as outlined below:

English	1 credit
Global Studies 1	1 credit
Math	1 credit
Living Environment	1 credit
LOTE (Language other than English)	1 credit
Physical Education	.5 credit
Writing Seminar	.5 credit

*AND students may choose one elective course.:*

Elective	1 credit
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Students enrolled in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra may also select an *additional* elective, or *two ½ credit electives*. Students may enroll in Band/Chorus, Band/Orchestra or Chorus/Orchestra on alternating cycle days valued at ½ credit for each course. Students who also select Band, Chorus or Orchestra on alternating days will earn ½ credit for those courses. *In rare circumstances, students may also waive their lunch period to take additional courses.*

Students are *encouraged* to fulfill the NYS Art/Music graduation requirement as ninth graders to prevent potential scheduling challenges in later years. Students are able to meet this requirement *at any time* during their high school career.