

Entering Course Requests

Aspen: Student Overview



[Use your registration worksheet](#) as a guide as you complete your course requests in [Aspen](#).

(note: the link above will make a copy of the worksheet)

**Course requests must be completed in Aspen by each student between
March 12, 2024 – March 20, 2024**

Follow these steps:

1. Login to the Aspen Student Portal and go to the course request area.
2. Review the courses that were recommended for you. If any changes need to be made, please speak with your teacher or counselor. Counselors will be meeting with individual students between March 12 and April 4.
3. Go into **Entry Mode** in order to make your requests:
 - Add your elective courses under **Primary Requests** by choosing the subject and selecting the course.
 - Add a **priority** number to your course request. Use **1** for the course that is most important to you, **2** for the next most important and so on.
 - Add up to two direct alternates to your course request.
 - Add general alternates under **Alternate requests** and assign priorities to them.
 - Add a note for your counselor if needed. Examples include requesting 66 credits with Dean approval (rising Junior/Senior only), wanting to have no or one free block, etc.
 - Click the **Post** button.
4. Exit Entry Mode and **review all of your course selections** (including recommended courses and those you have just selected).

Need Help?

- Be sure to discuss your course selections with your parents/guardians, teachers, and counselors
- More detailed instructions for each step above are in the following pages of this document

Adding Course Requests in Aspen

Instructions for students to review recommendations and add course and alternate requests online.

1. Navigating to the Course Request Area

- Log onto the Aspen Family/Student Portal by clicking on the Aspen Logo on the school or district website. Use your NPS login information to log on.
- Click on **My Info** in the top tabs, and then click on **Requests** on the side tab.

The screenshot shows the Aspen Family/Student Portal interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Pages, My Info (circled in red), Academics, Groups, Calendar, and Locker. Below the tabs, the 'Requests' section is active. On the left side, there is a sidebar with various menu items: My Details, Transcript, Current Schedule, Contacts, Attendance, Conduct, Assessments, Membership, Notifications, Requests (circled in red), Requests Details, and Graduation Progress. The main content area displays a table of course requests for the 2018-2019 school year. The table has columns for School Course > CrsNo, School Course > Description, and Alternate?. Below this table, there is a section for 'Course Request Adjustments' with a table that includes columns for School Course > Number, School Course > Description, School Course > Department, School Course > Grade level, School Course > Academic level, Type, and C.

2018-2019 - Requests: 4 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 40% - Credits: 20.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?
<input type="checkbox"/>	1301	AP English 12	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	2051	AP French	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	4601	Law and Society ACP	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	5081	AP Calculus 4 AB	N

Course Request Adjustments							
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Course > Number	School Course > Description	School Course > Department	School Course > Grade level	School Course > Academic level	Type	C
<input type="checkbox"/>	1301	AP English 12	ELA-ELA	12	H	Recommended	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2051	AP French	WL-World Language	11-12	H	Recommended	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4601	Law and Society ACP	HS-History & Social Science	12	ACP	Recommended	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5081	AP Calculus 4 AB	MAT-Mathematics	12	H	Recommended	

2. Reviewing Recommended Courses

You will see course requests on the **Requests** page (see above). You may need to click << **Exit entry mode**.

- **Upper Table - Requests (what you will be scheduled for)**
 - This includes the courses that were recommended for you. These cannot be changed online. **If you need to change a course that requires a recommendation, you need to speak to your teacher and counselor.**
 - When you add course requests in the next step, those courses will appear in this area.
- **Lower Table - Course Request Adjustments**
 - These are the courses that have been recommended for you.

3. Entry Mode

- To make any course requests, you must enter entry mode by clicking on the **Entry mode >>** link on the top left side of the page.
- You can exit Entry Mode later by clicking << **Exit entry mode** in the same place.

The screenshot shows a close-up of the 'Requests' page. The 'Transcript' menu item is selected, and the 'Entry mode >>' link is circled in red. Other menu items like 'Options', 'Reports', and 'Help' are visible in the top right corner.

4. Adding Elective Courses

Once you are in Entry Mode, you will see the **Instructions** for registration (please read carefully), as well as subject groups that you can use to make your elective requests under **Primary requests**.

Instructions

Welcome to Course Requests for Grade 12 at NNHS!

A few reminders:

- You must request a minimum of one course in PEHW (Physical Education, Health and Wellness).
- To submit your course requests, you must request a minimum of 24 blocks (or 29.5 credits.)
 - If you qualify to take 22 blocks, please request course #69011 (fall) and/or course #69021 (spring)
 - If you plan to apply to be a Peer Tutor and/or a Classroom Aide, please request course #69311 (fall) and/or course #69321 (spring.)
 - If you are not accepted into these programs in the fall, you may need to select a replacement elective.
- Recommended courses will automatically become requests as soon as you enter "Entry Mode." If you need to delete a recommended course, you must see your **counselor**.
- Don't forget to choose alternates. Some areas allow for direct alternates (e.g. in PEHW) and/or you can select general alternates in the "alternates" track.
- Your requests must be completed by 8am on Monday March 12.

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Credit
	All School				
	Business				
	CTE				
	Engineering				

To request a course:

- Click **Select...** next to the subject area for the course that you would like to request.
- Find the course that you would like to request. If courses are listed over several pages, use the left and right arrows above the table to move from page to page.
- Click the select box next to the course you are requesting and then click **OK**.

Subject area: Fine and Performing Arts

Instructions:

0 of 22 selected

Select	Coursenumber	CourseDescription	Number	Description	Academic level	Credit	Academic Hours	Prerequisite	Status	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	7151	Photography Minor 1	7151	Photography Minor 1	N	1.25	1.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7011	Art Minor 1	7011	Art Minor 1	N	2.5	2.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7051	Ceramics Minor 1	7051	Ceramics Minor 1	N	2.5	2.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7311	Sculpture	7311	Sculpture	N	2.5	2.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7081	Art Major 1 ACP	7081	Art Major 1 ACP	ACP	5.0	4.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7121	History of Art ACP	7121	History of Art ACP	ACP	5.0	4.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	8161	History of Rock Music	8161	History of Rock Music	N	1.25	1.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	8191	Music of the Beatles	8191	Music of the Beatles	N	1.25	1.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	83821	American Musical Theatre	83821	American Musical Theatre	N	1.25	1.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	8001	Concert Choir ACP	8001	Concert Choir ACP	ACP	2.5	2.0			<input type="text" value="0"/>

OK Cancel

Remember that only courses that DO NOT require a recommendation from a teacher are available to be selected online. If you would like to request such a course, you must speak with your teacher and/or add it to your registration form, with your teacher's signature on Verification Day.

5. Adding Priorities

As you add elective courses, you can add a priority number to indicate the course's importance to you. This allows schedulers to know which class to schedule you for in case of a conflict.

To add a priority:

- Find the **Priority** column to the far right of the course you are selecting.
- Click in and type in a number to indicate your priority.
(1 is the most important, 2 less important, and so on)
- Click **OK** to save.
- Repeat for each course request you make, but do not use the same priority number twice.

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Number	Description	Academic level	Credit	Academic Hours	Prerequisite	Status	Priority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7151	Photography Minor 1	7151	Photography Minor 1	N	1.25	1.0			0
<input type="checkbox"/>	7011	Art Minor 1	7011	Art Minor 1	N	2.5	2.0			0

6. Adding Direct Alternates

A direct alternate is a course that can be used as a substitute in your schedule if the original class that you have linked it to is not available.

You will be able to add a direct alternate for a class if you see a column labeled **Alternate 1** next to the course you requested in the previous step.

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Academic Hours	Prerequisite	Status	Alternate 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	0061	Personal and Group Awareness	N	1.0	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	0071	Get Fit	N	1.0	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	0081	Introduction to Rock Climbing	N	1.0	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	0091	Sexuality and Health 2	N	1.0	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	0141	Aqua-Fit & CPR/AED/First Aid	N	1.0	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	0151	Aquatic Instruction	N	1.0	1.0			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0161	Water Games	N	1.0	1.0			0081 Rock Climbing
<input type="checkbox"/>	0171	Lifeguard Training	N	1.0	1.0			

To add a direct alternate:

- Next to the course that you are requesting, click the arrows to view drop down menu of courses in the **Alternate 1** column.
- Choose the class that you would like as an alternate for your original course request.
- You may choose to add a 2nd and 3rd direct alternate for your original course request.
- Click **OK** to save your choices.

7. Adding General Alternates

A general alternate class can be used as a substitute to any of your original class requests if needed.

To add a general alternate:

- Look for the table labeled **Alternate requests**
- Click on **Select...**

Alternate requests									
	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	SecType	Alternate?	Priority	Alt 1 > CrsNo	Alt 2 > CrsNo	Credit
<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	Alternates								

- Choose the course(s) that you would like as general alternates by checking the check box. Remember that you can navigate to other pages by using the right and left arrows.
- Prioritize your general alternates. These priorities are different from the priorities that you assigned to your course requests. Put a 1 in the **Priority** column next to the alternate that you would prefer, 2 next to your second choice and 3 next to your third choice.

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Number	Description	Academic level	Credit	Academic Hours	Prerequisite	Status	Alternate priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	90211	Exploratory Culinary Arts 11,12	90211	Exploratory Culinary Arts 11,12	N	2.5	2.0			0
<input type="checkbox"/>	91111	Exploratory Draft Arch 11,12	91111	Exploratory Draft Arch 11,12	N	2.5	2.0			0
<input type="checkbox"/>	93211	Exploratory Graphic Comm 11,12	93211	Exploratory Graphic Comm 11,12	N	2.5	2.0			0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9591	Engineering 1 ACP	9591	Engineering 1 ACP	ACP	2.5	2.0			2
<input type="checkbox"/>	9601	Engineering 2 ACP	9601	Engineering 2 ACP	ACP	2.5	2.0			0
<input type="checkbox"/>	9631	Exploring Technology 1	9631	Exploring Technology 1	N	1.25	1.0			0
<input type="checkbox"/>	9641	Exploring Technology 2	9641	Exploring Technology 2	N	1.25	1.0			0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9651	Robotics 1	9651	Robotics 1	N	1.25	1.0			1
<input type="checkbox"/>	9671	Robotics 2	9671	Robotics 2	N	1.25	1.0			0
<input type="checkbox"/>	9721	Computer Repair ACP	9721	Computer Repair ACP	ACP	5.0	4.0			0

8. Notes for Counselors

At the bottom of the page there is a box where you can leave a note for your counselor about your course selections. Example: You can indicate here any errors or changes in a teacher's recommendation.

Notes for counselor

Last posted time: Approved time:

9. Posting

Click the **Post** button when you have finished your course selections. Your counselor will be notified.

10. Reviewing Your Requests

- Click <<Exit entry mode on the top left side of the page.
- Review your course selections, in the upper table. (see step 1)
- If you need to make any adjustments, return to **Entry** mode, make your changes according to these instructions, and re-post.