

Eighth Grade Parent Night

Prior Lake High School
CLASS OF 2021

Welcome Parents!



Counselor Assignments

Mr. Larsen

A-C

Ms. Hager

D-Ha

Mr. Smith

He-La

Ms. Kapusniak Le-Pa

Ms. Super

Pe-Sk

Mr. Gutshall Sl-Z



People to Know

► Social Workers

Ms. Van Horne
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Students A-

Mrs. Meade-Anderson

Students M-Z

► Deans

Mr. Cradit

Grades 9 & 11

Mr. Tressel

Grades 10 & 12

► Chemical Health

Mrs. Collins

People and Places to Know

► Principals

Principal, Dave Lund

Asst. Principal, Anne Graner

Asst. Principal, Heather Fitzloff

Asst. Principal, Mr. Kuboushek

Students A-G

Students H-N

Students O-Z

► Activities

► Student Services

► Health Office

Resources

Guidance website

- ▶ Course Information
- ▶ Mental Health Resources
- ▶ Graduation Requirements
- ▶ ACT Prep
- ▶ Tutoring Options



PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

- Administration
- Guidance Office**
- Career Center
- Scholarship Information
- Staff Directory
- Student Services
- Seniors
- Daily Bell Schedule
- Lunch Menus
- Academics
- Activities

Guidance Office ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!!

PSAT/NMSQT: The test date will be **November 2nd**. Find registration information and more here: [PSAT](#)

Seniors: Applying for colleges? Check out this presentation to make sure you are covering all the steps need to apply! [COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS PRESENTATION](#)

Scott County Library Is offered two great student programs this Fall! Check them out!

- [Writing Great College Application Essays - Sept. 25th](#)
- [ACT Test Prep Breakfast - Oct. 8th](#)
- [Credit Checklist](#)
- [Counselors' Open House Presentation \(9/12/16\)](#)
- [PLHS Mentor Program & Work Program](#)
- If you missed out on our Financial Aid Night, check out the

The Counseling Staff at Prior Lake High School will assist you in making the appropriate educational and vocational plans, as well as help with any problems that may interfere with your learning.

Contact Information

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COUNSELORS

[Mr. Joseph Larsen](#)
A-C

[Ms. Lisa Hager](#)
D-Ha

[Mr. Ryan Smith](#)

Graduation Requirements

12 Credits of English

9 Credits of Math

9 Credits of Science

10.5 Credits of Social Studies

3 Credits of Fine Art

1.5 Credits of Health

1.5 Credits of Phy Ed

+ 16.5 Elective Credits

= 63 total credits

Graduation Requirements

Communications

English 9 (3 credits)	English 10 (3 credits)	English 11 (3 credits)	English Electives (3 credits)
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= 12 credits

Science

Physical Science (3 credits)	Biology (3 credits)	Chemistry or Physics (3 credits)	
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= 9 credits

Social Studies

Geography (1.5 credits)	World History (3 credits)	US History (3 credits)	Government (1.5 credits) & Econ (1.5 credits)
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= 10.5 credits

Math

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= 9 credits

9th Grade Requirements

Communications	Science	Social Studies	Math	Phy Ed	Health
English 9 or English 9 Honors	Physical Science or Physical Science Honors	Geography or AP Human Geography	**	Girls/Boys Fitness or Team Sports or Individual Sports	Health 9

+ 6 elective credits = 18 total credits

Reminders

- ▶ Your grades count! Grades impact GPA and class rank and will become a permanent part of your transcript.
- ▶ Your GPA is calculated on a 4-point scale.

Grade	GPA Points
A	4.0
A-	3.66
B+	3.33
B	3.0
B-	2.66
C+	2.33
C	2.0
C-	1.66
D+	1.33
D	1.0
D-	.66

The Great GPA Race



Name	9 th GPA	10 th GPA	Avg. GPA	11 th GPA	Avg. GPA
Sam	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4
Tina	2.1	3.3	2.7	3.3	2.9

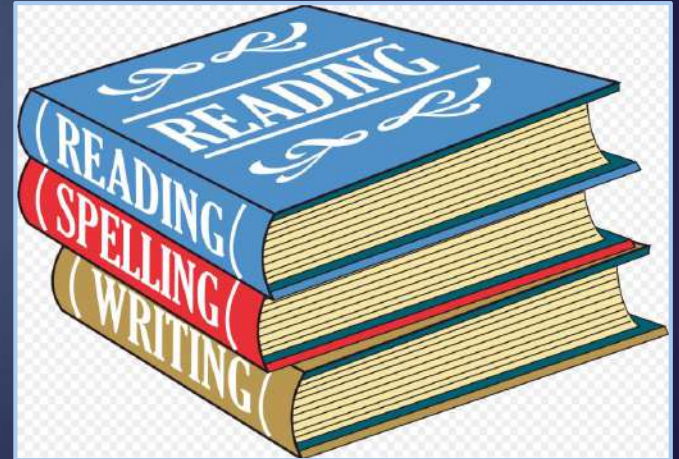
*Where will you
be?*

** You will be sending
your transcripts to
colleges after your Junior
year!*

English

Freshmen must take a total of 3 English credits.

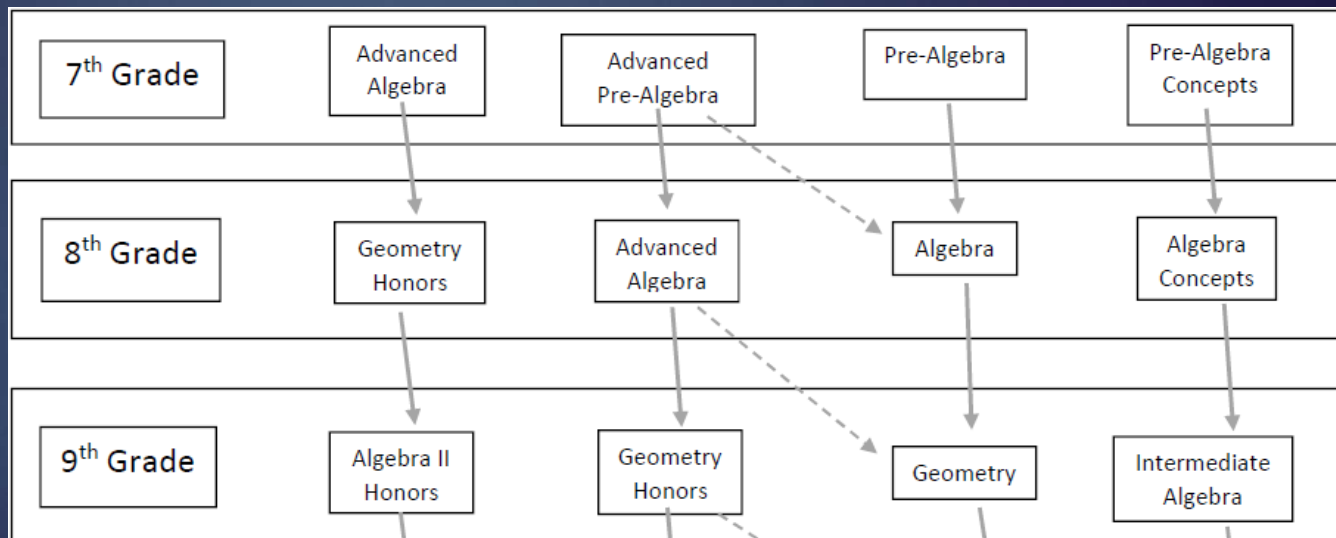
- ▶ English 9
- ▶ English 9 Honors



Math

Freshmen must take a full year of math (3 credits).

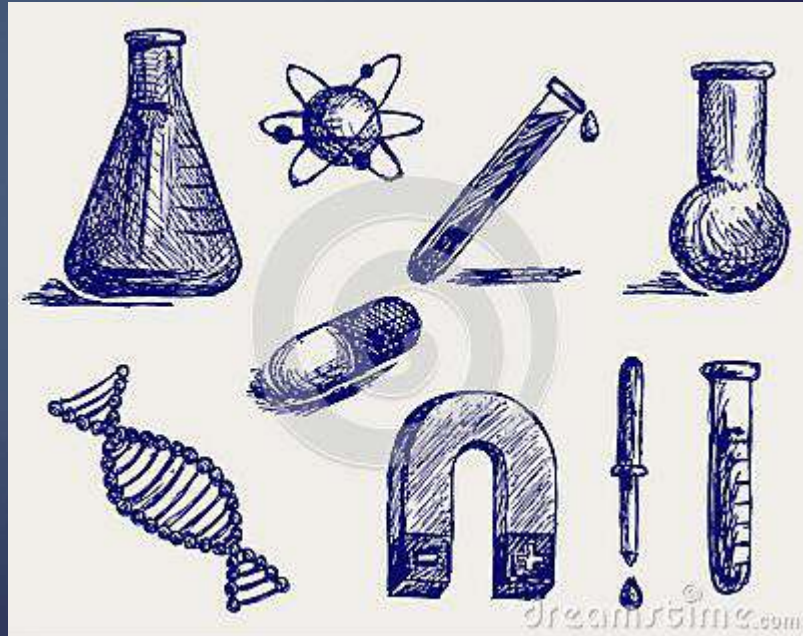
Follow your math
sequence to
determine which
math course to
register for next
year.



Science

Freshmen must take a full year of Science 9

- ▶ Science 9
- ▶ Science 9 Honors



Social Studies

Freshmen must take a full year of either geography or AP Human Geography for a total of 3 credits.



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- A collage of six hand-drawn illustrations on separate pieces of paper, representing various leisure activities: a football, musical notes, a cookbook with a cup of tea, a comedy mask, a word cloud, and a computer setup.

WORLD LANGUAGE

- ▶ Two full years of the same language are recommended for four-year college entrance requirements.
- ▶ Credits are not required to graduate from Prior Lake High School.

French I
French II
French III
French IV CE

German I
German II
German III
German IV CE

Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV
Spanish IV CE
Spanish V CE

American Sign Language I
American Sign Language II



Things to Consider

- ▶ Was my grade good enough to continue in a sequence?
- ▶ What are my interests?



Advanced Placement (AP)

- ▶ Advanced Placement courses are college level courses.
- ▶ Most students who enroll in AP courses choose to take the AP exam in May.
- ▶ Colleges may grant college credit based on your AP exam score.



- Friday, February 10th

Please complete your simple schedule in this section.

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4	
	Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name
Optional Zero Hour								
English								
Math								
Science								
Social Studies/Phys Ed								
Health								
Elective or Phys Ed/Health								
Elective(s)								

Please note: You may not get the course that you select in the quarter that you have chosen. The master schedule will set up the classes for students.

Alternate Course Numbers and Electives in Priority Order

# 1)	# 4)
# 2)	# 5)
# 3)	# 6)

I want to be in the following educational program:

ZERO HOUR - Class offered at 7:00 - 7:55 AM ☐ Yes or ☐ No

**Students/Families must provide transportation to school*

☐ 502 Health 9 Zero Hr (Q) ☐ 1077 Team Sports 9 Zero Hr (Q) ☐ 845/847 Alg II Hon Zero Hr (Y)

Core Studies ☐ Yes or ☐ No **Need Counselor/Teacher Approval**

(Please list below which electives you would drop to add Core Studies)

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Counselor Initials

I understand that this registration is final as this data will be used to form classes, plan the master schedule, and hire/assign teachers for next year. Before making these selections, I have studied the Registration Guide and planned the educational goals with my student.

Parent Signature	Parent Phone Number	Date
Student Name (Please Print)	Student Signature	Date

Sample 9th Grade Schedule

Q1 / Sem. 1	Q2 / Sem. 1	Q3 / Sem. 2	Q4 / Sem. 2
English	English	English	English
Science	Science	Science	Science
Math	Math	Math	Math
Geography	Geography	PE	Health
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Looking Ahead...

- ▶ Junior/Senior year options:
- ▶ MNCAPS
 - ▶ Business, Health Care, Technology and Design.
 - ▶ The Minnesota Center for Advanced Professional Studies is a partnership of education, industry and community, immersing all students in profession-based learning experiences.
 - ▶ Earn College Credit.
 - ▶ [Mncaps.org](https://mncaps.org)
- ▶ PSEO
 - ▶ **Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)** is an academic option open to eligible high school juniors and seniors. The options allows students to take courses at the college level and earn college credit.
 - ▶ Normandale Community College, University of Minnesota.



Questions?