

# Class of 2023 Registration Information



## Important Dates

January 7 at 5:30 – Wolfpack Welcome

Return your completed registration card to your middle school by  
**January 16<sup>th</sup>(OMS) or January 17<sup>th</sup>(CGMS)**

## What is Included in this Packet?

- ✓ PHS Contact Information
- ✓ How to Be a Successful 9<sup>th</sup> Grader
- ✓ Registration Instructions
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
- ✓ Course Planning Worksheet – a tool to make a 4 year plan
- ✓ Examples of Completed Registration Cards

Students will also receive

- ✓ Registration Card (green)
  - ✓ Courses at a Glance (on the back of the green registration card)
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**Please visit the [Park High School website](http://www.phs.sowashco.org) for more information.  
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## How to Be a Successful 9th Grader

- ✓ When choosing classes, consider your entire high school schedule. Please keep in mind that striving for balance between school, family, friends and activities is extremely important.
- ✓ Work hard and earn the best grades possible. Your GPA starts in 9th grade and is important for your future.
- ✓ Be involved in activities.
- ✓ Attend the Wolfpack Welcome at PHS (January 7 at 5:30 PM). Get to know your high school teachers and staff.
- ✓ Challenge yourself appropriately with rigorous classes.
- ✓ Keep in mind potential career pathways when choosing electives.
- ✓ Ask questions.
- ✓ Practice your self-advocacy skills in 8th grade. Being able to ask for help when you need it is very important in high school.

The attendance boundaries for District 833 can be found on the district website. Please contact Student Information for any boundary questions 651-425-6236.

If you are not currently enrolled in the district, please visit the ISD 833 Website for directions. Once you are enrolled, you will be given a username and password to log into Infinite Campus to enter your course requests.

# Registration Instructions

Park High School is on a trimester schedule with 6 classes each day. You will choose 4 core classes and electives.

## **You will need**

- Registration Card (green)
- Courses at a Glance (on the back of the green Registration Card)
- Access to the Program of Studies (for course descriptions) on the PHS website in the student tab



## **STEP 1**

**Complete the Registration Card** (see the back of this packet for a sample of a completed card)

1. Required Courses - You will be selecting the following
  - ✓ Honors English 9 A/B/C or English 9 A/B/C = 3 credits
  - ✓ Geography A/B or AP Human Geography A/B/C = 2 or 3 credits
  - ✓ Physical Science A/B/C or Honors PS A/B/C or Biology A/B/C = 3 credits
  - ✓ Math - see Courses at a Glance, Program of Studies or talk to current math teacher = 3 credits
2. Keep in mind other graduation requirements
  - ✓ 1 trimester of General Physical Education must be taken during high school.
  - ✓ 2 trimesters of fine art need to be taken during high school. Please see list of classes that meet fine art requirement in the Program of Studies.
  - ✓ Keep in mind that many four-year colleges require a minimum of two consecutive years of the same World Language.
  - ✓ Health is not offered as a separate course. It is embedded throughout your high school years. You don't need to register for Health.
3. Select your Elective Courses
  - ✓ Write in the electives you'd like to request on your registration card until you have a total of 18 courses.
  - ✓ Check the Program of Studies for course descriptions and prerequisites needed.
  - ✓ Choose 5 alternate courses with course number. We will use these courses to create your schedule if your first choice electives don't work out.



## STEP 2 (OPTIONAL)

**Register online in Infinite Campus at home. If you choose not to do this, you will also have the opportunity to register online in January at their middle school.**

1. Go to the South Washington County Schools website: [www.sowashco.org](http://www.sowashco.org).
  - ✓ Click on Student /Parent Portal. This is located under the Parent Tab.
  - ✓ You will log in with your network username and password information or your parents' login information.
  - ✓ If a parent is logging in and has more than one student at PHS, they must select the student's name (at the top) before they can register that student.
  - ✓ Click on "Registration" in the menu on the left side of the page.
  - ✓ Along the top, you will click on "Course Search."
2. You have 3 options for entering course requests. You can enter the course number, course name, or click on "Go" and a list of course options will come up. You will then find your class and highlight it.
3. Click on the "Schedule Request" button.
4. Continue to do this until you have entered 18 course requests. Infinite Campus will count them, calling them "units." Students must register for each course individually. For example, when registering for English 9A, B, and C; each of these must be entered, so there will be 3 entries for English 9.
5. Enter 5 alternate choices online. You will follow the same instructions above, but you will click on the "**Alternate Request**" button.
6. If you are requesting a zero hour course as part of your 18 courses (0-5 schedule), please include the zero hour course as part of your 18 requests.
7. If you are interested in requesting a zero hour course as a 7<sup>th</sup> class (0-6 schedule), you may express interest by listing the course as an alternate. **Enrollment priority will be given to students requesting a 0-5 schedule.**
8. Check all course requests for accuracy. If you have made a mistake, click on the course name and click on the "Drop this Request" button. Once you have entered your course requests, **PRINT** the page to maintain for your records.
9. Be sure you use the "Sign out" link on the right of the screen when you are finished with registration.



## STEP 3

- ✓ Have your parent sign your Registration Card.
- ✓ Return your Registration Card to school by the date on the front of your packet
- ✓ You will meet with the PHS counselors in January to double-check your registration and enter course requests online if needed.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How are parents involved in course selection for 9th grade?**

Parents are encouraged to attend Wolfpack Welcome at PHS on January 7, 2019 at 5:30pm with their student.

Parents should review their student's course selections/course card prior to the following dates, when PHS counselors will be at the middle schools to check registration choices and answer questions. **THE COURSE CARD WILL BE COLLECTED THIS DAY.**

	<b>OMS</b>	<b>COTTAGE GROVE MS</b>
<b>COLLECT CARD</b> Students bring green registration card completed to school	Wednesday January 16	Thursday January 17
<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>		
<i>It is optional to register online at home prior to turning in your card</i> Students will also have the opportunity to enter their course requests at their middle school		

Students will be entering their course choices in Infinite Campus at their middle schools on the dates above. You do have the option to enter choices online prior to turning in the card.

\*\*\*Parents are strongly encouraged to access District 833's "Program of Studies" which can be found on the Park High School website. The "Program of Studies" includes short descriptions of all high school classes as well as other valuable information such as math and science pathways, high school four-year planning guide, college requirements and more.

### **What math class should I take in 9th grade?**

Please refer to the handout given with your registration materials as well as looking in the Program of Studies or Courses at a Glance for a table with the math sequence. Ask your current math teacher if you are unsure.

### **What science class should I take in 9th grade?**

Please refer to the handout given with your registration materials as well as looking in the Program of Studies for a table with the science sequence. Ask your current science teacher if you are unsure.

### **What PHS elective courses are yearlong commitments?**

Band, Orchestra, Choir and World Languages classes are yearlong classes.

## **Do I need to take a world language course to graduate from high school?**

World Language is NOT required to graduate from high school. However, most four-year colleges require that you take a minimum of two consecutive years of the same world language while in high school. PHS offers French, German, American Sign Language, and Spanish classes.

## **Should I take Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) courses?**

You will best prepare yourself for college by taking classes that challenge you and are the most appropriate for you. Advanced Placement classes are college-level classes and, along with honors classes, they require reading and reviewing notes every night. Honors and AP classes dive deeper into the curriculum and require that a student is a good reader, is hard working, and is committed to being prepared for class each day. As you decide whether to take honors and/or AP classes consider taking these challenging courses in subjects that you enjoy and also consider your extra-curricular time commitments.

## **What are weighted grades?**

Some rigorous class grades are weighted with a 1.2 multiplier. The only weighted class open to freshmen is Advanced Placement Human Geography.

## **Am I able to change my schedule after I register?**

Please choose your classes wisely. Constraints of the master schedule dictate that course change requests may not be granted.

## **Will I always have the same teacher all year for my core courses?**

The high school master schedule is set up in a way that you may have different core teachers from trimester to trimester.

## **What are “alternate elective courses”?**

Alternate electives are courses that you will be given if a one trimester course that you have requested is not offered or the student cannot get a course due to a conflict with another course that was chosen. Choose your alternate electives carefully because students often end up taking one or more of their alternate class choices. Please list 5 alternate electives on your registration card.

## **Who can I talk to if I have questions?**

Your middle school counselor may be able to answer your questions. Also, your current teachers are great resources. Parents and students may also email or call Park High School Counselors.

**[Check out the PHS website for more registration information.](#)**

**PARK HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION CARD**  
**GRADE 9 2019-2020**

-Please print-

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Circle **one** choice in English, Science and Geography boxes
2. Choose your math course from the box on the back and write course name and course number in box below
3. Choose elective course requests (6 or 7 choices) from the back and write course names and numbers in box below
4. Choose 5 alternate classes

<b>ENGLISH</b>	English 9 (EN0036, EN0037, EN0038) Honors English 9 (EN0027, EN0028, EN0029)	<b>3</b>
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<b>SCIENCE</b>	Phys. Science with Earth Science (SC0068, SC0069, SC0070) Honors Phys. Science with Earth Science (SC0071, SC0072, SC0073) Biology (SC0016, SC0017, SC0018) - PLEASE SEE PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR PATHWAYS	<b>3</b>
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<b>GEOG</b>	Human Geography (S00010, S00011) 2 trimesters AP Human Geography (S00029, S00030, S00031) 3 trimesters	<b>2</b> or <b>3</b> (AP)
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<b>MATH</b>	Math (see box on next page) course name _____ course numbers _____, _____, _____ Teacher signature: _____	<b>3</b>
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<b>ELECTIVE REQUESTS</b>	Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____	<b>6</b> or <b>7</b>
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You need 18 total course choices above.

Please choose 5 alternate classes below. These will be used if first choices are not available.

<b>ALTERNATES</b>	Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Number _____	<b>ALTERNATES</b>
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**My signature below acknowledges that the course choices I have made are final, dependent on course availability. The constraints of the schedule do not allow for changes to be made at a later date.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# 9th Grade: 19/20 Elective Courses at a Glance (choose 6 or 7 electives and 5 alternate electives)

Full descriptions of courses are available online in the Program of Studies

## AEROSPACE (AFJROTC)

Exploration of Space A/B/C-ARS008/ARS009/ARS010

## AVID(Advancement Via Individual Determination)

EL0010/EL0011/EL0011

Requires application/interview process-Please see middle school counselor with questions

## ART-all courses meet fine art graduation requirement

\*Drawing A/B-AR0007/AR0008

\*Painting A/B-AR0012/AR0013

\*Ceramics A/B-AR0016/AR0017

\*Advanced Ceramics-AR0018

\*World Crafts-AR0021

\*Sculpture-AR0022

\*Visual Comm.: Art & Technology A & B-AR0027/AR0028

\*Fine Art Photography-AR0031

\*Adv. Fine Art Phot.-AR0032

## BUSINESS EDUCATION

Intro to Computer Programming-BE0010

\*Web Design & Animation-BE0011

Adv. Computer Programming/Video Game Design-BE0012

Accounting I-BE0013 (EOY)

Personal Finance-BE0015

Career Investigations-BE0016

Business Law: Civil & Criminal-BE0018

Sports & Entertainment Marketing-BE0023

Computer Technology Applications-BE0036

## ENGLISH

\*Creative Dramatics & Acting-EN0071

\*Adv. Acting & Directing-EN0072

Creative Writing-EN0079

Introduction to Journalism-EN0073

Fear and Fiction-EN0119

Mythology-EN0121

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE (FACS)

Child Development-FS0009\*\*

Early Childhood Education-FS0011\*\*

Teen Issues-FS0012

Fashion Design-FS0013

Foods of the World-FS0014

Foods and Nutrition-FS0015

Housing & Interior Design-FS0017

Culinary Arts-FS0024

Living On Your Own-FS0025

## MUSIC

Orchestra-MU0000/MU0001/MU0002

Band-MU0018/MU0019/MU0020

Bass Clef Choir-MU0064/MU0065/MU0066

Treble Choir-MU0067/MU0068/MU0069

World Drumming-MU0050

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

++General Physical Education-PE0008

Aerobics-PE0037

Team Sports (Fall, Winter, Spring)-PE0027/PE0028/PE0029

Strength Training & Conditioning (Fall, Winter, Spring)-

PE0046/PE0047/PE0048

## TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Basic Photo. & Graphic Comm.-TE0001

Comp (CAD) Design A/B-TE0008/TE0009

Woodworking Technology-TE0010

Furn. Construc. & Cabinetmaking-TE0013/TE0014/TE0015

Small Engines Tech A & B-TE0017/TE0018

Metal Fabrication A/B-TE0024/TE0025

Digital Video Animation A/B-TE0030/TE0031

WISE(Wolfpack Inventor Space Exploration)-TE0089

**How to Make Almost Anything-TE0090/TE0091/TE0092**

## WORLD LANGUAGE

American Sign Language-WL0052/WL0053/WL0054

French 1-WL0001/WL0002/WL0003

German 1-WL0016/WL0017/WL0018

Spanish 1-WL0031/WL0032/WL0033

Spanish 2-WL0034/WL0035/WL0036

Spanish 3-WL0037/WL0038/WL0039

Spanish 4-WL0040/WL0041/WL0042

*\*Meets fine arts requirement*

*++Meets physical education requirement*

*\*\*College credit may be available at certain community colleges*

*EOY-Course offered every other year*

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# Course Considerations

## MATH

8 <sup>th</sup> grade math course ➔	Middle School Algebra	Middle School/ High School Algebra	Geometry	Algebra 2
Your 9 <sup>th</sup> grade class below	➔	➔	➔	➔
	<b>Intermediate Algebra</b> MA0081 MA0082 MA0083	<b>Geometry</b> MA0035 MA0036 MA0037	<b>IB Prep Algebra 2</b> MA0056 MA0057 MA0058	<b>Pre-Calculus</b> MA0053 MA0054 MA0055

## SCIENCE




(Please read and consider all options)

8 <sup>th</sup> grade science course ➔	Middle School Science	Middle School Science (Earned A's/B's)	Middle School Science or MS/HS Science (Enjoys science, desires to reach higher level sciences & earned A's)
Your 9 <sup>th</sup> grade class below	➔	➔	➔
	<b>Physical Science</b> SC0068 SC0069 SC0070	<b>Honors Physical Science</b> SC0071 SC0072 SC0073	<b>Biology</b> SC0016 SC0017 SC0018





## ENGLISH

8 <sup>th</sup> grade English course ➔	Middle School English	Middle School English (Earned A's/B's & commit to summer reading)
Your 9 <sup>th</sup> grade class below	➔	➔
	<b>English 9</b> EN0036 EN0037 EN0038	<b>Honors English 9</b> EN0027 EN0028 EN0029

## SOCIAL STUDIES

8 <sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies course 	Middle School Social Studies	Middle School Social Studies (Earned A's/B's & prepared for college level course; rigorous reading/note taking standards) 
Your 9 <sup>th</sup> grade class below 	Human Geography SO0010 SO0011	AP Human Geography AP0029 AP0030 AP0031

## WORLD LANGUAGE

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade World Language 	None or earned D's/F's or haven't taken year 1 	Level 1 Spanish 	Spanish Immersion 
Your 9 <sup>th</sup> grade class below	Level 1: Spanish WL0031, WL0032, WL0033 ASL WL0052, WL0053, WL0054 French WL001, WL002, WL003 German WL0016, WL0017, WL0018	Level 2: Spanish 2 WL0034 WL0035 WL0036	Level 3: Spanish 3 WL0037 WL0038 WL0039