

POCONO MOUNTAIN EAST HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we begin the scheduling process for the 2025-2026 school year there are many factors that we need to consider to ensure that your child is appropriately placed in the correct courses next year. School personnel (teachers, counselors, and administrators) will take an active role in reviewing your child's transcripts and placing them in the necessary core courses. Past academic performances on State Assessments, previous core courses, as well as their current academic progress during the 2024-2025 school year will be used to help in this decision-making process.

A guide to these core courses and sequencing can be reviewed in the PMSD Program of Studies. This information can be accessed through the steps outlined below beginning March 6:

- 1. Go to pmsd.org
- 2. Hover over Academics
- 3. Click on Curriculum
- 4. Click on Secondary
- 5. Click on Program of Studies

The PMSD Program of Studies outlines the Course Sequencing Guide for students' core courses. It is divided into three sections: Honors, Academic, and Core Courses. Be sure to follow the appropriate guide for your child's level. Included in this mailing is a Course Selection Worksheet. This is your child's opportunity to choose electives that interest them. Further information about these electives can also be found in the PMSD Program of Studies. Counselors will use this to best place students in elective courses if those options are available and appropriate for your child.

Your child's guidance counselor will be in touch with them as they move through the scheduling process. At this time, students should review the Course Selection Worksheet for courses that may interest them in the upcoming school year and plan to attend the scheduling session with their guidance counselor to learn more about the scheduling process. Students will be asked to have selected ten electives prior to their individual meeting with their counselor. By reviewing the information in the Program of Studies prior to this meeting you can help ensure that all graduation requirements are being met and all appropriate levels of courses are being scheduled.

All 8th grade students will attend a scheduling meeting during the school day on Thursday, March 6. All parents of 8th-grade students are invited to attend an in-person meeting in the <u>East High School</u> auditorium at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 11 or access the recorded video for parents of 8th-grade students on the East High School webpage. You can access the video under Links/2025-2026 Scheduling. Eighth grade students will begin scheduling on March 24.

If you have any questions regarding the scheduling of classes, please contact the School Guidance Department at (570) 839-7121 ext. 80460.

Thank you,

Tamala Toleno, Principal