



Pocono Mountain West High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we begin the scheduling process for the 2021-2022 school year there are many factors that we need to consider in order to ensure 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 2020-2021 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:

1. Go to pmsd.org
2. Click on Academics
3. Click on Curriculum
4. Click on Secondary Curriculum
5. Click on 2021-2022 Program of Studies (posted on February 18th, 2021)

Pages 9 and 10 in the PMSD Program of Studies outline 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 which 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 on attending a virtual scheduling session to learn more about the scheduling process.

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Dates and times for the virtual scheduling meeting will be available on the high school website. 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.

If you have any questions regarding scheduling of classes, please contact the School Guidance Department at (570) 839-7121 ext. 81400

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