

La Puente High School Middle School Orientation

9th grade schedule

- All freshman (9th grade) have six classes
 - English
 - Math
 - Science
 - Physical Education (all 9th grade athletes will be enrolled in a PE class)
 - Elective
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Graduation Requirements

- Social Science- 3 years
- English- 4 years
- Math- 3 years
- Science- 3 years
- Fine Art or Foreign Language- 1 year
- Physical Education- 2 years
- Electives- 70 credits
 - 5 Credits = 1 Semester
 - 10 Credits = 1 year

A-G Requirements

- A. **History and Social Science** – 2 years
- B. **English** – 4 years
- C. **Math** (including Math 1 or higher) – 3 years (4 recommended)
- D. **Laboratory Science** (including 1 biological science and 1 physical science) – 2 years (3 recommended)
- E. **Language Other than English** (must be the same language) – 2 years (3 years recommended)
- F. **Visual or Performing Arts** (in the same discipline) – 1 year
- G. **College-Preparatory Elective** – 1 year
Total Required Courses 15 (18 recommended)

PE Options

Dance- You can take Dance as your PE class or you can audition for the Dance Team

Marching Band PE

- Provides students with a balanced comprehensive study of music
- Develop marching skills necessary to play and march in a half time presentation at football games as well as in competitions, band reviews, parades and tournaments.

Elective Choices

Pre Engineering- Topics include SCANS Skills, Aerospace Engineering, CAD, Civil Structures and Analysis, and Computer Science. Electricity/Electronics, Engineering Tech Studies, Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Robotics and Semi-Conductor Manufacturing. Particular emphasis is given to the use of decision-making and problem-solving techniques in applying science, mathematics, communication and other concepts to engineering and technology.

Criminal Justice- Theory and hands-on experience in law enforcement occupations

Web Design- Students will use digital media to express themselves visually and creatively and they will use various forms of editing to create websites, print media and short movies.

Pre-Engineering, Criminal Justice and Web Design are all pathway courses. After completion of the first year students will have the option to continue with the pathway in advanced courses.

Beginning Band- This course is designed for the student who enjoys music and wishes to learn and perform advanced instrument literature. Students develop instrument techniques, listening and performance skills needed for a varied and exciting repertoire. Participation in the concerts may be required.

Choir- This course is designed for the student who enjoys singing and wishes to learn and perform advanced choral literature. Students develop vocal technique, listening and performance skills needed for a varied and exciting repertoire. Participation in the concerts is required.

Intro Art- Some of the media that will be explored are: graphite, tempera, acrylic, pastels, India ink, felt tip, modeling clay, plaster, charcoal and various printmaking materials.

Accounting- Financial record keeping for a business. Good for students interested in owning a business and working with numbers. This course can earn 11 college credits for Mt. SAC .

Business Principles & Marketing- Understand the concepts, principles and ideas needed to understand how businesses are formed, operated and managed.

Computer Applications- Develop skills necessary to help you become proficient in a variety of computer applications and developing keyboarding skills to help improve typing speed and accuracy

World History Honors Contract Required

This course prepares student for AP European History (required in 10th grade). It is project and research based. Requires students to access a variety of sources before presenting information to class. This course covers twice as much material than a regular World History class.

Geography- Students will study land forms around the world and how the land impacts the lives of the people living there, and the cultural interactions between people around the world

Spanish- Learn how to speak Spanish.

Spanish 1s- For Spanish speakers- Improve and develop Spanish skills.

JROTC- *The Army JROTC Program emphasizes character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity*

AVID- Advancement Via Individual Determination (Application Required**)** - Prepares all students for college readiness in a global society. Provides strategies for learning that help empower students with academic and 21st century skills. Maximize postsecondary options.

Renaissance Leadership (Application Required**)-** Student leadership class that focuses on academic success and excellence. Rewards students and staff for achievement

- Make sure you fill out the registration form with your choices and have your parents sign

ASB Leadership (Application Required**)** - Student organization established to govern finances, organize activities and represent the students of LPHS.