

Princeton High School

Program of Studies Night
January 24, 2024

Welcome!



AGENDA

- Introduction to Princeton High School
- Graduation Requirements
- High School Schedule & Opportunities
- Content Area Information
- Athletic Information
- Course Selection Information/Course Requests

Leadership

ADMINISTRATION

- Cecilia Birge – Principal
- Lauren Freedman – Assistant Principal
- Rashone Johnson – Assistant Principal
- Dr. Nicole Mantuano Lacsamana – Assistant Principal

SUPERVISORS

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

School Counseling Department



School Counselors:

- Tom Filippone: A-Chen
- Corinne Santarpia: Cheo-Gia
- Paul Song: Gib-Kk
- Rebecca McEvoy: Kl-Mh
- Adam Rothschild: Mi-Sal
- Reyhan Garcia: Sam-Tho
- Meghan Brennan: Thp-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 STUDENTS

**Are you moving to
Princeton?**

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

**Are you coming to us
from a private school?**

Appointments will be scheduled in April, after Spring Break.

Pre-register on the Princeton Public School website:

<https://www.princetonk12.org/quick-links/registration>

Graduation Requirements

30 Credits (9th)

60 Credits (10th)

90 Credits (11th)

Community Service-10th grade

Racial Literacy Requirement/PIRL



- Language Arts Literacy 20 Credits
- Mathematics 15 Credits
- Science 15 Credits
- US History 10 Credits
- World History 5 Credits
- World Languages 5 Credits
- PE/Health/DE 16 Credits
- Visual/Performing Arts 5 Credits
- 21st Century Life/Careers 5 Credits
- Financial Literacy 2.5 Credits
- 21.5 Credits of Electives

Total Credits- 120!

Graduation Requirements cont.

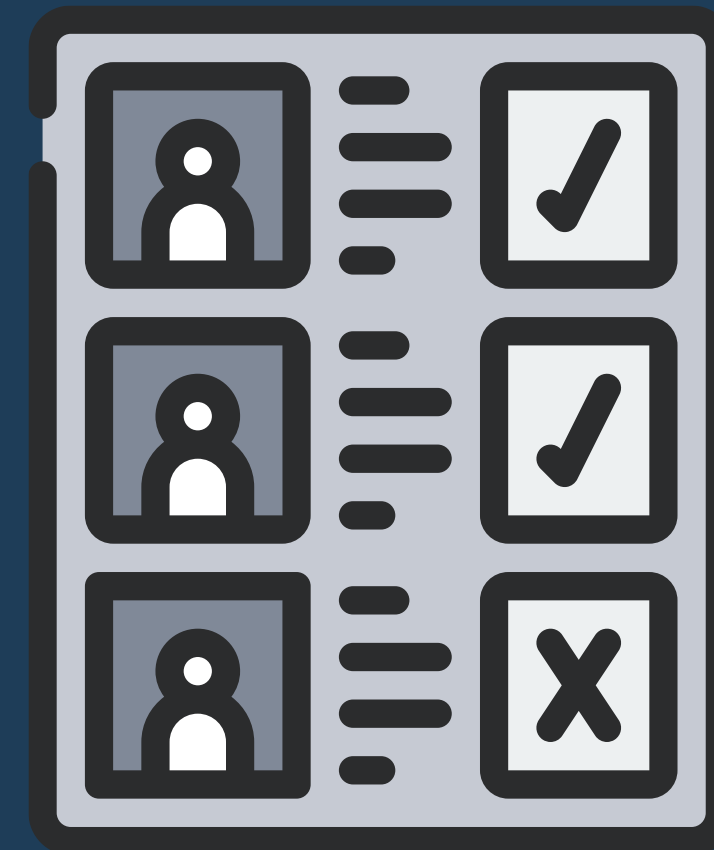
NJGPA/NJSLA

- Math
- English



Attendance

- Full Year Course = 18 absences
- Half Year Course = 9 absences
- 3 lates / 3 MPI = 1 absence



DAILY SCHEDULE



PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL DAILY BELL SCHEDULE 2023-2024

	A/nchor DAY	B DAY	C DAY	D DAY	E DAY	F DAY
Block 1 8:20-9:04	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 3 [8:20-9:38]	Period 4 [8:20-9:38]
Block 2 9:09-9:54	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 1		
Block 3 10:01-10:45	Period 3	Period 4	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1 [9:46-11:04]	Period 2 [9:46-11:04]
Block 4 10:50-11:34	Period 4	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3		
	BREAK [11:34-12:05]				BREAK [11:04-11:43]	
Block 5 12:10-12:54	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 7 [11:48-1:06]	Period 8 [11:48-1:06]
Block 6 12:59-1:43	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 5	Period 5 [1:14-2:32]	Period 6 [1:14-2:32]
Block 7 1:48-2:32	Period 7	Period 8	Period 5	Period 6		
Block 8 2:37-3:21	Period 8	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Tiger Time	Peer Group/ Community Service
	No Labs on Anchor 44 min/period	44 min/period	44 min/period	44 min/period	78 min/period	78 min/period

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Mercer County Technical Schools

Full Day/4-Year Technical Programs

☐ Health Science Academy

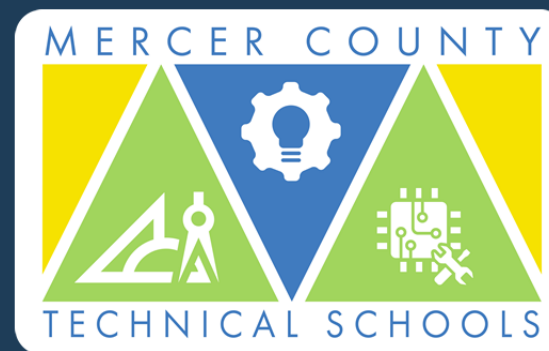
<https://www.mcts.edu/academics/health-science-academy>

☐ STEM Academy

<https://www.mcts.edu/academics/stem-academy>

☐ Culinary Arts Academy

<https://www.mcts.edu/academics/stem-academy>



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

Department Presentations

- Joy Barnes-Johnson, Ph.D. – Science
- Tiffany Brennan – Mathematics/Business
- Brian Dzbenski – PE/Health & Director of Athletics
- Patrick Lenihan – Visual & Performing Arts
- Crystal Riddick - Special Education
- Priscilla Russel - World Languages/ESL
- Keisha Smith-Carrington – Humanities (English & Social Studies)



Humanities Department - English



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***

Humanities Department - Social Studies



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*

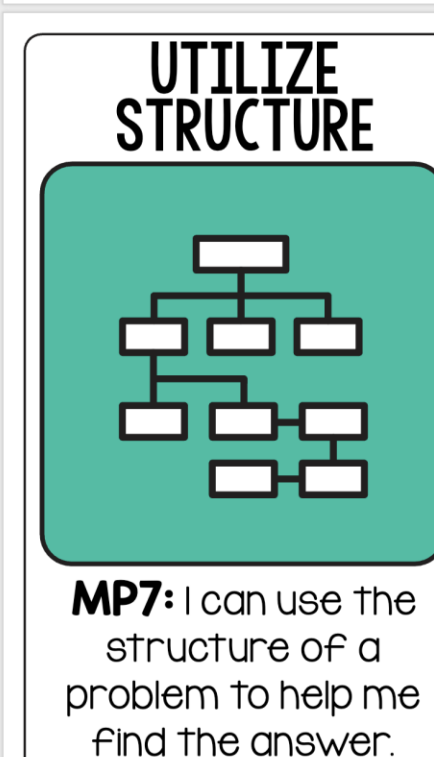
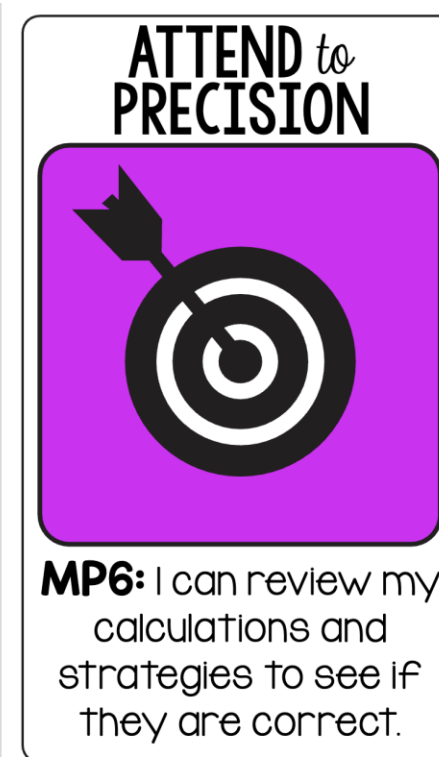
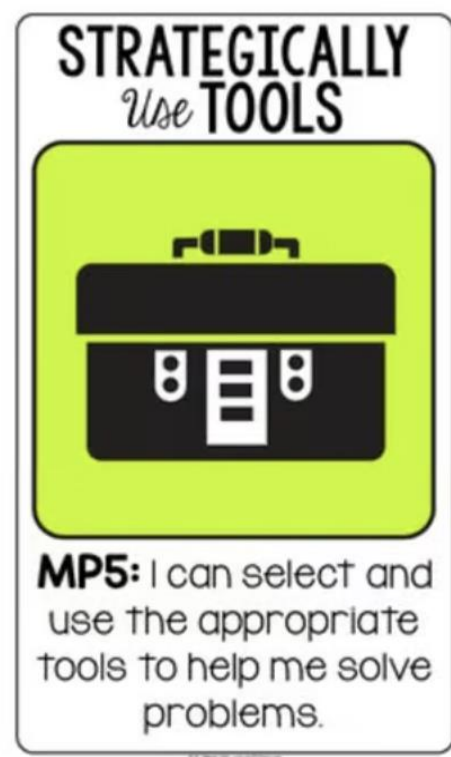
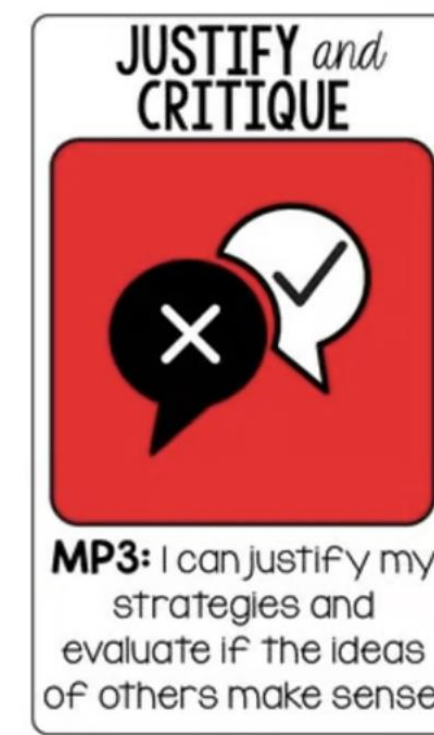
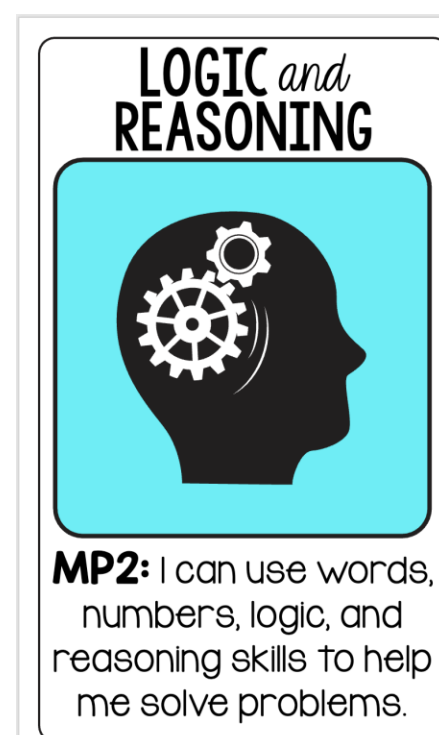
Electives:

- Racial Literacy and Justice
- Contemporary Crisis & Current Events
- Latin America
- Middle East
- Africa
- Russia
- World Religion
- Human Behavior
- Accelerated Sociology

Humanities Department (cont.)

- ❑ For further questions regarding the Humanities Department (English and Social Studies) contact Keisha Smith-Carrington: keishasmith@princetonk12.org
- ❑ Reminder:
 - March recommendations are initial placements
 - Recommendations and course placement will be reviewed and adjusted based on continued performance in *current* course.

Mathematics and Business Departments



Mathematics and Business Departments



	Mathematics			Computer Science	
8th grade:	Algebra I Part 2 or Algebra I	Algebra II Accelerated or Geometry Accelerated		Completion of Algebra 1	
9th grade:	Geometry	Geometry Accelerated or Algebra II Accelerated		Python	C.S. Principles
10th grade:	Algebra II	Precalculus Accelerated		JAVA	
				Obj. Oriented Programming: JAVA	
11th grade:	Precalculus	AP Statistics	AP Calc. AB or BC	AP CS: JAVA	
12th grade:	AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB	Multivariable Calculus & Linear Algebra		Algorithms & Data Structures

Mathematics and Business Departments (cont.)

❑ For further questions regarding math and business (including computer science courses) contact

Tiffany Brennan: tiffanybrennan@princetonk12.org

❑ Reminder:

- March recommendations are initial placements
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- Information regarding rising 9th Graders' summer math opportunities and computer science placement can be found on the PHS website this spring.

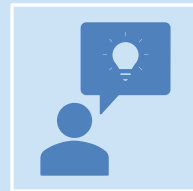
Science Department



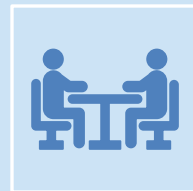
Bring inquiry to the forefront of student learning



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

Science Department



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

Science Department



Course offerings



Core Disciplinary Courses are college preparatory & lab-based



Life Science (Biology)



Physical Science (Chemistry or Physics)



Earth & Space Science (Environmental)



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

Electives

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Innovation Engineering
- Physics
- Sustainable
- Environmental Systems
- Forensics Science
- Genetics
- Planetary Science
- Organic Chemistry
- Research (Multiyear)

AP (Second year of Core Disciplines+)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics (Calculus-based)
- Environmental Science



Science Department



Science Options for Ninth Graders

- Biology I
- Horticulture/La Horticultura
- Environmental Science



Accelerated Science Placement Process

- Placement test in 8th grade
- Consistent academic achievement in grades 7 and 8 Science, English and Math
- Markers of Future Success Rubric score

Our BIG Hairy Audacious Goal is to
M.A.A.P. Every Child

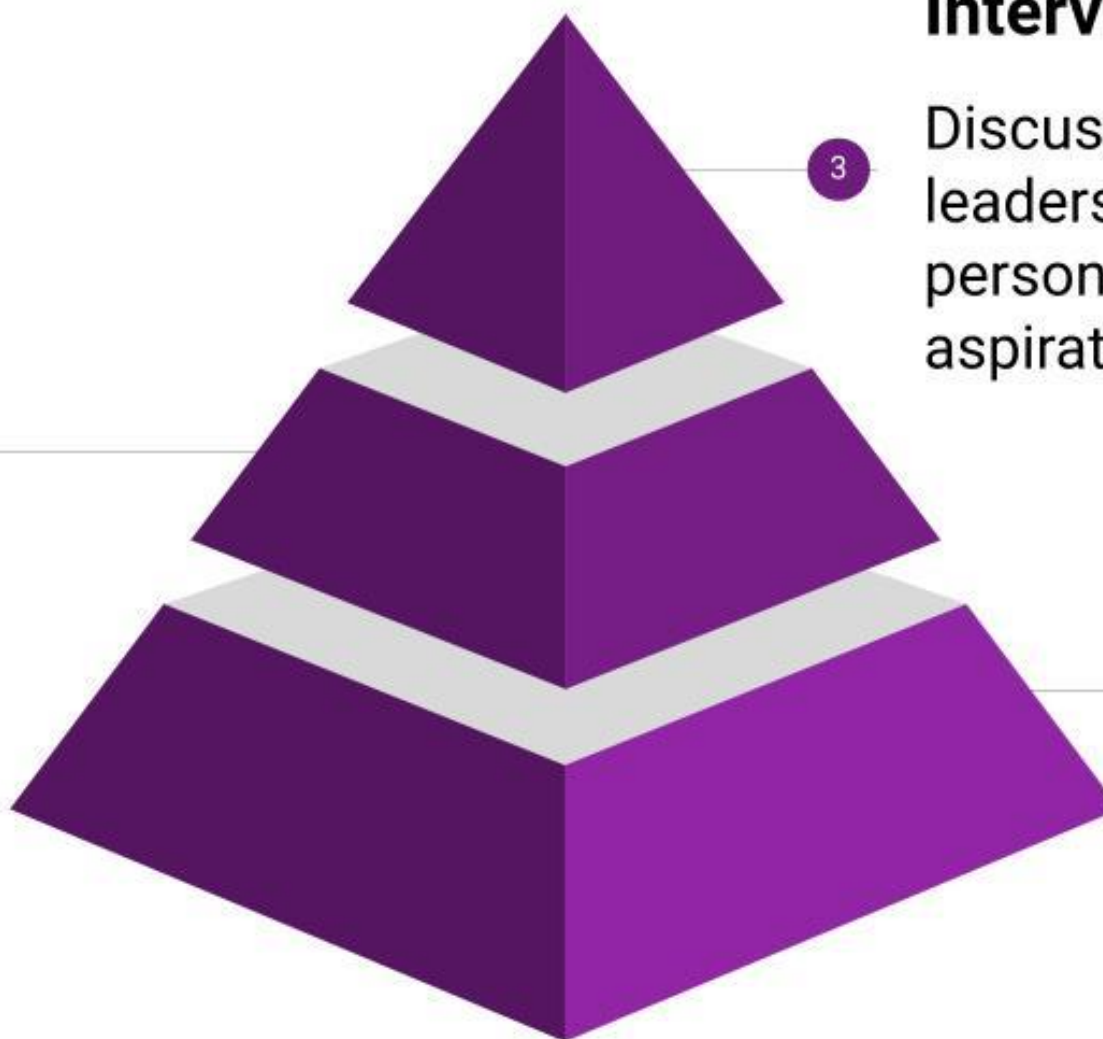
Acceleration Process **Advancement Criteria:**

- Placement/diagnostic assessments (85%+)
 - Relevant mathematics
 - Demonstrated laboratory skills (safety and technique)
- Previous course taking with successful completion (B+ or higher)
 - Relevant mathematics
 - Relevant science

Activities & Passions

Shared self reflection and personal inventories

Create an activities list and summary of extra- and intra-curricular activities; research interests and plan for independent inquiry



Motivation and Aspirations Interview & Recommendation

Discuss with departmental leadership and classroom teachers personal motivations and aspirations

Previous Preparation and Proficiencies Guide discussion

Demonstrate understanding in mathematics, science and technical subjects through placement tests, diagnostics and writing in enrollment year

Science Department



Recommendations reviewed for finalization in April-May

Accelerated Biology challenges students as a text-intensive course. Please consider your child's school interests, outside interests. Having a successful transition to PHS is our goal.

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

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

World Language Department



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.

World Language Department



- ❑ 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.

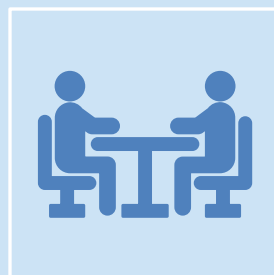
World Language Department



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 Department



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

- Drama I: Acting; no audition required **--OR--**
- Drama I: Musical Theatre; no audition required
- Drama II is an option for freshmen with extensive experience. Please email juliannakrawiecki@princetonk12.org to schedule a private audition.

Dance

- Dance: No audition required

Visual & Performing Arts Department



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 Department

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.

Example of 9th Grade Requests

- English I
- Mathematics
- Biology I
- US History I
- World Language
- PE & Health 9
- 21st Century/Arts/Financial Literacy
- Additional Elective

Course Selection in PowerSchool

- Use the Parent/Student Portal to input your requests
 - PMS: use your current portal
 - Cranbury & PCS: will need to setup accounts in PRINCETON'S PowerSchool system.
 - You are entering *requests*. What you see in PowerSchool is not your *schedule*!
- Portals will be open from February 11 – March 11
- Please request 8 courses and 3-5 "alternate" requests.

Course Selection in PowerSchool

- **When selecting courses:**
 - **Look at the prerequisites in the Program of Studies**
 - **Make sure the course is open to 9th grade students**
 - **If a recommendation is required, please discuss with your teachers first!**

PowerSchool Sample



Welcome to the Princeton High School Class Registration System for 2024-2025

We are excited to welcome you to Princeton High School! Please select a total of 40 credits; including English, Science, Math, US History I, and PE/Health (25 credits). The remaining 15 credits will be a World Language and electives.

[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.

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English Grade 9

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	English	H14513	English course for LLD students	5		
<input type="checkbox"/>	English (D)	H14514	English course for students in the Autism program	5		
<input type="checkbox"/>	English 1	H14511	English 1 course for special education students that require a smaller, resource setting.	5		
<input type="checkbox"/>	English 1 ICRP	H14510	English 1 course for special education students that require a setting with a general education and special education teacher.	0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	English I	H14010	Required of all freshmen. This course lays the foundation for future course work at Princeton High School. English I introduces students to a variety of modes of expression and genres found in world literature. Major units include autobiographical writings; storytelling through myths, short stories and novels;	5		

English Grade 9

English I is a 9th grade requirement.

Number of requests to generate

Science Grade 9

Please choose a Science course.

Number of requests to generate

Math Grade 9

Please choose a Math course.

Number of requests to generate

United States History I

US History I is a 9th grade requirement.

Number of requests to generate

World Languages

Please choose a course in the

Department.

Number of requests to generate

PE and Health Grade 9

Physical Education is a 9th grade requirement.

Click the edit button to request a course ➡



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English Grade 9
English I is a 9th grade requirement.
Number of requests to generate: 1

Science Grade 9
Please choose a Science course.
Number of requests to generate: 1

Math Grade 9
Please choose a Math course.
Number of requests to generate: 1

United States History I
US History I is a 9th grade requirement.
Number of requests to generate: 1

World Languages
Please choose a course in the World Languages Department.
Number of requests to generate: 1

PE and Health Grade 9
Physical Education is a 9th grade requirement.

English Grade 9

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English MD

H14515

High School. English I introduces students to a variety of modes of expression and genres found in world literature. Major units include autobiographical writings; storytelling through myths, short stories and novels; dramatic, and journalistic and oral presentations of issues; the sounds and images of poetry and non-print media. Students write regularly using a process approach, learning how to vary their writing for different purposes. Vocabulary and grammar are integrated with the literature study and writing.

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ESL Eng 9

H14913

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ESL Welcome Center

H91900

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You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay

Click the edit button to request a course ➡

Course Request Timeline

Activity	Date(s)
Enter course requests in PowerSchool	February 11 – March 11
PHS counselors meet with students at PMS	March 11 - 15
PHS counselors meet with students at Cranbury	April 2
PHS counselors meet with students at PCS	April 3
Deadline for changes to course requests for 2024-2025	June 7, 2024

Changes to Course Requests

June 7th, 2024 is the last day to make changes to your course requests

Once Schedules are Released:

- **Email your counselor to make an appointment**
- **Contact your counselor for:**
 - **Correction of an incomplete or incorrect schedule**
 - **Need to fulfill district and/or state of New Jersey graduation requirements**
 - **Alteration of a schedule due to failure of a course**
 - **Alteration of a schedule as a result of summer school**

Proactive > Reactive

**Changing your
schedule once you
receive it has limits**

**If you want to make a
change after school
starts, we have to get
approval from your
parent/guardian, teacher,
and department
supervisor**

**A student who is
allowed to withdraw
from a year or semester
course at any time after
the deadline will be
removed from the class
roster. A record of
Withdraw (W) will be
maintained throughout
the remainder of the
year and recorded on the
student's permanent
transcript.**

Schedule Changes (cont.)

Deadline	Schedule Change Desired/Grade Transfer
September 27, 2024	Drop/Add Without Penalty <i>(Note: Dropped classes will not appear on the transcript.)</i>
Before/Prior to the End of Q1	Grades Will Not Transfer to New Class
After the End of Q1 <i>(Q2 to December 20th, 2024)</i>	Grade in New Course = Grade in Previous Accelerated Course + One Letter Grade Increase
Last Day Before Winter Break <i>(December 20, 2024)</i>	No More Schedule/Class Changes

No new elective additions may be added after the second to last Friday in September for a semester course and the last Friday in September for a full year course

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes will NOT be made for the following reasons:

- **Class during the AM/PM session**
- **Course selection based on a "trial period"**
- **Course choice based on a preferred teacher**



Lastly

New Student **Orientation** at PHS

Last week of August

More information and exact date to follow!

Contact Us

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■ Firstname**lastname**@princetonk12.org

☐ To call:

■ 609.806.4280