Upper St. Clair High School, 2026-2027

SCHEDULING GUIDE

The Course Selection Process

Students will input their course selections at school using the on-line scheduler (please see timeline below). We encourage all parents to sit down with their student(s), before the designated course selection date, to review what courses to select for the next school year.

The Program of Studies is available on the High School Counseling website. All courses and their descriptions are listed.

Remember, our goal is to help Upper St. Clair students select courses which are appropriately challenging to help them meet our shared mission of fostering academic excellence. Academic success throughout high school is an important stepping stone toward students attaining their full potential and functioning successfully in our rapidly changing society.

Scheduling Timeline

January 26	Course Recommendations available in Focus Portal
January 26	9th Grade Course Presentation
January 28	10th Grade Course Presentation
January 29	11th Grade Course Presentation
February 23	9th Grade Course Selection
February 17-18	10th & 11th Grade Course Selection
Mar 6 – Mar 20	Family Course Review Period
March 20	Last Day for Course Selection Change
June 5	Simulation/Move Up Day

Schedule Change Policy

-A minimum of 5 full credit classes plus a Wellness credit (1 credit for sophomores, .5 credit for juniors) are required per semester

-All students will automatically be assigned a lunch.

-If Structured Independent Study (quiet study hall) is requested when not assigned to classes, please contact your counselor. Students with unassigned study time are expected to use designated study areas available at the high school.

-No courses will be changed for the purpose of requesting a different teacher.

-Once students enter course selections, only those class change requests that meet the criteria defined in the Program of Studies and the Student/Parent Handbook will be honored. The criteria include: Curriculum Program Change, Employment, Scheduling Error, Previous Failure, Summer School Record, or Urgent or Personal and Appointment Conflicts.

-Classes may be added or dropped during the first two weeks of the semester with no impact on the student's transcript if the student's schedule consists of at least the minimum permissible number of courses. Students must request permission to drop a course after this period via Schedule Change Procedure, which permits changes only at certain junctures of the school year. If permission is granted, a designation of "W" will appear on the student's transcript next to the student's earned grade at the time of departure from the course, unless otherwise decided by the counselor and teacher. This becomes part of the student's permanent record. For level changes, the student's percentage of achievement will transfer to the new course.

Distribution of Required Credits for Graduation

English.....8 credits/4 years
Social Studies.....6 credits/3 years
Mathematics.....6 credits/3 years
Science.....6 credits/3 years
Arts/Humanities.....4 credits/2 years
Wellness Ed.....3.5 credits/3 years
Electives.....11 credits/4 years
Personal Finance*.....1 credit/1 sem
Grad Project.....0 credits/4 years

Total.....45.5 credits/4 years

*For students graduating in 2028 and beyond

Important Points

Upper St. Clair School District strongly suggests that your child selects the courses for which they are recommended.

If you have any questions regarding course recommendations, please contact the appropriate Curriculum Leader at 412-833-1600.

English, Ms. Tungate, x2233
Social Studies, Mr. Kirchner, x2649
Math, Mr. Miller, x2647
Science, Dr. Syme, x2602
World Languages, Mr. Clermont, x2526

Questions? See your Counselor

Ms. Courtney Wregget, x2401
Gr 9, A – Le

Mr. Thomas Marquis, x2406
Gr 9, Li – Z

Mrs. Kristin Frommeyer, x2400
Gr 10-12, A – E

Mrs. Bethany Lash, x2402
Gr 10-12, F – Le

Mrs. Kristin Pardini, x2404
Gr 10-12, Li – R

Dr. Jennifer Kirk, Curriculum Leader, x2403
Gr 10-12, S - Z