



Peoria Christian

Class of 2027

**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
- 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

- 2nd week of March (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
- AP US History

ICC Dual Credit Classes

Typical classes:

- English 110/111 (English 12 equivalent)
- Communication 110
- Psychology 110
- Sociology 110
- Business 110
- Health 121 (Medical Terminology)
- Math 115 (taught at PCS)
- History 117/118 (taught at PCS)

Weighted GPA scale

2023-24 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

- Foreign language – Spanish or Mandarin Chinese
- Concert Band
- Crescendos
- Introduction to Art
- Accounting*
- Creative Writing**
- History of the East**
- Study Hall (0 credit)
- Math Lab (0 credit, teacher approval required)
- Worship Arts (teacher approval required)**
- Web Design

*one semester only

**can be taken as one semester or two

Turning in Course Selection Materials

- Friday, January 20 – I will meet with 8th graders
- Need to have COMPLETED & SIGNED 4 year plan.
- Deadline – Jan 27 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 2026

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	1	Senior Seminar	1
English 4 credits	English 9	1	Speech (.5 credit) English Literature (.5 credit)	1	English 11 or Honors English 11 (circle one)	1	English 12 or AP English or ICC ENGL 110/111	1
Math - 3 credits 8th Alg class Alg1 (elec cred)	Math: Geometry	1	Math: Alg 2	1	Math: Alg 3 / Math 115	1	Math or Elective: Stats	1
Science 3 credits	Biology	1	Science or Elective: Chemistry	1	Science or Elective: Physics	1	Science or Elective:	
Social Studies 3 credits	World History or Elective:	1	World History or US History or elective: 20th / 21st Hist	1	US History or AP US History (circle one)	1	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	1st Semester PE (.25 Credit) 2nd Semester PE (.25 Credit)	.5	Elective: AP Comp Sci	1	Elective: Web Design	1
Elective 5.75 credits total	Elective: Spanish 1	1	Elective: Span 2	1	Elective: Marketing	.5	Elective: MKT 2	.5
Elective (21.25)	Elective: Study Hall	0	Elective: SH	0	Elective: SH	0	Elective:	
9-12 Credit Total 4	9th Grade Credit Total 6.75		10th Grade Credit Total 6.5		11th Grade Credit Total 6.5		12th Grade Credit Total 6.5	
ALTERNATIVES: Alternative choices are used if a class will not work with the student's schedule. Please select 2 alternatives for courses for 9th 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. *If a student wants to take AP US History, they must take 20th or 21st Century History as a pre-requisite.					
	<u>Art</u> Write in Alternative #2	1	You will also need to select next year's courses <u>online</u> which will open on Thursday, January 20.					
			The first day course selection forms can be turned in is Thursday, January 20, when I meet with the 8th graders. They cannot be turned in earlier. I will collect the forms when I meet with the 8th 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 January 28. Selection forms turned in after January 28 will require a \$25 late fee with submission.					

Parent's Signature

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Date

1/10/22

For Office Use Only - Date & Time Received