

High School 101

**PLAINFIELD NORTH
HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2024**

Purpose

- ▶ Course Selection Process
- ▶ The Basics of High School
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ What will set you apart?



* Presentation will be posted on the PNHS website (pnhs.psd202.org)

PNHS Administration

Ross Draper	Principal
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Art Stafford	Assistant Principal for Student Services
Darnell Weathersby	Assistant Principal for Building and Grounds
Jason Stanley	Special Education Administrator
Ron Lear	Athletic Director

PNHS Division Chairs

You will talk to a Division Chair if you are having difficulty in a class. They will work with a student to resolve problems.

Dave Brown	English and Social Studies
Ginger Brest	Mathematics and Science
Rachel Hidalgo	Fine Arts, CTE and World Languages
Lynette Bayer	PE, Drivers Ed and Health

PNHS Counselors

COUNSELOR	ALPHA
Tom Scheaffer	A – Cool
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Melissa Hurst	College Counselor

Course Selection Process 2019-2020

Steps	Dates
High School 101 Presentation @ PNHS IJMS @ 6:00 PM and HGMS @ 7:15PM	December 11, 2019
Middle School Teacher Recommendations	December 2019
Middle School Visits	January 14, 2020
Explorations Night @ PNHS IJMS @ 6:00PM and HGMS @ 7:30PM	January 22, 2020
Course Entry at Middle Schools with PNHS Counselors	February 4, 2020 Ira Jones February 5, 2020 Heritage
Initial Deadline to Change a Course	<u>February 14, 2020</u>
Master Schedule Formation – No Course Changes	February 15 – April 30, 2020
Final course changes can be made pending availability	May 1 – 22, 2020
Final Course Change Deadline	<u>May 22, 2020 Pending Availability</u>
2020 – 2021 Schedule Available in HAC	August 2020

Graduation Requirements

21 Credits = Total Required

COURSE	CREDITS
English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science (Bio, Chem, Physics) <i>[Physical Science by Teacher Rec. only]</i>	3.0
Social Science	2.0
- U.S. History	1.0
- Government	0.5
- Social Science Elective	0.5

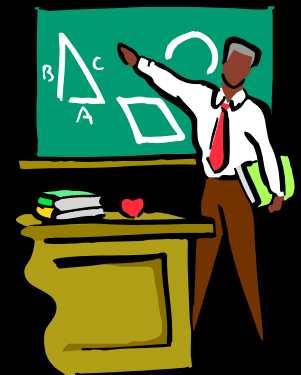
COURSE	CREDITS
P.E.	3.5
Health	0.5
Consumer Ed Choose 1 -Orientation to Business -Economics (11 or 12)	0.5
Art or Music or CTE or World Language	1.0
Electives	3.5

Post-Secondary Course Recommendations for Admission

District 202 Graduation Requirements		Recommended High School Coursework for Illinois College Admission		
Subject	HS	Illinois State University	University of Illinois - Urbana	Northwestern University
English	4	4	4	4
Math	3	3	4	4
Science	3	3	4	4
Social Science	2	2-3	3-4	4
World Language	0	2	2-4	4

Classes

- ▶ English (Placement determined by current teacher)
- ▶ Math (Placement determined by current teacher)
- ▶ Science (Placement determined by current teacher)
- ▶ PE (Determined by grade level)
- ▶ Elective
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Course Recommendations

English

- ▶ English I
- ▶ English I Honors
 - Summer reading assignment
 - Discussion/Presentation based assignments
- ▶ Placement will be determined by the student's 8th Grade Language Arts teacher
- ▶ A student taking Accelerated Language Arts will not automatically be placed in English I Honors

What are my elective options in **Social Studies**?

- World Geography
- World History
- AP World History
- AP Human Geography
- Benefits of an AP course – How is it different from Honors?
 - Weighted Grade
 - Summer Assignment
 - AP Test at End of year

***All classes are year long courses**

Course Recommendations

Math

If your student is currently taking 8th grade math
- Your student will be recommended for:

Algebra 1 Block

- C or below in 8th grade math, does not meet on District assessments
- 8th grade teacher recommendation*

Algebra 1

- A or B in 8th grade math; meets or exceeds on District assessments
- 8th grade teacher recommendation

Algebra 1 Honors

- A in 8th grade math; exceeds on District assessments
- 8th grade teacher recommendation

*This is an elective class, recommended in addition to Algebra 1

Course Recommendations

Math

If your student is currently taking Algebra 1 Honors -
Your student will be recommended for:

Algebra 1

- Did not pass 8th grade Honors Algebra 1
- 8th grade math teacher recommends student re-take course

Geometry

- Passing grade in 8th grade Honors Algebra 1; meets or exceeds on District assessments
- 8th grade math teacher recommendation

Geometry Honors

- A in 8th grade Honors Algebra 1; exceeds on District assessments
- 8th grade math teacher recommendation

Current Math Resource

- ▶ Implemented this year in all core classes
- ▶ Springboard is published by AP College Board and is geared toward preparing students for upper level math courses and the SAT test, as well as exposing **ALL** students to real world applications of math skills.
- ▶ Springboard uses student centered strategies to discover, practice, and assess math skills.
- ▶ Teachers provide direct instruction, allow students to collaborate in the classroom, monitor student practice, and provide feedback to ensure student understanding.

What are my elective options in Math?

- ▶ Computer Programming 1*
- ▶ Computer Programming 2 *
- ▶ Semester Long Elective; CP 1 is prerequisite to CP 2
- ▶ These courses DO NOT count toward the Math requirement for graduation

Course Recommendations

Science

- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Biology Honors
- ▶ Placement will be determined by the student's 8th Grade Language Arts teacher and recommendation of 8th Grade Science Teacher
- ▶ A student taking Accelerated Language Arts will not automatically be placed in Biology Honors

What are my elective options in Science?

- ▶ Environmental Science Issues *
- ▶ Environmental Science Resources *

*Semester Long Elective

These courses DO NOT count toward
the Science requirement for graduation

What are my elective options in World Language?

- ▶ American Sign Language 1
- ▶ French 1
- ▶ German 1
- ▶ Spanish 1, 2, or 2 Honors
- ▶ Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1

What are my elective options in Career and Technical Education?

- ▶ Introduction to Computer Technology *
- ▶ Computer Applications *
- ▶ Desktop Publishing for Mktg & Advert *
- ▶ Orientation to Business *
(fulfills consumer Ed requirement)
- ▶ Sports & Entertainment Mktg & Advert *
- ▶ Game Design *

*Semester Long Elective

What are my elective options in Career and Technical Education?

- ▶ Technical CAD *
- ▶ Architectural CAD *
- ▶ 3D CAD / Solid Modeling *
- ▶ Fashion I * and II *
- ▶ Culinary Arts I * and II *
- ▶ Child Development *

*Semester Long Elective

What are my elective options in Fine Arts?

- ▶ Art Foundations
- ▶ Digital Photography & Imaging 1
- ▶ Sculpture I * and II *
- ▶ Ceramics I * and II *
- ▶ Band – Concert Band
- ▶ Choir – Mixed Choir
- ▶ Music Theory *
- ▶ Music Survey *

*Semester Long Elective

First two years of Physical/Driver/Health Education

▶ Freshmen Year:

- ▶ All students are assigned to our freshmen Wellness classes
- ▶ Units cover a variety of activities and sports

▶ Sophomore Year:

- ▶ One semester is Driver Education & Safety; the other is one semester of Health Education
- ▶ Driver Education placement is determined by birthdate

Why Physical Education is important?

- ▶ Help manage stress levels!
- ▶ Can help improve sleep!
- ▶ Boosts mood!
- ▶ Positive impact on depression, anxiety, ADHD and more!
- ▶ Exercise stimulates brain plasticity by stimulating growth of new connections in many areas of the brain!

Course Selection Tips

- ▶ View the Curriculum Guide on-line visit pnhs.psd202.org (Click on Student Services and scroll down to Curriculum Guide)
- ▶ Know your graduation requirements.
- ▶ Discuss elective choices as a family.
- ▶ Discuss core course recommendations with 8th grade teachers, if necessary.
- ▶ Be aware of all deadlines.

Career & College Readiness

- ▶ **Developmental Group Guidance**
 - ▶ Large group, classroom, and individual meetings.
 - ▶ Meet 1-2 times per year with school counselors and college counselor
 - ▶ **Topics covered**
 - ▶ High school course planning
 - ▶ College and career readiness
 - ▶ Career exploration
 - ▶ Naviance

Balancing High School

- ▶ What defines success in high school?
 - ▶ It's about an experience!
 - ▶ BOTH academic and social – emotional
 - ▶ 24 hours in a day
 - ▶ Ability versus time

Upcoming Important Dates

- ▶ January 14, 2020 - Middle School Electives Visit
- ▶ January 22, 2020 - Exploration Night
 - ▶ 6:00 PM – Ira Jones
 - ▶ 7:30 PM – Heritage Grove