

Porter Ridge High School Rising 9th Grade Parent Guide

Welcome to high school course selection. We are looking forward to working with our rising 9th grade class and want to provide our upcoming parents a guide to this process.

Prior to 2/18 MS Teachers make Course Selections for core classes. Teachers are using their knowledge of your child to select the courses in Math, English/Language Arts, Science and Social Studies that your child should take at PRHS. The teachers also select the level of the course (College Prep or Honors). If you have concerns about the choice your child's teacher made, please speak with them directly, or the PRMS counselor.

2/18 - PRHS Principal welcomes rising 8th grade students and parents. This year the presentation will be posted on the PRHS facebook page as a watch party and will then be available on the PRHS website.

2/19 - PRMS Counselor and teachers will introduce the course selection (or registration) process to Rising 9th Grade students. Parents and students can access the information presented by going to the PRHS website-QuickLinks-[HSCourse Registration /HS Transition 9th Grade](#).

On this page parents can:

- Submit a question to the PRHS Rising 9th Grade Course Selection Question form. Questions will be answered via email or phone call by HS Teachers/Counselors.
- Sign up to attend the Q&A session on 2/23 for parents of Rising 9th Graders
- Navigate to "[HS Transition - Moving from 8th Grade to 9th Grade](#)" by clicking on the link at the left.

2/23 - HS Q&A session for Parents of Rising 9th Graders (see above)

2/23 - HS Course Selection begins for Rising 9th Graders. Course Selection period ends on 3/8. If students do not choose electives by 3/8, students will be scheduled in available electives. Parents are encouraged to view the [following resources](#) in order to support their child in making decisions about courses in high school:

- *Rising 9th Grade Welcome Video - PRHS principal, Dr. Fisenne, provides an overview of high school, graduation requirements, choosing courses and course levels, PR pathways and academies, support in high school, PR as a leadership school, grade point average, being involved in clubs and organizations, and communication in high school.
- *How to Enter Courses into PowerSchool Video - HS Staff take 8th graders through the actual process of making course selections in PowerSchool
- Athletic Information Video - PRHS Athletic Director reviews athletic participation for students that are interested in playing HS Sports.
- Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2025. - In high school students are promoted to the next level based on earning required credits. Students graduate at the end of four years and after meeting all graduation requirements.
- Academic Course Plans for Rising 9th Grade - course plans by subject area based on the level of rigor that is appropriate for students in each subject area.
- UCPS Program of Studies - this resource contains UCPS HS program information along with course descriptions that should be reviewed before signing up for elective courses.
- PRHS Pathways and Academies - Information on career pathways so that students can identify courses which may align with their interests.
- plus additional information that would be interesting for you and your child to view during this process. CTE Courses, AP Program including AP Capstone Diploma Program, Clubs, Band and Special Interests, Video Tour in the Freshman Orientation Video.

By 3/8 - Parents should ensure that they have an updated parent email address entered in their Parent Portal account. This email will be used by HS Counselors to send you a copy of courses that your child has requested as well as any forms needed for those selections.

Week of 3/22 - HS Counselors will meet individually with PRMS Rising 9th Grade students to review course requests.