

2025- 2026

CLASS CHOICES



# Meet Your Counselor and Principal

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# Today's Objective

- Review Diploma Tracks
- Review Class Choices Guide 2025-2026
- Help you select courses for your 8th grade year
- Fill out a digital choice sheet
- Provide Instructions on how to complete your Course Choices Sheet
- Credit Tracking Sheet







## Academic Track

- **TRADITIONAL (24 CREDITS)**
- **ACADEMIC (26 CREDITS)**
- **CAREER & TECHNICAL (26 CREDITS)**
- **DISTINGUISHED (28 CREDITS)**





# Locate the Choice Guide

Canvas Course Portal

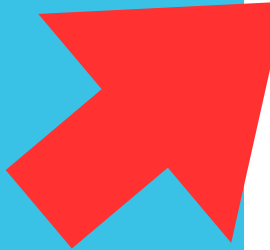


# Course Choice Sheet



Let's  
Begin!!!!

Start Here



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# Career Clusters

## Sixteen National Career Clusters

	The production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources. <b>Pathways: Food Products and Processing Systems, Plant Systems, Animal Systems, Power, Structural &amp; Technical Systems, Natural Resources Systems, Environmental Service Systems, Agribusiness Systems</b>
	Careers in designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment. <b>Pathways: Audio and Video Technology and Film, Printing Technology, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Journalism and Broadcasting, Telecommunications</b>
	Careers in designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment. <b>Pathways: Design/Pre-Construction, Construction, Maintenance/Operations</b>
	Designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services. <b>Pathways: Accounting, Business Information Management, Human Resources Management, Operations Management, Administrative Support</b>
	Planning, managing, and providing education and training services, and related learning support services. <b>Pathways: Administration and Administrative Support, Professional Support Services, Teaching/Training</b>
	Planning, services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management. <b>Pathways: Financial &amp; Investment Planning, Business Financial Management, Banking &amp; Related Services, Insurance Services</b>
	Executing governmental functions to include governance; national security; foreign service; planning; revenue and taxation; regulation; and management and administration at the local, state, and federal levels. <b>Pathways: Governance, National Security, Planning, Revenue and Taxation, Regulation, Public Management and Administration</b>
	Planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development. <b>Pathways: Therapeutic Services, Diagnostic Services, Health Informatics, Support Services, Biotechnology Research and Development</b>
	Hospitality and Tourism encompasses the management, marketing and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, and recreation events and travel-related services. <b>Pathways: Restaurants and Food/Beverage Services, Lodging, Travel &amp; Tourism, Recreation, Amusements &amp; Attractions</b>

	Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs. <b>Pathways: Early Childhood Development &amp; Services, Counseling &amp; Mental Health Services, Family &amp; Community Services, Personal Care Services, Consumer Services</b>
	Building linkages in IT occupations framework for entry-level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services. <b>Pathways: Network Systems, Information Support and Services, Interactive Media, Programming and Software Development</b>
	Planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. <b>Pathways: Correction Services, Emergency and Fire Management Services, Security &amp; Protective Services, Law Enforcement Services, Legal Services</b>
	Planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance, and manufacturing/process engineering. <b>Pathways: Production, Manufacturing Production Process Development, Maintenance, Installation &amp; Repair, Quality Assurance, Logistics &amp; Inventory Control, Health, Safety and Environmental Assurance</b>
	Planning, managing, and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives. <b>Pathways: Management and Entrepreneurship, Professional Sales and Marketing, Buying and Merchandising, Marketing Communications and Promotion, Marketing Information Management and Research, Distribution and Logistics, E-Marketing</b>
	Planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (e.g., physical science, social science, engineering), including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services. <b>Pathways: Engineering and Technology, Science and Mathematics</b>
	Planning, management, and movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water and related professional and technical support services such as transportation infrastructure planning and management, logistics services, mobile equipment, and facility maintenance. <b>Pathways: Transportation Operations, Logistics Planning and Management Services, Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations, Facility and Mobile Equipment, Transportation Systems/Infrastructure Planning, Management and Regulation, Health, Safety and Environmental Management, Sales and Service</b>



# **JUST REMEMBER**

- **Career interest may change from year to year, as students' interests and career goals change.**
- **Must select one of the career pathways listed on your course selection form.**
- **Students have completed a career interest inventory in their computer classes. If you have not taken the interest inventory the link is available in the PJHS Counseling Canvas course.**

# REQUIRED

- English or Honors English
- Math or Algebra (1 Carnegie Unit)
- Science or Honors Science
- MS Studies (.5 Carnegie Unit)
- World Geography
  - P.E.
- Technology (1 Carnegie Unit)
  - Electives

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- **Honors English & Math: Students are selected for honors courses in English and Math based on multiple criteria including academic history and benchmark/state assessment scores.**
- **Honors U.S. History: Students must have a 90 average or higher in 7th grade social studies.**
- **Honors Science: Students must have a 90 average or higher in 7th grade science.**
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**YES there are PE Requirements**

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- P.E. requirement can be met by one of the following options:
- PE Class
- Band
- Basketball (2 electives)
- Cross-Country/Track (2 electives)
- Cheer
- Choir
- Dance
- Football (2 electives)
- Singers

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Must be signed by parent



**ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE CHOICES-**

Course Name	Choice Number			Prerequisites
<b>Art I (1 Carnegie Unit)</b>	2	3	4	Prerequisite: Art 7– This course is recommended for students who want to continue art education.
<b>Visual Arts I (0.5 Carnegie Unit)</b>	2	3	4	Students must successfully complete and pass Visual Arts I before taking Visual Arts II. - This course is recommended for students who are not planning to continue taking art courses.
<b>Visual Arts II (0.5 Carnegie Unit)</b>				
<b>Introduction to Theatre</b>	2	3	4	No Prerequisite
<b>Theatre I (1 Carnegie Unit)</b>	2	3	4	Requires approval by instructor
<b>Creative Projects</b>	2	3	4	No Prerequisite
<b>Quest</b>	2	3	4	Must be enrolled in the gifted program
<b>Yearbook</b>	2	3	4	Requires approval by instructor
<b>Creative Writing</b>	2	3	4	No Prerequisite
<b>Spanish I (1 Carnegie Unit)</b>	2	3	4	Students must have a minimum grade of 85 in English 7.
<b>Computer Science Engineering (CSE) (1 Carnegie Unit)</b>	2	3	4	Cyber Foundations II is preferred. Students MUST take this course if they are participating in band.
<b>Robotics</b>	2	3	4	Students must have a minimum grade of 80 in Math 7 and Science 7.
<b>Office Worker</b>	2	3	4	Students must have no discipline, a 75 or higher final average in all courses, and a teacher recommendation. Students must also complete an application later in the semester.

Alternate Elective Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the name of one course would like as alternate if unable to be in one of the courses selected above. Most students will have a maximum of THREE electives for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If your student is selected for honors math/ELA, he or she must take both. Students **cannot** take only honors English or only honors math.

Pearl Junior High School operates on a modified A/B block schedule. Eighth grade students are required to take English, mathematics, history, and science. In addition to the required courses, a student must select one elective class to meet the state mandated physical education (PE) requirement. Placement in a computer-based instruction class, compensatory class, or an intervention will be contingent on 7th grade MAAP scores.

Parents – your signature indicates that you have reviewed and approved your child’s course selection, and career cluster. and diploma option for the 2024-2025 school year. No schedule changes will be allowed after August 16, 2024, without administrative approval.

\*Athletic Requirement: You must have a signed PPSD athletic form and need a recent physical (after May 1, 2024) signed by a doctor to be in the Athletics course.\*

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Science: \_\_\_\_\_





# Elective Options

See Course Descriptions

- **Art 1 (1 Carnegie Unit)**
- **Creative Projects**
- **Quest (Gifted Program)**
- **Spanish 1 (1 Carnegie Unit) – *must have a minimum grade of 85 in 7th English***
- **Theatre (1 Carnegie Unit)**
- **Resource (Students with an IEP.)**
- **LEP (Students in LEP program.)**
- **Additional electives from PE choices**

# Reminders

- The classes you choose today are requests only. Students are not guaranteed all of these classes. You will receive your schedule at the beginning of the school year.
- You cannot be in athletics & PE. For example, if you put “football” down, you cannot also put “PE”.
- You **MUST** pair a 0.5 credit elective with another 0.5 credit elective.
- You cannot take more than one English, math or history class.

- You **MUST** choose 2 alternates in case some of your selections become unavailable.
- If you leave a hole in your schedule, your counselor will fill your schedule with classes of their choice.



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# Let me see what you are thinking



- Go to the Counseling Canvas Course
- Click on the link pre course selection
- Select a response for each statement.
- Do not forget to type your **FIRST AND LAST** name.





# Credit Tracking Sheet



**Student Credit Tracking Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma Track \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Subject	Required Credit	Credit Earned	Grade Received	GPA Points (A-4 pts, B-3 pts, C-2 pts, D-1 pts, F-0)
<b>English</b>	4	Ex. 1	B	3
I				
II				
III				
IV				
<b>Math</b>	4	Ex. 1	A	4
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math				
Algebra I				
Geometry I				
Algebra II				
<b>Science</b>	3	Ex. 1/2	A	4
Biology*				
<b>Social Studies</b>	3 1/2	Ex. 1/2	B	3
MS Studies 1/2				
Geography 1/2				
World History 1				
US History 1				
US Government 1/2				
Economics 1/2				
<b>Physical Education</b>	1/2	Ex. 1/2	A	4
<b>Health</b>	1/2	Ex. 1/2	B	3
<b>Health Technology/Computer Science Credit</b>	1	Ex. 1	A	4
<b>College and Career Readiness</b>	1	Ex. 1	C	2
<b>Fine Arts</b>	1			



# What are your Take-Aways?

- ✓ Understanding of courses and graduation requirements
- ✓ Hard Copy of Course Choice Sheet (***Due February 14th to your science teacher***)
  - ✓ Planning Heet
  - ✓ Credit Tracking Sheet
  - ✓ Career Interest Inventory





# REview today's 8th grade plan

## Choice Sheet

When? **February 14**

Where? **Science Class**

Conditions? **Parent Signature**

## Digital Choice Sheet

Conditions (Is it Permanent)? **NO**

Will it be used to schedule classes? **If hard copy is not brought back signed**

## Questions

Who? **Dr. Gray**

How? **Email or schedule an appointment**



Thank  
You

