

Porter Ridge High School
Rising 10th -12th Registration Instructions 2019-2020

Curriculum Information Night – March 11th @ 6:30pm

Learn about offerings such as Advanced Placement courses, College Prep and Honors classes, PR Pathways that focus on careers for all students, Academies at PR, and opportunities for community college courses.

Step 1: Students complete registration online in PowerSchool by **March 14th**.

Step 2: Counselors meet with students by 2nd period class **March 15th –April 18th** to review course requests.

Step 3: Verify and return courses selections signed by parent to 2nd period teacher the following day.

Completing the Course Selections in PowerSchool

Students must select **8 first choice** courses (**choose the level recommended by your teacher. Students must follow teacher recommendations in PowerSchool or have a Course Level Change Form signed by parent for a higher level course. Forms must be turned in to your 2nd period teacher.**)

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| ○ English | Elective #1 |
| ○ Math | Elective #2 |
| ○ Science | Elective #3 |
| ○ Social Studies | Elective #4 |

Students must select 4 **alternate elective courses** from the alternates group

- Alternate elective courses are backup courses if you do not receive one of your first choice electives.
- Alternates should be **different courses** than your first choice courses. Do **NOT** repeat courses.
- Alternates should be courses you are willing to take; do not just put down a course.

- **Advanced Placement Courses:** See back page regarding AP Courses.
- **Prerequisite courses:** required courses that you take before you can take another course. Courses that require a prerequisite will be identified in PowerSchool and the Program of Studies. When you are registering, be certain that you have had the prerequisite course if one is required. **Example: To take Pottery, you should have taken and passed Visual Arts I.**
- **Electives** can be additional courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, World Language, PE, Miscellaneous or Career Technical Education. Information on career pathways at PRHS can be found at <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/1990>.
- **World Language** - recommend students take Level 1 & 2 in the same year if possible
 - Native speakers of the language should choose Level 2, if you also read and write it choose Level 3.

The Program of Studies is online at <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/3182>. This book gives course descriptions, prerequisites and other academic information. Use this book when selecting classes.

Advanced Placement Courses

The following AP courses may be taught on an A/B schedule all year. **Students may choose 2 AP classes from the same group or one AP class and one elective in the same group.**

Group 1 –

AP Course options

AP Human Geography
AP European History
AP Environmental Science
AP Music Theory
AP Physics 1

Possible Elective Course Options

Weightlifting Hon
Fitness & Nutrition Hon
Technical Theatre
Mixed Chorus
Forensic Science I Hon
Psychology Hon

Group 2 –

AP Course options

AP Psychology
AP Statistics
AP Modern World History
AP Computer Science Principles

Possible Elective Course Options

Weightlifting Hon
Fitness & Nutrition Hon
Technical Theatre
Health Science I Hon
Python/Computer Programming I Hon
Pre-Calculus Hon

The following AP courses require students to take both the honors companion course and the AP course.

- English III Hon (AP Companion) and AP English Language & Comp
- English IV Hon (AP Companion) and AP English Literature & Comp
- Advanced Topics Calculus and AP Calculus AB
- American History I Honors and AP US History
- Advanced Biology Topics and AP Biology
- Advanced Chemistry Topics and AP Chemistry
- Adv Studio Art and AP Studio Art

Applications required for the following (paper copies in counseling office or on school counseling website at <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4995>)

- Co-op Marketing (juniors and seniors) – must also be enrolled in a marketing class the same semester
- CTE Internship (seniors only)
- Health Science II Hon
- Teacher Cadet - introduces student to teaching profession with classroom experience at elementary/middle school level (yearlong Teacher Cadet 1 and 2 - juniors and seniors)
- Yearbook – must be taken all year for both semesters

The courses below will not be available to be selected in PowerSchool. During the meeting with your counselor please express your interest for an application. Your application will be reviewed and if approved it will appear among your course selections.

- Junior Early Graduate Application
- Media Assistant/Library Media Information Skills (juniors/seniors)
- Online Courses – through Union County Virtual and North Carolina Virtual Public School
- Peer Tutor (juniors/seniors)
- Senior Flex
- Senior Mid-Year Graduate Application
- Teacher Assistant (seniors only – no credit)
- UCPS Career Technical Education Academies – apply at <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6523>