

PRINCETON
HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAM OF
STUDY
JANUARY 19,
2023



PTO AT PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL



PTO's New to PHS

Sign up for more information



Our PTO's New Family Initiative aims to welcome and engage parents who are new to PHS. The welcome committee will help support your student and your family as you become part of PHS and the local community.



PHS PTO

Princeton High School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is set up as a bridge between home and school life. Every PHS family is automatically a member of our Parent Teacher Organization.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE →



- How do I stay informed?
- How do I get involved?
- Upcoming PTO meetings
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities
- Join PHS Parent Facebook groups for informal discussions and news

"Princeton High Parent Connection"



"PHS New Families and Friends"



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- ☐ Introduction to Princeton High School
- ☐ Graduation Requirements
- ☐ High School Schedule & Opportunities
- ☐ Content area information
- ☐ Athletic information
- ☐ Course selection process / Course requests

SOME IMPORTANT PEOPLE...

Administration:

- Frank Chmiel – Principal
- Cecilia Birge – AP
- Rashone Johnson – AP
- Dr. Nicole Mantuano-Lacsamana-AP



Supervisors/Directors:

- English & Social Studies – Keisha Smith-Carrington
- Mathematics/Business – Stephenie Tidwell
- Science – Dr. Joy Barnes-Johnson
- World Languages/ESL – Priscilla Russel
- Special Education – Crystal Riddick
- PE/Health/ Director of Athletics – Brian Dzbenski
- Visual & Performing Arts – Patrick Lenihan
- School Counseling – Dana Karas

PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Counselors:

- Tom Filippone: A-Che
- Corinne Santarpia: Chi-G
- Paul Song: H-Kh
- Rebecca McEvoy: Ki-Ma
- Adam Rothschild: Mc-Q
- Reyhan Garcia: R-T
- Meghan Brennan: U-Z

Counseling Staff:

- Nipurna Shah: College and Career
- Diana Lygas: Dean of Students
- Michelle Simborski: Student Assistance Counselor
- Dr. Andrea Dinan: IDEAS Center/Service Learning

Child Study Team:

- Karen Albano
- Khadijah Caffie
- Dr. Elen De Oliveira
- Angela Stanton
- Kelli Wiggins

NEW TO THE DISTRICT? PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT?



Please call the PHS Registrar, Lori Scala, at 609.806.4282 to schedule an appointment.

Appointments will be scheduled in April, after Spring Break.

Pre-register on the Princeton Public School website:

<https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/pps>

THE DAILY SCHEDULE AT PHS

- ☐ 8:20am start time
- ☐ Cycle Days
 - ☐ A – D
 - ☐ E – F
- ☐ Rotating Schedule
 - ☐ Allows for longer and shorter periods
 - ☐ Maximizes opportunity for deeper thinking and educational exploration
- ☐ Break

PHS Bell Schedule 2022-2023

BLOCK	A Day	B Day	C Day	D Day	E Day	F Day	HR (G Day)	Anchor Day (G')
	44 MIN/PERIOD	44 MIN/PERIOD	44 MIN/PERIOD	44 MIN/PERIOD	78 MIN/PERIOD	78 MIN/PERIOD	NO LABS: 42 MIN	NO LABS: 44 MIN
BLOCK I	PERIOD 1 8:20-9:04	PERIOD 2 8:20-9:04	PERIOD 3 8:20-9:04	PERIOD 4 8:20-9:04	PERIOD 3 8:20-9:38	PERIOD 4 8:20-9:38	PERIOD 1 8:20-9:02	PERIOD 1 8:20-9:04
BLOCK II	PERIOD 2 9:09-9:54 PLEDGE	PERIOD 3 9:09-9:54 PLEDGE	PERIOD 4 9:09-9:54 PLEDGE	PERIOD 1 9:09-9:54 PLEDGE			PERIOD 2 9:07-9:49 PLEDGE	PERIOD 2 9:09-9:54 PLEDGE
BLOCK III	PERIOD 3 10:01-10:45	PERIOD 4 10:01-10:45	PERIOD 1 10:01-10:45	PERIOD 2 10:01-10:45	PERIOD 1 9:46-11:04	PERIOD 2 9:46-11:04	HomeRoom 9:54-10:09	PERIOD 3 10:01-10:45
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BLOCK VI	PERIOD 6 12:59-1:43	PERIOD 7 12:59-1:43	PERIOD 8 12:59-1:43	PERIOD 5 12:59-1:43			PERIOD 6 1:05-1:47	PERIOD 6 12:59-1:43
BLOCK VII	PERIOD 7 1:48-2:32	PERIOD 8 1:48-2:32	PERIOD 5 1:48-2:32	PERIOD 6 1:48-2:32	PERIOD 5 1:14-2:32	PERIOD 6 1:14-2:32	PERIOD 7 1:52-2:34	PERIOD 7 1:48-2:32
BLOCK VIII	PERIOD 8 2:37-3:21	PERIOD 5 2:37-3:21	PERIOD 6 2:37-3:21	PERIOD 7 2:37-3:21			PERIOD 8 2:39-3:21	PERIOD 8 2:37-3:21
					TIGER TIME 2:37-3:21	PEER GROUP/ COMM SVC 2:37-3:21		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



- ☐ 20 cr. English (I, II, III, IV)
- ☐ 15 cr. Social Studies
 - ☐ (2 yrs of US History)
 - ☐ (1 yr World History)
- ☐ 15 cr. Mathematics
 - ☐ (Including Algebra I & Geometry)
- ☐ 15 cr. Science
 - ☐ (Including Biology, a choice between Chemistry, Physics or Environmental Science, and a 3rd year of lab science)
- ☐ PE/Health/Drivers Education = Every year in public school in NJ
- ☐ 5 cr. World Languages**
- ☐ 5 cr. Visual & Performing Arts
- ☐ 5 cr. 21st Century Life & Career Skills
- ☐ 2.5 cr. Financial Literacy
- ☐ Peer Group = gr 9
- ☐ Community Service = gr 10
- ☐ Proficiency on State exams
- ☐ Introduction to Racial Literacy (PIRL)
- ☐ 120 total credits

TESTING/ATTENDANCE



New Jersey
Graduation
Proficiency
Assessment
(NJGPA) -

Grade 11

Regular
attendance at
school (90%)

TYPICAL FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

English I

US History I

Physical
Education/Freshmen Health

Science***

Mathematics***

World Language***

Two Electives

- Full year or Semester

REMINDERS

Free periods vs. Full schedule (30 credits every year to advance to next grade level)

Teacher recommendations, grades and performance determine class placements—could change by the end of the year!

Balance!! Keep in mind your student's extracurricular load while choosing classes.

Time management tool

MERCER COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Full Day/4-Year Technical Programs

- ☐ Health Science Academy

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- ☐ STEM Academy

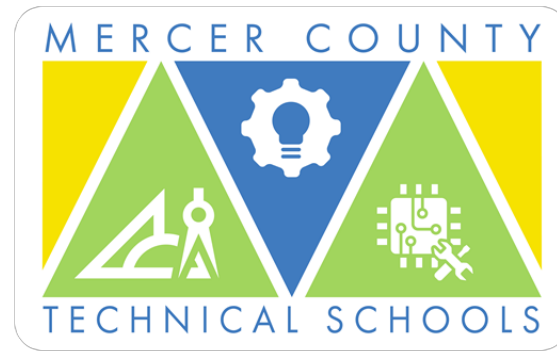
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- ☐ Academy of Culinary Arts

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- ☐ Newcomer Academy

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Shared Time Technical Programs

- ☐ Variety of Programs that share time with PHS

- ☐ Junior and Seniors

- ☐ Programs from Auto to Culinary to Architecture to Graphic Design

- ☐ Earn up to 13 college credits through MCCC (12th Grade Career Prep ONLY)

- ☐ Advertising to Pre-Engineering to Music Technology

- ☐ Myth: Kids who attend MCTS can't/don't/won't go to college

- ☐ Fact: On average, 90% of MCTS shared-time students indicate that they will continue their education after high school. Nearly 100% of full-time students attend college

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

- ☐ Junior and/or Senior year
- ☐ Minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA
- ☐ A- or higher in all courses in that content area
- ☐ High SAT/AP scores
- ☐ Students have exhausted our course offerings in a content area
- ☐ Teacher recommendation
- ☐ Princeton University reserves the right to change pre-requisites at any time



ADVANCING COURSES

- ☐ Approval process is in place with deadlines.
- ☐ Potential for summer program and placement testing.
- ☐ Discussions with classroom teachers and department supervisors.
- ☐ Student's history, performance, and interest/plan are factors for consideration.
- ☐ Applicable for World Language, Science and Math.



DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS



English / Social Studies
Department (Keisha Smith-
Carrington)

Math Department
(Stephenie Tidwell)

Science Department (Dr. Joy
Barnes-Johnson)

World Languages/ESL
Department (Priscilla Russel)

Visual & Performing Arts
Department (Patrick
Lenihan)

Special Education (Crystal
Riddick)

Athletics (Brian Dzbenksi)

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Core Courses:

9th: English I

10th: English II

11th: English III or
AP English
Language &
Composition

12th: English IV or
AP English
Literature &
Composition

*Students may be
recommended for
Plus (supplemental
support) in 9th and
10th grade.*

Electives:

Creative Writing*

Filmmaking*

Journalism I/II*

Media Studies*

Multi-Media Special
Effects*

Public Speaking*

Video Production I/II*

Contemporary Literature

Film Appreciation

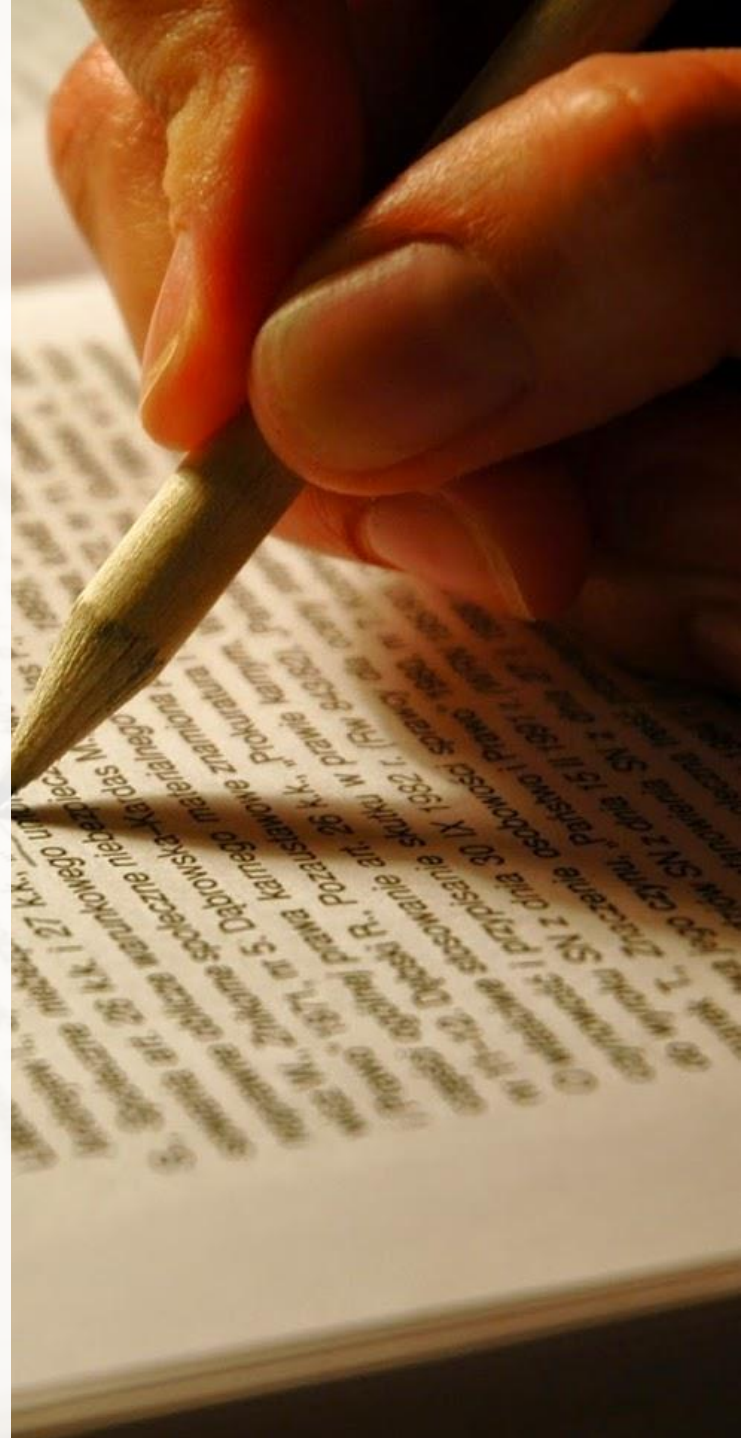
Great Books

Philosophy

Game Design

Literature and Social
Justice

***Freshmen may enroll**





SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

3 Required Courses:

9th: US History I

10th: US History II (or AP)

11th: World History (or AP)

12th: *AP European History, AP Government and Politics or electives*

Electives:

Racial Literacy and Justice

Contemporary Crisis & Current Events

Latin America

Middle East

Africa

Russia

World Religion

Human Behavior

Accelerated Sociology



In Math 8 or an integrated middle school math program

Algebra I



Algebra I will have the following options:

Geometry I or Acc
Geometry



Additional Support classes: Algebra I & II PLUS and Geometry PLUS



Algebra II Acc in 8th grade will be placed in:

Geometry or
Acc Geometry



New to PHS & enrolled in Algebra II and Geometry concurrently will have to meet the PHS placement criteria for Pre-Calculus.

MATHEMATICS AND BUSINESS ED DEPARTMENT

MATH & CS COURSE POSSIBLE SEQUENCES

	Mathematics						Computer Science	
8th grade / start pt.	Newly Registered/ Math 8/ Integrated Math		Algebra I Part 2 or Algebra I		Algebra II Accelerated		Algebra 1	
9th grade:	Algebra I		Geometry		Geometry Accelerated		Python	C.S. Principles
10th grade:	Geometry		Algebra II		Precalculus Accelerated		JAVA	
							Obj. Oriented Programming: JAVA	
11th grade:	Algebra 2		Precalculus		AP Statistics	AP Calc. AB or BC	AP CS: JAVA	
12th grade:	App. and modeling of math	Intro to Stats & Discrete Math	Precalc	AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB	Multivariable Calculus & Linear Algebra		Algorithms & Data Structures

****This chart displays typical progressions. Refer to the PHS Program of Studies for all prerequisite and qualifying criteria for each course shown.****

MATHEMATICS AND BUSINESS ED DEPARTMENT

- For further questions regarding math contact
Stephenie Tidwell: stephenietidwell@princetonk12.org
- For further questions regarding any JAVA or other CS
courses Contact Ms. Graciela Elia:
gracielaelia@princetonk12.org
- Reminder:
 - March recommendations are initial placements
 - Recommendations and course placement will be reviewed and
adjusted based on continued performance in *current* course.
 - Information regarding rising 9th Graders' summer math
opportunities and computer science placement can be found on
the PHS website this spring.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES



Bring inquiry to the forefront of student learning



Stress comprehension & application of scientific ideas



Promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills



Provide an atmosphere where students share ideas, discuss, and defend their findings with their peers



Prepare young people for an ever increasing technological and scientific 21st Century

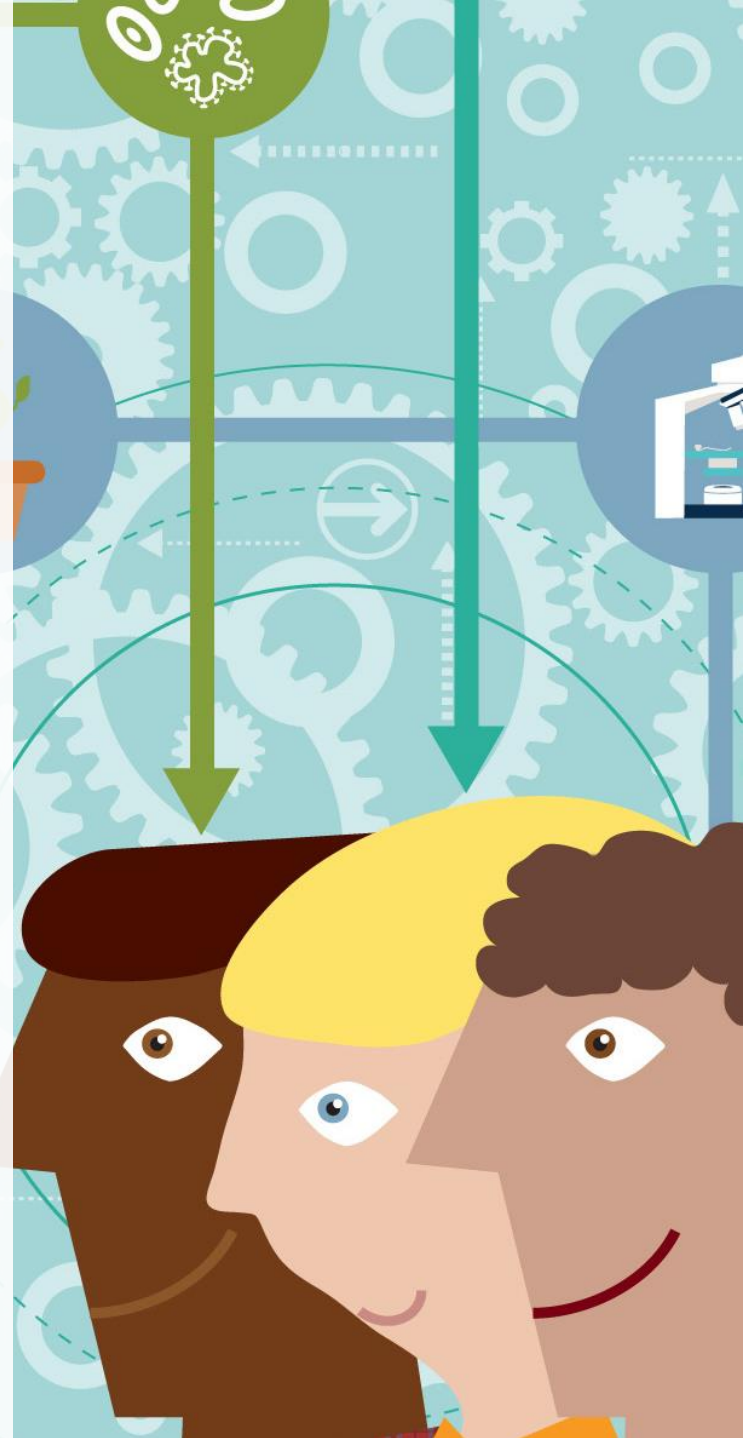
WHAT WE WANT YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE TO BE

Thought provoking & challenging

Analytical – Use of critical thinking skills;
Lab based; Use of Technology (Laptops,
mobile devices, Technology-assisted Labquests)

Relevant – Tasks, activities and
assessments related to student
experiences and the real world

Involved – Hands-on & Minds-on
activities; Project-based and Problem-
based activities; Clubs and Competitions



COURSE OFFERINGS



Core Disciplinary Courses are college preparatory & lab-based



Life Science (Biology)



Physical Science (Chemistry or Physics)



Environmental Science



NGSS - ALL STUDENTS, ALL STANDARDS: Traditional, Accelerated or ICRP



Electives

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Engineering Physics
- Environmental Science
- Exercise Science
- Forensics Science
- Genetics
- Intro to Engineering
- Planetary Science
- Organic Chemistry
- Research in Science

AP (Second year of Core Disciplines+)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Science

SCIENCE FOR NINTH GRADERS



Biology I

Horticulture/La Horticultura

Intro to Engineering & Exercise Science

Accelerated Science Placement Process

Placement test

Consistent academic achievement
in grades 7 and 8 Science, English and
Math

Markers of Future Success Rubric
score

OTHER CLOSING COMMENTS

Recommendations reviewed for finalization in April-May

Accelerated Biology challenges students. Please consider your child's school interests, outside interests, and having a successful transition to PHS

Other science opportunities- Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, upper level Olympiad Tests in Content areas, and others!

Any questions, contact Dr. Joy Barnes-Johnson at 609-806-4280 x 3660 or joybarnesjohnson@princetonk12.org

WORLD LANGUAGES/ESL

- We offer 6 languages: Spanish, French, Latin, Italian, Mandarin and Japanese.
- One year state mandated requirement, although the recommendation is for three to four years in one language.
- Students receive a placement recommendation from their 8th grade world languages teacher. Counselors will place students with this recommendation, not higher or lower. Teachers will re-visit these recommendations mid-May. Any changes will go through Mrs. Russel.
- Beginning levels of language are open to all students who have not studied that language.



- ❑ Students who have proficiency in Latin, Mandarin, Japanese or Italian and wish to study these languages, should contact Mrs. Russel by email very soon to arrange a placement interview with the appropriate teacher.
- ❑ Students may choose two languages to study.
- ❑ Students coming from schools other than PMS, Charter or Cranbury must have a placement evaluation prior to registering for a language.
- ❑ ESL classes are based on placement testing or on ACCESS scores. Each department offers classes with supports for ELLs.

WORLD
LANGUAGES/ESL

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION (DLI)



- DLI students will have a proficiency evaluation in February to determine appropriate placement.



- New course, cross-listed with science, *La Horticultura* is open to all students who speak Spanish.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

One year (5 credits) required for graduation; many students elect more than the minimum.

Wide range of courses available, from introductory to advanced. All courses are full year courses.

Visual Art

Studio Art I

Theatre

No audition required for Drama I, but audition is required for Drama II as a freshman. Please email juliannakrawiecki@princetonk12.org to schedule a private audition.

Dance

Dance: No audition required



MUSIC

Band: 6 different bands; placement audition required; directors will visit PMS, Cranbury, and Charter Schools during the school day in February/March for auditions.

Orchestra: no audition required for Repertoire Orchestra, but audition is required for Sinfonia; e-mail robertloughran@princetonk12.org to schedule a private audition.

Choir: Chorale I (Soprano/Alto) or Chorale II (Tenor/Bass); no audition required.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

PHS offers a continuum of Special Education Services for students.

Students are enrolled in Special Education Classes based on their current IEP.

Your student will be assigned a high school case manager by the end of their 8th grade school year. Your students current case manager and 9th grade case manager will work together to deliver a seamless transition.

Please contact me via email at –
crystalriddick@princetonk12.org

Crystal Riddick, Supervisor of Special Education (Grade 9 – Age 21)
609.806.4200 x 3526

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

All student are required to use their district issued email accounts to correspond to coaches and staff.

All students who played a varsity sport in their previous school who transfer into the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at Princeton High School may be required by the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) to sit for a period of 30 days.

All 9th grade students are all academically eligible for a fall sport. At mid-year, students are required to maintain a minimum 15 credits.

All student athletes are required to register for their sport of interest online through the PHS athletics website. Students are required to take & pass an ImPact Test once every two years.

All 8th grade Princeton Middle School (PMS) students should take the Impact Test when it is offered at PMS during the school day in June. Impact Test dates held over the summer will be posted on the athletic website and are taken remotely. Students are required to register for the test through the PHS Athletics website.

Physical Forms that are printed out from the PHS athletic website must be completed by your child's physician and are required to be uploaded to your family account. All instructions available on the PHS athletic website under the link "Register For Your Sport"

Pre-season begins the first week in August, so be careful with summer vacation plans! Games are schedule during winter and spring recess periods! Please plan accordingly!

All students interested in pursuing D1, D2 or D3 schools, should consult with their school counselor to complete all course work for NCAA clearinghouse eligibility.



COURSE REQUEST TIMELINE

8th grade students—Registration in March with counselor(s).

- March 21-27, 2023
- PMS: Course selection in PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Course Request Verification letters online April and final in June. Please contact your counselor if there are any changes.

Schedule changes **MUST** be requested within 10 days of release.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

Navigation



Grades and Attendance



Class Assignments



Grade History



Standards Based Report Card



Standards Based Report Card



Student Transcript



Historical Grades



Attendance History



Teacher Comments



My Schedule



School Information



Standards Based Report Card

Welcome to the Princeton High School Class Registration System for 2022-2023

[View course requests](#)

English Grade 9

[Click the edit button to request a course ➡](#)



English I is a 9th grade requirement.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Science Grade 9

[Click the edit button to request a course ➡](#)



Please choose a Science course.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Math Grade 9

[Click the edit button to request a course ➡](#)



Please choose a Math course.

Number of requests to generate : 1

United States History I

[Click the edit button to request a course ➡](#)



US History I is a 9th grade requirement.

Number of requests to generate : 1

World Languages

[Click the edit button to request a course ➡](#)



Please choose a course in the World Languages

Department.

Number of requests to generate : 1

PE and Health Grade 9

[Click the edit button to request a course ➡](#)



Physical Education is a 9th grade requirement.

Number of requests to generate : 1

COURSE REQUEST TIMELINE



Placement changes will be adjusted in a timely manner and may impact schedule choices.



April and June course verification



Final schedules will be made available prior to the start of school & at orientation

HELPFUL HINTS

- ☐ Review the Program of Studies and pick selections prior to your registration date
- ☐ Use the time management tool to help your child make good choices
- ☐ Come prepared with questions.
- ☐ Remind your child of his or her appointment. This is an exciting time to meet your child's counselor!
- ☐ More information to come about exciting additional orientation events!



SAVE THE DATE!

New Student Orientation at PHS

Tentative August
25th (pending
final school
calendar)

More info to
follow! This is
only step one in
your child's
comprehensive
orientation
programming!

CONTACT US

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@princetonk12.org

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■ 609.806.4280

