

8th Grade Course Selection for High School

It is that time of the year when we begin to think of planning for high school. The following is a list of important dates and procedures that need to be followed to help make this transition as smooth as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| January 4 – 5 | Counselors meet with students in math classes to discuss the course selection process. Program of Studies books are distributed to all 8 th graders. Working copy of course selection worksheets sent home for student to complete. |
| January 9 | Parent night – Pennwood Auditorium, 7 P.M. Mrs. Steckroat and the Counselors will review the course selection procedures and answer any questions you may have. |
| January 11-17 | Counselors return to all math classes. Students will place their elective courses and alternates on course selection sheets. |
| January 18
to
February 28 | Counselors will begin meeting with each student to review their course selection sheet; sign, make recommendations, and comments. Course selection sheets will be sent home for parent review and signature. The WHITE copy of the course selection sheet is to be signed by parent and student, and returned to the Guidance Office within three (3) days after receiving it. If parent is overriding a teacher recommendation, an OVERRIDE FORM <u>must</u> be completed and stapled to the course selection sheet. Parent keeps the YELLOW copy of the course selection sheet. |
| May 31 | The last date Pennsbury High School will accept course changes. |

All students are required to take:

- English 9
- U. S. History
- Physical Science
- Physical Education
- 9th Grade Health
- Mathematics choice

Three (3) credits of electives from the back of the Course

Selection Sheet. The credits must add up to three (3), no more, no less.

Alternates – Students **must** select a total of 4 credits for alternates.

Intensive Scheduling – Students will have four (4) classes each semester. Sequential courses will be scheduled in order. Other non-sequential courses are determined randomly.

Gifted Students can choose the Gifted Seminar: Ethics course as one of their electives. There is no Talent Pool English class. The Seminar is a 9-week course. (1/2 credit)

Honors are offered in English, Social Studies, Science and Foreign Language. Math honors are offered in Geometry and Algebra 2.

Parent Overrides -Teachers have indicated their recommendation on the Course Selection Sheet. If you choose a level different than the teacher recommendation, a parent should complete an **OVERRIDE FORM**. The **OVERRIDE FORM** needs to be completed, signed and returned with the Course Selection Sheet.

i.e. DROP 003 English 9 (Academic) ADD 004 English 9 (Honors)

Course changes will not be permitted after May 31st. This policy is strictly adhered to; class size and staff teaching assignments are determined by the selections and do not allow for changes from one course to another after that date.

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course selection letter