

**Porter Ridge High School**  
**Rising 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Registration Instructions 2020-2021**

***Curriculum Information Night – March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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, AP Capstone, Graduation Requirements, and opportunities for community college courses.

**Step 1:** Students complete registration online in PowerSchool by **March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Step 2:** Counselors meet with students by 2<sup>nd</sup> period class **March 16<sup>th</sup> –May 1<sup>st</sup>** to review course requests.

**Step 3:** Verify and return courses selections signed by parent to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 from alert in PowerSchool. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 want to take; review the program of studies for course descriptions.
- **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, 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 as close together as possible
  - Native speakers of the language should choose Level 2, if you also read and write it choose Level 3.

**Choose your classes and alternates wisely. The choices you make now will most likely be your schedule. We will not make schedule corrections for students who were placed in their 1<sup>st</sup> choice or alternate course requested.**

The Program of studies is online at <http://ucps.k12.nc.u/Page/3182>. This book gives course descriptions, prequestites, 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 or 1 AP class and an elective.**

#### **AP Course options**

AP Computer Science Principles  
AP European History  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Human Geography  
AP Modern World History  
AP Music Theory  
AP Psychology  
AP Statistics

#### **Possible Elective Course Options along with an AP class**

Forensic Science I Hon  
Pre-Calculus Hon  
Psychology/Sociology Hon  
Python/Computer Programming I Hon  
Weightlifting Hon

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

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Advanced Physics Topics and AP Physics 1
- ☐ Adv Studio Art and AP Studio Art

**The following AP courses require students to take both AP Courses.**

- ☐ AP Seminar and AP Language
- ☐ AP Research and AP Literature

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

- ☐ Health Science II Hon
- ☐ Teacher Cadet - introduces student to teaching profession with classroom experience at elementary/middle school level (yearlong Teacher Cadet – select 1 and 2 - juniors and seniors)
- ☐ Yearbook – must be taken all year for both semesters, online application. A/B day option potentially available.

**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 be placed among your course selections.**

- ☐ Career & College Promise Program
- ☐ Co-op Marketing (juniors and seniors) – must also be enrolled in a marketing class the same semester
- ☐ CTE Internship (seniors only)
- ☐ 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) - high school academic course, elementary students, or special needs students
- ☐ Senior Flex
- ☐ Senior Mid-Year Graduate Application
- ☐ Teacher Assistant (seniors only – no credit)
- ☐ UCPS Career Technical Education Academies – apply at <https://ucpscte.org/applying-for-an-academy/>