

Pasco High School

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REGISTRATION HANDBOOK

2015-2016

9th Grade Edition - Class of 2019

**Preparing
All
Students for
Challenging
Opportunities**

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Your future occupational educational and career goals should guide your course selections. Additional college and career information can be found at <http://www.FLVC.org>

Stay Informed!

- Text @**phs2019** to **81010** to stay up to date on important information for the Class of 2019
- Text @**pascoh** to **81010** to stay up to date on school wide information
- Follow us on Twitter @**PHS_Principal** to get messages from the Principal
- Check out our Website <http://phs.pasco.k12.fl.us> regularly for more information!
- For registration information please go to the Pasco High School Guidance website: <http://phs.pasco.k12.fl.us/guidance-new>

Registration Cards

The selection of courses by students during the registration process plays a major role in determining our course offerings and the master schedule. Information is provided in this handbook to assist in the course selection process. ***Please carefully consider course selections prior to completing the registration card and turning it in to the counselor.***

Schedule Changes

Due to the Florida state-mandated Class Size Amendment, it is difficult to make changes after the school year begins. If you believe you have an extenuating circumstance for which a schedule change should be considered, the following procedures must be used:

1. Student and parents complete form to request consideration of a schedule change
2. Parent/Teacher/Student conference may be required
3. Counselor submits the conference notes and request for a schedule change to the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction

NOTE: The submission of proposed schedule change does not guarantee the change; therefore, the student must continue to attend his/her scheduled class(es) until notified of the final schedule decision.

Graduation Requirements for the class of 2019

Assessments

FSA/EOC Exams

Students who enter grade 9 in 2015-16 (Class of 2019) must have passing scores on the FSA ELA Reading/Writing exams in Grade 10 and Grade 11, and also must pass the Algebra 1 EOC to graduate. The Florida State End of Course Exam requirements for the Class of 2019 include the following (pending legislation):

State EOC	Course Required for Standard Diploma	Passing Exam is required for Standard Diploma	Passing the EOC is required for Course Credit	EOC counts towards 30% of Final Grade (35%+35%+30%)	Passing EOC is required to Earn the Scholar Designation
Algebra 1	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Biology 1	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Geometry	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
US History	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Algebra 2	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
ELA Gr 9	N/A	No	No	N/A	No
ELA Gr 10	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	Yes
ELA Gr 11	N/A	No	No	N/A	Yes

Reading Requirements

A student's FCAT/FSA ELA scores, according to state and district requirements, may require placement in Intensive Reading which can result in the loss of elective course choices.

Virtual Requirements/Options

As a result of the *Digital Learning Now Act*, **all students must complete a virtual school course as a requirement for graduation.** Many elective courses are also offered online via Pasco eSchool and FLVS. If interested, see your counselor and visit the following websites: <http://eschool.pasco.k12.fl.us> and <http://www.flvs.net>. **Counselor approval is required!!**

Cambridge Courses



Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)

In depth academic courses designated as AICE are available on the high school campus for qualified students. AICE courses are extremely rigorous and taught at the college level. These courses are generally preceded by Pre-AICE, Honors or other AICE

courses. Many colleges throughout the United States award college credit for AICE exams passed. Credit is earned based on the passing of the exam not the score received. Colleges look highly upon AICE courses, as they understand the rigor and difficulty of the curriculum. **AICE courses require a dedicated student who understands the value of rigorous coursework.** Students not enrolled in the Cambridge Programme may elect to take individual AICE courses for college credit. Students in the Cambridge Programme, seeking the AICE diploma, have specific program requirements and should see their guidance counselor for more information.

Making the Grade

Grading Scale

The following scale will be used to determine report card grades for each quarter:

Grade	Percent Range	GPA Value	Definition
A	90 – 100	4	Outstanding Progress
B	80 – 89	3	Above Average Progress
C	70 – 79	2	Average Progress
D	60 – 69	1	Below Average Progress
F	0 – 59	0	Failing

GPA

Grade point average (GPA) is based on semester grades only. GPA includes replacement grades earned during the regular school day.

Regular Courses are Unweighted:	Honors Courses earn quality points as follows:	AP, AICE and Dual Enrollment courses earn quality points as follows:	To calculate Grade Point Average:
A = 4 quality points B = 3 quality points C = 2 quality points D = 1 quality points F = 0 quality points	A = 4.5 B = 3.5 C = 2.5 D = 1.5 F = 0.0	A = 5 B = 4 C = 3 D = 2 F = 0	Divide the sum of the quality points by the number of credits earned. GPA = Quality Pts / # of Credits

All calculations are carried to the 5th decimal place and rounded to the 4th decimal place.

Grade Replacement

A semester grade of D or F can be replaced with a semester grade of C or higher when earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. While all grades earned by a student are documented in the cumulative record and on the high school transcript, only new grades shall be used in the calculation of the student's grade point average. Students may make up credit via Adult Education, Extended School Year (ESY), Online Courses via Pasco eSchool or FLVS. See your counselor for more details.

Semester Honor Roll and Class Rank

Semester Honor Roll recognition requires a minimum GPA of 3.2 or higher per semester. Class rank includes semester grades earned in all high school level courses taken at any point in a student's academic career (including middle school)

Interscholastic Eligibility and Participation

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular student activities, a student must maintain an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 2.000 or above on a 4.000 scale in the courses required by state statute. GPAs are recalculated at the end of each semester.

Online Resources

► **eSembler** – Check student grades and attendance

- <http://grades.pasco.k12.fl.us>

► **Exam Information**

- **EOC** <http://fcats.fldoe.org/eoc>
- **FSA** <http://www.fsassessments.org>

► **Florida Virtual Campus** – A service of the State University System of Florida and the Florida College System (replaces FACTS.org as a college and career planning tool)

- <http://www.flvc.org>

► **Florida Ready to Work**

- <http://www.myfloridareadytowork.com>
 - **Career Resources available to anyone - free.**
 - **Ready To Work** placement tests and coursework are available to students who register at PHS or Career Central.
 - **Ready To Work Assessment Tests** will be given at PHS in April and students must register to take the test.

► **Learning Express** - test prep for high school, college placement, graduate school placement, and career placement (**FCAT, FSA, ACT, PSAT, SAT, GRE, LSAT, CNA**)

- <http://www.learningexpresslibrary.com>

To access it off campus, a Pasco County Library card is required. For more information go to <http://www.pascolibraries.org>

► **Athletic Eligibility**

- <http://www.eligibilitycenter.org>
- <http://www.naia.org>

▶ **Online courses: Pasco eSchool and Florida Virtual School**

- <http://eschool.pasco.k12.fl.us>
- <http://www.flvs.net>

▶ **PHS Websites** - Important school and student information

- <http://phs.pasco.k12.fl.us>
- <http://phs.pasco.k12.fl.us/guidance-new>

9th Grade Core Academic Courses 2015-16

➤ Current academic teachers will select academic courses for each student from those listed below. Selections will be based on student performance in class work, homework, tests, effort, grades, and FCAT/FSA/EOC scores.

English

- (1.0) English 1
- (1.0) English Honors 1
- (1.0) Pre-AICE English Language

Mathematics

- (1.0) Algebra 1A
- (1.0) Algebra 1
- (1.0) Algebra 1 Hon
- (1.0) Geometry (Must have successfully completed Alg 1 Hon in 8th Grade)
- (1.0) Geometry Honors (Must have successfully completed Alg 1 Hon in 8th Grade with A or B)

Reading (If latest FCAT/FSA ELA score is lvl 1 or 2)

- (1.0) Intensive Reading (Single period)

Science

- (1.0) Physical Science
- (1.0) Agriscience 1 Honors (Can be a Science or Elective)
- (1.0) Biology Honors
- (1.0) Pre-AICE Biology

Social Studies

- (1.0) World History
- (1.0) World History Honors
- (1.0) Pre-AICE World History

NOTE: Due to the Florida state-mandated Class Size Amendment, core academic courses cannot have more than 25 students enrolled in each class. Therefore it is possible that a student will not receive all the courses he/she requested or was recommended for.

9th Grade Elective Courses 2015-16

- Please select **up to 2.0 credits** with two alternates. Credits are shown in parentheses: **(0.5)** = ½ of a credit. **(1.0)** = 1 whole credit.
- An asterisk (*) indicates a course that gives **fine/performing arts** credit. Students need 1.0 Fine Arts credits for graduation.
- A Student's elective course selection should be based on graduation requirements and student interests. Go to <http://phs.pasco.k12.fl.us/courses-offered> for more information about courses offered and course descriptions

Academic Electives

- (0.5) Creative Writing 1 **AND** (0.5) Creative Writing 2
- (0.5) Critical Thinking and Study Skills
- (0.5) Florida History
- (0.5) *Intro to Drama
- (1.0) *Journalism 1 (Yearbook Class)
- (0.5) Law Studies
- (0.5) Life Management Skills

Art

- (1.0) *Art 2-D Studio 1
- (0.5) *Intro to Art Hist **AND** (0.5) *Art in World Cultures

Foreign Language (2.0 credits needed for Bright Futures)

NOTE: Must have a 3,4 or 5 on FCAT/FSA ELA to qualify!

- (1.0) French 1
- (1.0) Pre-AICE French 1
- (1.0) Spanish 1
- (1.0) Pre-AICE Spanish 1
- (1.0) Spanish 2 (Teacher signature required)
- (1.0) Pre-AICE Spanish 2 (Teacher signature required)

NJROTC and Military Training

- (1.0) Naval Science 1

Music

- (1.0) *Band 1 (9th grade Band – instrumental and drumline)
- (1.0) *Eurhythmics 1 Flag Corp
- (1.0) *Inst Ensemble Percussion 1
- (1.0) *Jazz Ensemble 1

Physical Education (1.0 credits needed for graduation)

- (0.5) Individual and Dual Sports 1
- (0.5) Personal Fitness (Graduation requirement)
- (0.5) Recreational Activities
- (0.5) Team Sports 1
- (0.5) Weight Training 1

Programs/Academics (Gold Seal Vocational Courses)

- (1.0) Accounting Apps 1 (Prereq for Business Program)
- (1.0) Agriscience 1 Honors (Prereq for all Agriculture Program courses - can be a Science or Elective credit)
- (1.0) Electricity 1 Core (Prereq for Electricity Academy)
- (1.0) *Intro to Info Tech (Prereq for Digital Design courses)
- (1.0) Medical Skills & Services
- (1.0) *Technical Design 1 (Prereq for Drafting Academy)
- (1.0) *Pre-AICE Design and Technology
- (1.0) Vet Assist 1 Honors (Prereq for Vet Assist Program)

NOTE: The district's automated student scheduling system will randomly schedule students for the 2015-2016 based on their academic and elective course requests, with the exception of some program requirements. Therefore, due to the Class Size Amendment, if you do not receive one or more electives initially chosen on this course card when the 2015-2016 school year begins, alternate choices will be utilized instead. If no alternates are selected, you will be placed into any available elective courses if needed.

STUDENT ATHLETES: Please go to www.eligibilitycenter.org for important information concerning athletic scholarships and athletic eligibility rules for most college/university admissions.