



P.H.S.

# Future Freshmen

Next year course requests and graduation requirements

# Welcome to High School!

We are excited for you to become a Greyhound!

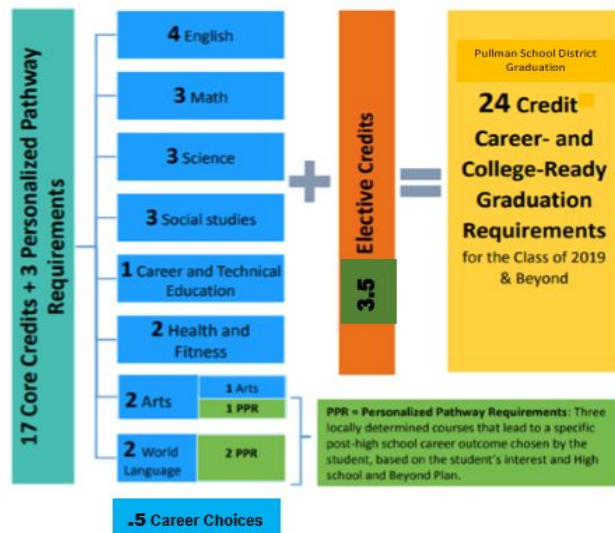
Below are a few important things about High School and Credits

- High School Classes count for credits
  - You need 24 credits to graduate.
  - Most semester class =  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit
    - Jazz Band and Treble Triad are only  $\frac{1}{4}$  credit = semester
  - You need to pass the class to earn the credit.
  - If you don't pass the class, then you will have to retake the class to earn the credit.

On the next page, you will see how many credits you need for each subject area.

## Graduation Credit Requirements

	Required PSD Credits	College Prep Recommendations
English	4.0	4 years
Mathematics	3.0	3 years- Through Algebra II or Third Year Pathway
Science	3.0	3 years- Science: 2 lab sciences
Social Studies	3.0	3 years- Social Studies (US history 1.0/Civics .5)
Career & Technical Ed	1.0	
Physical Education	1.5	
Health/Wellness	0.5	
Career Choices	0.5	
Fine Arts <b>OR</b> PPR	2.0	1 year- Fine, Visual, Performing
World Language <b>OR</b> PPR	2.0	2 years- World Language (same language)
Electives	3.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.0</b>	



# Required Courses for Freshmen

You will select 5 courses (*plus 2 alternates*)

1. English - Survey to Literature (*this course will be preloaded into your requests*)
2. Science - Biology or Biology of Agriculture  
any other choice must be cleared with counselor
3. PE/Health -one semester of each course (*this will be preloaded into your requests*)
4. Elective #1 - your choice
5. Elective #2 - your choice

\*\*\* Math - Current Math Teacher will select your math for next year

# P.H.S. ZERO Period

Zero Period begins at 7:15 AM and there is no school transportation available (*you need to find your own way to the school*)

**If you want to ADD a ZERO period class to your schedule for next year, please EMAIL YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.**

The following classes are offered during ZERO period at P.H.S.

Jazz Band  
Treble Triad  
Blue Orchestra

You can find descriptions of these classes in the Course Guide.

# Courses to Consider:

**World Language** - This is not a graduation requirement, but most 4 year colleges and universities require 2 years of World Language (same language). Two Year Colleges or Trade Schools do not require this. If you are unsure of your plans, it would be best to plan on taking 2 years of World Language in High School.

# Courses to Consider:

- **CTE Course** *(1 credit is required)*
  - *In addition to Senior Year Career Choices*
- **Fine Arts** *(2 credits OR 1 credit + Personal Pathway)*
- **World Language or Personal Pathway**
  - *If you do not take 2 years of World Language as described on previous slide, then you will need to take 2 Personal Pathway Credits*

# What is a Personal Pathway Credit?

A credit from a course that aligns with your plans for after high school. This can be anything from CTE to Math to Science and other courses. It needs to tie into your High School and Beyond Plan.

*If you have questions about a Personal Pathway credit,  
please contact your counselor.*



# Course Descriptions

We have NEW and updated Classes!!

Make sure to check out the class lists provided AND the Course Guide for a complete description of all the courses offered!

The Course Guide is found on the Website:

**Counseling Center >> Next Year Course Guide**

**Or**

**Counseling Center >> Next Year Course Request >> Course Guide**

# Graduation Pathways

It is required to complete a Graduation Pathway for Math and English Language Arts.

The next slide lists the Graduation Pathways that are available for students to meet.

# Graduation Pathways

## Career/Technical Field = CTE Course Sequence

- ✓ Complete 2.0 or more credits that either include a dual credit course or lead to an industry recognized credential
- ✓ Complete a Core Plus program

## Military Career Interest = ASVAB Exam (AFQT Section)

- ✓ Score for Class of 2021 = 31
- ✓ Check the State Board of Education website by September 1 annually ([www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-pathway-options/asvab](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/graduation-pathway-options/asvab))

## Postsecondary Education = English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Courses & Exams

(Can use any combination of the ELA and math options listed in this section.)

- ✓ ACT (ELA = 14; math = 16) or SAT (ELA = 410; math = 430)
- ✓ Dual credit courses (1.0 credit total):
  - AP/IB/Cambridge: Earn a C+ in state-approved course (each term)
  - CTE Dual Credit (must earn high school credit)
  - College in the High School or Running Start courses (local approval)
- ✓ Dual credit exams (for state-approved courses):
  - AP = 3+
  - Cambridge = E or better
  - IB = 4+
- ✓ State assessments:
  - Smarter Balanced: ELA = 2548; math = 2595
  - WA-AIM: ELA = 104; math = 103

# Graduation Pathways

As you can see, there are several Graduation Pathways. If you are unsure of what Pathway you will meet or hope to meet, please talk to your counselor.

# State Testing

You are not required to take any State Assessments during your freshman year.

# Next Steps:

- ❑ Go to the PHS Website
  - ❑ **Counseling Center >> Next Year Course Requests**
- ❑ Refer to Next Year Course Request Handouts and other helpful tools on the site.
- ❑ Watch the Course Request Video
- ❑ Log into Skyward to Complete your Course Requests for 2023-2024 School Year
  - ❑ Choose 5 Classes AND 2 Alternate Classes
  - ❑ Email your Counselor if you want ANY ZERO period class

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