

Princeton High School

Program of Studies Night
January 21, 2025

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
- Erica Marotta – Assistant Principal

SUPERVISORS

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

School Counseling Department

School Counselors:

- Tom Filippone: A-Col
- Dan DeStefano: Cop-Gel
- Paul Song: Gen-Kh
- Rebecca McEvoy: Ki-Mayb
- Adam Rothschild: Maye-Oa
- Reyhan Garcia: Oc-Suk
- Meghan Brennan: Sul-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
- Bethzayda Matos, Coord. of Student Services - Wellness
- Bethany Siddiqui, Social Worker (Wellness)

Child Study Team:

- Karen Albano
- Jackleen Alvarado
- Michelle Kotch
- 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)

Total Credits - 120!



- 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 Every Year
- Visual/Performing Arts 5 Credits
- 21st Century Life/Careers 5 Credits
- Financial Literacy 2.5 Credits
- Racial Literacy Requirement/PIRL
- Community Service (10th Grade)
- Completion of the FAFSA

Graduation Requirements cont.

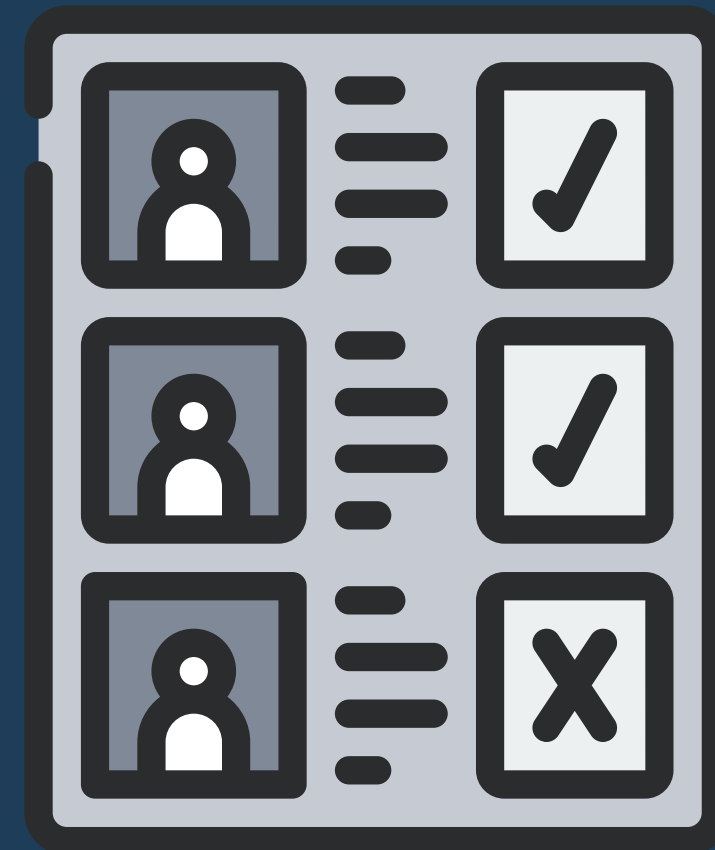
NJGPA/NJSLA

- Math
- English



Attendance


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



PHS BELL SCHEDULE

2024-2025

DAILY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A1	B2	B3	TIGER DAY	A4
PERIOD 1 8:20-9:04	PERIOD 2 8:20-9:50	PERIOD 3 8:20-9:50	PERIOD 1 8:20-8:56	PERIOD 4 8:20-9:04
PERIOD 2 9:09-9:53			PERIOD 2 9:01-9:37	PERIOD 1 9:09-9:53
PERIOD 3 9:58-10:44	PERIOD 4 9:58-11:30	PERIOD 1 9:58-11:30	PERIOD 3 9:42-10:20	PERIOD 2 9:58-10:44
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BREAK 11:33-12:05	BREAK 11:30-12:08	BREAK 11:30-12:08	BREAK 11:01-11:32	BREAK 11:33-12:05
PERIOD 5 12:10-12:54	PERIOD 8 12:13-1:43	PERIOD 7 12:13-1:43	PERIOD 5 11:37-12:13	PERIOD 8 12:10-12:54
PERIOD 6 12:59-1:43			PERIOD 6 12:18-12:54	PERIOD 5 12:59-1:43
PERIOD 7 1:48-2:32	PERIOD 6 1:51-3:21	PERIOD 5 1:51-3:21	PERIOD 7 12:59-1:35	PERIOD 6 1:48-2:32
PERIOD 8 2:37-3:21			PERIOD 8 1:40-2:16	PERIOD 7 2:37-3:21
			 TIGER TIME PEER GROUP 2:21-3:21	
44 MIN (5 PASSING)	90 MIN (8 PASSING)	90 MIN (8 PASSING)	36 MIN (5 PASSING)	44 MIN (5 PASSING)

Mercer County Technical Schools

Full Day/4-Year Technical Programs

❑ Health Science Academy

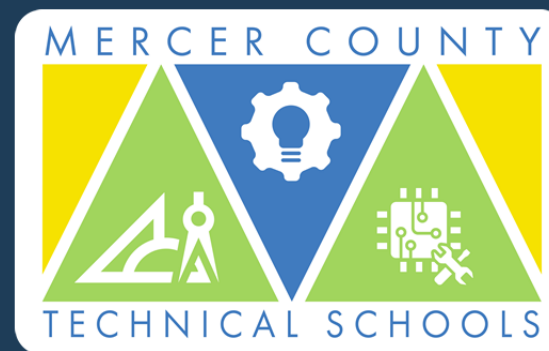
<https://www.mcts.edu/academics/health-science-academy>

❑ 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

- Tiffany Brennan – Mathematics/Business
- Brian Dzbenski – PE/Health & Director of Athletics
- Jacqueline Katz – Science
- Patrick Lenihan – Visual & Performing Arts
- Crystal Riddick - Special Education
- Priscilla Russel - World Languages/ESL
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Humanities Department – English



Required Courses (4):

- 9th: English I
- 10th: English II
- 11th:
 - English III or
 - AP English Language & Composition
- 12th:
 - English IV or
 - AP English Literature & Composition

Note: Students may be recommended for supplemental support in 9th grade (English Plus) and/or 10th – 12th grades (English Plus – Advanced).*

Electives:

21st Century Literature
Creative Writing*
Elements of Cinema
English Plus*
English Plus - Advanced
Filmmaking*
Game Design
Great Books
Journalism I/II*
Literature and Social Justice
Media Studies*
Multi-Media Special Effects*
Philosophy
Public Speaking*
Video Production I/II*

****Freshmen may enroll.***

Humanities Department – Social Studies



Required Courses (3):

- 9th: United States (US) History I
- 10th: US History II or APUSH
- 11th: World History & Cultures or AP World History

Electives: (Freshmen may not enroll.)

- Accelerated Sociology (Dual Enrollment Course: Sociology 101 at TCNJ)
- AP European History
- AP Government and Politics
- AP Human Geography
- Africa
- Contemporary Crisis and Current Events
- Human Behavior
- Latin America
- Middle East
- Racial Literacy
- Russia
- World Religions

Humanities Department (cont.)



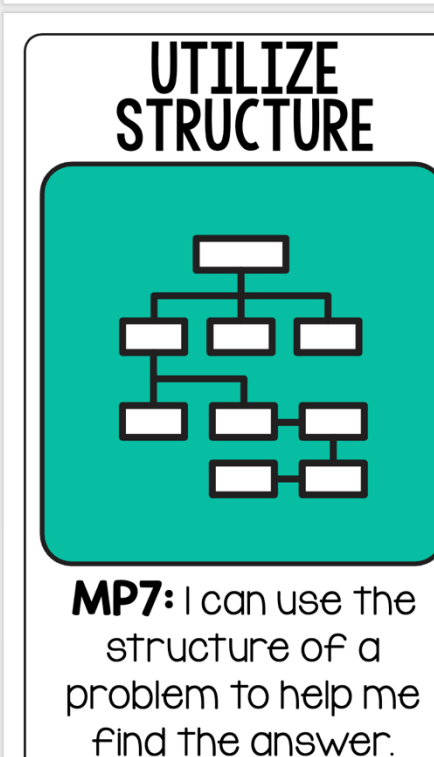
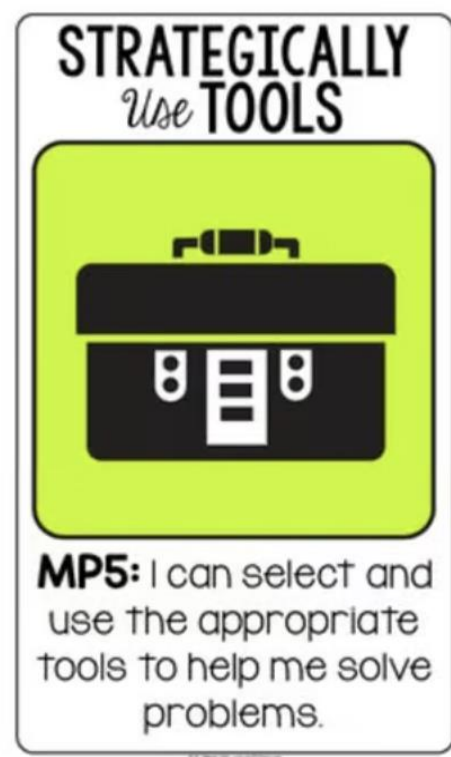
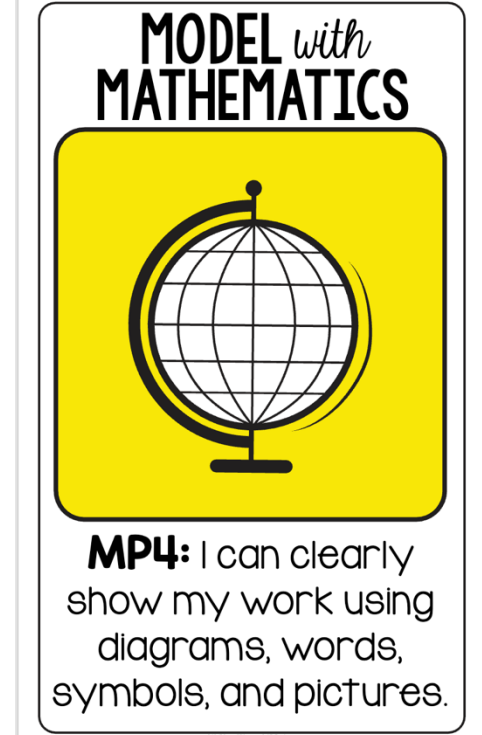
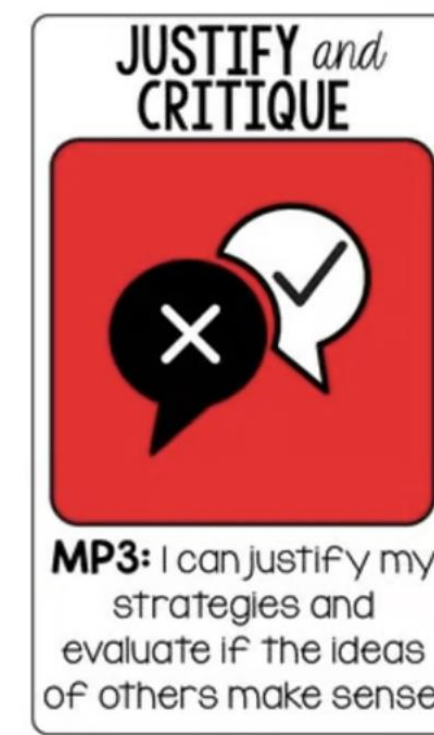
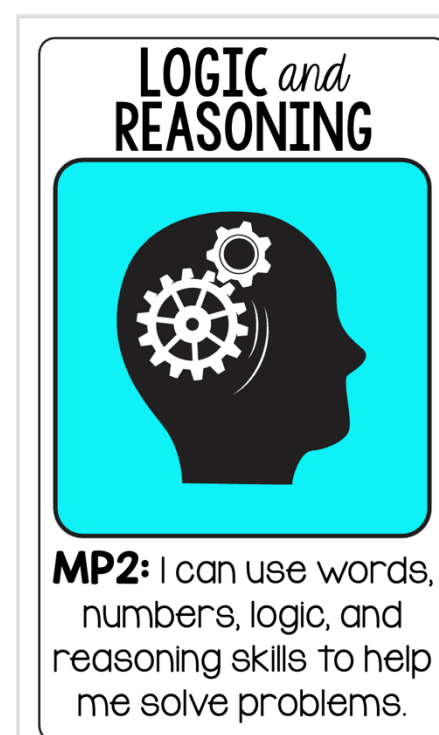
For further questions regarding the Humanities Department (English and Social Studies) contact Keisha Smith-Carrington:

keishasmith@princetonk12.org

Reminders:

- March recommendations are initial placements.
- Recommendations and course placements will be reviewed and adjusted based on continued performance in *current* courses.

Mathematics and Business Departments



Mathematics and Business Departments



	Mathematics			Computer Science	
8th grade:	Algebra I	Algebra II Accelerated or Geometry Accelerated		Completion of Algebra 1	
9th grade:	Geometry	Geometry Accelerated or Algebra II Accelerated		Python	AP CS Principles
10th grade:	Algebra II	Precalculus Accelerated		JAVA	
				Obj. Oriented Programming: JAVA	
11th grade:	Precalculus	AP Statistics	AP Calc. AB or BC	AP CS A: 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

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- Information regarding rising 9th Graders' summer math opportunities and computer science placement can be found on the PHS website.

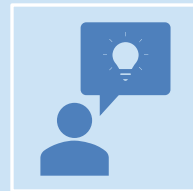
Science Department



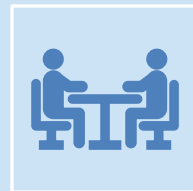
Bring inquiry to the forefront of student learning



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

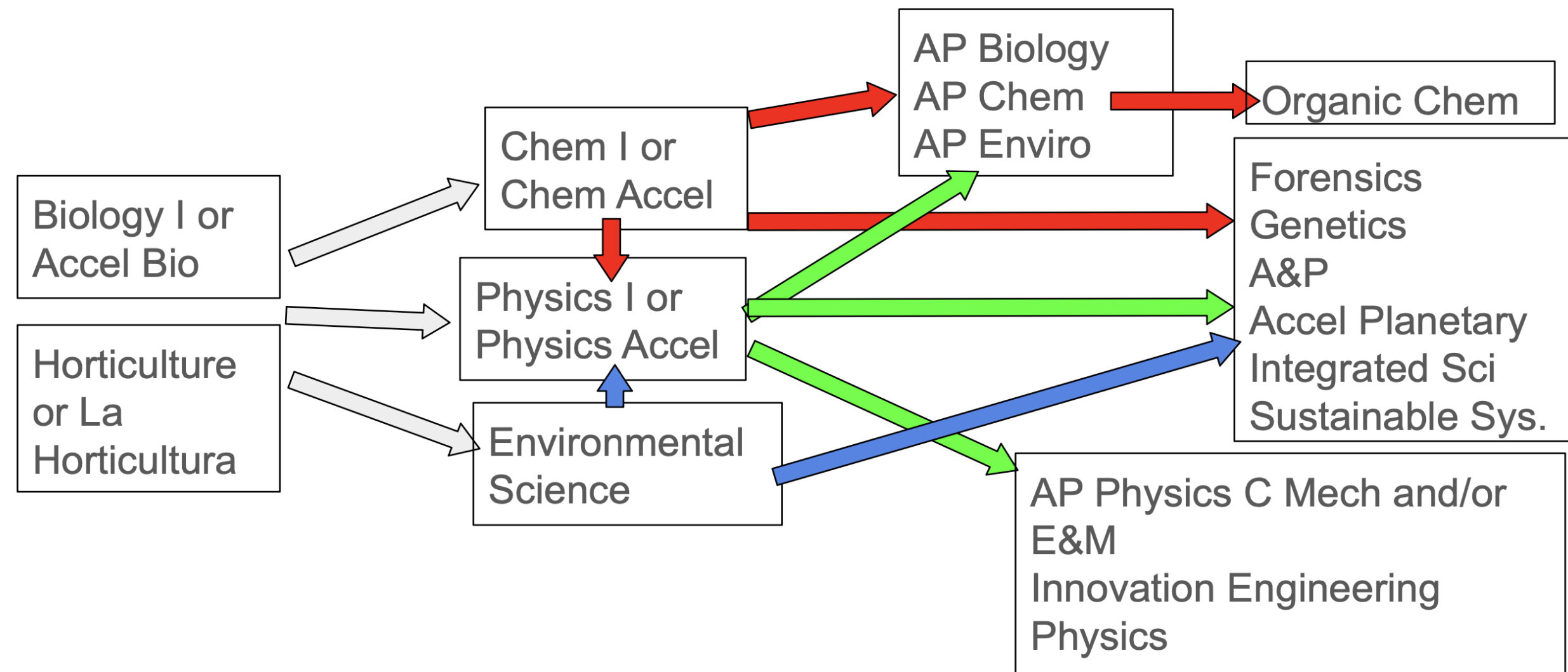


Prepare young people for an ever increasing technological and scientific 21st Century

Science Department



Course offerings



Students can apply for the [Science Research Program](#) in either their 10th or 11th grade year. Applications come out in December.

Science Department



Other science opportunities- Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, Content-specific Olympiads, Odyssey of the Mind, volunteer/service and others!

Recommendations reviewed for finalization in April-May

Any questions, contact Jackie Katz at 609-806-4280 x 3660 or jacquelinekatz@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 soon to arrange a placement interview with the appropriate teacher at the high school..
- ❑ 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. Eac department offers classes with supports for ELLs.

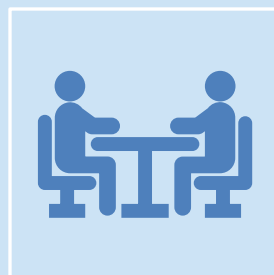
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Dual Language Immersion (DLI)



- DLI students will have a proficiency evaluation in February to determine appropriate placement.



- *La Horticultura a*, course cross-listed with science, 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 9 – March 9
- 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 English I is a 9th grade requirement. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
Science Grade 9 Please choose a Science course. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
Math Grade 9 Please choose a Math course. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
United States History I US History I is a 9th grade requirement. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
World Languages Please choose a course in the World Languages Department. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
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

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Number of requests to generate: 0

Science Grade 9

Please choose a Science course.

Number of requests to generate: 0

Math Grade 9

Please choose a Math course.

Number of requests to generate: 0

United States History I

US History I is a 9th grade requirement.

Number of requests to generate: 0

World Languages

Please choose a course in the Language Department.

Number of requests to generate: 0

PE and Health Grade 9

Physical Education is a 9th grade requirement.

English Grade 9

English I is a 9th grade requirement.

<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		

Click the edit button to request a course ➡

Course Request Timeline

Activity	Date(s)
Enter course requests in PowerSchool	February 9 – March 9
PHS counselors meet with students at PMS	March 10 - 14
PHS counselors meet with students at The Cranbury School	March 25
PHS counselors meet with students at Princeton Charter School	March 26
Requests for course changes after March 28th will be held and considered based on space availability.	March 31 - June 6, 2025

Changes to Course Requests

Changes to course requests submitted after March 28th will be held and considered on a space-available basis!!!!

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

Deadline	Schedule Change Desired/Grade Transfer
September 26, 2025	Drop/Add without penalty <i>(Note: dropped classes will not appear on the transcript)</i>
End of Q1	Grades Will be Dropped for Level Changes
First day of Q2 through the last school day before winter break	Grade in New Course = Grade in Previous Accelerated Course + 10 points
Last Day Before Winter Break <i>December 23, 2025</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

☐ <http://phs.princetonk12.org>

☐ To e-mail:

■ Firstname**lastname**@princetonk12.org

☐ To call:

■ 609.806.4280