Perry Hall High School Freshman Registration
What’s there to be excited about?

• A fresh start, more freedom and responsibility

• In the next four years you could:

• Learn to drive, take a college class, celebrate Homecoming, choose classes you are interested in and much more.
Key Terms

• Credits- are what you get when you pass a high school course (.5 or 1.0).

• Electives- are classes that you have an interest in but do not count towards fulfilling your graduation requirements.

• Programs- 3/4 credits in an area of choice needed for graduation (you must complete on but are encouraged to complete 2). A focus area like a major in college.

• Alternates- These are backup courses in case we cannot schedule you in your course selections.
Students entering 9th Grade during the 2021-2022 School Year

BCPS Graduation Requirements at-a-Glance

Beginning with students entering the 9th grade class in the 2021—2022 school year, to be awarded a diploma, a student shall be enrolled in Baltimore County Public Schools and shall have earned a minimum of 22.5 credits that include the following specified credits: Students must also meet Maryland high school assessment requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education.

**COURSE CREDITS**

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<td>English</td>
<td>4 credits</td>
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<td>Social Studies</td>
<td>3.5 credits</td>
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<td>1 American Government credit, 1 World History credit, 1 United States History credit and a 5 Economics credit are required.</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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<td>1 credit must be Algebra, 1 credit must be Geometry, and two additional Math courses. Students must be enrolled in a math course each year of high school.</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
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<td>High school courses including one credit in physical science, one credit in Earth/Space science or a course with the topics of Earth/Space science integrated, and one credit in Life Science. Students should consult science instructors about their science sequence.</td>
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<td>Physical Education</td>
<td>1 credit</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>1 credit - 5 credits in grade 9 or 10 and 3 credits in grade 11 or 12</td>
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<td>Technology Education</td>
<td>1 credit - computer science, engineering, or technology education</td>
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<td>Fine Arts</td>
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<td>Complete Programcombo thion of at least one of the following sequences</td>
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<td>Student Service Learning</td>
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2 credits of the same World Language earned in high school, including American Sign Language and 2 credits in any elective. (Science and math electives are recommended.)

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Grad Requirements

• **Tech Ed. Grad Requirement-Can** be fulfilled by passing one of the following: Foundations of Engineering (standard level Tech Ed credit), PLTW Intro to Engineering Design H, Foundations of Computer Science H (35.3500.4)

• Available for 10th-12th grade: Engineering Technology GT 553500.5, and AP Computer Science Principles (35.3510.6), AP Computer Science A.

• All students must pass **PE Fitness/Foundations Mastery**

• All students must pass two separate **.5 Health courses** (one in 9/10th and one in 11/12th)

• All students need 75 Service Learning Hours to Graduate

Mrs. Alic is the Service Learning Coordinator
Fine Arts Grad Requirement

- Can be fulfilled by passing one of the following: any Chorus, any Band, any Orchestra, Guitar, Piano, Fundamentals of Art, Theater Arts 1, Dance, Music Tech, Music Theory (H and AP) (available to 10th-12th graders)

YOU MUST PLAY THE INSTRUMENT IN SCHOOL CURRENTLY TO TAKE BAND or ORCHESTRA NEXT YEAR

Perry Hall High’s Band, Orchestra and Choir ensembles all receive superior ratings at the county at state level.

Every other year all Band, Orchestra, Choir and Guitar students take a trip to Disney or other fun locations!
Teacher Academy of MD, PLTW Engineering and Biomedical Sciences are by application only. If you are interested go to the website listed on your directions sheet. Apply by March 1.

You can apply to Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness next year to start in 10th grade.

Most programs can be started in 10th.
• College Completer Program Options.

• Perry Hall High has a lot of great programs!

• Many of our students will do more than one program.

• While you can start some programs in 9th, we will have you pick a program or two for 10th grade.
Registering for a World Language

• Your level is based on recommendation from your current teacher. Your level could change in the spring based on your performance.

• If you have questions about which level is most appropriate consult your teacher or middle school department chairperson

• You can switch to a new language in high school

• The University of Maryland system requires 2 years of the same World Language in High school. Your middle school World Language credits do not count for high school credits.
Course Descriptions

• Foundation of Computer Science
• AVID-Application only due by March 1 (application on PHHS website)
• Journalism
• .5 Creative Writing and .5 Creative Writing Adv. Hon.
• AP Summit: One or two of: AP Biology, AP Government, or AP Human Geography
What Colleges Want

• Colleges want A’s in B’s
• Colleges also want to see that you have challenged yourself
• You should look towards registering for the most challenging classes in which you can achieve A’s and B’s
• For some students this may mean bumping up to Honors or GT/AA (if interested in this talk with current teachers and school counselors)
What kind of Gator are you? Get Involved!

- **Sports**
  County, Regional and State Championship programs. PHHS has all available sports.

- **Clubs**
  Around 60 different clubs

- **AVID**
  A college preparatory elective course requires application on PHHS website

- **Activities**
  Dances, sporting events, concerts, pep rallies, parades, theatre productions
AP courses are college level instruction.

At Perry Hall we offer over 25 AP’s

At the end of an AP course you can opt to take a test (there may or may not be a fee). If you do well enough on the test you can earn college credit that is transferable to some colleges.

Most AP classes are taken in 11th and 12th

If interested in Summit Program - accessing AP courses in 9th grade, contact Mr. Baikauskas mbaikauskas@bcps.org
Directions

• Log in using Chrome Browser, in the upper left corner select BCPS Links and then APPS Portal.

• Select FOCUS Software or go here: https://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus

• Select “Sign in with Microsoft” and enter your BCPS username/password (with @bcps.org)

• Select 2023/2024 year from the upper right drop down

• Select Class Requests

• Greyed-out courses have been assigned based on teacher recs. To request a change to one of these email schedular, Mr. Baikauskas mbaikauskas@bcps.org

• To select additional courses use the Quick List at the bottom of the screen, select a course from the dropdowns and click Save in the upper right

• Select 2-3 Alternates/backups by placing a 2, 3, 4 in order of preference in the Elective Priority category. DO NOT use #1 as your main courses are considered #1 priority.

• To remove a course click the red minus sign to the left of the course

• SAVE in upper right and click refresh and verify that you have selected 8 total credits and 2-3 alternates/backups
If they are about which level of course is best, message your middle school teachers, department chairpersons or school counselors.

If they are about high school courses or programs, ask your future high school counselor by email/message based on your last name.

Email Mr. Baikauskas to change a greyed-out course.

**All Registration Info is on the PHHS website under: Schedule Registration**

We will hold schedule change opportunities in August which will be the last opportunity to make changes.

*Schedules will NOT be changed after school starts unless there is an error*
Who is my school counselor?

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SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSIGNMENTS

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Reminder: AVID, PLTW Biomed, PLTW Engineering and Teacher Academy applications are on the PHHS website by March 1.