

Pearland High School

Course Selection

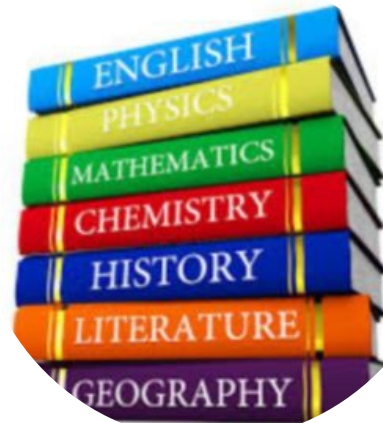
2023-2024

Pride **H**onor **S**uccess

Important Dates



Course registration
OPENS in Skyward
February 21, 2023



Academic Planning
Night
February 16, 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: How do I earn an Endorsement?

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 I change my mind?

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

How to Choose your courses:

- **Your 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.**
- **You will choose two other courses to round out your freshman schedule.**
- **You have the option of changing the courses you 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 4, 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 upcoming courses
- Review course requirements and qualifications in the Course Selection Handbook
- Choose alternate courses totaling 2 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. Moorens (moorens@psdschools.edu)
- Verify courses are accurate in Skyward Family Access

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	Current Teacher Signature
English	Regular English 101	1	
Math	Regular Math 101	1	
Science	Regular Science 101	1	
Social Studies	Regular Social Studies 101	1	
English			
Math			
Science			
Social Studies			

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. (2 credits total)

COURSE #	ALTERNATE COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
		3 or 1
		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 @psdturnerhs

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 (for example Floral Design or Intro to Culinary Arts) and you are not chosen for that course.

Questions to ask yourself...

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

Grade Classification

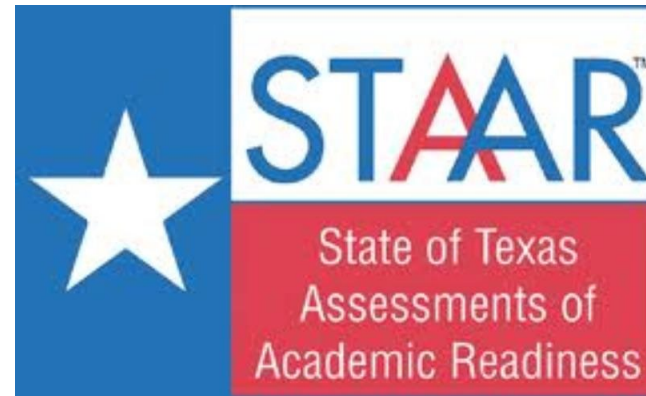
- Freshman- less than 5 credits
- **Sophomore- minimum of 5.5 credits**
- Junior- minimum of 11.5 credits
- Senior- minimum of 17 credits

Typical Freshman Schedule

- ▶ 7 Periods in a school day.
- ▶ 1st 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
- ▶ 4 Core Courses
 - ▶ English I
 - ▶ Algebra 1 or Geometry
 - ▶ World Geography or AP Human Geography
 - ▶ Biology
- ▶ Required 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
- Algebra 1, English 1, English 2, Biology, US History



Advanced Academics

9th Grade

- PAP English I
- PAP Math
- AP Human Geography
- PAP Biology

ADVANCED ACADEMICS PEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Advanced Course Offerings

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.

ENGLISH Pre-AP English 1 Pre-AP English 2 AP English 3 Language and Composition AP English 4 Literature and Composition	TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS <i>These courses now receive LOTE credit</i> Pre-AP Computer Science AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A
MATHEMATICS 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	FINE ARTS AP Art History AP Music Theory Pre-AP Studio Art AP Studio Art Drawing AP Studio Art 2D AP Studio Art 3D
SCIENCE 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	LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH 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
SOCIAL STUDIES 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	OTHER ELECTIVES 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/AP Classes

- ▶ For each class, expect approximately up to 30-60 minutes of homework/studying a night, depending on the class
- ▶ You will be expected to read chapters and create your own notes.
- ▶ You will be expected to create and implement an organization system.
- ▶ You will be expected to study on the weekends.
- ▶ Be prepared for teachers not to accept late assignments.
- ▶ Teachers will expect you to attend tutorials.
- ▶ Teachers will expect you to correct tests (2 times per 9 weeks).
- ▶ You will be expected to complete weekly online assignments.

Why Choose Pre AP/AP Classes?

- ▶ As a freshmen it is important to challenge yourself
 - ▶ If you leave the advanced path early, it is very difficult to get back in later
- ▶ Foundational need for upper level AP 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 of earning almost a full year of college credit depending on selections and chose 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, you can level down to World Geography
- ▶ AP Human Geography can be taught in a semester; therefore, we imbed 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

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. The courses give them high school and college credit.

Students take courses on the PHS campus with 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 4TH** 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, if you have any questions!

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.

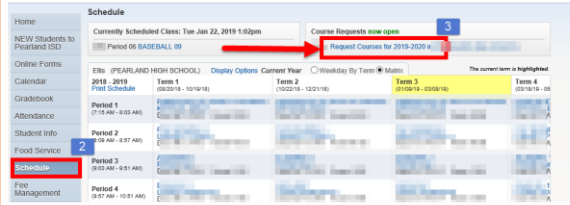
Course #	Course Title	Course #	Course Title
T2I03A	(9-11) Principles of Info Technology (1 & 5)	T2A06S/T2A55S	(10-12) Lands Design / Turf Mngt. (8)
T2A79A	(9-11) Electrical Technology (1)	T2A50A	(10-12) Video Game Design (4 & 8)
T2S03A	(9-11) Intro to Engineering Design (1&5)	T2B07A	(10-12) Business 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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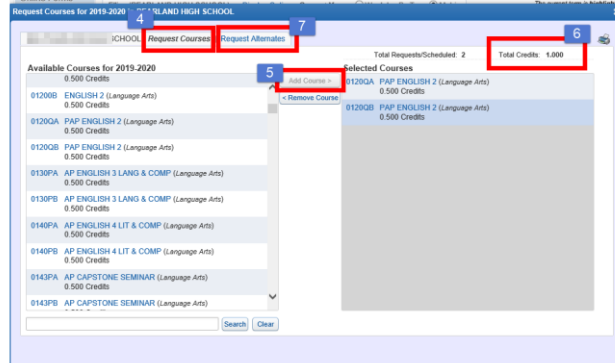
- ▶ Students are required to take two courses at THS
- ▶ Block Schedule vs Traditional schedule
- ▶ Courses are offered at the beginning (1st period) and end (7th period) of the school day

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 Tips for High School

- ▶ Your decisions need to be based on what is best for you.
- ▶ Be an advocate for yourself.
- ▶ Learn how to ask questions.
- ▶ Visit with your counselor throughout the semester.
- ▶ Try to solve your own problems.
- ▶ Make it a habit to attend tutorials.
- ▶ Get involved in clubs and organizations at school.
- ▶ Find time to volunteer.
- ▶ Complete all assignments and turn the assignment in on time.
- ▶ Complete test corrections when needed.
- ▶ Implement a system that allows you to stay organized.
- ▶ Manners are a vital aspect of your success.
- ▶ Decide how important social media is going to be in your 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)

Checklist

- Review Endorsement programs of study in the Course Selection Handbook
- Choose 7 courses and alternate courses using the course legend for 2023-24: Course credit total must equal 7 credits
Choose alternate courses totaling 2 credits
- Consult with your current teacher regarding recommendations for your 2023-24 courses
- Verify courses are accurate in Skyward Family Access

How Do I Learn More??

Visit the Pearland High School Counselor website for handouts and content information

Consult with your
current teachers and
8th grade Counselor

Attend the PHS
Academic Planning
Night
February 16th from
6:00 - 8:00

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

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

Visit the PISD
District Website

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



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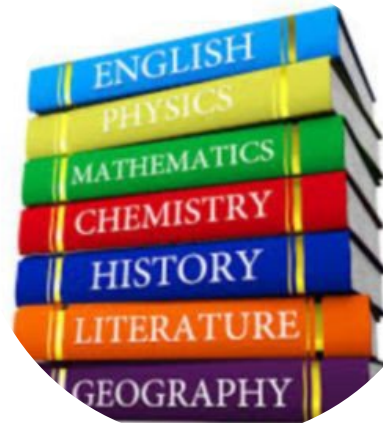
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