

**PORTER RIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL'S
Rising 9th Grade
Welcome Voyage**



Porter Ridge High School Core Values

Rigor

Relationships

Relevance

What to Expect for High School Students

Career Exploration

College Readiness

Set personal and academic goals

Student choice in courses and levels

Contribute positively to school and community

Learn to make good decisions

Students transition to Independence

Student involvement in areas of passion and strength

Overview of Credits and Schedules

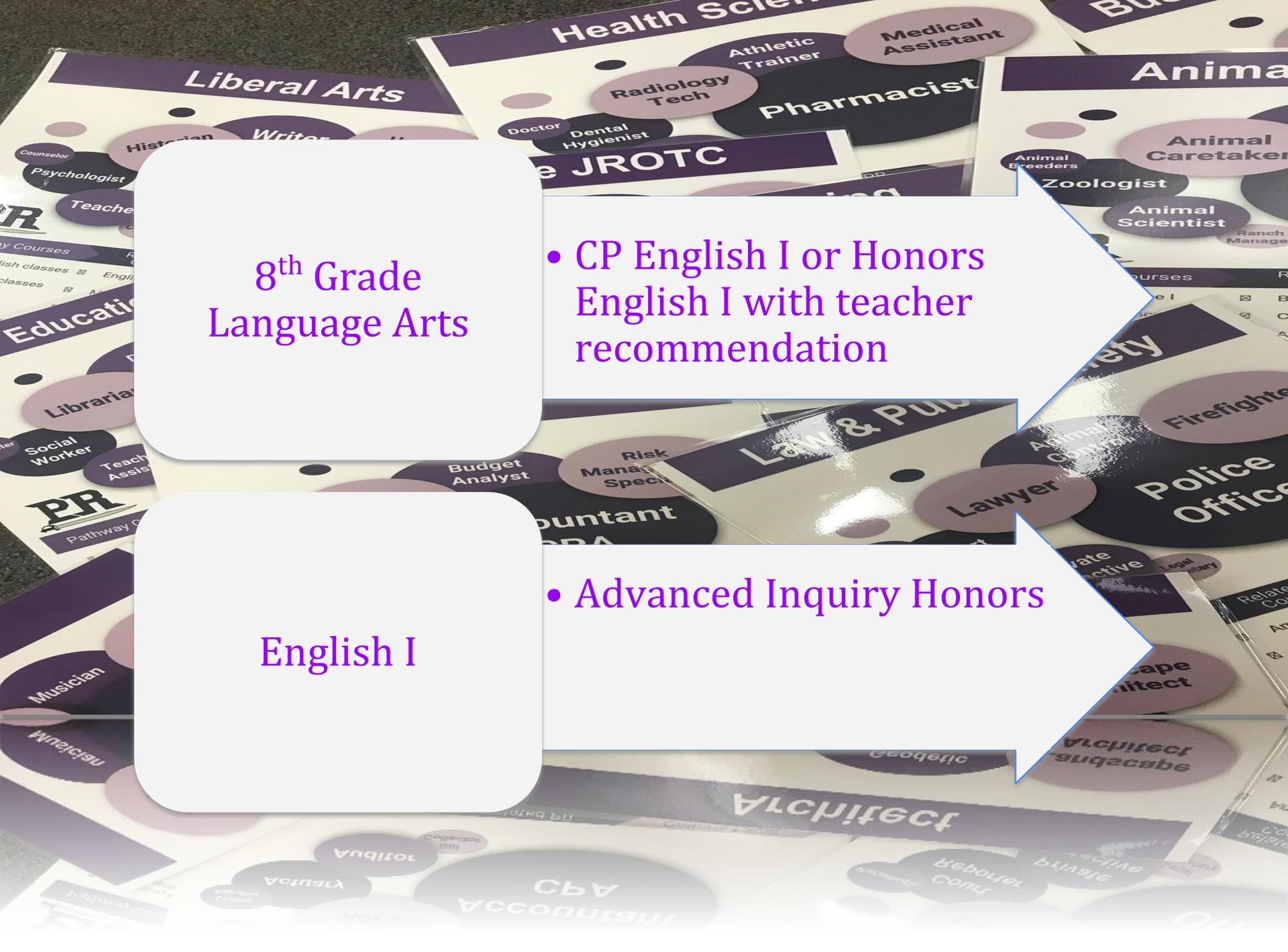
- Four by Four Block
 - Fall Semester (Aug. – Jan.) – 4 classes
 - Spring Semester (Jan. – June) – 4 classes
- 85 minute class periods
- 30 minute daily Pirate Prep
- Final Exams in every class the last 5 days of each semester
- Final Grade is the average of the 3 six week reports cards and final exam grade
- GPA – Grade Point Average begins

Overview of Credits and Schedules

- Attendance matters and students should be in school EVERY period, EVERY day.
- Students can fail a course based on missing too many days (more than 7 in a course)
- Attendance is taken every period - not on a daily basis
- In HS it is the Student's responsibility to talk to the teacher and get any work missed and meet the teacher's makeup work timeline
- If a Student fails a course required for graduation, they have to repeat it and pass the course.

HS Graduation Requirements

English	4 Credits: I, II, III, IV
Math	4 Credits: I, II, III and a 4th Math Course.
Science	3 Credits: Earth/Environmental Science, Biology I, and a Physical Science
Social Studies	4 Credits: World History, Civics and Economics, and American History I & II,
Second Language	Not required for graduation. Required to meet minimum application requirements for UNC colleges.
Health/PE	1 Credit: Health/Physical Education
Academic Electives	6 Credits - 2 must be from either Arts, CTE or Second Language and 4 recommended concentration from either CTE, JROTC, Arts, or other academic subject area
Electives	6 elective credits from any area
Total Credits	28



8th Grade
Language Arts

- CP English I or Honors English I with teacher recommendation

English I

- Advanced Inquiry Honors

Pre-Algebra
(If Math is a weaker
subject for your student)

- Foundations of Math I (1st semester) & Math I (2nd semester)

Pre-Algebra
(A, B & C grades)
Transitional Algebra

- Math I

Transitional Algebra
(A & B grades)

- Math I Honors

Math I

- Math II CP
- Math II Honors

8th Grade Science

- Physical Science
- CP Earth Science

8th Grade Science & Language Arts
(A & B students not in Math 1 now)

- Honors Earth Science

8th Grade Science & Language Arts
(A & B students)
Currently in Math I

- Honors Biology

8th Grade Social Studies

- CP World History
- Hon World History
- Civics/Economics Honors

The background consists of a collage of various career cards. Each card has a title at the top and several related job titles in circles below. Visible titles include: Liberal Arts (Historian, Lawyer, Writer, Counselor, Psychologist, Teacher, Curator), Health Science (Athletic Trainer, Medical Assistant, Radiology Tech, Doctor, Dental Hygienist, Pharmacist), Animal Science (Animal Caretaker, Zoologist, Animal Scientist, Animal Breeders, Ranch Manager), Air Force JROTC (Cyberspace Operations), Engineering (Motive, Ele), Education (Daycare Worker, Librarian, Social Worker, Teach Assist), Safety (Firefighter, Police Officer), Music (Musician, Music Composer), and Architecture (Landscape Architect, Architect).

Health/PE
(required for all in 9th grade)
Electives: Weightlifting, Team Sports, Fit for Life, Speed & Agility

The remainder
of your
required
credits are
ELECTIVES

- More core classes
- Arts
- Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- World Languages
- some PE classes

World Language Electives

If you are pursuing 3-4 levels of a World Language

- Level I (Level II if taken in MS):
French, Latin or Spanish

If you are considering taking a World Language for UNC requirements

*Native Speaker will take level II or III

- Recommend student to begin a language in 9th or 10th grade

Pathways of Interest Guide Student Elective Choices

- PRHS has created Career Pathways to help assist students in selecting courses throughout their high school years
- These 14 pathways are to help students prepare for their future studies and a career
- Each pathway includes careers students can explore and related courses offered at PRHS and in UCPS
- Careers listed vary in educational requirements
- To learn more about PRHS Career Pathways, please visit **our PR website under the Academics tab or <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/1990>**

- PRHS Career Pathways are:
 - Air Force JROTC
 - Animal Science
 - Architect
 - Arts
 - Business Management
 - Culinary
 - Digital Media
 - Education
 - Engineering
 - Finance
 - Health Science
 - Information Technology
 - Law & Public Safety
 - Liberal Arts

Animal Science

Pathway Courses	Related PR Courses	College Level Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science I <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science II - Small Animals <input type="checkbox"/> Equine Science I <input type="checkbox"/> Equine Science II <input type="checkbox"/> Vet Assisting <input type="checkbox"/> CTE Internship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science <input type="checkbox"/> Health Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology <input type="checkbox"/> AP Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> CCP Animal Science <input type="checkbox"/> CCP Farm Business Mgmt

Career Pathway

Students will choose a Pathway mid-end of Freshman Year

Example of a Ninth Grade Schedule

Fall Schedule (August- January)		Spring Schedule (January-June)	
1 st	English 1	1 st	World History
2 nd	Health/PE	2 nd	Math I
3 rd	Career Management	3 rd	ROTC
4 th	Earth Science	4 th	Theatre I

PRHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Porter Ridge HS has FIVE Academies that students at PRHS and throughout UCPS can enter during their Junior and Senior years:

- Culinary Arts Academy
- Veterinary Assisting Academy
- Pharmacy Technician Academy
- Architecture, Engineering, and Design Academy
- Digital Film Editing & Production Academy



Student Support in High School

- **Exceptional Children** are served through an Individual Educational Plan (IEP). Transition meetings will be held at PRMS and a PRHS representative will be there. PRMS will contact you regarding these meetings.
- Students with **504 plans** are served and our School Counselors serve as Case Managers
- Students who are **English-language Learners** receive services according to their EL plan.



Student Support in High School

- PRHS has a **Student Support Team (called PReSS)** that uses data along with Teacher, Student, Counselor, and Parent feedback to support struggling students.
- **School Counselors** in HS are available for appointments with student struggling with social, academic, or family issues.
- PRHS has a **Social Worker** and **Behavioral Health Therapist** to support student needs.



Student Support in High School

- **All Students are assigned to an Advisor** who will be with them all four years. Each advisor gets to know these approximately 25 students well during our weekly Pirate Advisory. Students participate in weekly Advisory meetings that focus on study skills, college preparation, career exploration, academic advising, resume building, social skills, emotional well-being, healthy choices, motivational sessions, communication with others, and much more. Advisory activities are differentiated by grade level.



Student Support in High School

- All Teachers offer **tutoring** times to students in their courses.
- All Teachers utilize **Canvas** as the online learning platform for resources and materials.
- All **Students** have access to **Naviance** which the HS uses as a career exploration and/or college exploration tool.
- **Student-Athletes** are supported by the Coaches, AD, and starting this spring - a Student-Athlete Support Advocate



Course Levels Available during HS

- **College Prep (CP)** – Standard level courses to prepare for college.
- **Honors (HN)** - These courses demand greater independence and contain more challenging material than College Prep Level courses.
- **Advanced Placement (AP)** – Course content, pace, and academic rigor are college-level as adopted by the College Board and prepare students to take the AP examinations which may lead to college credit. This course requires the highest level of independence.

Grade Point Average

- Used to determine Class Rank
- Used by colleges for admission decisions
- Used to determine eligibility for Career and College Promise Program, scholarships, honor society membership, graduation honors, and athletic eligibility

Grade	Final Mark	CP	Honors	AP
A	90-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	70-79	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	60-69	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0-59	0	0	0

Course Selection Process for HS

March 28th & 29th

Student presentation and students receive registration materials

March 28th - April 12th

Students enter course selections into Power School through student account

April 12th

Last day for courses to be submitted in to powerschool. Any course level change forms due to Ms. Lefko at PRMS.

April 29th & 30th

High school counselors meet with 8th grade students to review course selections

- The English, Math, Science and Social Studies course recommended by your students teacher will already be in powerschool under course requests.**
- If a parent would like to change the level recommended by the teacher a signed Course Level Change Form must be turned in by April 12th to Ms. Manwell – middle school counselor.**

Testing in HS

- Quizzes and Tests count for a large percentage of course grades. This varies by course and teacher.
- Every Course has a final exam. Final exams count for 25% of entire course grade.
- The majority of courses have a state-made final exam.
- Final Exams must be given in the 5-day exam week at the end of each semester.
- A minority of courses have teacher-made exams and these may be exempted for students with an A or B depending on their attendance.
- All students also take: pre-ACT, PSAT, SAT, ACT
- Students in AP courses must take the AP exam to maintain their course grade.

Battle of the Books
Beta Club
Book Club
Pirates for Christ
Creative Writing
DECA
FBLA
FCCLA
FFA
Gaming Club
Gay-Straight Alliance
Govt Studies Club
Graphic Design Club
Greener Earth Org
HOSA
Interact Club
International
Thespian Society

Knitting & Crocheting
Latin Club
Mu Alpha Theta
National Art Honor
National English Honor
National Honor Society
Philosophy Club
Quidditch Club
Rho Kappa
Robotics Club
Spanish Club
Theatre Castaways
Umoja

Marching Band
Color Guard

**Please
visit
club and
program
tables in
the Cafe.**

Students can sign
up for Clubs at the
start of Ninth
Grade during our
Club Fair



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#URPR

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#believeinyouchallenge



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@PRHSCounseling

Follow PRHS on
PRHS Website, PRHS
facebook,
PRHS Band website
Weekly Pirate Press
Newsletter for PRHS

- Taken by all 8th graders

December 5th

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- SAT Suite of Assessments are connected by the same underlying content and skills assessed over many years

- Entry point to SAT suite of assessments

PSAT 8

General Information

- Measure college readiness beginning in 8th grade

- Monitor progress over time, from 8th grade to 12th grade

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- Prepare for the PSAT and SAT

- Identify areas of strength and areas for growth

PSAT 8

Benefits of Taking the PSAT 8

Paper Scores

- Available in lobby
- Along with a handout containing more information

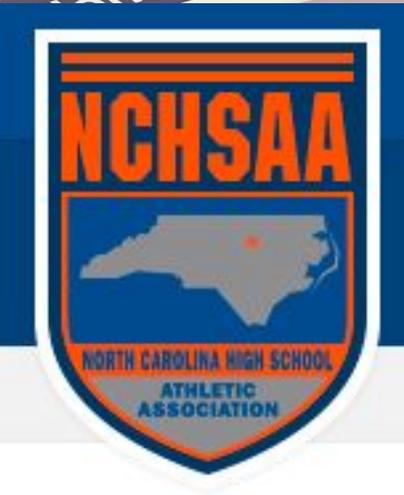
Accessing Online Scores

- Go to studentscores.collegeboard.org
- Login in to your account and select PSAT 8 Scores or “ add new scores

PSAT 8

Scores

Athletics



PR is member of NCHSAA
4A High School
Southwestern 4A Confer.

Butler
East Meck
Rocky River
Myers Park

Independence
Garinger
Hickory Ridge
Porter Ridge

Athletics



- No Pay to Play Fees except for Field Hockey (it is not sanctioned by NCHSAA)
- All Rising 9th Grade students are academically eligible to tryout for Fall Sports
- In future seasons:
 - Eligibility based on the previous semester
 - Must pass 3 out of 4 classes
 - Must be promoted

Athletics

Follow PRHS on @prhs_athletics



Fall

- Cheerleading
- Football
- Women's Golf
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Tennis
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Women's Volleyball

Winter

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Wrestling
- Winter Track
- Swimming

Spring

- Men's Golf
- Men's Tennis
- Baseball
- Softball
- Lacrosse
- Track
- Women's Soccer

Athletics

Tryout Info



Fall Sports - Aug 1 & 2

- Games start week of Aug 19

Winter Sports - Oct 30 & 31

Spring Sports - Feb 12 & 13

To Tryout -

- Register online after July 1 for Fall Athletics
- Turn in valid physical - physicals do not transfer over to the high school; you need to provide copy
- Get a Tryout Ticket

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Athletics Tryout Info



Make sure physical form completed correctly

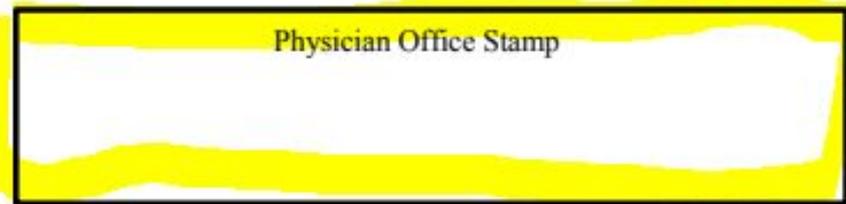
Name of Physician/Extender: _____ (Please print)

Signature of Physician/Extender: _____ MD DO PA NP (Please circle)
(Both signature and circle of designated degree required)

Date of Examination: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



(*** The following are considered disqualifying until appropriate medical and parental releases are obtained: post-operative clearance, acute infections, obvious growth retardation, uncontrolled diabetes, severe visual or auditory impairment, pulmonary insufficiency, organic heart disease or Stage 2 hypertension, enlarged liver or spleen, a chronic musculoskeletal condition that limits ability for safe exercise/sport (i.e. Klippel-Feil anomaly, Sprengel's deformity), history of uncontrolled seizures, absence of/ or one kidney, eye, testicle or ovary, etc.)



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Relevance



Relationships



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