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Course Selection Parent & Guardian Night 2026

Introduction



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Agenda

- Graduation requirements
- Transcripts
- Course Selection Timeline, Guide, and Process
  - Registering on StudentVUE
- Educational Planning Guide
- HCEP, Internships, Classroom assistants, etc.
- Dual-Enrollment
- NCAA Eligibility

Graduation Requirements



- Graduation is based on the successful completion of 25 credits distributed as follows:
  - 4 credits in English
  - 3 credits in Science, and enroll in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
  - 3 credits in Mathematics
  - 3 credits in Social Studies and must enroll in American History 9, World History, and Civics
  - 1.5 credits in Health (.25)/ Physical Education (1)/ Highway Safety (.25)
  - Personal Financial Literacy (.5) (Class of 2027 & beyond)
  - 2 credits in any combination of Arts, Humanities, Music, World Language
  - 8.5 credits in electives from any department including World Language
  - Keystone Exam Proficiency, per Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requirements, on Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams

Transcripts

- Transcripts begin in 9th grade and are cumulative throughout 12th grade
- Information on the transcript includes:
  - Demographic information
  - All courses, final averages, and credits earned throughout high school
  - GPA

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Hershey High School

Derry Township School District

Official Document
Valid only if signed
CEEB: 391765

Name:
Address:
Gender:

Student ID:
Grade:
Date Of Birth:

Counselor:
Graduation Date:

2022-2023	Grd: 09	Hershey High School	GPA:	4.110	Creds:	6.750
Course			**Grade**		**Creds Att/Cmp**	
CP English 9			A		1.000/1.000	
Biology Honors			A		1.000/1.000	
CP Geometry			A+		1.000/1.000	
Spanish III			A		1.000/1.000	
Civics Honors			A		1.000/1.000	
Health I - 9th Grade			A+		0.250/0.250	
PE - 9th Gr			A		0.500/0.500	
Introduction to Painting			A+		0.500/0.500	
Introduction to Drawing			A+		0.500/0.500	

2023-2024	Grd: 10	Hershey High School	GPA:	3.950	Creds:	8.000
Course			**Grade**		**Creds Att/Cmp**	
Marching Band			A+		0.250/0.250	
CP English 10			A		1.000/1.000	
Chemistry Honors			A-		1.000/1.000	
Human Anatomy and Physiology			A		1.000/1.000	
Algebra II/Trigonometry			B+		1.000/1.000	
World History (Honors)			A		1.000/1.000	
Highway Safety			A+		0.250/0.250	
PE - 10th Gr			A+		0.500/0.500	
Applied 2-D Process			A		1.000/1.000	
3D Studio Art			A+		1.000/1.000	

2024-2025	Grd: 11	Hershey High School	GPA:	3.730	Creds:	7.750
Course			**Grade**		**Creds Att/Cmp**	
CP Eng 11: Hero's Journey			B+		1.000/1.000	
Honors Physics			B+		1.000/1.000	
Pre Calculus			B		1.000/1.000	
American Sign Lang (Online)			A		1.000/1.000	
AP Psychology			A-		1.000/1.000	
American History (Honors)			A		1.000/1.000	
Health II - 11th Gr (On-Line)			A+		0.250/0.250	
APEX 11th and 12th gr			A+		0.500/0.500	
AP Studio Art: Drawing			A		1.000/1.000	

Work In Progress

2025-2026	Grd: 12	Hershey High School	Creds:	6.250
Course				**Creds Att**
CP Eng 12: Culture Goes Pop				1.000
AP Biology				1.250
AP Spanish				1.000
Japanese I (Online)				1.000
APEX 11th and 12th gr				0.500
AP Studio Art: Drawing				1.000
Expressive Sketchbook (0.5 cr)				0.500

GPA Information

Weighted Alpha Cumulative GPA
GPA: 3.92 **Credits:** 22.500

Unweighted Alpha Cumulative GPA
GPA: 3.91 **Credits:** 22.500

Credit Information

Total Credits Earned: 22.500

Attendance History

Absences: 0

Awards

Signed By Schmidt, Lindsey (Principal)
12/11/2025
Date

Course Selection Timeline

January 12 - 15: Community Period Presentations on course offerings

January 21 & 22 : Current 8th grade course selection in StudentVUE

January 23 & 26 : Current 9th and 10th grade course selection in StudentVUE

January 27 - 28 : Current 11th grade course selection in StudentVUE

January 29 - 30: Makeup student request window

February 6-13: Parents/guardians review course requests in ParentVUE. (If the verification sheet is inaccurate or changes are necessary please edit the verification form and return to the child's Counselor no later than February 13, 2026.)

February 13 : Course Selection is closed.

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Counseling Office

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Course Selection Planning

In preparation for the 2025-2026 school year, Derry Township School District students currently in grades 8 through 11 will submit their course requests through StudentVUE. Teachers will make course recommendations for your child in the system, review these recommendations with students, and lock in their recommendations. All requests made during the enrollment period will be given equal consideration.

- Current 8th grade students will enter course requests at school on January 22nd & 23rd.
- Current 9th & 10th grade students will enter course requests on January 24th & 27th.
- Current 11th grade students will enter course requests on January 28th & 29th.

The Course Selection Parent/Guardian Night Presentation was held on January 8th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Please reference the presentation below.

Course Selection Guides (2025-26)

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING GUIDE

9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

10TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

11TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

12TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

Grade 9 Course Selection Planning Guide
2025-2026

STUDENT NAME:

Ninth grade students are required to take a minimum of 7.0 credits (maximum of 8.0 credits). The HHS Educational Planning Guide contains detailed information about all courses offered and should be consulted when planning for a successful high school career. This worksheet is to be used as a guide for when students select their courses online in StudentVUE in January. Students will need to obtain teacher initials/recommendations for their selections.

Teacher initials		ENGLISH	CREDIT
	101	CP English 9 +	1.0
	102	Honors CP English 9 +	1.0
Teacher initials		**MATH**	**CREDIT**
	300	Pre-Algebra	1.0
	301	Algebra 1 +	1.0
	306	CP Geometry +	1.0
	313	Geometry	1.0
	310	Algebra II/Trig. +	1.0
Teacher initials		**SCIENCE**	**CREDIT**
	201	CP Biology +	1.0
	202	Honors Biology +	1.0
Teacher initials		**SOCIAL STUDIES**	**CREDIT**
	641	American History +	1.0
	642	Honors American History +	1.0

WELLNESS Required courses for all 9th graders			CREDIT
X	709	Health I	.25
X	716	PE 9	.5
X	241	Freshman Seminar	.25

Please choose up to 2 Alternative Electives. These courses will only be added if the student's first choice is not available.

Course #	COURSE	CREDIT

+ NCAA Approved Courses

Teacher initials		ENGLISH	CREDIT
	114	Speech Comm. & Intro. Debate +	.5
	135	Theatre Arts	.5
	141	Journalism I +	1.0
	145	Academic Literacy	.5
Teacher initials		**FINE ARTS**	**CREDIT**
	001	Symphonic Band	1.0
	003	Orchestra	1.0
	006	In Voce	1.0
	013	Cantabile	1.0
	020	Boyz Noyz	1.0
	031	Piano	1.0
	040	Modern Rock Band	1.0
	824	Intro. to Painting	.5
	825	Intro. to Drawing	.5
	836	Expressive Sketchbook	.5
	837	Expressive Sketchbook	1.0
Teacher initials		**MATH**	**CREDIT**
	323	Visual Basic	1.0
Teacher initials		**PRACTICAL ARTS**	**CREDIT**
	501	Accounting I	1.0
	508	Marketing	.5
	521	Keyboarding	.5
	571	Digital Production	1.0
	841	Culinary Arts I	.5
	842	Culinary Arts II	.5
	850	Housing & Interior Design	.5
	808	Energy, Power & Transp. Tech.	.5
	810	Comm. with Digital Media	.5
	812	Engineering Design I	1.0

+ NCAA Approved Courses

Teacher initials		SCIENCE DEPARTMENT	CREDIT
	241	Human Anat./Phys. +	1.0
Teacher initials		**WORLD LANGUAGE**	**CREDIT**
	401	French I +	1.0
	402	French II +	1.0
	403	French III +	1.0
	431	Spanish I +	1.0
	432	Spanish II +	1.0
	433	Spanish III +	1.0
		ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	**CREDIT**
		English Language Development	1.0
Rec by Teacher ONLY	180	Level I Level II Level III	

Corrections:

Current 10th grade students going into 11th grade require a minimum of 7 credits, not 7.25.

HHS Four Year Planning Form

9th grade			10th grade			11th grade			12th grade		
	Course/Level	Credits		Course/Level	Credits		Course/Level	Credits		Course/Level	Credits
English 9		1.0	English 10		1.0	English 11		1.0	English 12		1.0
American History		1.0	World History		1.0	Civics		1.0	Phys Ed		.50
Biology		1.0	Chemistry		1.0	Physics		1.0	Elective		
Math		1.0	Math		1.0	Math		1.0	Elective		
Phys Ed		.50	Phys Ed		.50	Phys Ed		.50	Elective		
Freshman Seminar		.25	Health II *New Required Course for 10th grade		.25	PFL *New Required Course for 11th grade		.50	Elective		
Health I		.25	Highway Safety		.25	Elective			Elective		
Elective			Elective			Elective			Elective		
Elective			Elective			Elective			Elective		
Elective			Elective			Elective			Elective		
Elective			Elective			Elective			Elective		
Min 7.0 Max 8.0	Total Credits:		Min 7.0 Max 8.0	Total Credits:		Min 7.0 Max 8.0	Total Credits:		Min 6.0 Max 8.0	Total Credits:	
Keystone - Algebra									**25 credits needed to meet graduation requirements**		
Keystone - Biology			Keystone - Literature								

Grade Level	Min. # of credits earned to move onto next grade level	Min. # of credits needed to enroll	Max. # of credits students can enroll
9th	5.5	7	8
10th	12	7	8 8.25 for AP Science Students ONLY
11th	18.5	7	8 8.25 for AP Science Students ONLY
12th	25	6	8

Educational Planning Guide

- A useful tool that contains all the information regarding course selection for grades 9-12
- Provides general information regarding:
  - Graduation requirements
  - Advanced Placement courses
  - Student athletics
  - Role of the School Counselor
- Provides specific information on every course, including:
  - Brief overview of the content
  - Prerequisites
  - Grade level requirements
  - Credits earned
  - NCAA Accepted courses
- Can be found on the HHS Counseling website under “Course Selection”

hhseducationalplanningguide.com

Internship Opportunities

- Ms. Victoria Smith: Career and Internship Coordinator - vsmith@hershey.k12.pa.us
- Students have the opportunity to pursue the following options to receive credit:
  - Classroom Assistants (9th - 12th)
    - More information will be shared later.
  - Internships (11th - 12th)
    - Mandatory Meeting: **Thursday January 22nd**
      - Makeup meeting **Monday, January 26th**
        - Lunch Period in Library
  - HCEP (12th grade only)
    - 2 step application process, January 30th deadline. Students must attend January 22nd meeting.

Dual Enrollment

- Dual Enrollment is a program that allows a high school student to concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses and to receive both secondary and postsecondary credit for that coursework.
- Eligibility requirements:
  - Must be a junior or senior in good standing
  - Have at least an 85% GPA or 3.0 GPA
  - No major attendance issues, discipline, etc
  - May only enroll in courses that are NOT part of the curriculum at HHS
  - Cannot exceed the credit maximum
  - Provide their own transportation
- More information and requirements can be found on the HHS website under “Dual Enrollment”

NCAA Eligibility

- To be eligible to play a Division I or II sport at the college level, a student must meet the NCAA Eligibility requirements
- NCAA accepted courses are specified in the Educational Planning Guide
- It's important to review the requirements now to ensure that a student is taking the necessary courses within the stated timeline.
    - http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future

COLLEGE PREPARATORY ENGLISH 9	This course teaches students to critically think, innovate, collaborate and communicate through writing, reading,
Course: 101	speaking, and listening. The focus of the course is to develop student writing in a variety of modes with an
Credit: 1	awareness of purpose and audience. Mentor texts used in the classroom will exemplify best writing practices as a
Grade: 9	model for student writing. Course objectives are based on Pennsylvania's Academic Standards.
NCAA Accepted	



Questions?