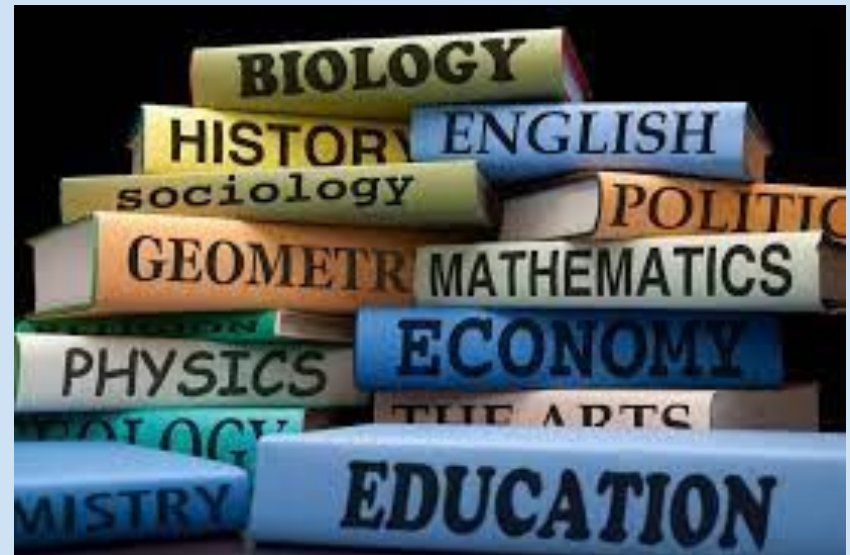


# 2024-2025 COURSE SELECTION

Spring Grove Area High School



# AGENDA FOR COURSE SELECTION 2024-2025

- Graduation requirements
- New courses/name changes
- Important things to consider when choosing courses
- Special opportunities
- How to request a schedule change
- Using the 2024-2025 Course Selection Guide
- Important dates for course selection



# School Counselors

- Mrs. Michaela Landis: A-F
- Mr. Christopher Mundy G-L
- Mr. Christopher Fake: M-R
- Mrs. Carrie Schmoyer: S-Z

## Counseling Support Staff

Mrs. Eyler, Mrs. Runk,  
Mrs. McKinney, Ms. Ramsay



# Graduation Requirements

English	4 courses
Social Studies	4 courses (which must include American Society or CIHS Govt)
Mathematics	3 courses
Science	3 courses
Wellness Education	3 half credit courses in Physical Education 1 half credit course of Health
	Career Skills (in 10th or 11th grade)
Arts/Humanities & Practical Arts	3 <u>courses</u> in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12: (in art, music, world language, STEM, business or FCS)
Electives	Additional credits chosen by the student to obtain <b><u>25</u></b> credits



# Career Artifacts - Chapter 339

- Schools must demonstrate that students have met the full continuum of career readiness expectations.
- By the end of grade 11, the student must produce eight pieces of evidence. At least two of these pieces of evidence must demonstrate implementation of the student's individualized career plan.
  - 8 artifacts—will be collected in career skills and uploaded to Naviance



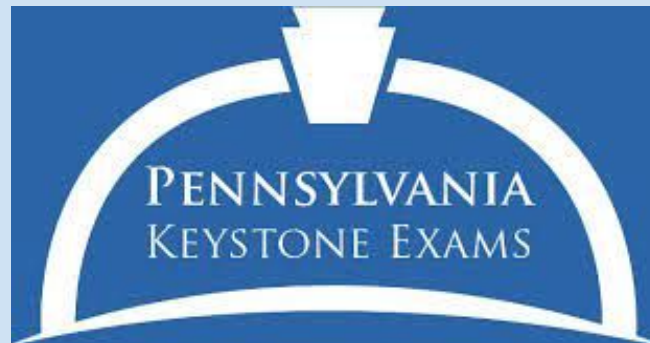
# KEYSTONE EXAMS

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency in various subjects. The following Keystone Exams are required:

Algebra I

Literature

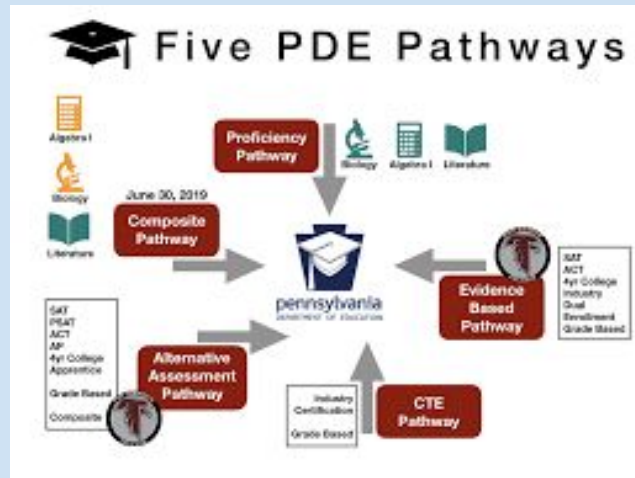
Biology



# Statewide Graduation Requirement

As mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, students must demonstrate success in one of the five Graduation Pathway Options per Act 158.

[Statewide Graduation Requirement Information](#)



# MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS BY GRADE LEVEL

**Grade 9**                      **Credit**  
 English  
 Social Studies  
 Mathematics  
 Science  
 Elective(s)\*  
 Physical education elective  
**Totals Minimum**              **7.00 credits**

**Grade 10**                      **Credit**  
 English  
 Social Studies  
 Mathematics  
 Science  
 Elective(s)/grad requirements (Career Skills)  
 Physical Education  
 Health Education  
**Totals Minimum**                      **7.00 credits**

**Grade 11**                      **Credit**  
 English  
 Social Studies  
 Mathematics  
 Science  
 Elective(s)/grad requirements (Career Skills)  
 Physical Education  
**Totals Minimum**                      **7.00 credits**

**Grade 12**                      **Credit**  
 English  
 American Society  
 Elective(s) /grad requirements  
**Totals Minimum**                      **4.00 credits (or # of credits needed to reach 25)**



**Career Skills must be completed by the end of Junior Year.**



# SENIOR ATHLETES

- All Seniors who participate in Fall, Winter or Spring Sports, MUST be enrolled in 4 EVERY DAY classes DURING THE SEMESTER(S) that they are participating in their sports.



# PROMOTION POLICY

The following totals represent the minimum earned requirements necessary for promotion to the next grade:

Grade 09: 5.00 credits

Grade 10: 12.00 credits

Grade 11: 18.00 credits

Graduation: 25.00 credits



# HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

## HS Schedule

- 6 Day Cycle
- 8 Instructional Periods
- 40 Minute Classes
- Some classes meet double periods
- Semester and Year classes
- 9th Grade Block Scheduling



# NEW Updates for 2024-2025

- Physical Education
  - Unified PE Course
- Music
  - Vocal Studio
- Leadership
  - Rocket Leadership 1 (Pending Final Approval)



Launching  
NEW  
CLASSES!

A graphic with handwritten text in black ink on a white background. The text reads "Launching NEW CLASSES!" with "NEW" underlined and an exclamation point at the end.



# Course Advertisements

- Here are a few short clips about some of the elective courses we are offering next year!

- Phys Ed Courses

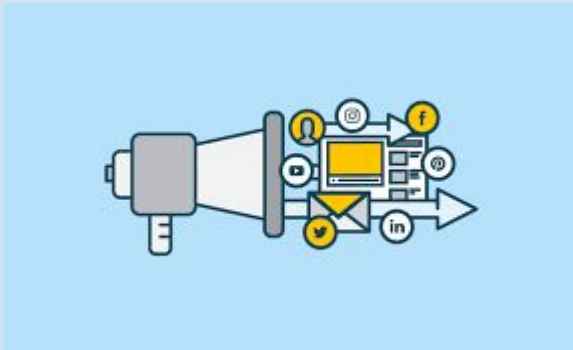
- [Adventure PE](#)
- [Aquatics](#)
- [Fitness Fusion](#)
- [Personal Fitness](#)
- [Strength Training 1](#)

- Music Courses

- [Chorus](#)
- [Modern Band](#)
- [Select Modern Band](#)

- Additional Courses:

- [Intro to Agriculture](#)
- [AP Human Geography](#)
- [Applied Trades Math](#)
- [Art 1](#)
- [AVJ \(Fox News Clip\)](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Digital Art & Design](#)
- [Digital Art & Painting](#)
- [Fine Art Photo](#)
- [Forensic Science](#)
- [Family Consumer Science](#)
- [Journalism I, II and III](#)
- [Panorama of German Culture](#)
- [World Language](#)



# Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

- Students will take two courses per year each year of high school starting in 9th grade. (4 year commitment)
- Upon Graduation students will be prepared to take the FAA knowledge test
- Hands on coursework
- Courses are sponsored through AOPA



# THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING COURSES:

## Graduation Requirements

- Each year review what outstanding credits/classes you need for graduation.
- Tentatively plan out each year of high school with classes/credits you want.
- Make graduation requirements a priority before electives.





# EDUCATIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL GOALS AND INTERESTS

- Career plan—where do you want to be in the next 5-10 years?
  - Career Skills—Use this as a planning tool.



# RESEARCH

- Read the paragraph description in the course selection booklet online. (Check prerequisites!)
- Talk to your teachers.
- Talk to your parents/guardians.
- Talk to peers that have taken the elective to learn more about the content.



# PAST/PRESENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- How well are you doing in your current academic courses?
- How much time spent outside of school will it take to be successful in the course?
- Are you willing to put forth the time/effort?
- If you're currently not feeling challenged, consider more challenging courses.



# COURSE LEVEL/WEIGHT

- Varied level of courses to provide content that is compatible with abilities/interests.
- College Bound? College preparatory classes a must! **Example: College Prep English**
- Courses assigned a value (weight) according to the degree of difficulty of the course content.

*\*See details of weighted values in the course selection guide.*

# THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING COURSES IN REVIEW...

- Graduation Requirements
- Educational/Occupational Goals/Interests
- Research
- Past/present academic achievement
- Course Level/Weight



# *Get involved in Clubs/Activities/Sports*

1. Connection to SGHS
2. Letters of Recommendation
3. Explore Interests
4. Meet like-minded students



# **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

York County Alliance for Learning (YCAL)

(9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

[YCAL Career Exploration Programs](#)

[YCAL Pre-Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)



# YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY



- 9th and 10th grade students--all programs available (applications past due)
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade students (applications due by the end of March 2024)
  - Part Time—1:30-3:00, transportation provided by student)
    - Construction, Automotive, Nail Tech, Welding and Mechatronics
  - Full Time--12th grade, transportation provided
    - Mechatronics, Cosmetology, Medical Assistant

**[York County School of Technology Programs \(Click Here\)](#)**



# Dual Enrollment and College in the High School

- If you are interested in learning more about our Dual Enrollment partnerships and our HACC college in the high school partnerships please review the Screencast.

# ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR YEAR

\*KLK School of Welding—16 weeks, evenings

[KLK School of Welding info here](#)

\*Earlbeck Welding

\*Diversified Occupation/Work Release

\*Internship Opportunities

\*Apprenticeships/Job Shadowing



# *NCAA Eligibility Center*

Make sure you are taking courses that meet the NCAA requirements if you plan to be a college level student athlete. Find out more info and register at:

NCAA Website

- Additional questions? Talk to your school counselor.



# COURSE SCHEDULING PROCESS

- \*To effectively select your courses, use the course selection sheet and course selection guide (online) as tools to find information about specific courses
- \*Select your courses on the selection sheet, plus at least 3 alternate courses that you indicate on the back of your sheet and number them in order of preference.

# Course Selection Process

1. Watch Screen Cast (check!)
2. Look at the [Online Resources for Course Selection](#)
  - a. Course Selection Booklet
  - b. Course Selection Sheets
  - c. Transcript (in Sapphire)
3. Identify Course Selection Questions
4. Talk to your Teachers/Ask Questions
5. Use [Google Form](#) to ask School Counselors your course selection questions.
6. When all steps are taken if you still have questions schedule an appointment with your School Counselor utilizing the QR code around campus.

# DROPPING AND ADDING CLASSES

- Give thought to course selections including alternate courses
- Changes will only be made in the events of Conflicts or Missing Courses
- Information for course changes will come out over the summer

*Please take time and consideration when choosing your classes!*

# ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- \*If there is a concern regarding a fee—meet with your counselor
- \*Select courses that will challenge you.
- \*Take a world language if you are considering a 4 year college.
- \*Get involved in school activities that develop leadership skills.
- \*Realize that calculation of grade point average and class rank begins in ninth grade!
- \*Explore careers and post-secondary training and education.
- \*Discuss opportunities for next year with your teacher/meet with your school counselor



## ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE...

- \*\*If there is a concern with a course fee—see your counselor.
- \*\*Challenge yourself with rigorous course selection.
- \*\*Take the PSAT for *practice*.
- \*\*Use *Career Skills* to explore careers and post-secondary training and education.
- \*\*Consider visiting local colleges.
- \*\*Continue to read!
- \*\*Work hard to earn the best grades of which you are capable.
- \*\*Meet with your school counselor to select courses for Grade 10 and to discuss post-graduation plans.
- \*\*Clubs/Activities





# ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- \*\*Challenge yourself with rigorous course selection.
- \*\*Take PSAT's in Fall (to qualify for National Merit Scholarship).
- \*\*Take SAT's in Spring.
- \*\*Identify schools of interest/visit schools.
- \*\*Attend College Fair at York College in October.
- \*\*Lenfest Scholarship.
- \*\*Apply to the Distinguished Young Women—York County.
- \*\*Continue to identify career/post secondary education goals.
- \*\*Talk to Teachers/Meet with your school counselor!!
- \*\*Become involved or continue involvement with clubs/activities.



# ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- \*\*Challenge yourself with rigorous course selection.
- \*\*Attend College Fair in October at York College.
- \*\*Meet with your school counselor.
- \*\*Take SAT and or ACT in the Fall.
- \*\*Meet with college representatives, recruiters, employers, etc...
- \*\*Complete applications according to deadlines.
- \*\*Attend the Financial Aid night and FAFSA workshop at SGHS.
- \*\*Apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- \*\*Athletes register with NCAA Clearinghouse.
- \*\*Complete scholarship applications according to deadlines.
- \*\*Become involved or continue involvement with clubs/activities.



# Course Selection Dates

- February 5, 2024
  - Current 11th Grade Students
- February 6, 2024
  - Current 10th Grade Students
- February 7, 2024
  - Current 8th Grade Students
- February 12, 2024
  - Current 9th Grade Students in Semester 2 Social Studies
- February 22, 2024 (During Flex Block)
  - Current 9th Grade Students, Last Names A-L, with Semester 1 Social Studies
- February 29, 2024 (During Flex Block)
  - Current 9th Grade Students, Last Names M-Z, with Semester 1 Social Studies

# Questions

If you have any course selection questions please don't email your counselor. Please complete the following Google Form. You can access the form by [Clicking Here](#)