



***Pelham Memorial High School
Counseling Office***

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The 2021/22 course selection process will begin shortly. This letter provides some background information on the process.

As the course selection process unfolds, questions often arise from students and their families about which courses to choose, the level of rigor, and demands of specific courses. Course selection is an individual decision for students, and they should take into consideration graduation requirements, academic interests, and extracurricular pursuits. The key is to find appropriate balance.

As you may or may not know, Pelham Memorial High School provides open access to all Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) courses. While recommended criteria will remain as guidelines, any student who seeks the additional challenge of an Honors or AP class will have the opportunity to enroll. Since these courses are rigorous, with increased expectations regarding the level of student work, conversations should take place between the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), current teacher, and school counselor to determine if placement in one or more of these courses is in the student's best interest.

Sincerely,

Eugene Farrell
Director of Counseling Services 6-12

COURSE SELECTION FOR CURRENT EIGHTH GRADERS

Step 1. Student's Elective Selection:

From January 26th-29 our 9th grade counselor, Mr. Huvane will virtually visit English classes to describe the course offerings and opportunities for the 2021/22 academic year. At the conclusion, they will make a preliminary selection of their electives. They will chose:

- One Fine Arts/elective course

- One Physical education course
- One Alternate

You can read about these options in the 2021/22 course catalog [click here](#)

Step 2 : Infinite Campus Portal Opens

At the completion of the second quarter all eighth graders will be moved up or "rolled up" to their next respective academic level (ex. English 8H to English 9H, Earth Science to Living Environment, Algebra to Geometry, etc...) On February 12th, 2021 the Infinite Campus Portal will open to display the "roll up" for parents and students to view. This, by no means, is final. It is the first step in having a thoughtful conversation with your child regarding course selection, balance and rigor. As noted previously, Pelham Memorial High School provides open access to all Honors and Advanced Placement courses for all students. If a student is interested in the increased challenge with a more rigorous course, they are encouraged to discuss the matter with their respective teacher and/or counselor. Counselors will be available via email or on open chat Wednesday afternoons from 1:00pm-2:00pm to discuss scheduling. Details of the chat will follow.

Step 3. Final Verification

In late February, parent(s)/guardian(s) will receive an email communication requesting that they complete a final review of their child's course selection in the Infinite Campus Portal.

COURSE SELECTION FOR CURRENT NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADERS

Step 1. Classroom Discussions With Counselors

From January 26th-29 the counselors for grades 10-12 grade will virtually visit English classes to describe the course offerings and opportunities for the 2021/22 academic year. At the conclusion, students will have the opportunity to make preliminary selection of their electives. You can read about these options in the 2021/22 course catalog [click here](#)

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2021/22 COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

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Mr. Huvane: All 9th Graders

GRADE 10

Mr. Farrell A-Burrus

Mr. Barceló Cahill-Graves

Ms. Cuccia Gregware-McNamara

Ms. Archer Mead- Reynolds

Ms. Pellicane Rezende-Zinzi

GRADE 11

Mr. Farrell A-Blanc

Mr. Barceló Boldyrev-Gallivan

Ms. Cuccia Gambone-Matias

Ms. Archer McCafferty - Salera

Ms. Pellicane Sample-Z

GRADE 12

Mr. Farrell Alexander-Banholzer

Mr. Barceló Battaglia-Forrester

Ms. Cuccia Fox-Lyons

Ms. Archer Maggiore - Ragauth

Ms. Pellicane Ramirez-Zusin
