

Class of 2024 Registration Information



Important Dates

January 6 5:30-7:00 – Wolfpack Welcome

Return your completed registration card to your middle school by
January 15th (OMS) or January 16th (CGMS)

What is Included in this Packet?

- ✓ PHS Contact Information
- ✓ How to Be a Successful 9th Grader
- ✓ Registration Instructions
- ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
- ✓ Course Planning Worksheet – a tool to make a 4 year plan
- ✓ Example of a Completed Registration Card
- ✓ Course Considerations

Students will also receive:

- ✓ Registration Card (yellow)
- ✓ Courses at a Glance (on the back of the yellow registration card)

**Please visit the Park High School website for more information.
www.phs.sowashco.org**

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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 6 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.
- ✓ Turn in your homework. Every assignment counts towards your grade. If you do not turn in your homework = 0%
- ✓ Everyday + On Time + Attendance = Academic Success

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 (yellow)
- Courses at a Glance (on the back of the yellow 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)

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 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. We recommend you take this in your 9th grade year.
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ 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. 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.
7. 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 6, 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.**

	OMS	COTTAGE GROVE MS
COLLECT CARD Students bring yellow registration card completed to school	Wednesday January 15	Thursday January 16
REGISTER ONLINE <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 Course Considerations 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 or Course Considerations 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, Chinese, and Spanish.

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.