

Welcome to the Class of 2027

Informational Meeting



Transitioning from 10th to 11th grade



**Presented by the Fox Chapel Area High School
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Graduation Requirements for FCAHS

- 4 credits in English**
- 4 credits in Social Studies**
- 3 credits in Science**
- 3 credits in Mathematics**
- 2.5 credits in PE/Health Education (1 credit health & 1.5 credits of PE)**
- 0.5 credit in College & Career Essentials**
- 9 credits in additional electives (2 in Arts & Humanities*)**
- 1 credit for proficiency requirement (Keystone Exams or assigned project)**
- 27 Total credits**

**Additional Requirements for
Graduation :
Graduation project and 12 hour
service learning**



*** Included are arts and crafts, music, media, tech. Ed., family and consumer sciences, foreign language, English electives, and Social Studies electives**

Career Readiness Indicator for the Future Ready PA Index

- Academic Standards for Career Education and Work
- By the end of grade 11, students will have a portfolio comprised of at least 8 pieces of evidence showing the standards are meaningfully addressed.
- Strengths Explorer Assessment; Resume; Interview
- Starting in 9th grade, these items are completed through the School Counseling curriculum as well as the required College & Career Essentials Course

SCHOOL COUNSELING CURRICULUM

Sophomore year

- PSAT in October at FCAHS
- School Counseling Unit - Naviance Assessment "Do What you Are" + reflection & small group advisement with counselor (February)
- Orientation presentation AW Beattie Career Center - Field Trip for interested students
- Meetings with all students to review online course requests (March)

Junior Year

- PSAT in October at FCAHS - National Merit now applicable
- School Counseling unit " Planning for Post-Secondary Options Individual Meetings (February)
- Individual meetings with all students to review course requests (March)

Senior Year

- School Counseling Post-Secondary Planning Unit (September) - College Application Process, Financial Aid and Scholarships

FCAHS ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES

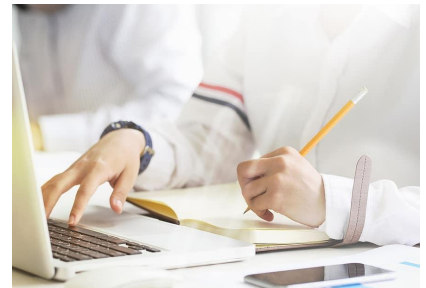
Morning Support Time - 7:00 -7:55 AM Monday - Friday

Math Help Center –Daily help from FC math teachers in room 251 7:00-7:55 am

Student Support Team (SST)—Help access school & community resources for your child.

- Instructional Support Services (IS)
- Mental Health & D/A Services

Tutoring—A list of outside tutors is available on the district's website



STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES



- School Counselors
- Mr. Frazier (Social Services Liaison)
- School-Based Mental Health through Family Based Resources
- Care Solace

Junior Year Timeline



FALL

- Continue good study habits & course selection
- Explore and narrow educational choices
- Get to know your counselor; interests, options
- Take the PSAT
- Attend college fairs & college visits at FCAHS
- Develop a list of prospective colleges/technical schools/military and other options based on research-keep in mind “Reach, Range and Reserve Schools”
- Register & prepare for ACT/SAT - Either fall or spring - speak with your counselor!

SPRING

- Narrow your list - plan college visits
- For service academies, the application process starts now!
- Schedule challenging senior courses
- Register for SAT/ACT if you haven't done so!
- Register for AP Tests
- Job shadowing
- Plan summer - internships, volunteering
- Complete 12 hours of community service (If not already done)

SUMMER

- Refine list & begin applications

Draft essays

PLANNING FOR TESTING

All grade levels: State required testing (Keystones - Algebra I, Biology & Literature - December and May testing windows)

Sophomores: October PSAT (Preliminary SAT)

Juniors: October PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit scholarship eligibility)
Free SAT Prep through the Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Juniors and Seniors: College admissions tests: ACT, SAT, and AP Exams

FCAHS College in High School(CHS) Course Options

FCAHS Course	College	College Course Name	Credit	Cost
Argument	University of Pittsburgh	COMMRC 0500 Argument	3 credits	\$225
Government and Political Science AP	University of Pittsburgh	PS 0200 American Politics	3 credits	\$225
Business Calculus	University of Pittsburgh	Math 0120 Business Calculus	4 credits	\$320
Statistics AP	University of Pittsburgh	STAT 0200 Basic Applied Statistics	4 credits	\$300
Calculus AB AP	University of Pittsburgh	Math 0220 Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1	4 credits	\$320
Precalculus	Seton Hill	SMA 120 Precalculus	4 credits	\$230
Precalculus Acc	Seton Hill	SMA 120 Precalculus	4 credits	\$230
Calculus	Seton Hill	SMA 130 Calculus I with Analytical Geometry SMA 225	4 credits	\$230
Linear Algebra	Seton Hill	Linear Algebra	3 credits	\$230
French III	Seton Hill	SFR 100 Introduction to French Language and Culture I	3 credits	\$230
French IV	Seton Hill	SFR 105 Introduction to French Language and Culture II	3 credits	\$230
French V AP	Seton Hill	SFR 205 Intermediate French Language and Culture	3 credits	\$230
German III	Seton Hill	SGE 100 Introduction to German Language and Culture I	3 credits	\$230
German IV	Seton Hill	SGE 105 Introduction to German Language and Culture II	3 credits	\$230
Latin III	Seton Hill	SLT 105 Elementary Latin Language and Culture II	3 credits	\$230
Latin IV	Seton Hill	SLT 200 Introduction to Latin Literature	3 credits	\$230
Latin V	Seton Hill	SLT 202 Vergil	3 credits	\$230
Spanish III	Seton Hill	SSP 100 Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture I	3 credits	\$230
Spanish IV	Seton Hill	SSP 105 Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture II	3 credits	\$230
Spanish V AP	Seton Hill	SSP 205 Intermediate Spanish Language and Culture	3 credits	\$230
Accounting II	Duquesne University	ACCT 214 Financial Accounting	3 credits	\$385

***Two new courses recently added as CHS courses through Duquesne:**

**1. Modern European History AP
&
2. Psychology AP**

COURSE SELECTION FOR 11th GRADE

1. Course Selection Guides - A PDF copy will be emailed to all students on February 14 & hard copies be given to all students in QRT.
2. Your child will **complete their course requests online through Power School by March 7** & then review their requests with counselors starting on March 10, 11 and 12.
3. Course request windows will remain open during a limited time which will be emailed to all students.



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 Career Portfolio

Welcome to the Fox Chapel Area High School Class Registration System for 2025-2026 ●

[View course requests](#)

Career Clusters

Click the edit button to request a course ➔



Please choose the career cluster you are most interested in exploring.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 11 English

Click the edit button to request a course ➔

To select a course in each area click on the pencil. Once the selection is complete, a green check mark will be displayed in that section.



Please choose an English course

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 11 Social Studies

Click the edit button to request a course ➔



Please choose a Social Studies course.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 11 Math

Click the edit button to request a course ➔



Please pick your math course. Make sure that you meet the prerequisite for the course that you select. If you are choosing Calculus. Calculus AB AP or Comp. Science, you must request all three courses listed

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 11 Science

Click the edit button to request a course ➔



Please pick your science courses. If you are choosing Bio II AP, Chem II AP, or Chem Acc; please

Please choose the career cluster you are most

interested in **Grade 11 Math**

Number

Please pick your math course. Make sure that you meet the prerequisite for the course that you select. If you are choosing Calculus, Calculus AB AP or Comp. Science, you must request all three courses listed

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	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALGEBRA I	3063		1		Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALGEBRA II	3183		1	At least a 73% in Algebra I and Geometry	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALGEBRA II ACC	3193		1	At least an 83% in Algebra I Accelerated and in Geometry Accelerated	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALGEBRA III	3244		1	At least a 73% in Algebra II	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BUSINESS CALCULUS	3283		1	At least a 73% in Pre-Calculus or Pre-Calculus Accelerated or at least a 93% in both Algebra III and Trigonometry	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	CALCULUS	3273		1	At least a 73% in Pre-Calculus or Pre-Calculus Accelerated or at least a 93% in both Algebra III and Trigonometry	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	CALCULUS -2	3275		0	At least a 73% in Pre-Calculus or Pre-Calculus Accelerated or at least a 93% in both Algebra III and Trigonometry	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CALCULUS -5	3274		0	At least a 73% in Pre-Calculus or Pre-Calculus Accelerated or at least a 93% in both Algebra	

make sure that you pick all 3 courses associated with that course.

Number of requests to generate : 1

WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Discuss course requests for 11th grade with your child
2. Discuss 11th grade plan & post secondary goals
3. Continue exploring career clusters (Naviance)
4. Learn about summer opportunities (Schoolology & Naviance under “enrichment programs”)
5. Encourage your child to volunteer & participate in activities of interest:
 - ✓ Leadership
 - ✓ Team Building
 - ✓ Enhance Resume
 - ✓ Explore Interests
 - ✓ Social Opportunities

Information on FCAHS clubs is posted on Schoolology.



**NEXT
STEPS**



School Counseling

- Home
- Calendar
- Services Provided
- Course Description Guide
- Academic Help and Study Skills
- Career Resources
- College Planning/Testing >
- Naviance

Our Counselors



Right: Mr. John Baxter, Mrs. Rachel Machen, Mrs. Dana Papalia, Ms. Tara DeComo, Mr. Ben O'Connor, Mr. Tim McLister

Assignments

Our counselors are assigned by student last name. For last names starting in:

- A-C: [Mr. Tim McLister](#)
Extension 2439
- D-G: [Mr. John Baxter](#)
Extension 2441
- H-K: [Mrs. Dana Papalia](#)
Extension 2444
- L-O: [Mrs. Rachel Machen](#)
Extension 2445
- P-S: [Mr. Ben O'Connor](#)
Extension 2442
- T-Z: [Ms. Tara DeComo](#)
Extension 2440

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What's in the Archive?

Where Can I Find Information/Resources?

- **School Counseling [Website](#)**
- **School Counseling [Schoolology](#) Page** - Any news/information our office receives regarding college/career/academic events/programs, job postings, [summer](#) & [volunteer](#) opportunities, etc. —Updated weekly!
*Opportunities also posted in **Naviance**.*
- **School Counseling Evening Seminars-** Sessions for 11th and 12th grade parents on financial aid process and FAFSA completion.
- **Emails** - Department Chair emails parents & students important school counseling dates, lessons, scholarships, etc.

FCAHS Counseling Department:

Student Last names:

Assigned Counselor:

A - C	Mr. Tim Mclister - Ext. 2430
D - G	Mr. John Baxter - Ext. 2441
H - K	Mrs. Dana Papalia - Ext. 2444
L - O	Mrs. Rachel Machen - Ext. 2445
P - S	Mr. Ben O'Connor - Ext. 2442
T - Z	Ms. Tara DeComo - Ext. 2440

School Counseling Support Staff - Mrs. Maria Helgert & Mrs. Chris Andrews
Ext. 2437 & 2438

Thank you for joining Us!