


**2022-2023
COURSE SELECTION**

SPRING GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

AGENDA FOR COURSE SELECTION **2022-2023**

- *Graduation requirements
 - *New courses/name changes
 - * Important things to consider when choosing courses
 - *Special opportunities for Junior/Senior year
 - *Important dates for course selection
 - *How to request a schedule change
 - *Using the 2022-2023 Course Selection Guide
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Graduation Requirements

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|------------------------|---|
| English | 4 courses |
| Social Studies | 4 courses (which includes American Society or CIHS Govt) |
| Mathematics | 3 courses |
| Science | 3 courses |
| Wellness Education | 3 half credit courses in Physical Education 1 half credit course of Health in Grade 10 |
| Arts and Humanities | 2 <u>courses</u> in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 (Art, Music, World Language) |
| Practical Arts | Career Skills (in 10th or 11th grade) 1 additional <u>course</u> in Grades 9-12 (Technology Education, Family Consumer Science and Business) |
| Electives | Additional credits chosen by the student to obtain <u>25</u> credits |

PA'S EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

Future Ready PA Index

- Schools must demonstrate that students have met the full continuum of career readiness expectations.
- By the end of grade 11, the student must produce eight pieces of evidence. At least two of these pieces of evidence must demonstrate implementation of the student's individualized career plan.
 - 8 artifacts—will be collected in career skills and uploaded to Naviance

KEYSTONE EXAMS

The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency in various subjects. The following Keystone Exams are required:

Algebra I

Literature

Biology

CLASS OF 2022 AND BEYOND

Statewide Graduation Requirement

As mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, beginning with the Class of 2022, students must demonstrate success in one of the five Graduation Pathway Options per Act 158.

[Statewide Graduation Requirement Information](#)

MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS BY GRADE LEVEL

| <u>Grade 9</u> | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Grade 10</u> | <u>Credit</u> |
|---|---------------------|---|--|
| English | | English | |
| Social Studies | | Social Studies | |
| Mathematics | | Mathematics | |
| Science | | Science | |
| Elective(s)* | | Elective(s)/grad requirements (Career Skills) | |
| Physical education elective | | Physical Education | |
| Totals Minimum | 7.00 credits | Health Education | |
| | | Totals Minimum | 7.00 credits |
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| <u>Grade 11</u> | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Grade 12</u> | <u>Credit</u> |
| English | | English | |
| Social Studies | | American Society | |
| Mathematics | | Elective(s) /grad requirements | |
| Science | | Totals Minimum | 4.00 credits (or # of credits needed to reach 25) |
| Elective(s)/grad requirements (Career Skills) | | | |
| Physical Education | | | |
| Totals Minimum | 7.00 credits | | |

Career Skills must be completed by the end of Junior Year.

SENIOR ATHLETES

- All Seniors who participate in Fall, Winter or Spring Sports, **MUST** be enrolled in 4 credits **DURING THE SEMESTER(S)** that they are participating in their sports.

PROMOTION POLICY

The following totals represent the minimum earned requirements necessary for promotion to the next grade:

Grade 09: 5.00 credits


Grade 10: 12.00 credits

Grade 11: 18.00 credits

Graduation: 25.00 credits

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

HS Schedule

- 6 Day Cycle
 - 8 Instructional Periods
 - 43 Minute Classes
 - Some classes meet double periods
 - Semester and Year classes
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NEW COURSES for 2022-23

- Creative Writing II, .5 cr
- Intro to Culinary Arts (replacing intro to creative foods), .5 cr
- Culinary I (replacing Creative Foods), .5 cr
- Culinary II-menu planning and meal construction, .5 cr
- Home Cooking Basics (Formally Real World Skills), .5 cr
- Pastry Arts (replacing Edible Arts), .5 cr
- Songwriting, .5 cr (year long, every other day)
- Strength Training for Sports 3, .5 cr
- Yoga, .5 cr
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II, 1 cr
- AP Art History, 1 cr
- AP Human Geography, 1 cr

New Courses and Updates for 2022-23

English

- Creative Writing II, .5 cr

FCS

- Intro to Culinary Arts (replacing Intro to Creative Foods), .5 cr
- Culinary I (replacing Creative Foods), .5 cr
- Culinary II .5 cr
- Home Cooking Basics (Replacing Real World Skills), .5 cr
- Pastry Arts (Replacing Edible Arts), .5 cr

New Courses and Updates Continued:

Music

- Songwriting, .5 credits year long every other day

Science

- Human Anatomy II--1 credit (HA I and II offered on rotating basis: can take either course **FIRST**)

Social Studies

- AP Art History, 1 cr
- AP Human Geography, 1 cr
- Additional SS electives available to 10th graders:
Psychology of Human Behavior, Psychology of Human Development, Anthropology/Archaeology and Criminal Justice

New Courses and Updates: Continued

Wellness


- Strength Training for Sports 3, .5 cr
- Yoga, .5 cr

Course Advertisements

- **Here are a few short clips about some of the elective courses we are offering next year!**

- [Personal Fitness](#)
- [Aquatics](#)
- [Strength Training 1](#)
- [Fitness Fusion](#)
- [Adventure PE](#)
- [Chorus](#)
- [Modern Band](#)
- [Select Modern Band](#)
- [AVJ \(Fox News Clip\)](#)
- [Journalism I, II and III](#)
- [Panorama of German Culture](#)
- [Applied Trades Math](#)
- [Family Consumer Science](#)

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

- Students will take two courses per year each year of high school starting in 9th grade. (4 year commitment)
 - Upon Graduation students will be prepared to take the FAA knowledge test
 - Hands on coursework
 - Courses are sponsored through AOPA
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AOPA (Juniors)

- Current 10th graders in this program must choose 1 of the following courses for the Spring Semester of their 11th grade year.
 - *3885 Manned Flight (flight plan.) S2*
 - *3886 Unmanned Flight (UAS Op.) S2*

ROTATING COURSES

Social Studies Department

- Anthropology and Archaeology
- Fiction, Film and History
 - *Above are SS electives that are offered “every other year.”*

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING COURSES:

Graduation Requirements

- Each year review what outstanding credits/classes you need for graduation.
- Tentatively plan out each year of high school with classes/credits you want.
- Make graduation requirements a priority before electives.


EDUCATIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL GOALS AND INTERESTS

- **Career plan—where do you want to be in the next 5-10 years?**
 - Career Skills—Use this as a planning tool.

RESEARCH

- Read the paragraph description in the course selection booklet online. (Check prerequisites!)
- Talk to your teachers.
- Talk to your parents/guardians.
- Talk to peers that have taken the elective to learn more about the content.

PAST/PRESENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS


- How well are you doing in your current academic courses?
 - How much time spent outside of school will it take to be successful in the course?
 - Are you willing to put forth the time/effort?
 - If you're currently not feeling challenged, consider more challenging courses.
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COURSE LEVEL/WEIGHT

- Varied level of courses to provide content that is compatible with abilities/interests.
- College Bound? College preparatory classes a must! **Example: College Prep English**
- Courses assigned a value (weight) according to the degree of difficulty of the course content.

**See details of weighted values in the course selection guide.*

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING COURSES IN REVIEW...

- Graduation Requirements
 - Educational/Occupational Goals/Interests
 - Research
 - Past/present academic achievement
 - Course Level/Weight
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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 10/11/12TH

York County Alliance for Learning (YCAL)

(10th, 11th and 12th grade)

[YCAL Career Exploration Programs](#)

[YCAL Pre-Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)



YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

- 9th and 10th grade students--all programs available (applications past due)
- 11th/12th grade students (applications due by the end of March 2022)
 - Part Time—1:30-3:00, transportation provided by student)
 - Construction, Automotive, Nail Tech, Welding and Mechatronics
 - Full Time--12th grade, transportation provided
 - Mechatronics, Cosmetology, Medical Assistant

[York County School of Technology Programs \(Click Here\)](#)

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR YEAR

*KLK School of Welding—16 weeks, evenings

[KLK School of Welding info here](#)

*Diversified Occupation/Work Release

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Attend a local college to receive college AND high school credit!

- Harrisburg Area Community College – York Campus
 - [HACC Dual Enrollment Info Here](#)
- Penn State York
 - [Penn State York Dual Enrollment Info Here](#)
- York College
 - [York College Dual Enrollment Info Here](#)
- PA College of Health Sciences
 - [PA College Dual Enrollment Info Here](#)

COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

College courses taught here at a reduced tuition/cost.


Earn HS and College Credit

- Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC)
 - [HACC College In the High School Info Here](#)
- Harrisburg University
 - [Harrisburg University College In the High School Info Here](#)

CIHS—REPLACEMENT COURSES

- English Comp 1
replaces 12th grade English
(must meet HACCC academic requirements)
- Introduction to American Government
replaces American Society
(must meet HACCC academic requirements)

ADDITIONAL CIHS COURSES

- English Comp. 2—prerequisite—pass English Comp 1
 - Comparative Politics—prerequisite—pass Intro to American Govt.
 - Western Civilization
 - Principles of Accounting—includes a math placement test
 - College Algebra - placement test required
 - Business 101 - placement test required
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HACC ACADEMY

Programs in:

- **Nursing/CNA, Automotive, and Welding**
 - Application and interview required
 - Limited scholarships available
 - Not able to drop once enrolled in course

NCAA Clearinghouse

Make sure you are taking courses that meet the NCAA requirements if you plan to be a college level student athlete. Find out more info and register at:

NCAA Website

- Additional questions? Talk to your school counselor.

Get involved in **Clubs/Activities/Sports**

1. Connection to SGHS
2. Letters of Recommendation
3. Explore Interests
4. Meet like-minded students

COURSE SCHEDULING PROCESS

*To effectively select your courses, use the course selection sheet and course selection guide (online) as tools to find information about specific courses

*Select your courses on the selection sheet, plus **at least 3 alternate courses** that you indicate on the back of your sheet and number them in order of preference.


*After winter break, you will receive further instruction on how to enter your selections into Sapphire

DROPPING AND ADDING CLASSES


- Give thought to course selections including alternate courses
- Changes will only be made in the events of **Conflicts or Missing Course**
- Information for course changes will come out over the summer

Please take time and consideration when choosing your classes!

ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 9TH GRADE

- *If there is a concern regarding a fee—meet with your counselor
 - *Select courses that will challenge you.
 - *Take a world language if you are considering a 4 year college.
 - *Get involved in school activities that develop leadership skills.
 - *Realize that calculation of grade point average and class rank begins in ninth grade!
 - *Explore careers and post-secondary training and education.
 - *Discuss opportunities for next year with your teacher/meet with your school counselor
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ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 10TH GRADE...

- **If there is a concern with a course fee—see your counselor.
 - **Challenge yourself with rigorous course selection.
 - **Take the PSAT for ***practice***.
 - **Use *Career Skills* to explore careers and post-secondary training and education.
 - **Consider visiting local colleges.
 - **Continue to read!
 - **Work hard to earn the best grades of which you are capable.
 - **Meet with your school counselor to select courses for Grade 10 and to discuss post-graduation plans.
 - **Clubs/Activities
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ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 11TH GRADE

- **Challenge yourself with rigorous course selection.
- **Take PSAT's in Fall (to qualify for National Merit Scholarship).
- **Take SAT's in Spring.
- **Identify schools of interest/visit schools.
- **Attend College Fair at York College in October.
- **Lenfest Scholarship.
- **Apply to the Distinguished Young Women—York County.
- **Continue to identify career/post secondary education goals.
- **Talk to Teachers/Meet with your school counselor!!
- **Become involved or continue involvement with clubs/activities.

If there is a concern regarding a course fee, talk to your counselor.

ADDITIONAL THINGS TO REMEMBER - 12TH GRADE

- **Challenge yourself with rigorous course selection.
- **Attend College Fair in October at York College.
- **Meet with your school counselor.
- **Take SAT and or ACT in the Fall.
- **Meet with college representatives, recruiters, employers, etc...
- **Complete applications according to deadlines.
- **Attend the Financial Aid night and FAFSA workshop at SGHS.
- **Apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **Athletes register with NCAA Clearinghouse.
- **Complete scholarship applications according to deadlines.
- **Become involved or continue involvement with clubs/activities.

Stay focused the entire year!

****MEET DEADLINES!!!!**

Questions

If you have any course selection questions please don't email your counselor. Please complete the following Google Form. You can access the form by going [here](#).

If necessary, you may schedule an appointment with your counselor following the holiday break.