



8th Grade COURSE SELECTION 2024

TODAY YOU WILL COMPLETE COURSE SELECTION
FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Graduation Requirements

Standard Diploma

- 4 English credits
- 3 Math credits
- 3 Science credits
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 Health/PE credits
- 2 Sequential Foreign Language, Fine Arts, or Career & Technical Education credits
- 1 Personal Finance credit
- 4 Electives
- 22 Total Credits
- 5 Verified Credits (passed SOLs)
 - 2 English
 - 1 Social Studies
 - 1 Math
 - 1 Science
- 1 CTE Credential or AP/Honors Class

Graduation Requirements

Advanced Studies Diploma

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 4 Sciences credits
- 4 Social Studies credits
- 3 Foreign Language credits
- 2 Health/PE credits
- 2 Fine Arts or Career & Tech Course credits
- 1 Personal Finance credit
- 2 Electives
- 26 Total Credits
- CTE Credential or AP/Honors Class
- 5 Verified Credits (passed SOLs)
 - 2 English
 - 1 Social Studies
 - 1 Math
 - 1 Science

Today

- Review Course Selection Worksheet and Online Course Selection
- Discuss Elective Choices
- Teacher Recommendations for English & Math
- Answer Any Questions
- PowerSchool App Code: **MQBM**

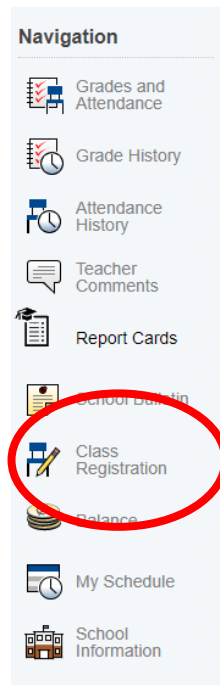
School Website

www.pch.patrick.k12.va.us

- Program of Studies
 - Choose “Families” from top menu then “Guidance” then “Course Selection Information” from the drop down menus
- Also found on the website - Links to:
 - Daily Announcements
 - School Calendar
 - Sports/Activities Schedule
 - Parent/Student PowerSchool Portal link - grades, attendance, student accounts, and more

Online Course Selection

- Log in to the PowerSchool Student Portal (patrick.powerschool.com). Emails with students' usernames and passwords will be sent out the day of their course selection meeting at the high school. If after several attempts you can not login you may have to click on the Forgot Username/Password link
- Choose "Class Registration" from the Navigation menu on the left side



Required Classes

- On the course selection website, you will see some courses are already chosen for you. Certain courses must be taken by all 8th grade students. The required courses combined with elective courses will make up your 8 total classes (4 in the fall, 4 in the spring).

The screenshot displays a web interface for course selection. On the left is a sidebar with icons and links: School Bulletin, Class Registration, Balance, My Schedule, and School Information. The main content area is titled 'View course requests' and lists required courses. The first section, '8th Grade Required Courses', is circled in red and includes 'Physical Science' (4125 - 1 credits) and 'Health & Physical Ed 8' (7200 - 1 credits). Below this are sections for '8th Grade English' and '8th Grade Math', each with a note to click the edit button to request a course. The interface uses a light gray color scheme with icons for editing and status.

Course Category	Course Name	Credits	Status
8th Grade Required Courses	Physical Science	4125 - 1 credits	Selected (Green Checkmark)
	Health & Physical Ed 8	7200 - 1 credits	Selected (Green Checkmark)
8th Grade English	You are required to take English 8. Please choose the appropriate level - advanced, regular or year.		Not Selected (Yellow Pencil)
8th Grade Math	You are required to take a Math course. Please		Not Selected (Yellow Pencil)

Required Courses

- Physical Science
- Health/PE 8

*Already chosen for you

English 8

- English 8 Foundations Year - one block per day, both semesters - all year
- English 8 Year – one block per day, both semesters – all year
- English 8 (Advanced) – one block per day, one semester only

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION REQUIRED

Mathematics

- Math 8 Year
- Algebra I – Parts** (2 courses – Algebra I Part 1 and Algebra I Part 2)
- Algebra I** - one semester; advanced Math students only

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION REQUIRED

**High School Credit Course

ELECTIVES

Social Studies

- World History & Geography to 1500 (World History I)

Foreign Language

- Spanish I

Fine Arts

- Beginning Band Year (yearlong)
- Marching Band 8/Beginning Band (yearlong)
- Beginning Chorus 8
- Art I

**BAND DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION needed
for Marching Band 8**

Career & Technical Ed. Courses

- Career Connections/Career Strategies (Go-Tec)
- Digital Applications
- Principles of Business & Marketing
- Independent Living
- Foundations of Agriculture

****All 8th grade CTE electives are high school credited courses**

Future Career & Technical Ed. Programs

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Building Trades
- Auto Mechanics
- Health and Medical Sciences
- Cosmetology
- Information Technology
- Business & Marketing
- Culinary Arts
- Welding
- Mechatronics

D-Squared Dual Degree Program

Partnership Between
Patrick County High School and
Patrick & Henry Community College

Program

- Associate Degree in General Studies by the end of students' senior year in high school
- Tuition FREE college coursework
- Must have completed Spanish III and Trig by the end of the 10th grade year
- Minimum 3.0 GPA requirement

Sports

- Fall Sports – Football, Volleyball, Golf, Cross Country
- Winter Sports – Girls/Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Indoor Track
- Spring Sports – Baseball, Softball, Girls/Boys Tennis, Girls/Boys Soccer, Outdoor Track
- Other Activities - Fishing Team, Scholastic Bowl Teams, Marching Band, Flag Corps, Winter Guard, Student Government Association, Praise and Worship Team, school clubs and many more ways to become involved!

Sports

- Student-Athletes must:
 - Have a VHSL physical dated after May 1st of each year
 - Maintain grades
- Activity buses run after school at 6:00 to transport student-athletes to drop-off points and selected elementary schools throughout the county after practices
- Athletic physicals will be in Mid-May immediately after school at PCHS, cost is \$10.

Important Point!

- Put time and effort into your class work!
- Grades
- Attendance

Remember

- Complete the worksheet and use it as a guide to select course for your 8th grade year online thru the PowerSchool portal
- Math and English placement will be determined by grades, SOL scores and teacher recommendations
- Any additional questions? Contact your counselor.

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

Year-Long English 8 and Year-Long Math 8:

Fall:

Block 1 – Math 8

Block 2 – English 8

Block 3 – Physical Sci

Block 4 – Elective

Spring:

Block 1 – Math 8

Block 2 – English 8

Block 3 – Health/PE 8

Block 4 – Elective

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

Algebra I Part 1, Algebra I Part 2, and Advanced English 8:

Fall:

Block 1 – Algebra I Part 1

Block 2 – English 8 Adv

Block 3 – Physical Sci

Block 4 – Elective

Spring:

Block 1 – Health/PE 8

Block 2 – Algebra I Part 2

Block 3 – Elective

Block 4 – Elective

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

Advanced English 8 and Algebra I (one semester):

Fall:

Block 1 – Algebra I

Block 2 – Physical Sci

Block 3 – Elective

Block 4 – Elective

Spring:

Block 1 – Health/PE 8

Block 2 – English 8 Adv

Block 3 – Elective

Block 4 – Elective

*Potentially 5 high school credits at the end of the 8th grade

*If interested in participating in the D-Squared program in 11th grade, 8th grade electives should include World History I and Spanish I

THANK YOU

Additional questions?

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