



High School Course Planning

2012-2013

Graduation Requirements		
	Diploma requirements	+ College Bound
Language Arts	4 credits <i>Must include LA 1⁹, LA 2, LA 3, LA 4 or Comp/Adv Lit</i>	<i>Same as Diploma</i>
Mathematics	3 credits <i>Must include Alg. 1, Geom., & 1 additional (Alg 1 or above)</i>	+1 additional Math
Science	3 credits <i>Must include Physical⁹, Bio 1¹⁰, & 1 additional science</i>	+1 additional Science
Social Studies	3 credits <i>Must include 1 unit of American⁹, World¹⁰, & Government¹¹</i>	<i>Same as Diploma</i>
Fine Art	1 credit <i>(includes Art, Music, Band, Theater, Music Appreciation)</i>	<i>Same as Diploma</i>
Practical Arts	1 Credit <i>(Includes Shop, Ag, Business, & FACS)</i>	<i>Same as Diploma</i>
Physical Education	1 Credit	<i>Same as Diploma</i>
Health	.5 credit	<i>Same as Diploma</i>
Personal Finance	.5 credit	<i>Same as Diploma</i>
Specified Core Electives		<i>Add 3 credits</i> Any Weighted core class that is not required and/or foreign Language.
Total Credits	24	25

Additional Requirements For Graduation

ATTENDANCE : According to Board of Education Policy I.F.K, eight semesters of attendance are required of all students in the Pleasant Hill School District.

U.S. AND MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TESTS: Students must pass the U.S. Constitution test and the Missouri Constitution test in order to graduate.

REQUIRED CLASS SEQUENCE: Students are required to take particular classes in certain years. Those classes have been labeled by grade in superscript (*chart above*).

STATE EOC TESTING: Students are required to take all state mandated EOC tests before graduation.

Planning and Policies

Students are encouraged to use this course description book to carefully create a Personal Plan of Study that will assist them in reaching their educational and occupational goals.

We suggest that you:

- ✓ Review all requirements for graduation
- ✓ Read the information on career paths
- ✓ Read all information given about each course
- ✓ Complete a 6-year Personal Plan of Study

Post-High School Education Admissions Requirements

	U. of Missouri System Requirements (includes MU, UMKC, Missouri S&T)	Missouri Public 4 Year College (includes UCM, NWM, & MSU)	Community & Technical Colleges (Metropolitan Community Colleges)	Military Careers
Language Arts	4 credit	4 credit	HIGH SCHOOL Diploma , G.E.D. or a Certificate of Completion of Home School Program	HIGH SCHOOL Diploma , G.E.D. or a Certificate of Completion of Home School Program
Mathematics	4 credits Alg 1 & higher	3 credits Alg 1 & higher		
Science	3 credits 2 of 3 from Bio, Chem, Physics & Earth	2 credits No General Science 1 must be a lab class		
Social Studies	3 credits	3 credits		
Fine Art	1 credit	1 credit		
Specified Core Electives	2 credits 2 years of the same Foreign Language	3 credits From Foreign Language &/or core courses		
Other Specified	Plus appropriate class rank and a minimum score of 25 on the ACT	Plus appropriate class rank and a minimum score of 21 on the ACT		

Did You Know?

- Only ¼ of students meet ACT’s College Readiness Benchmarks in all four subjects (english, mathematics, social sciences, and natural sciences).
- Nearly a 5th meet nine of the benchmarks.
- 28% of all incoming college freshmen are enrolled in at least one remedial course, according to federal data.

How Can My Student Be More Prepared For College?

According to ACT’s student performance data, they define “college readiness” as students having approximately a 75% chance of earning a grade of C or higher or approximately a 50% chance of earning a B or higher in selected courses commonly taken in the first year of college in core subjects.

To ensure that the student master the knowledge and skills to succeed after high school, ACT recommends that students take a core curriculum consisting of at least:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Mathematics (*Algebra 1 and higher*)
- 4 years of Science (*including Biology, Chemistry, & Physical Science*)
- 3 years of Social Studies

NCAA Student-Athlete Academic Eligibility Requirements

Division I

If you enroll in a Division I college and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Graduate from high school;
- Complete these 16 core courses:
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
 - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
 - 1 extra year of english, math or natural or physical science
 - 2 years of social science
 - 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy);
- Earn a minimum required grade-point average in your core courses; and
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course grade-point average and test score sliding scale on this page (for example, a 2.4000 core-course grade point average needs an 860 SAT).

Division II

If you enroll in a Division II college and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Graduate from high school;
- Complete these 14 core courses:
 - 3 years of English
 - 2 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
 - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
 - 2 years of extra english, math or natural or physical science
 - 2 years of social science
 - 3 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language)
- Earn a 2.000 grade point average or better in your core courses; and
- Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68. There is no sliding scale in Division II.

NAIA

1. An entering freshman student must be a graduate of an accredited high school or be accepted as a regular student in good standing as defined by the enrolling institution.
2. An entering freshman student must meet two of the three entry level requirements.
 - a. A minimum score of 18 on the Enhanced ACT or 860 on the SAT
 - b. An overall high school grade point average of 2.000 or higher on a 4.000 scale.
 - c. Graduate in the upper half of the student's high school graduating class.

Division I Core GPA and Test Score Sliding Scale		
Core GPA	SAT	ACT
3.5 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.10	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.9000	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	59
2.675	740-750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71



General Enrollment Information

Course Change Policy

The exception to this policy is Band: Band enrollment cannot be changed for first semester after July 1st.

Before first day (Summer):

(1) Student can change elective classes. (2) Counselor can switch class order to get a desired elective. (3) Student cannot simply change core teachers. (4) Counselor cannot switch class order simply for student convenience (Unless IEP or 504). (5) Counselor can change core class and hour only if misplaced.

First two days:

(1) Student can change elective classes. (2) Counselor CANNOT switch core class in order to get a desired elective. Counselor can switch elective class order to get desired elective. (3) Student cannot simply change core teachers. (4) Counselor cannot switch class order simply for student convenience (Unless IEP or 504). (5) Counselor can change core class and hour only if misplaced.

Day 3-5:

(1) Student can only select electives within the hour of a class they have just dropped.

Day 6-midterm:

(1) Student can drop a class without penalty and enter into a study skills. If the student already has a study skills then the class cannot be dropped unless the student takes an "F" on the transcript (only one study skills a year rule).

After midterm:

(1) Student can drop a class and take an "F" on the transcript. The student can only go into study skills.

Second Semester:

(1) All general policies apply from first semester. (2) Parent must sign or call for ALL student changes. (3) Student may drop or add any classes for second semester during a designated 5 day period prior to December break (Office will announce for 10 days). (4) Student can only select electives within the hour of a class they have just dropped.

Day 1-5:

(1) Parent must sign or call for ALL student changes. (2) Student can only drop a class without penalty and enter into a study skills. If the student already has a study skills then the class cannot be dropped unless the student takes an "F" on the transcript (only one study skills a semester rule).

Day 6-midterm: Same as first semester.

After midterm: Same as first semester

Applying for Early Release Options

College Release / Half Day

Students requesting to attend college during the school day must meet the following criteria:

1. The student must be a Senior.
2. A 3.0 GPA is required. If a student withdraws from a class, attendance in study skills on a daily basis is required.
3. Desired enrollment classes must be college level courses.
4. Students may not enroll in classes similar in description to classes offered at Pleasant Hill High School.
5. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 hours of credit for 3 hours of release.
6. Students will apply for release through the principal. A description of the course must accompany applications. If there are uncertainties on whether course meets approval, the principal will take application and course description to a committee made up of the following people:

- ✓ Counselors
- ✓ Two (2) teachers
- ✓ Principal

Early Graduation

As per Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education graduation requirements, students are expected to complete eight (8) semesters of high school. If a student, who for a sound educational and vocational reason, wishes to graduate from high school in less time than eight semesters they may request a waiver of this policy. A request for early graduation must be a planned part of a student's educational program. The deadline for the early release application is November 30th. **Applications must be provided and submitted through the high school administrator.**

- Students enrolled in work release programs are ineligible for early release.
- Students leaving after the seventh semester will not be eligible for a class ranking for the 8th semester.
- It is the student's responsibility to stay in touch with the school in regard to important semester events (i.e. graduation rehearsal)
- A+ eligibility may be affected. Students and parents should consult with the A+ Coordinator.

Grade Calculations

A =	4.00	B- =	2.67	D+ =	1.33
A - =	3.67	C+ =	2.33	D =	1.00
B+ =	3.33	C =	2.00	D- =	0.67
B =	3.00	C- =	1.67	F =	0.00

Cumulative GPA = w/o weight GPA + (# of weighted classes x .017)

Weighted Credit Courses

Due to the added rigor of the weighted class, the student will receive an added credit “weight” upon passing the course. This added weight will be calculated: Cumulative GPA = w/o weight GPA + (# of weighted classes x .017)

- Honors Language I
- Honors Language II
- Honors Language III
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra II
- Trig / Pre-Calc
- Probability & Statistics
- Calculus
- Am History 1877-Pres
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Chemistry II
- Physics
- Physiology/Anatomy
- Accounting II

Dual/Weighted Credit Courses

Pleasant Hill High School offers several dual credit courses through area colleges. An overall GPA of 3.0 prior to entering the course is required for all core classes. It is the student’s responsibility to check the college in which they wish to attend to verify whether they will accept the dual credit.

UMKC Partner Classes

- Composition *ENGL110*^(PH)
- Literature *CLASSICS210*^(PH)

MSU Partner Classes

- Equine Science^(PH)

UCM Partner Classes

- Political Sci. *POLS1510*^(PH)
- Welding^(PH)
- Structures^(PH)
- Adv. Livestock^(PH)

Central Methodist Partner Classes

- College Algebra (*one half semester only*)

Articulated Credit Only Courses (*not weighted*)

Articulated credit is awarded when a student earns college credit after completing a state-approved occupational program or course that addresses the same competencies as its “articulated” college program or course. College credit is transcribed after the student has completed 15 credit hours at the Colleges. The student has up to two years to benefit from credit held in “escrow”.

MCC Partner Classes

- Child Development^(PH)
- Accounting I & II^(PH)
- Business Tech.^(PH)
- Automotive Tech.^(CCC)
- Fire Science^(CCC)
- IT Essentials^(STA)
- EMT Program^(CCC)

Linn State Partner Classes

- Welding^(PH)
- Automotive Tech.^(CCC)

Vatterott Medical

- Health Occupations^(CCC)

UMKC Partner Classes

- Engineering Design^(STA)

UCM Partner Classes

- Network Essentials^(STA)

College Planning Calendar

Junior Year Pre-College Calendar and Checklist		
<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Start looking through guidance publications, college catalogs and guidebooks. ✓ Talk to your parents and your high school counselor about where you want to go to school. ✓ Put together a list of 5-7 colleges that you would like to attend. Plan to apply to at least 3 schools. 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Take the Plan Test given to every student in Pleasant Hill High School. 	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attend College Fairs <p style="text-align: center;">Lee's Summit R-7 Shawnee Mission East North Kansas City Schools</p>
<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pick up registration packets from the counseling center for the ACT. You may register online for the ACT at www.act.org. ✓ Sign up for ACT preparation class given by Pleasant Hill High School in December. 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Take the ACT test given at Pleasant Hill High School. Refer to dates on registration packet. 	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Do career cluster planning with Connections Advisor ✓ Begin enrollment for senior year in connections
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sign up for Fastweb.com a free online scholarship search engine. 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Involve parents in college & career planning at PHHS parent night. 	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Take the ACT test given at Pleasant Hill High School. Refer to dates on registration packet.

Senior Year Pre-College Calendar and Checklist		
<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review your career plans and decide which type of school is right for you. ✓ Make a list of test names, dates, fees and registration deadlines for college admissions and financial aid applications. 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PHHS counselors will call seniors down and talk to them about scholarships & graduation. ✓ Develop a one page resume. ✓ Visit some college campuses. ✓ Talk to college reps that visit PHHS during the day. ✓ If you have not started sending off applications start now. Make the start of November your latest deadline. 	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visit some college campuses ✓ Talk to college reps that visit PHHS during the day. ✓ Attend College Fairs <p style="text-align: center;">Lee's Summit R-7 Shawnee Mission East North Kansas City Schools</p>
<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Register for the ACT exam. ✓ Work on applications. ✓ Check scholarship hallway by counseling center for new scholarships. 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check scholarship hallway by counseling center for new scholarships. ✓ Take the ACT test given at Pleasant Hill High School. Refer to dates on registration packet. 	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Do career cluster planning with Connections Advisor ✓ Start Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue working on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). ✓ Attend FAFSA night at PHHS presented by a college financial Advisor ✓ Check counselor hallway for local scholarships. 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Involve parents in college & career planning at PHHS parent night. ✓ Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail (from FAFSA). ✓ Check counselor hallway for local scholarships. 	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Check counselor hallway for local scholarships. ✓ Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college. (housing, financial aid, etc.)



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CAREER PATHS OVERVIEW

What Are Career Paths? *Career paths are clusters of occupations and careers that are grouped because many of the people in them share similar interests and strengths. All paths include a variety of occupations that require different levels of education and training. Selecting a career path provides you with an area of FOCUS, along with FLEXIBILITY and a VARIETY of ideas to pursue.*



ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

Occupations related to the humanities and the performing, visual, literary, and media arts. These may include architecture, interior design, creative writing, fashion design, film, fine arts, graphic design and production, journalism, languages, radio, television, advertising, and public relations.



BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Occupations related to the business environment. These may include entrepreneurship, sales marketing, computer/information systems, finance, accounting, personnel, economics, and management.



HEALTH SERVICES

Occupations related to the promotion of health and the treatment of disease. These may include research prevention, treatment and related technologies.



HUMAN SERVICES

Occupations related to economic, political and social systems. These may include education, government, law and law enforcement, leisure and recreation, military, religion, child care, and social services.



INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Occupations related to the technologies necessary to design, develop, install, or maintain physical systems. These may include engineering, manufacturing, construction, service, and related technologies.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Occupations related to the environment and natural resources. These may include agriculture, earth sciences, environmental sciences, fisheries, forestry, horticulture, and wildlife.



Pleasant Hill High School Parent Night

Common Questions In March Regarding Class Request

1) My student said she signed up for "x". Why is that not on the computer generated request sheet?

Answer: The student might have been cut from a class because (a) the student did not qualify by g.p.a., (b) did not pass the previous class which was a prerequisite, (c) did not meet the prerequisite of year in school (like 12th or 11th only), (d) was cut because there were not enough seats.

2) So, is my student enrolled in these classes now?

Answer: No. These are only requests to get into classes. The actual placement by the computer into the classes will occur in April.

3) Since I signed this request sheet this means my child is guaranteed these classes, right?

Answer: No. After the computer sets the schedule and then places the students into the schedule the student might have "conflicts". A conflict occurs when two or more requested classes fall in the same hour.

4) Is my student guaranteed to get the core classes.

Answer: Yes/No. The student will be guaranteed to get "required" cores, however, cores that are not required may conflict.

5) If my student changes his/her mind can she/he change it later without my permission?

Answer: No. Parent permission is required to replace a class with another class that is not on their second choice list.

6) How many credits does my child need to graduate?

Answer: Please refer to middle/right of the transcript for the students credit summery report.

7) My child asked to go to Cass Career Center and it is not on the request sheet, why?

Answer: Cass Career selections will occur in April. If your student is one of the few that get to go to Cass Career Center then they will be called down to the counselor's office to discuss their schedules. All sophomores must create a request sheet as if they are not going to make Cass Career Center.