



# **9<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSE SELECTION 2024**

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

# Course Selection Materials

- All course selection materials are posted on the Patrick County High School website under Families - Guidance - Course Selection Information

([https://pch.patrick.k12.va.us/families/guidance/class\\_registration\\_information](https://pch.patrick.k12.va.us/families/guidance/class_registration_information))

- Program of Studies (Course Description Guide)
- Grade Level Course Selection Worksheets
- Grade Level Information PowerPoints
- Parent Course Selection Information PowerPoints
- Course Applications (as needed)
- Course Selection Instructions and Tutorial Video

# Graduation Requirements

## Standard Diploma

- 4 English credits
- 3 Math credits
- 3 Science credits
- 3 Social Studies credits
- 2 Health/PE credits
- 2 Sequential World Language, Fine Arts or Career & Technical Education credits
- Personal Finance
- 4 Electives
- 22 Total Credits
- CTE Credential Exam or AP/Honors course
- 5 Verified Credits (passed SOLs)
  - 2 English (Eng 10 Writing and Eng 11 IRW)
  - 1 Social Studies
  - 1 Math
  - 1 Science

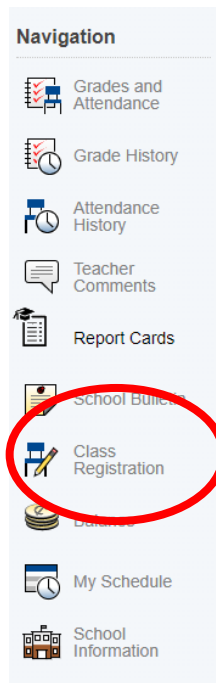
# Graduation Requirements

## Advanced Studies Diploma

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 4 Sciences credits
- 4 Social Studies credits
- 3 World Language credits or 2 of each
- 2 Health/PE credits
- 1 Fine Arts or Career & Tech Course credits
- Personal Finance
- 3 Additional Electives
- 26 Total Credits
- CTE Credential Exam or AP/Honors course
- 5 Verified Credits (passed SOLs)
  - 2 English (Eng 10 Writing and Eng 11 IRW)
  - 1 Social Studies
  - 1 Math
  - 1 Science

# Online Course Selection

- Log in to the PowerSchool Student Portal (patrick.powerschool.com). Emails with students' usernames and passwords will be sent out prior to course selection.
- Choose “Class Registration” from the Navigation menu on the left side



# Required Course

- On the course selection website, you will see Health & PE 9 (green check mark) is already chosen for you. Other core areas (English, Math, Science) require you to choose a course and must be taken by all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. The required courses, combined with your elective courses, will make up your 8 classes (4 in the fall, 4 in the spring).

## 9th Grade Required Course

You are required to take Health/PE 9 in the 9th grade. It has been chosen for you.

Health & Physical Ed 9

7300 - 1 credits



# English

- English 9 Business Writing \*
- English 9
- English 9 Advanced \*

\* Requires teacher recommendation

# Mathematics

- Algebra Readiness & Algebra I Part 2 (year long – 2 credits)
- Geometry I (semester) \*
- Geometry Readiness & Geometry Part 2 (year long – 2 credits)

\* Requires teacher recommendation



# Science

- Environmental Science
- Earth Science Advanced  
(SOL class) \*

\* Requires teacher recommendation

# Social Studies

- World History to 1500
- World History 1500 to Present
- World Geography

# Electives

# World Languages

- Spanish I
- Spanish II

## Fine Arts

- Art I or II
- Marching Band I (band camp required)
- Flag Corps I (Audition required)
- Concert Band I
- Concert Choir I (Spring choir)
- Ensemble Choir I (Fall choir)

# Core Area Electives

- English
  - Creative Writing
  - Yearbook I & II
- PE
  - Sport Training I
- Social Studies
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Century History
  - African American History

# Business & Information Technology

- Principles of Business & Marketing
- Business Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Information Technology Fundamentals
- Cyber Security Fundamentals

# Technology

- Technical Drawing & Design
- Drafting I

# Marketing

- Sports, Entertainment and Recreation Marketing

# Health and Medical Sciences

- Introduction to Health and Medical Services

# Family and Consumer Sciences

- Independent Living
- Child Development & Parenting
- Intro to Culinary Arts
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Intro to Fashion Careers
- Intro Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation
- Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation I (2 blocks)



# Agriculture

- Foundations of Agriculture
- Intro to Animal Systems
- Small Animal Care
- Intro to Natural Resources and Ecology Systems

# Horticulture

- Horticulture Sciences

# Building Trades

- Building Trades I

# Planning for Future Electives

- Cosmetology
- Building Trades
- Culinary Arts
- Nurse Aide
- Auto Technology
- Motor Sports
- Welding
- Mechatronics

# Choose 3 Alternates

- Alternate #1, #2, #3 on the course selection website
- Alternates are IMPORTANT. Do not choose classes that take up more than one block as alternates.
- Do NOT choose the same classes as alternates that you chose for your top choice electives. These types of selections will be deleted.

# **D-Squared Program**

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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 complete Trigonometry and Spanish III by the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade (recommended to also take Personal Finance in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher

# Remember

- Check graduation requirements
- Check verified credits (passed SOLs)
- Choose 8 classes and 3 alternates - alternates are important!
- Complete any necessary course applications/auditions
- Make sure you meet course pre-requisites before signing up
- Schedules will go live in PowerSchool portals in July
- Think of college/job requirements
- Complete worksheet and use to complete online course selection
  - **DEADLINE: All course requests must be complete and submitted by Friday, March 3rd.**

# THANK YOU

Additional questions?

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