

Fox Chapel Area High School 8th Grade Parent Night



**March 4, 2026
6:00-7:30 PM**

FCAHS PRINCIPALS

- Dr. Hower: Lead Principal
- Dr. Young: Program Principal A-L
- Dr. Smith: Program Principal M-Z



School Resource & Security Officers

- School Resource Officer: Joshua Dietz
- School Resource Officer: Stanley Bradish
- Security Officer: Joe Abbott
 - Security Office – Across from cafeteria





FOX CHAPEL AREA HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

	REGULAR	CAREER QRT	SUPER QRT	TWO-HOUR DELAY	HALF DAY 11:00 DISMISSAL	HALF DAY 11:00 DISMISSAL (FULL QRT)	HALF DAY 1:00 DISMISSAL
WARNING BELL QRT	7:25 7:30 – 7:55	7:25 7:30 – 8:15	7:25 7:30 – 8:30	9:25 9:30 – 9:35	7:25 7:30 – 7:35	7:25 7:30 – 7:55	7:25 7:30 – 7:40
PERIOD 1	8:01 – 9:25	8:21 – 9:38	8:36 – 9:49	9:40 – 10:30	7:40 – 8:25	8:00 – 8:40	7:46 – 8:47
PERIOD 2	9:31 – 10:54	9:44 – 11:01	9:55 – 11:08	10:35 – 11:25	8:31 – 9:16	8:45 – 9:25	8:53 – 9:54
PERIOD 3	11:00 – 12:54	11:07 – 1:01	11:14 – 1:08	11:30 – 1:30	9:22 – 10:07	9:30 – 10:01	11:06 – 1:00
A LUNCH	10:54 – 11:24	11:01 – 11:31	11:08 – 11:38	11:30 – 12:00			11:00 – 11:30
B LUNCH	11:24 – 11:54	11:31 – 12:01	11:38 – 12:08	12:00 – 12:30			11:30 – 12:00
C LUNCH	11:54 – 12:24	12:01 – 12:31	12:08 – 12:38	12:30 – 1:00			12:00 – 12:30
D LUNCH	12:24 – 12:54	12:31 – 1:01	12:38 – 1:08	1:00 – 1:30			12:30 – 1:00
PERIOD 4	1:00 – 2:25	1:07 – 2:25	1:14 – 2:25	1:35 – 2:25	10:13 – 10:55	10:15 – 10:55	10:00 – 11:00

Support Services Available at FCAHS

Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team-offers support to students with academic, social-emotional, at-risk, behavioral, or drug and alcohol issues

School Based Therapy - coordinated through counseling office

Instructional Support Team - offers academic support to students in regular education

Individual Education Plan - offers support to students in learning support

Gifted Individual Education Plan - offers support to students in QUEST

Social Worker – Ms. Jamie Heffler (412-967-2447)

Fox's Burrow - offers food, hygiene, clothing support - Open Fridays or as needed through the counseling office

Zen Den - available through the counseling office

Academic Supports Available at FCAHS

Support	Time	Place/Days
AM Support	7:00-7:25	Teacher classrooms
QRT - Quality Resource Time	7:30-7:55	Teacher classrooms
Back on Track	2:30-4:00	Library - Tues - Thurs
Math Help Center	7:00-7:50 AM	251
NHS Tutoring	Individually scheduled	QUEST Office
Extended Library Hours	M-Th	7:00 am - 3:45 pm
Data Driven Scheduling	Year-round	Class specific

Fox Chapel Area High School Pride:

- Academic Rigor
- Student Accountability
- Self Advocacy
- Student Responsibility
- Post Secondary Preparation

The FCA Way

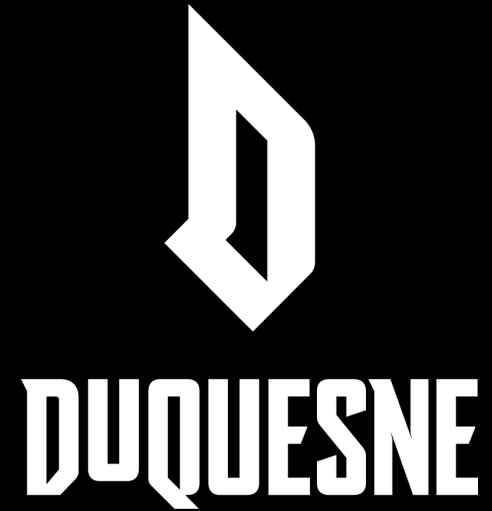
Focused

Caring

Accountable



College in the High School



Students can earn college credits for successfully completing FCAHS courses. We continue to add CHS courses yearly. Registration is coordinated through individual course teachers.

Fox Chapel Area High School Counseling Department

FCAHS College in High School (CHS) Course Offerings

College in High School (CHS) courses provide high school students the opportunity to earn college credits and receive a grade on a college/university transcript for courses successfully completed. Students enrolling in the CHS courses will be required to pay a fee to the college/university for each course. Additionally, students may elect to take these courses without earning college credit. Fox Chapel Area High School currently has concurrent enrollment agreements with Duquesne University, the University of Pittsburgh, Seton Hill University, Westmoreland Community College, and Beaver County Community College.

FCAHS Course	College
Accounting II	Duquesne University
Modern European History AP	Duquesne University
Psychology AP	Duquesne University
Argument	University of Pittsburgh
Government and Political Science AP	University of Pittsburgh
Business Calculus	University of Pittsburgh
Statistics AP	University of Pittsburgh
Calculus AB AP	University of Pittsburgh
Precalculus	Seton Hill University
Precalculus Acc	Seton Hill University
Calculus	Seton Hill University
Linear Algebra	Seton Hill University
French III	Seton Hill University
French IV	Seton Hill University
French V AP	Seton Hill University
German III	Seton Hill University
German IV	Seton Hill University
Latin III	Seton Hill University
Latin IV	Seton Hill University
Latin V	Seton Hill University
Spanish III	Seton Hill University
Spanish IV	Seton Hill University
Spanish V AP	Seton Hill University
Economics AP	Seton Hill University
Sociology	Seton Hill University
Human Geography AP	Westmoreland Community College

Currently, FCAO courses are not CHS eligible.

FCAHS Advanced Placement (AP) Course Offerings

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program gives students the opportunity to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Students may receive advanced placement and/or credit upon entering college for their score on a national AP exam given in May. AP courses are weighted in computing QPA. Fox Chapel Area High School offers AP courses in:

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Economics (Macro)
- Economics (Micro)
- Environmental Science
- English Language (11)
- English Literature (12)
- European History
- French Language
- German Language
- Government & Political Science
- Human Geography
- Latin Literature
- Music Theory
- Physics C Electricity
- Physics C Mechanics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art 2D, 3D, Drawing
- United States History
- World History

FCAHS COUNSELING CENTER

- STUDENTS KEEP THE SAME COUNSELOR FOR 4 YEARS.
- COUNSELORS ARE ASSIGNED BY STUDENT'S LAST NAME:
 - A-C: TIM McLISTER
 - D-G: JOHN BAXTER
 - H-K: DANA PAPALIA
 - L-O: TINA CRISSMAN
 - P-S: BEN O'CONNOR
 - T-Z: TARA DeCOMO
- SOCIAL WORKER
 - JAMIE HEFFLER



Graduation Requirements



4.00 credits in English

4.00 credits in Social Studies

3.00 credits in Science

3.00 credits in Mathematics

1.50 credits in Physical Education

1.00 credit in Health

.50 credit in Career and Finance Essentials

9.00 credits in additional electives

1.00 credit for passing Keystone Exams

27.00 Total credits

Additional Requirements for Graduation -

Graduation project and 12 hour service learning



- Keystone Exams are graduation requirements at the high school
- Keystone Exams are “end of course” assessments
- Students must show proficiency on each of the following three exams prior to graduation:
 - Algebra I
 - Biology
 - Literature (9th/10th grade)

Course Planning Worksheet

<u>Grade 9</u>		<u>Grade 10</u>	
English 9 US History Math Science Health/P.E. 2.5-3 Elective credits	1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit	English 10 World Civ III Math Science Health/P.E. 2.5-3 Elective credits	1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit
<u>Grade 11</u>		<u>Grade 12</u>	
English 11 U.S. History III Math (11/12) Science (11/12) P.E. Elective (11/12) Career/Finan Ess. 3-3.5 Elective credits	1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit 1.00 credit .50 credit .50 credit	English 12 Social Studies Graduation Project Proficiency Testing Up to 6 Elective credits	1.00 credit 1.00 credit 0.00 credit 1.00 credit

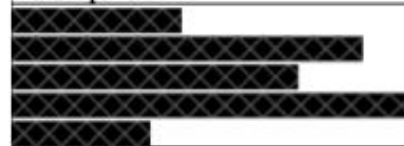
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Transcript For:



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	S1	S2	Y1	Current Schedule		
12-23 Fox Chapel Area High School				PSYCHOLOGY AP		
GERMAN I 7TH			98 A 0.00	ANATOMY & PHYSIO		
ALGEBRA I 7TH			97 A 0.00	ENGLISH 12 AP		
GERMAN II 8TH			96 A 0.00	STATISTICS AP		
GEOMETRY 8TH			96 A 0.00	DRAW/PAINT II/III/IV -3		
ENGLISH 9 ACC	93 A 1.00			GOVT/POLI SCI AP		
US HISTORY II ACC		96 A 1.00		ENVIRON SCI-AP		
ALGEBRA II ACC	92 A- 1.00	86 B 1.00		ASIAN STUDIES		
PRECALC ACC			95 A 1.00	ACT 158 PROFICIENT		
BIOLOGY I ACCELERATED				GRAD PROJECT		
GERMAN III	97 A 1.00			PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT		
INTRO TO ELECTRONICS (3 DAY)		100 A 0.50		Career Portfolio		
DISCOVERY HEALTH B		99 A 0.50				
PHYS ED 9/10	100 A 0.50					
13-24 Fox Chapel Area High School						
SS HEALTH			98 A 0.50			
ENGLISH 10 ACC	98 A 1.00					
WORLD HISTORY AP		95 A 1.00				
CALCULUS AB AP			91 A- 1.00			
CHEMISTRY I ACCELERATED			96 A 1.00			
PHYSICS ACCELERATED		93 A 1.00				
GERMAN IV	98 A 1.00					
COMP ART I - 3		100 A 0.50				
PHYS ED 9/10		100 A 0.50				
14-25 Fox Chapel Area High School						
ENGLISH 11 AP	93 A 1.00					
US HISTORY AP		93 A 1.00				
PSYCHOLOGY	99 A 0.50					
CALCULUS BC AP		94 A 1.00				
BIOLOGY II AP			95 A 1.00			
CHEMISTRY II AP			97 A 1.00			
CAREER/COLLEG ESSENT	99 A 0.50					
DRAWING/PAINTING I - 3		100 A 0.50				
RECREATIONAL FITNESS & SPORTS		100 A 0.50				
SERVICE LEARNING			100 P 0.00			
15-26 Fox Chapel Area High School						
ENGLISH 12 AP	96 A 1.00					
PSYCHOLOGY AP	96 A 1.00					
ENVIRON SCI-AP	98 A 1.00					
DRAW/PAINT II/III/IV -3	100 A 0.50					

QPA/Credit Summary			
School Year	W-QPA	NW-QPA	Earned Credit
Grade 12	4.86	4.00	3.50
Grade 11	4.71	4.00	7.00
Grade 10	4.50	3.97	7.50
Grade 9	4.03	3.83	7.50

Student Attendance		Absent
2022-2023		0.00
2023-2024		0.00
2024-2025		0.00
2025-2026		0.00

Non-Weighted Cumulative GPA: 3.94 Weighted Cumulative GPA: 4.47
 Total Earned Credit: 25.50

Counselor Signature

****ACCREDITED BY MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS****
 School has operated on block scheduling system since 1995-96, and school does not rank students.
 Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, students had the choice to elect the final percentage earned for the course or opt to receive either a PASS (P) or WC (Withdraw-Covid) for the course depending on what was earned for the course.

9th Grade Course Selection Worksheet

FOX CHAPEL AREA HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION 2026-2027

NAME: _____

HOMEBASE: _____

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. ENGLISH | <u>Course Number</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English 9 | 1063 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English 9 Accelerated | 1083 |
| | |
| 2. SOCIAL STUDIES | <u>Course Number</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US History II | 2063 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US History II Accelerated | 2083 |
| | |
| 3. MATH | <u>Course Number</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elements of Math I & Integrated Algebra | 3045 & 3044 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I & Math Lab | 3063 & 3023 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry | 3143 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry Accelerated | 3123 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra III | 3183 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra III Accelerated | 3193 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Precalculus | 3263 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Precalculus Accelerated | 3265 |
| | |
| 4. SCIENCE | <u>Course Number</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Science Systems (5 days) | 4093 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology I & Nature of Science (5 days + 2 days) | 4143 & 4153 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology I Accelerated (5 days + 2 days) | 4173, 4174 & 4175 |
| | |
| 5. REQUIRED COURSES | <u>Course Number</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health - B 8021 | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education 8023 |

6. **ELECTIVES** – Foreign languages require teacher recommendation.
- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Name: _____ | Course Number: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Name: _____ | Course Number: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Name: _____ | Course Number: _____ |

7. **ALTERNATE ELECTIVES** –Choose 2 alternative electives to be used if the electives you chose do not fit into your schedule.
- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Name: _____ | Course Number: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Name: _____ | Course Number: _____ |

FAQs

⇒ Can I choose an accelerated course?

Your 8th grade teachers have already entered the classes that you qualify for into PowerSchool. **Only classes you have earned recommendations for will appear as choices for you.**

⇒ Where do I go to schedule?

On the PowerSchool website, **NOT** the app on your iPad.
www.fcasd.edu/public

⇒ Why are there multiple course numbers for some classes?

Some classes have two or three course numbers that you must select to take that class. Be sure to select **all** of the course numbers listed for the classes you choose.

Entering Course Requests

Students will enter their course requests into Powerschool each Spring. The next few slides provide visual information on how and where to do this. Counselors will meet with students to assist in this process.



- Navigation
- Grades and Attendance
- Grade History
- Attendance History
- Teacher Comments
- Student Reports
- School Bulletin
- Class Registration
- Balance
- My Schedule
- School Information
- My Calendars

Welcome to the Fox Chapel Area High School Class Registration System for 2026-2027

[View course requests](#)

Grade 9 English

[Click the edit button to request a course](#) →

Please select one of the following English Courses.
You must meet the prerequisites.
Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 9 Social Studies

[Click the edit button to request a course](#) →

Please pick a social studies course. You must meet the prerequisites.
Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 9 Math

[Click the edit button to request a course](#) →

Please choose a math course. You must meet the prerequisites in order to be enrolled. If you were recommended for a Calculus course, you must choose all 3 courses.
Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 9 Science

[Click the edit button to request a course](#) →

Please choose your science course. You must have a teachers recommendation for Biology and Biology I Accelerated. If you were recommended for Biology



Welcome to the Fox Chapel Area High School Class Registration System for 2026-2027

View course requests

Grade 9 English

Click the edit button to request a course →

Please select one of the following English Courses.

You must meet the prerequisites.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 9 Social Studies

Please pick a social studies course. You must meet the prerequisites.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	US HISTORY II	2063		1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	US HISTORY II ACC	2083		1	A min. final grade of 90% in 8th grade social studies and a teacher recommendation	Prerequisites have not been met

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay

Grade 9 Science

Click the edit button to request a course →

Please choose your science course. You must have a teachers recommendation for Biology and Biology

I Accelerated. If you were recommended for Biology I Accelerated, please be sure to choose the 3

Biology I Accelerated courses listed.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 9 Required Courses

DISCOVERY HEALTH B

PHYS ED 9/10

English & U.S. History II Options

Course	Prerequisite	Other
English 9	Completion Of Language Arts 8	
English 9 Accelerated	90% in Language Arts 8	Teacher Recommendation
U.S. History II	Completion Of Social Studies 8	
U.S. History II Accelerated	90% in Social Studies 8	Teacher Recommendation

Mathematics Options

Course	Prerequisite	Other
Ele of Math/Integrated Algebra I	Completion of Math 8	
Algebra I/Math Lab	83% or higher in Math 8	Teacher Recommendation
Geometry Accelerated	83% in Algebra I Accelerated	
Algebra II Accelerated	83% in Algebra I Acc & Geometry Acc	
Computer Science AP Elective	83% in Algebra II or Algebra II Acc	
Principles of Computer Science AP Elective	83% in Algebra	

Science Options

Course	Sci Prerequisite	Math Prerequisite	Other
Biology I Accelerated	Sci 8 - 93%	Alg I or Alg I Acc- 80%	CDT Score
Biology/ Nature of Science	Sci 8 - 87% 75% -Nature of Science in Fall	85% in Math 8	CDT Score
Integrated Science Systems	Completion of Sci 8	Completion of Math 8	Completion of CDT

Choosing Electives

2 day - 3 day - 5 day

Where to go from here ?



World & Classical Languages

FRENCH

GERMAN

LATIN

SPANISH

Business Electives

- Introduction to Business
- Computer Bus App (5 or 3 Days)

English Electives

- Theater Arts (5 or 3 Days)

Technology Education Electives

Introduction to:

- Robotics (5 or 3)
- Materials Processing (5 or 3)
- Engineering /CAD (5 or 3)
- Electronics (5 or 3)
- Technology Systems (5 or 3)
- Graphic Communication (5 or 3)

Art Electives

- Ceramics and Fibers (5 or 3)
- Jewelry and Glass (5 or 3)
- Drawing and Painting (5 or 3)
- Computer Art (5 or 3)
- Art History (2)

Media Electives

- Video Production (3)
- Video Journalism (2)
- On-Camera Performance(2)

Music Electives

- Symphonic Band
- Orchestra
- Piano Class (3)
- Music Technology (5 or 3)
- Men's Choir (3)
- Treble Ensemble (5, 3, or 2)
- History of Rock and Roll (2)
- World Music (3)
- Music Explorations (2)

Fox Chapel Area High School

Sample Schedules - Grade 9

Sample Schedule – Integrated Science Systems

	Period1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
1st Semester	English 9	Intro to Tech	Int Science Sys	Spanish I
2nd Semester	Algebra I	Health-2/PE-3	Intro to Bus	US History II

Sample Schedule - Acc Biology I

	Period1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
1st Semester	English 9 Acc	Intro to Tech	Acc Bio I - 5	Spanish II
2nd Semester	Geometry Acc	Health-2/PE-3	Acc Bio I -2 Comp Art -3	US History II

QRT - Quality Resource Time (formerly known as Home Base)

- Study time/homework
- Peer tutoring
- Study sessions with teachers
- Time to conference with teachers
- Club meetings
- Sports team meetings
- Class meetings
- AP review sessions
- Physical Education makeup

FCAHS Activities / Athletics

“Get Involved”

<http://www.fcasdathletics.org/>



Active Club List:

Clubs - Fox Chapel Area High School

8th Grade Scheduling & Transition Dates

Date	Event
March 4	8th Grade Parent Night
March 6	Scheduling Assembly at DMS
March 23 and 24	Scheduling begins with HS Counselors
May 15	Signed parent letters due
May 22	Move Up Day for Students
April – June	New student registration by appointment
August 19	Freshman Orientation (RING) Day
August 19	Class of 2030 Parent Transition Night at FCAHS
August 25	First day of school

Questions? Email
ask_fcahs@fcasd.edu



Auditorium

Music

Welcome Tables

World
Lang

Art

Industrial
Tech

Ed
Support

Quest

Phys Ed

Outside Doors

MPR

Math

Science

Business Hallway

Lower Gray
Bathroom

Social Studies

Business

English