

# **Pearland High School**

## **Course Selection**

### **for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**2023-2024**

Pride Honor Success

# Welcome to Oiler Nation



Once An Oiler ALWAYS an Oiler

#Pride Honor Success

# Your PHS Counseling Team

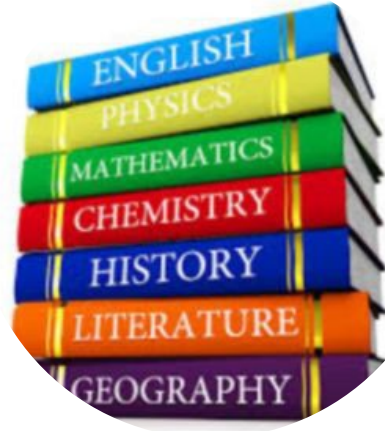


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# Important Dates



Course registration  
**OPENS** in Skyward  
February 21, 2023



Course registration  
**CLOSES** in Skyward  
March 3, 2023

# Lets talk about Graduation!



## Performance Acknowledgements

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement for:

- In a Dual Credit course
- In Bilingualism/Biliteracy
- On an AP test or IB exam
- On the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT or the ACT
- Earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license



## Distinguished Level of Achievement\*

- 4 credits in Math (Algebra 2)
- 4 credits in Science
- Curriculum requirements for Foundation & at least 1 Endorsement area

\*Mandatory to be eligible for top 10% Automatic Admission



## Endorsements

- STEM
- Business & Industry
- Arts & Humanities
- Public Services
- Multidisciplinary



## Foundation Graduation Program

- |           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 4 credits | ELA                |
| 3 credits | Mathematics        |
| 3 credits | Science            |
| 3 credits | Social Studies     |
| 2 credits | LOTE               |
| 1 credits | Fine Art           |
| 1 credits | Physical Education |

# Endorsements

A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing:

- Curriculum requirements for the endorsement
- 4 credits in math
- 4 credits in science
- A Sequence of elective courses in an endorsement pathway

## **Endorsements: What if my student changes their mind?**

That's OK!! If your student changes their mind all you have to do is visit with your PHS counselor and we can change it!!

# PEARLAND ISD GRADUATION PLAN

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9 IN THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR AND BEYOND

<b>Foundation Only</b> <b>22 Credits*</b>	<b>Foundation + Endorsement</b> <b>26 Credits</b>	<b>Distinguished Level of Achievement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 credits <b>English</b> – English I, II, III, <i>or</i> one credit in an advanced English course</li> <li>• 3 credits <b>Mathematics</b> – Algebra I, Geometry, one credit in an advanced math course</li> <li>• 3 credits <b>Science</b> – Biology, IPC or an advanced science course, an additional advanced science course</li> <li>• 3 credits <b>Social Studies</b> –US History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History</li> <li>• 2 credits <b>Language Other than English or Computer Science/Programming</b></li> <li>• 1 credit <b>Physical Education</b></li> <li>• 1 credit <b>Fine Arts</b></li> <li>• 5 credits in <b>Electives</b> (may include CTE or certification courses)</li> </ul> <p>* <i>Students may opt to Foundation-only after completing sophomore year.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 credits <b>English</b> – English I, II, III, <i>or</i> one credit in an advanced English course</li> <li>• 4 credits <b>Mathematics</b> – Algebra I, Geometry, two credits in an advanced math course</li> <li>• 4 credits <b>Science</b> – Biology, one credit in IPC or in any additional authorized advanced science course, two credits in any advanced science course</li> <li>• 3 credits <b>Social Studies</b> –US History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History</li> <li>• 2 credits <b>Language Other than English or Computer Science/Programming</b></li> <li>• 1 credit <b>Physical Education</b></li> <li>• 1 credit <b>Fine Arts</b></li> <li>• 7 credits in <b>Electives</b> (may include CTE or certification courses)</li> <li>• <i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 credits <b>English</b> – English I, II, III, <i>or</i> one credit in an advanced English course</li> <li>• 4 credits <b>Mathematics</b> – Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, one credit in an advanced math course</li> <li>• 4 credits <b>Science</b> – Biology, one credit in IPC or in any additional authorized advanced science course, two credits in any advanced science course</li> <li>• 3 credits <b>Social Studies</b> –US History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History</li> <li>• 2 credits <b>Language Other than English or Computer Science/Programming</b></li> <li>• 1 credit <b>Physical Education</b></li> <li>• 1 credit <b>Fine Arts</b></li> <li>• 7 credits in <b>Electives</b> (may include CTE or certification courses)</li> <li>• <i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></li> </ul>



# Programs Of Study

\* The purpose of a Program of Study is to earn an Endorsement.

Endorsements				
STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts & Humanities	Multidisciplinary
Engineering* Computer Science Math Science	Agriculture* Architecture & Const.* Arts & AV* Business, Marketing, & Finance* Hospitality & Tourism* Information Tech.* Transportation* Communications Journalism	Education* Health Science* Human Services* Law* JROTC	Fine Arts Language Other than English (LOTE) Social Studies English	Select advanced courses from the curriculum of each of the other endorsement areas.
Required State Assessments		Performance Acknowledgements		
English I English II Algebra I	US History Biology	<b>Outstanding Performance:</b> Dual Credit coursework, Bilingualism/ Biliteracy, AP Exam, PSAT, SAT, or ACT	<b>Certification:</b> Nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certificate or license	

# Curricular Endorsements

STEM Endorsement				
<i>Algebra 2, Chemistry &amp; Physics Required</i>				
	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>Mathematics</b> (C: Mathematics)	Completion of three (3) additional courses in mathematics by successfully completing Algebra II and two (2) additional math courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite			
<b>Science</b> (D: Science)	Completion of four (4) credits in science by successfully completing chemistry, physics and two (2) additional science courses			

Math	Science
Algebra 1	Biology
Geometry	Chemistry
Algebra 2	Physics (required for both Stem-Math, Stem- Science)
Additional Math	Additional Science (Not IPC)
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# Fine Arts Endorsements

Arts & Humanities Endorsement				
Performing Arts				
	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>Band</b> (E1: Fine Arts)	Band I Color Guard I Winter Guard I  Prep Band I Cadet Band I Concert Band I Symphonic Band I Wind Ensemble I	Band II Color Guard II Winter Guard II  Prep Band II Cadet Band II Concert Band II Symphonic Band II Wind Ensemble II	Band III Color Guard III Winter Guard III  Prep Band III Cadet Band III Concert Band III Symphonic Band III Wind Ensemble III  Music Theory	Band IV Color Guard IV Winter Guard IV  Prep Band IV Cadet Band IV Concert Band IV Symphonic Band IV Wind Ensemble IV  AP Music Theory
<b>Choir</b> (E1: Fine Arts)	Choir I  Vocal Ensemble I	Choir II  Vocal Ensemble II	Choir III  Vocal Ensemble III  Music Theory	Choir IV  Vocal Ensemble IV  AP Music Theory
<b>Dance</b> (E1: Fine Arts)	Dance 1 Drill Team Training 1	Dance 2 Drill Team Training 2 Drill Team 10th	Dance 3 Drill Team Training Drill Team 11th	Dance 4 Drill Team 12th
<b>Theatre Arts</b> (E1: Fine Arts)	Theatre Arts I Theatre Tech I Theatre Production I	Theatre Arts II Theatre Tech II Theatre Production II	Theatre Arts III Theatre Production III	Theatre Arts IV Theatre Production IV

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Arts & Humanities Endorsement (Cont.)				
	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>Visual Arts: Art (E1: Fine Arts)</b>	Art I	Art II or Art III Drawing Electronic Media Painting Sculpture  Pre-AP Studio Art AP Art — Drawing	Art III or Art IV Drawing Electronic Media Painting Sculpture  AP Art — Drawing  AP Art — Two-Dimensional	Art IV Drawing Electronic Media Painting Sculpture  AP Art — Drawing  AP Art — Two-Dimensional  AP Art — Three-Dimensional
<b>General Fine Arts: (E1: Fine Arts)</b>	Completion of a coherent sequence of four credits by selecting courses from one or two categories in a Fine Arts Endorsement			
<b>Social Studies (A: Social Studies)</b>	Completion of five (5) Social Studies credits including World Geography/World History, US History, Government, and Economics			
<b>Languages Other Than English (B1, B2, or C)</b>	Completion of four (4) levels of the same language other than English <b>OR</b> Completion of two (2) levels of the same language in a language other than English and two (2) levels of a different language in a language other than English			

# Curricular Endorsements

Multidisciplinary Endorsement				
	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>Option 1</b> (A: CTE Advanced Courses)	Completion of four (4) advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence			
<b>Option 2</b> (B: Four-by-Four)	Completion of four (4) credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics			
<b>Option 3</b> (C1: Advanced Placement) or (C2: Dual Credit)	Completion of four (4) credits in Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit (DC) selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, languages other than English, or fine arts.			

**\*Please note that for Option 2 students MUST complete Chemistry and / or Physics**

# How to Choose your courses:

- Courses will be pre-loaded based on the Endorsement and Program of Study that you choose. We will load 4 core courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) and a pathway class.
- Students will choose two other courses to round out their freshman schedule.
- Students have the option of changing the courses they are taking as well as the level of courses (Ex. PAP Biology instead of Biology)
- Choose 3 Alternate Courses

**PHS Course Selection Checklist**  
 Skyward Registration Starts: February 17, 2020  
 Skyward Registration Closes: March 6, 2020  
 Course Selection Fair February 20, 2020 (5:30-7:30pm)

Endorsement Area \_\_\_\_\_ Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (You can find this information in Skyward Family Access)

**Checklist**

- Review Endorsement area pathways in the Course Selection Handbook
- Review your transcript; transcripts can be printed via Skyward Family Access
- Choose courses using the course legends for 2020-2021; Course credit total must equal 7 credits
- Consult with your current teacher regarding recommendations for your 2020-2021 courses
- Review course requirements and specifications in the Course Selection Handbook
- Choose alternate courses totaling 3 credits
- Refer to the Counselor page of the PHS website for Course Selection Information and resources
- Review the Turner HS Travel Courses handbook if you are interested in taking courses at Turner High School.
- For Dual Credit courses, please see the Dual Credit Advisor, Mrs. Moortens ([moortens@psdschools.edu](mailto:moortens@psdschools.edu))
- Verify courses are accurate in Skyward Family Access

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	Current Teacher Signature
English	Regular English 310	1	
Math	Regular Math 310	1	
Science	Regular Science 310	1	
Social Studies	Regular Social Studies 310	1	
English			
Math			
Science			

ALTERNATES: If one or more of the above courses have conflicts or is cancelled, an alternate must be chosen. List three alternates in order of preference. (3 Credits Total)

COURSE #	ALTERNATE COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
		3 or 1
		3 or 1
		3 or 1

**COURSE COMMITMENT**  
 Student course selections determine how the school master schedule is built, how faculty is hired and how room assignments are made. Your course selections are your commitments to the courses.

**PHS Course Selection Policy**  
 Starting the first day of school, a schedule change will only be considered based on the following criteria:

- The student is a senior not scheduled in a course needed for graduation.
- The student has already earned credit for a course currently scheduled.
- The student does not meet the prerequisite requirements for a course.
- The student has previously failed this class under the same teacher.
- The student has been dismissed from a program where approval must be granted.

Visit the Counselor page of the PHS website for more information  
 Follow us on Twitter @psdacademics

# Why Are Alternative Courses Important?

- If a course you choose is not available due to lack of requests
- If a course you choose does not fit in your schedule
- If a course you choose is full
- If a course you choose is a lottery course and you are not chosen for that course.
  - Examples: Floral Design or Intro to Culinary Arts, Intro to Welding

# Questions to ask yourself...

- Is there a program that I know my student will be in all four years? (ex Band, Theater, ROTC, Sports, etc.)
- Is my student ahead in Math due taking a high school course in junior high and plan to take a Math course every year in high school?
- Does my student have a career or area of study in mind that they know they'd love to study in high school and beyond?



# Grade Classification

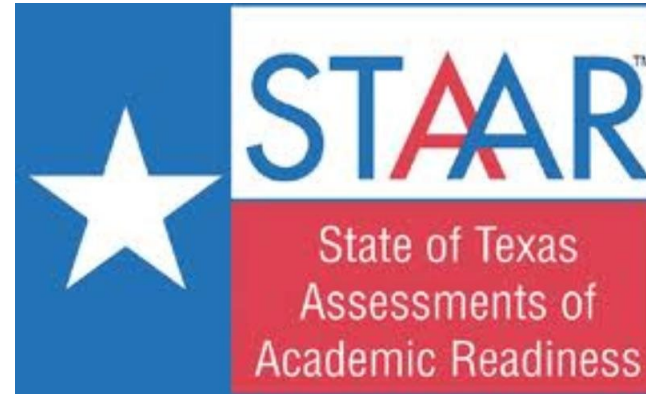
- Freshman- less than 5 credits
- **Sophomore- minimum of 5.5 credits**
- Junior- minimum of 11.5 credits
- Senior- minimum of 17 credits

# Typical Freshman Schedule

- ▶ 7 Periods in a school day.
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> period begins at 7:15 and dismissal is 2:35.
- ▶ Practices
  - ▶ 3:00 - 6:00 (Sponsor determines practice schedule)
- ▶ Competitions
  - ▶ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Evenings
- ▶ Schedule Changes
  - ▶ Level Changes will only occur at 6 weeks and at the semester.
  - ▶ No elective changes.
- ▶ 4 Core Courses
  - ▶ English I
  - ▶ Algebra 1 or Geometry
  - ▶ World Geography or AP Human Geography
  - ▶ Biology
- ▶ Elective Credits (choose 3)
  - ▶ Athletics/Physical Education Credit
  - ▶ Foreign Language Credit
  - ▶ Fine Art Credit
  - ▶ CTE / Pathway Course

# STAAR (EOC Exams)

- ALL students are required to take and pass 5 End of Course exams to be eligible for graduation



- Typical STAAR testing progression:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade: Algebra 1, English 1, Biology
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade: English 2
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade: US History

# Advanced Academics

- 9th Grade**
- PAP English I
  - PAP Math
  - AP Human Geography
  - PAP Biology

<b>ADVANCED ACADEMICS</b> <small>FEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT</small>	
<b>Advanced Course Offerings</b>  <i>Advanced Classes receive premium (6) grade points, are rigorous, are two to three years above grade level, and prepare students for post-high school education/work. Academic expectations include intellectual and emotional maturity, A or B in prior classes of the same subject, strong work ethic, excellent time management skills, and work outside of class. Students enrolled in AP classes are expected to take AP exams. All AP and Pre-AP classes are 6 point GPA weight.</i>	
<b>ENGLISH</b> Pre-AP English 1 Pre-AP English 2 AP English 3 Language and Composition AP English 4 Literature and Composition	<b>TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS</b> <i>These courses now receive LOTE credit</i>  Pre-AP Computer Science AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> Pre-AP Algebra 1 Pre-AP Geometry Pre-AP Algebra 2 Pre-AP Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science A AP Statistics	<b>FINE ARTS</b> AP Art History AP Music Theory Pre-AP Studio Art AP Studio Art Drawing AP Studio Art 2D AP Studio Art 3D
<b>SCIENCE</b> Pre-AP Biology 1 Pre-AP Chemistry 1 AP Biology 2 AP Chemistry 2 AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism AP Physics C: Mechanics	<b>LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH</b> Pre-AP French 1 Pre-AP French 2 Pre-AP French 3 AP French 4 Language and Culture Pre-AP Spanish 1 Pre-AP Spanish 2 Pre-AP Spanish 3 AP Spanish 4 Language and Culture AP Spanish 5 Literature and Culture Pre-AP Computer Science AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> Pre-AP World Geography AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics AP European History AP Human Geography AP Comparative Government & Politics AP Psychology AP US History AP US Government & Politics AP World History	<b>OTHER ELECTIVES</b> AP Seminar AP Research Academic Decathlon 1 Academic Decathlon 2 Academic Decathlon 3 Academic Decathlon 4 Advanced SAT Preparation & College Readiness (5 GPA points or GPA Waiver)

# Expectations of Pre AP Classes

- ▶ For each class, expect approximately up to 30-60 minutes of homework/studying a night, depending on the class
- ▶ Students will be expected to read chapters and create their own notes.
- ▶ Students will be expected to create and implement an organization system.
- ▶ Students will be expected to study on the weekends.
- ▶ Late assignments may not be accepted.
- ▶ Teachers will expect students to attend tutorials.
- ▶ Teachers will expect students to correct tests.
- ▶ Students will be expected to complete online assignments.

# Why Choose Pre AP/AP Classes?

- ▶ As a freshman it is important for students to challenge themselves!
  - ▶ If you leave the advanced path early, it is very difficult to get back in later.
- ▶ Students who take AP ELA 3, AP US History, and AP Capstone Seminar as juniors typically perform 20%-25% better than their peers on those AP exams.
  - ▶ Students need the prerequisites AP classes to take the above mentioned classes.
- ▶ High GPA (6.0)
  - ▶ Making an 81 in AP Human Geography is out performing the on level student making a 100 in World Geography as it relates to GPA and class rank.
- ▶ Potential for earning almost a full year of college credit depending on selections and chosen university
- ▶ College Preparedness
- ▶ Qualify to participate in the Explorers International Travel program

# AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

## Myth vs Fact

### Myth

- ▶ 3 hours of homework every single night
- ▶ AP Human Geography is not that different from World Geography
- ▶ I can't level down if I discover that it is too hard
- ▶ I am just a freshman, I can't handle an AP class

### Fact

- ▶ No class at PHS has 3 hours of homework in a night
- ▶ It is a College Board Approved course, and is very different
- ▶ Yes you CAN level down to World Geography
- ▶ AP Human Geography can be taught in a semester, therefore we embed material that is skills-based to prep you for future AP classes

# GPA Scale

Grade	Pre-AP/AP	Honors / Dual Credit	Regular	Grade	Pre-AP/AP	Honors / Dual Credit	Regular
100	6.0	5.0	4.0	84	4.4	3.4	2.4
99	5.9	4.9	3.9	83	4.3	3.3	2.3
98	5.8	4.8	3.8	82	4.2	3.2	2.2
97	5.7	4.7	3.7	81	4.1	3.1	2.1
96	5.6	4.6	3.6	80	4.0	3.0	2.0
95	5.5	4.5	3.5	79	3.9	2.9	1.9
94	5.4	4.4	3.4	78	3.8	2.8	1.8
93	5.3	4.3	3.3	77	3.7	2.7	1.7
92	5.2	4.2	3.2	76	3.6	2.6	1.6
91	5.1	4.1	3.1	75	3.5	2.5	1.5
90	5.0	4.0	3.0	74	3.4	2.4	1.4
89	4.9	3.9	2.9	73	3.3	2.3	1.3
88	4.8	3.8	2.8	72	3.2	2.2	1.2
87	4.7	3.7	2.7	71	3.1	2.1	1.1
86	4.6	3.6	2.6	70	3.0	2.0	1.0
85	4.5	3.5	2.5	Below 70	0	0	0



# The GPA Waiver

- During his or her four years of high school, a student may opt out of four total qualifying **electives** if the student earns an “A” average in the class for the year. Courses taken for one semester only cannot be combined with a different course taken for one semester only.
- One GPA Waiver is allowed per school year.
- Parents must submit a GPA Waiver request form via Skyward by the due date listed above. An electronic parent signature is required.
- Students who choose the GPA Waiver will receive credit but not receive grade points for the class. The numerical grade reflected on the transcript will be a P.
- Advanced Placement/Pre-AP/Dual Credit electives are not included in the GPA Waiver.
- Waivers open in January at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.
- Waivers are due the Friday before Spring Break - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**GPA Waiver Request Guide**

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- Advanced Floral Design
- Animation 1
- Art 1 (Regular)
- Art 2-4 (All Regular Art Classes)
- All Athletics Courses
- Audio/Video Production 1
- Automotive Basics
- Band 1-4
- Business Information Management 1
- Business Law
- Business Management
- Cheer
- Child Development
- Choir 1-4
- Civil Engineering and Architecture – PLTW
- Color Guard
- Correctional Services
- Dance 1-4
- Drill Team 1-4
- Electrical Technology 1
- Entrepreneurship
- Equine Science
- Fashion Design 1
- Floral Design (Fine Arts Credit)
- Foundations of Cybersecurity
- Greenhouse Operations and Production
- Health Science Theory
- Horticulture Science
- HVAC 1
- Introduction to Culinary Arts
- Introduction to Eng. Design - PLTW
- Introduction to Welding
- JROTC
- Law Enforcement 1 & 2
- Livestock Production
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Medical Terminology
- Money Matters
- All Physical Education Courses
- Photojournalism
- Principles of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Principles of Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communications
- Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance
- Principles of Construction
- Principles of Health Sciences
- Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
- Principles of Human Services
- Principles of Information Technology
- Principles of Law, PSC&S
- Technical Theatre 1-4
- Theater Arts 1-4
- Theater Production 1-4
- Veterinary Medical Applications
- Video Game Design
- Wildlife, Fisheries, & Ecology Management
- Winter Guard
- World Health Research
- Yearbook Production 1-4

# The GPA Waiver

So, you may be asking yourself “If my student has an “A” in a course why in the world would I NOT want to count it in their GPA/Rank?”

If your student in multiple PAP/AP classes that are on a 6.0 GPA scale, and you are consistently making a B or better in your classes then a GPA Waiver might help you. As you can see in the GPA Scale, if you earn an “A” in a regular course it is only worth a maximum of 4 points. Using your basic knowledge of averaging you could probably figure out that that one 4.0 class when averaged with multiple 6.0 classes would have a negative impact on your overall GPA and thus impact your rank.

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# Colleges use GPA

- ▶ Student with highest **GPA** is 1st and the lowest is last.
- ▶ **GPA** = Sum of Semester Averages divided by number of semesters.
- ▶ Your rank determines which **quartile** you are in.
- ▶ Colleges decide test scores required based on your rank and GPA.

Minimum Test Scores					
Class Rank	Original SAT (Prior to March 2016)		Redesigned SAT (Since March 2016)		ACT
Top 10%	No Minimum	OR	No Minimum	OR	No Minimum
Top 11 — 25%	1000		1080		21
Top 26 — 50%	1100		1170		24
51% and Lower	Individual Review*		Individual Review*		Individual Review*
All Others	Individual Review*		Individual Review*		Individual Review*

# Dual Credit

## Freshman Courses

DC Art 1 - Art Appreciation (ARTS 1301)  
DC Art 2 - Art History (ARTS 1303)  
DC Intro to Mass Communication (COMM 1307)

## Sophomore Courses

DC Prof. Communications - Speech (SPCH 1315)  
DC Sociology (SOCI 1301)  
DC Psychology (PSYC 2301)  
DC Art 1 - Art Appreciation (ARTS 1301)  
DC Art 2 - Art History (ARTS 1303)  
DC Intro to Mass Communication (COMM 1307)

## Junior Courses

DC US History (HIST 1301 / HIST 1302)  
DC Prof. Communications - Speech (SPCH 1315)  
DC Sociology (SOCI 1301)  
DC Psychology (PSYC 2301)  
DC Art 1 - Art Appreciation (ARTS 1301)  
DC Art 2 - Art History (ARTS 1303)  
DC Intro to Mass Communication (COMM 1307)

## Senior Courses

DC English (ENGL 1301 / ENGL 1302)  
DC American Government (GOVT 2305)  
DC State & Local Government (GOVT 2306)  
DC Economics (ECON 2301)  
DC College Algebra (MATH 1314) [Math for all]  
DC Finite Math (MATH 1324) [Business Math]  
DC Statistics (MATH 1342) [Health & Medical Math]  
DC Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412) [STEM Math]  
DC Prof. Communications - Speech (SPCH 1315)  
DC Sociology (SOCI 1301)  
DC Psychology (PSYC 2301)  
DC Art 1 - Art Appreciation (ARTS 1301)  
DC Art 2 - Art History (ARTS 1303)  
DC Intro to Mass Communication (COMM 1307)

The Alvin Community College Dual Enrollment program allows students to take college courses at the high school level. These courses give them high school and college credit.

Students take courses on the PHS campus with an ACC professor. College credit earned will go with student to college.

Program participation will save students time and money.

The courses will not have to be repeated in college.

Enrollment steps must be completed by **MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>** to secure your spot in a Dual Credit course next year.

See ACC Advisor Ms. Maartens, in the PHS College & Career Center or email [cmaartens@alvincollege.edu](mailto:cmaartens@alvincollege.edu), if you have any questions!

# How Do I qualify for Dual Enrollment Courses?

1. Apply to Alvin Community College at [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org)
2. Take the TSI (or provide waiver or exemption)
3. Attend Dual Enrollment Orientation over the summer
4. Pay tuition and purchase textbooks

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# Turner High School Courses

## T U R N E R

### COLLEGE & CAREER HIGH SCHOOL

#### Menu of Classes DHS and PHS May Take at Turner

Students who wish to attend DHS or PHS most of the day and take 1-2 classes at Turner may do so. Students may choose one two-hour, double blocked course or two one-hour, single blocked courses. To further understand the "cross entity" scheduling option, please see the Turner Shuttle Bus Schedule on the Turner website. Even if you will not use the shuttle bus, this schedule illustrates options for a student's individualized bell schedule.

#### Menu of Double Blocked Classes – Classes that take up two class periods

Students from DHS or PHS may choose one of these classes to take in their schedule. Please see your counselor for scheduling assistance. ( ) indicate grade level prerequisites.

Cross Entity Course Number	Course Name	Times of Day
T2H37A	Practicum in Health Science: Certified Medical Assistant- (12)	PM
T2H36A	Practicum in Health Science: Dental I- (11-12)	AM & PM
T2H41A	Practicum in Health Science: Dental II- (12)	PM
T2H38A	Practicum in Health Science: Emergency Med. Tech.- (12)	AM & PM
T2H39A	Practicum in Health Science: Pharmacy Technician- (12)	PM
T2A13A	Practicum in AG, Food & Natural Resource (12)	PM
T2A14A	Practicum in Veterinary Medicine (12)	PM
T2M35A	Welding I (11-12)	AM & PM
T2M26A	Welding II (12)	AM
T2A76A	HVAC and Refrigeration Technology II- (11-12)	AM
T2S04A	Practicum in STEM: Engineering (12)	PM
T2B15A	Practicum Business Management (12)	PM
T2I04A	Networking with Lab- (11-12)	AM
T2I02A	Computer Technician Practicum- (12)	PM

#### Menu of Single Blocked Classes – Classes that take up one class period

Students from DHS or PHS may choose two of these classes to take in their schedule. You must choose two to make the schedule work. The number in ( ) is a period number. Please see your counselor for scheduling assistance. Students, please be aware that many of the courses listed on this form require prerequisites. Please consult the Course Selection Handbook for a complete listing of all courses and their prerequisites.

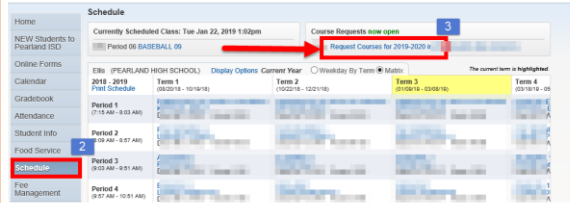
Course #	Course Title	Course #	Course Title
T2I03A	(9-11) Principles of Info Technology (1 & 5)	T2A06S/T2A55S	(10-12) Lands Design / Turf Mngt. (8)
T2A79A	(9-11) Electrical Technology (1)	T2A50A	(10-12) Video Game Design (4 & 8)
T2S03A	(9-11) Intro to Engineering Design (1&5)	T2B07A	(10-12) Business Management (4)
T2A80A	(10-12) HVAC & Ref Technology 1 (5)-	T2S05A	(10-12) Engineering Science (4)
T2A21A	(10-12) Wildlife Fisheries (1 & 5)-	T2H07A	(10-11) Health Sci. Theory (one credit)
T2S05A	(10-12) Engineering Science (1 & 5)	T2M34A	(10-11) Intro to Welding (4 & 8)
T2B07A	(10-12) Business Management (1)	T2I01A	(10-12) Computer Maintenance (4&8)
T2B03S/T2B12S	(10-12) Bank & Finance / Global Bus. (1)		
T2B01A	(10-12) Accounting I (5)		
T2A19A	(11-12) Veterinary Medical Applications (1 & 5)		
T2S01A	(11-12) Civil Engineering and Architecture (5)		
T2S02A	(12) Engineer Design and Problem Solving (1)		

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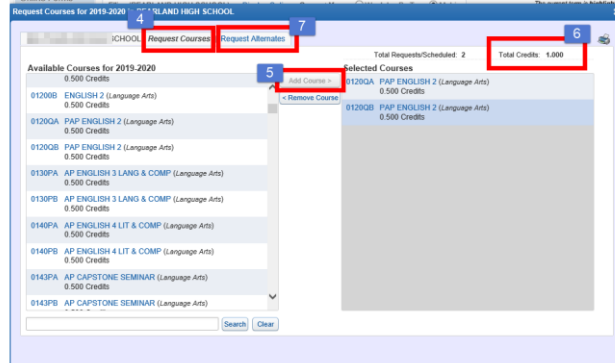
- ▶ PHS students are required to take two courses at THS
- ▶ Block Schedule vs. Traditional schedule
- ▶ Courses are offered at the beginning (1<sup>st</sup> period) and end (7<sup>th</sup> period) of the school day

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR 2019-2020 COURSE REQUESTS VIA SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

1. Login onto [Skyward](#)
2. Select **Schedule**
3. Click on the **"View Request for 2019-2020"** link located in the upper right corner.



4. Make sure to select **Request Course** tab.
5. Under the Available Courses for 2019-2020, select each of your courses and click **Add Course**.
6. Total Credits for the selected courses should equal 7.000 credits.
7. Do not forget to request [3] Alternates! Click on **Request Alternates** and enter your choices.



**IMPORTANT:** Certain courses have pre-requisites that must be completed prior to selecting the course. If the pre-requisite has not met, the below message will appear when trying to add the course.

The selected course(s) has pre-requisites that have not been met. /



# Feb 21st-March 3rd

# Some High School Tips

## At School

- ▶ Decisions need to be based on what is best for your child.
- ▶ Encourage them to be an advocate for themselves.
- ▶ Encourage them to learn how to ask questions.
- ▶ Encourage them to try to solve their own problems.
- ▶ Encourage students to complete all assignments.
- ▶ Encourage students to turn all assignments in on time.
- ▶ Manners are a vital aspect of success.



# Some High School Tips

## Outside of School

- ▶ Make it a habit to attend tutorials.
- ▶ Encourage students to get involved in clubs and organizations at school.
- ▶ Find time to volunteer.
- ▶ Encourage your student to complete test corrections when needed.
- ▶ Implement a system that allows your student to stay organized.
- ▶ Have discussions regarding how important social media is going to be in their life.
- ▶ Review notes and lessons taught that day.
- ▶ Find ways to visit college campuses.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ I plan on taking summer school for Geometry. Do I just enter Algebra 2 in course selection?
  - ▶ NO, you must put Geometry until we receive your grade.
- ▶ I plan on applying for PAP Studio Art but cannot select it. What do I do?
  - ▶ Put Art 1 and then when approved through the AP Special Request form, we will replace it.
- ▶ I took IPC in junior high, will this count for STEM-Science?
  - ▶ No, it does not count as an advanced science.
- ▶ I plan on trying out for Cheer or Prancers but cannot select it. What do I do?
  - ▶ Put Dance 1 and after tryouts we will replace it.

# Checklist

- Review course requirements and descriptions in the Course Selection Handbook
- Refer to the Counselor page of the PHS website for Course Selection information and resources
- Review the Turner HS Travel Courses handout if you are interested in taking courses at Turner High School
- For Dual Credit courses, please see the Dual Credit Advisor, Mrs. Maartens ([cmaartens@alvincollege.edu](mailto:cmaartens@alvincollege.edu))

# Checklist

- Review Programs of Study in the Course Selection Handbook
- Choose 7 courses and alternate courses using the course legend for 2023 - 2024. Course credit total must equal 7 credits. Choose alternate courses totaling 2 credits.
- Consult with your current teacher regarding recommendations for your 2023-2024 courses
- Verify courses are accurate in Skyward Family Access

# How Do I Learn More??

## Campus Resources

Consult with  
your student's  
current  
teachers and  
8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Counselor

PHS Counselors  
will be available  
to speak with 9<sup>th</sup>  
grade parents  
after May 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2023.

Visit the PHS  
Counselor  
Website

<https://www.pearlandisd.org/Page/16304>

# How Do I Learn More??

## District Resources

FAQ's for Incoming  
Freshmen

[https://www.pearlandisd.org/cms/lib/TX01918186/Centricity/domain/54/course\\_selection/2021-22\\_FAQs\\_8th-9th\\_course\\_registration.pdf](https://www.pearlandisd.org/cms/lib/TX01918186/Centricity/domain/54/course_selection/2021-22_FAQs_8th-9th_course_registration.pdf)

**Course Selection  
Handbook**

Read the Course Descriptions  
and Prerequisites

[https://www.pearlandisd.org/cms/lib/TX01918186/Centricity/domain/54/course\\_selection/2023-24\\_Course\\_Selection\\_Handbook.pdf](https://www.pearlandisd.org/cms/lib/TX01918186/Centricity/domain/54/course_selection/2023-24_Course_Selection_Handbook.pdf)

Visit the District  
Course Selection  
Website

<https://www.pearlandisd.org/Page/197>



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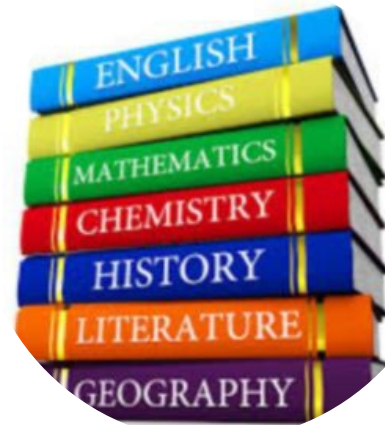


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# Important Dates



Course registration  
**OPENS** in Skyward  
February 21, 2023



Course registration  
**CLOSES** in Skyward  
March 3, 2023