



Peoria Christian

Class of 2028

**Welcome to High
School**

Helpful resources for tonight

(in your folder and also on the PCS website)

- 4 year course plan (blue sheet)
- Course Description Guide
- Power point slides
- x2vol Quick Guide
- BYOD spec sheet

Goals for Tonight

1. Gain familiarity with the logistics of high school
2. Long term plan for high school and after
3. Details for completing the 4-year plan

School Day

- 8:15 - 3:00
- Hot lunches
- Block schedule
- Chapel on Thursdays
- Lockers
- PE
- Email Communication

Purple & Gold Schedule

- 4 classes each day
 - Purple days: periods 1,3,5,7
 - Gold days: periods 2,4,6,8
- Always Alternating
- Powerschool Schedule

Drivers Education

- Burgess Driving School
- Offered 2 times a year
- 15 years old
- Sign up in August on Burgess website
- Classroom – AM before school
- BTW – instructor works with families

BYOD

- Each student needs their own laptop & bring it to school every day.
- Before school starts, device must be registered.
- Rental program available
- Refer to spec sheet for details

Technology in high school

- Every day, every class
- Powerschool – Student Information System (SIS)
 - grades * missing work * attendance * daily schedule
- Schoology – Learning Management System (LMS)
 - classes * homework * general announcements

Service Hours

- 80 hours required for graduation, 20 per year
- Typical places to volunteer include:
 - Church
 - School
 - Community organizations
 - Neighbors

Logging Service Hours – x2vol.com

- Create an account through x2vol.com
- 3 step approval process
- Log hours within 2 weeks.
- Supervisor email
- Keep track of ALL volunteer efforts

Mini-term

- The week before spring break
- Half or full day classes
- Course offerings available in October/November
- Graduation requirement

PE Opt Out

- Available for students who are in sports but do not have a study hall in their schedules
- Only during the time of the sport.
- Need to fill out a PE Opt Out Form – submit a new form for each sport
- Does not start until after the 3rd week of school

Extracurricular Activities

- Key Club
- Board Game Club
- Drama
- Band
- Student Outreach
- Crescendos
- Scholastic Bowl
- Student Council
- Writing Club
- And don't forget Sports!

Choosing Courses for 4 years – the Big Picture



PCS Graduation Requirements

- Bible – 4 credits
- English – 4 credits
- Math – 3 credits
- Science – 3 credits
- Social Studies – 3 credits
- Health & PE – 1.25 credits
- Foreign Language or Fine Arts – 2 credits
- Additional Electives – 3.75 credits
- Mini-term – 1 credit per year at PCS
- Service Hours – 20 hours/year

Honorary Designations

planning ahead in high school

Distinguished Scholar Diploma

- 3.7 GPA in 10th
- Honors & AP classes required
- 60 additional service hours

National Honors Society

- 3.0 GPA
- academic performance, leadership, service and Christian character.
- invited to apply the spring of their junior year.
- Service hours must be up to date

Honor Courses Offered

- Honors English 11
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics
- Honors Pre-Calculus

AP Courses Offered

- AP Biology/AP Chemistry
- AP Calculus
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English
- AP Spanish

ICC Dual Credit Classes

Typical classes:

- English 110/111 (English 12 equivalent)
- History 201/202 (US History equivalent)*
- Communication 110
- Psychology 110*
- Sociology 110
- Business 110
- Health 121 (Medical Terminology)
- Math 110/111*
- History 117/118*

* Taught at PCS

2024-25 Freshman Course Selection



Choosing courses for freshman year

4 steps to completing the course selection process

1. Fill out the Course Selection Plan (aka 4 Year Plan)
2. Select the courses online in PowerSchool
3. Complete a Teacher Approval Form (if needed)
4. Turn it all in!

4-Year Course Selection (blue sheet)

- Write out a plan for **all 4 years**
- 2 blue sheets
- Use the *Math Tracking &*
the *Recommended Course Selection*
- Use a pencil!!

4-Year Course Selection- Electives

9th GRADE Elective Courses

- Spanish
- Concert Band
- Crescendos
- Art 1
- Accounting*
- Creative Writing*
- History of the East**
- Study Hall (0 credit)
- Math Lab (0 credit, teacher approval required)
- Worship Arts (teacher approval required)**

*one semester only

**can be taken as one semester or two

Turning in Course Selection Materials

- Friday, January 26 – I will meet with 8th graders
- Need to have COMPLETED & SIGNED 4 year plan.
- Deadline – Friday, February 2 or \$25 late fee

Filling out the 4 year plan

- Don't stress!
- Begin with the end in mind
- Think about your student

Thank you for coming!!

- If you would like to stick around for more in depth information on filling out the 4-year plan, please do!
- If you would like to make an appointment to discuss specific questions or course planning please see me – afternoon & evening appointments are available.

Freshman Course Selection-Class of 2028

4-Year Course Plan

Name: A Student

Subject / Credits Required	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
24 total credits are required for graduation from PCS.	*****	*****	*****	*****	**ICC Online Dual Credit Course(s):		**ICC Online Dual Credit Course(s):	
Bible 4 credits	Understanding the Faith I	1	Understanding the Faith II	1	Understanding the Culture		Senior Seminar	1
English 4 credits	English 9	1	Speech (.5 credit) English 10 (.5 credit)	1	English 11 or Honors English 11 (circle one)		English 12 or AP English or ICC ENGL 110/111	1
Math - 3 credits 8 th Alg class (elec cred)	Math: <u>Geometry</u>	1	Math: <u>Alg 2</u>	1	Math: <u>Alg 3/math 110</u>		Math or Elective: <u>Stats/math 111</u>	1
Science 3 credits	Biology	1	Science or Elective: <u>Chemistry</u>	1	Science or Elective: <u>Anatomy</u>		Science or Elective: <u>Physics</u>	1
Social Studies 3 credits	<u>World History</u> or Elective:	1	World History or US History or elective: <u>20th Cent/mod</u>	1	US History or <u>ICC US History*</u> (circle one)		Government (.5 credit) & Consumer Education (.5 credit)	1
PE/Health .75 credits PE & .5 credits Health	1 Sem of PE (.25 cred) 1 of Health (.5 credit)	.75	1 st Semester PE (.25 Credit) 2 nd Semester PE (.25 Credit)	.50	Elective: <u>Psy 110/Life Calling</u>		Elective: <u>Computer Sci</u>	
Elective 5.75 credits total	Elective: <u>Spanish 1</u>	1	Elective: <u>Sp 2</u>	1	Elective: <u>'S#</u>		Elective: <u>Release</u>	
Elective	Elective: <u>S#</u>	0	Elective <u>S#</u>	0	Elective: <u>Release</u>		Elective: <u>Release</u>	
9-12 Credit Total	9 th Grade Credit Total		10 th Grade Credit Total		11 th Grade Credit Total		12 th Grade Credit Total	
ALTERNATIVES: Alternative choices are used if a class will not work with the student's schedule. Please select 2 alternatives for courses for 9 th grade only. Please make sure each alternative equals 1 credit.	<u>Band</u> Write in Alternative #1 1		DIRECTIONS: Please enter the course names & fill out the 4-Year Course Plan for ALL four years. Each course box should add up to 1 credit (except PE or TA). If a class is a semester class and is only worth .5 credit, two semester classes will need to be listed in 1 box to add up to 1 credit. Refer to the course description guide for specific courses and credit information. <i>*If a student wants to take ICC US History, they must take 20th Century or Modern History as a pre-requisite.</i>					
	<u>Art 1</u> Write in Alternative #2 1		You will also need to select next year's courses <u>online</u> which will open on Friday, January 26. The first day course selection forms can be turned in is Friday, January 26, when I meet with the 8 th graders. They cannot be turned in earlier. I will collect the forms when I meet with the 8 th graders but if the student is unable to turn it in or it is incomplete the deadline for all the course selection forms to be submitted is February 2. Selection forms turned in after January 26 will require a \$25 late fee with submission.					

Parent's Signature

R Downum

Date

1/24/24

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