

Pacific Grove Middle School Parent Information Night

Course Requests/Academics
Pacific Grove High School 2024-2025

January 10, 2024



Please Visit the PGHS Website

- The **PGHS Course Catalog** has descriptions of all PGHS classes, prerequisite requirements, high school graduation and college information, CTE pathways, and the A-G course list.
 - [PGHS 2024-2025 Course Catalog](#)
- School calendar
- Daily bulletin
- Community Service forms
- ...and more!

[PGHS Website](#) (Live Link ★)



PGHS Bell Schedule 2024-2025

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:30 AM AND ENDS AT 3:30 PM

Monday (A)	Tuesday (B)	Wednesday (C)	Thursday (B)	Friday (C)
Period 1 Period 2 <i>Break</i> Period 3 Period 4	Period 1 <i>Break</i> Period 3	Period 2 <i>Break</i> Period 4	Period 1 <i>Break</i> Period 3	Period 2 <i>Break</i> Period 4
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 5 Period 6 Period 7 Period 8	Period 5 Period 7	Period 6 Period 8	Period 5 Period 7	Period 6 Period 8

Key Dates

- January 11 & 12 Student Course Requests
- **January 18** **PGHS OPEN HOUSE, PGHS Library, 6:00 PM**
- January 24 PGMS AP/Honors/DE Information Night, 6:30 PM
- 28 January Course Request Window Closes

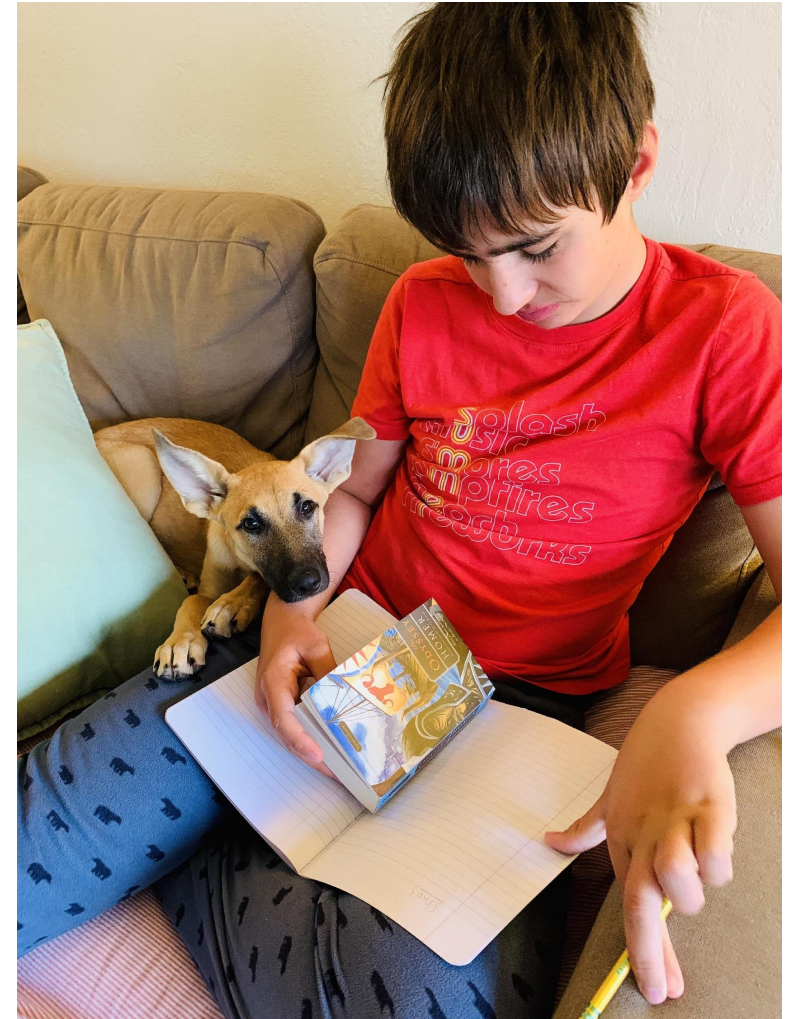


PGHS Graduation Requirements

	PGHS Requirement	Credits	Courses
History/Social Science	4 year-long courses	40 credits	World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government/Economics
English	4 year-long courses	40 credits	
Mathematics	2 year-long courses	20 credits	Must include through IM2 or equivalent
Science	2 year-long courses	20 credits	1 year of physical science, 1 year of life science
Visual and Performing Arts or Language Other Than English	1 year-long course	10 credits	
Electives	8 year-long courses	80 credits	
Physical Education	2 year-long course	20 credits	First year required in 9 th grade with Health
Minimum grade for credit	“D-” Grade		
Credits required	230 credits required for graduation		
Community Service	48 hours		

7 Required 9th Grade Courses

1. Social Science (History): World Geography
2. English
3. Mathematics
4. Science: Biology
5. Physical Education (PE)
6. Elective or World Language or CTE course
7. Elective or Visual & Performing Art
8. Optional Open Period or Elective

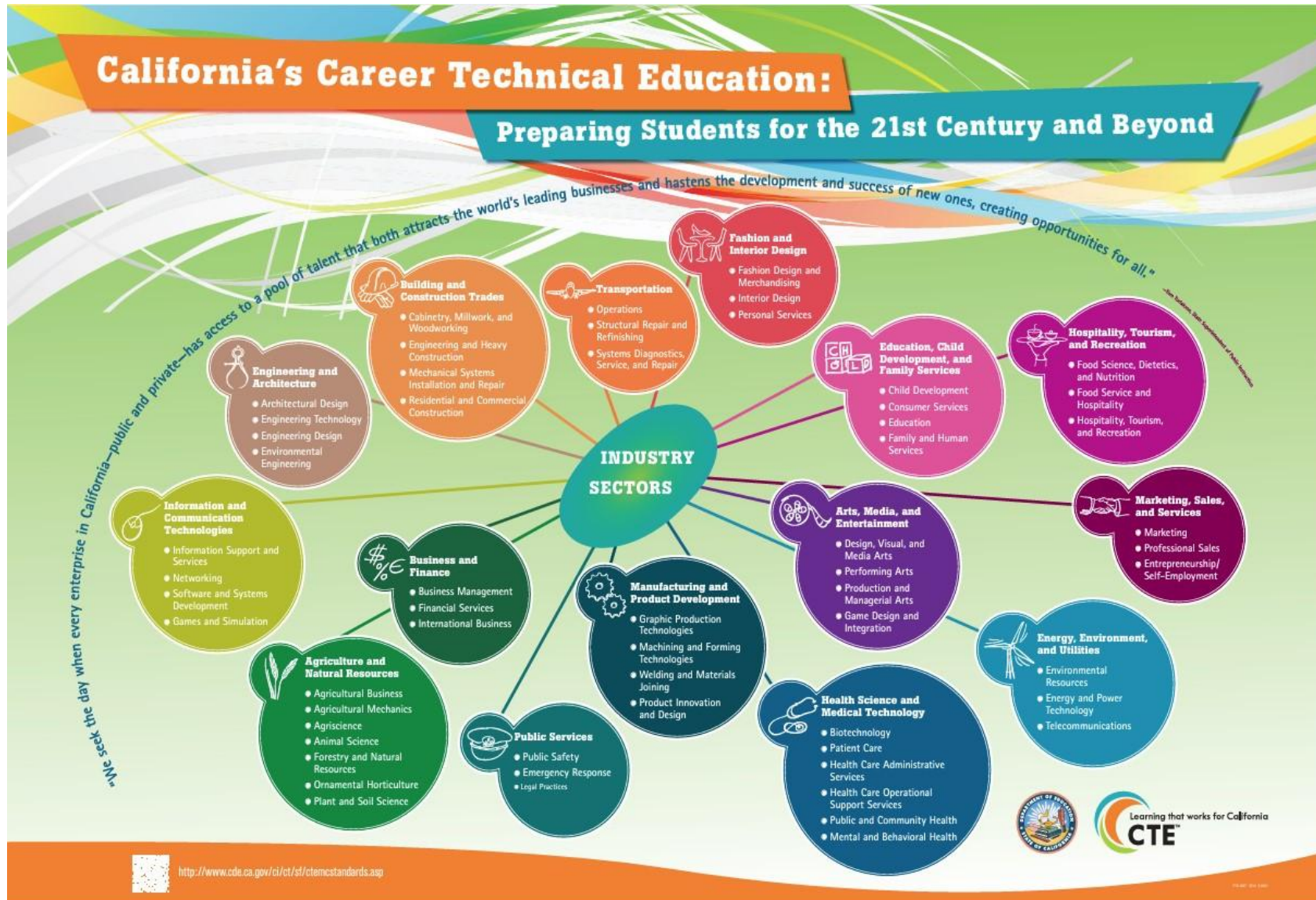


Open Period

What is an Open Period? An Open Period is a class period in which you are not assigned a class.

- 9th Grade Open periods are available in only 7th or 8th period.
- Open periods are assigned based on the student's schedule, not on preferred periods of the day.
- Open periods are not guaranteed.
 - If a student is credit deficient or needs additional support due to failing or near failing grades, a support classes may be added to the student schedule.
- Open periods require parent/guardian permission.

College and Career Exploration



College and Career Exploration

PGHS CTE PATHWAYS

Design & Media Arts: Art	Design & Media Arts: Photography	Engineering Design	Food Service & Hospitality	Software & Support Systems
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[Explore PGHS Career Technical Education](#) (Live Link ★)



California Community Colleges

[Monterey Peninsula College](#) (Live Link ★)

- There are 116 California Community Colleges
 - **Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is our local community college**
- Community Colleges offer students the opportunity to earn:
 - Dual Enrollment college credits while still in high school
 - Certificates (COA, COT, COC)
 - Two-year Associate Degrees (AA or AS)
 - Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)
- With an **AA/AS, COA, COT, or COC** students can join the workforce in **2 years or less**
- The UCs and CSUs have transfer programs to support admissions for students who have completed their Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T).



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PGHS and A-G Requirements Comparison

	PGHS Requirement	Credits	A-G Requirement
History/Social Science	4 year-long courses	40 credits	A. 2 years required
English	4 year-long courses	40 credits	B. 4 years required
Mathematics	2 year-long courses	20 credits	C. 3 years required (through IM3) ✓ 4 years recommended
Science	2 year-long courses	20 credits	D. 2 years required ✓ 3 years recommended
Language Other than English (LOTE)	1 year long course in LOTE OR VAPA	10 credits	E. 2 years required ✓ 3 years recommended
Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)	1 year-long course in VAPA OR LOTE	10 credits	F. 1 year required
Electives	8 year-long courses	80 credits	G. 1 year additional a-g course required
Physical Education	2 year-long course	20 credits	
Minimum grade for credit	"D-" Grade		"C-" Grade
Credits required	230 credits required for graduation		

LOG Into Your Synergy StudentVUE Account

- Select *Course Requests* from the Synergy left hand scroll bar
- Click the blue *'Click here to change course requests'* button

The screenshot shows the Synergy StudentVUE interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Home, Messages, Calendar, Assessment, Attendance, Class Schedule, **Course Request**, Grade Book, Report Card, and School Information. A red arrow points to the 'Course Request' option. The main content area is titled 'COURSE REQUEST' and contains a welcome message, school information for Pacific Grove High School (831-646-6590), selection time period (12/22/2023 - 12/23/2023), and counselor (Michelle Cadigan). A blue button labeled 'Click here to change course requests' is highlighted with a red arrow. Below this is a 'Selected Course Requests' table with the following entries:

Course
▶ Course Title Biology
▶ Course Title PE Ind/Dual Sports
▶ Course Title World Geography

- Note: All classes are listed alphabetically
- Read carefully to ensure you've select the correct class
 - Honors Courses start with (H) or the word Honors

Required Academic Classes

SOCIAL SCIENCE (HISTORY)

World Geography: For all 9th grade students. World Geography will develop the basic themes of physical, cultural, and political geography while focusing on both domestic and international current events. Academic skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, time management, academic organization, and note-taking will all be a part of this course.



Required Academic Classes

SCIENCE

Biology: For all 9th grade students. Biology is a two-semester laboratory-oriented class covering the study of plants and animals. It is designed to build from concrete to abstract concepts such as cell theory, photosynthesis, genetics, to ecology and environmental issues.

- *UC/CSU approved Area D Laboratory Life Science*



Required Classes

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Individual And Dual Sports: For all 9th grade students. This course meets the graduation requirement for the first year of Physical Education. Instruction focuses on physical fitness and the following sports and activities: Aquatics, Badminton, Dance, Golf, Pickleball, Self-Defense, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling.



Required Academic Classes

ENGLISH

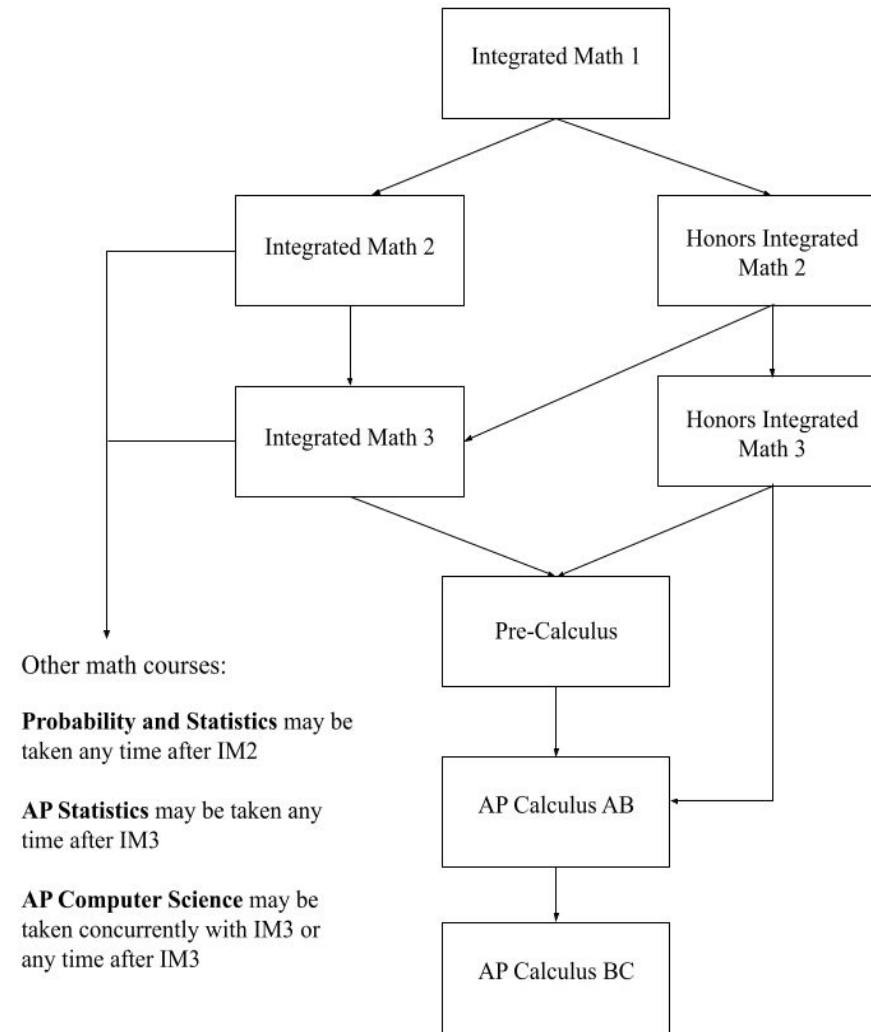
English 1: For students currently working at or above grade level.

Honors English 1: Honors English 1 is for the highly motivated English student who has exceptional reading, writing, and comprehension skills. Honors students should be self-driven and should be able to meet the time and organizational demands of this more rigorous course.



PGHS Math Progression Flow Chart

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9th Grade Elective Classes


AVID 9	Introduction to CAD/Engineering: Robotics
*2D Design	Jazz Band (Marching/Concert Band required)
*3D Design	Leadership (Application process in the Spring)
Concert Choir	Marching/Concert Band
Creative Writing (Elective writing course)	Multimedia Journalism (Yearbook, NewsBreaker)
*Culinary Arts 1	Integrated Math Support 1
Drama	Integrated Math Support 2
French	Music Appreciation
Guitar	String Orchestra
Independent Productive Study (Study Hall)	Spanish

Selecting Elective Courses

ELECTIVE ACCESS

During 9th-grade course selection, students may select a maximum of one of the following VAPA elective courses: 2D Design, 3D Design, or Culinary Arts 1.

WAITLIST

- Students can submit a Google Course Request Waitlist Form if they would like to change elective after 28 January 2024.
- [2024/2025 Course Request Waitlist Form](#) (Live Link )
- Be sure to include both the course you wish to drop from your requests as well as the course you would like to add to your requests.

AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

- AVID students are first generation, college bound students and/or historically underrepresented in four year colleges and universities
- College tutors provide guidance during tutorials twice per week
- AVID offers college campus visits once per semester
- AVID's focus is on improving Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading
- AVID students are required to take four years of math at PGHS and be dedicated to meeting the UC A-G requirements, including maintaining Cs or higher in all classes
- If you wish to be considered for the AVID class please email James Ehret jehret@pgusd.org and Mrs. Portela mportela@pgusd.org
- Students will be required to fill out a questionnaire and meet with Mr. Ehret and/or Mrs. Portela.

Academic Support Classes

Integrated Math Support

Mathematics Support is offered to students concurrently enrolled in an Integrated Math course to provide them with additional help. This course reviews basic mathematical concepts, reinforces material currently covered in their math class, and previews additional material to help students succeed.

Independent Productive Study (IPS)

This class is for completing unfinished classwork, homework assignments/projects, and studying for upcoming tests/quizzes.

The class is scheduled during the school day and attendance is taken.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *I might be moving next year. Should I request classes?*

- Yes, until your parents/guardians call Mrs. Cochran to confirm your move, you should select courses.

2. *I am not sure what class I want to take. What classes are available?*

- Visit the PGHS website and read descriptions of all of our PGHS classes in the 2024/2025 Course Catalog:

[PGHS 2024-2025 Course Catalog](#) (Live Link )

3. *I am not sure how many classes to take. Can I sign up for the maximum and then just drop one next year if my schedule is too hard?*

- It can be extremely challenging to make schedule changes after the school year starts therefore students are encouraged to prioritize balance and mental health when evaluating course load and selection.


After You've Selected All Your Courses

- Home
- Messages
- Calendar
- Assessment
- Attendance
- Class Schedule
- Course Request**
- Grade Book
- Report Card
- School Information

COURSE REQUEST

i Welcome to StudentVUE online course requests for the 2024/25 school year. Using the Course Requests tab, you can submit your requests for classes for the next school year. Please contact your school counselor with any questions about this process.

Pacific Grove High School (831-646-6590)
2024-2025 School Year, Grade:

Selection Time Period: 1/5/2024 - 1/5/2024
Counselor: Michelle Cadigan 

[Click here to change course requests](#)

[Lock Course Requests](#)



Selected Course Requests

Course

- ▶ Course Title **Biology**
- ▶ Course Title **PE Ind/Dual Sports**
- ▶ Course Title **World Geography**

Changes/Locking

- Students may make as many changes as they would like until 28 January 2024. IF you **Lock** your course requests, you will not be able to make changes until your counselor, Mrs. Cadigan unlocks them.
- After 28 January 2024, all changes will be made on a space available basis.

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We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on 18 January 2024!

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