Welcome!

ROAD TO RECOGNITION 2024
PATHe can talk to you about...

- Post-secondary school options
- Admissions requirements
- Scholarships and financial aid
- Career and major options
- SPC to USF St. Petersburg campus
- Why it's important to have a "PATHe"

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Road to Recognition
Traversing the Transition

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IMPORTANT TASKS FOR 8TH GRADE YEAR

• Selecting courses that support your long-term educational goals for both 8th and 9th grade
• Researching application programs and high schools
• Contacting schools in early September for shadowing dates and Discovery Nights
• Creating your 4 year plan for high school
Course Selection
To graduate from high school, you must have a 2.0 GPA. When you take the below courses, you impact your high school GPA. That means if you earn an “A” in your first high school course, you will start your GPA at a 4.0, but if you earn a “C” in your first high school course, your GPA starts at a 2.0.

- English 1 Honors (weighted)
- Algebra 1 Honors (weighted)
- Geometry Honors (weighted)
- Physical Science 1 Honors (weighted)
- Pre-AP World History and Geography (weighted)
- Pre-AP Visual Arts (weighted)

- Spanish 1/2 (unweighted)
- French 1/2 (unweighted)
- Digital Information Technology (unweighted)
HIGH SCHOOL COURSES THAT EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

• Advanced Placement (AP)
• Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)
• International Baccalaureate (IB)
• Dual Enrollment (DE)
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<th>Course Availability</th>
<th>Dual Enrollment (FT/PT)</th>
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<td>• All high schools have PT Dual Enrollment</td>
<td>• AP classes available at every high school</td>
<td>• Diploma programs available at St. Petersburg, Large, and Palm Harbor University High Schools.</td>
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<td>• Sophomore students apply by Feb 10th for Early College in their junior year (FT)</td>
<td>• High schools offer different selection of AP courses. See the school website for specific information</td>
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<td>• AICE courses available at 16 high schools</td>
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<td>• Junior students apply by Feb 10th for Early Admission in their senior year (FT)</td>
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<td>Eligibility Requirements</td>
<td>3.0 GPA for academic college credit courses</td>
<td>No pre-requisites or entrance criteria</td>
<td>Pre-requisite courses: Algebra I Honors</td>
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<td>2.0 GPA for technical courses</td>
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<td>7 high school core credits</td>
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<td>Final Academic Grades &gt; B in middle school</td>
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<td>Qualifying score on appropriate sections of college placement tests</td>
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<td>No entrance criteria for courses at traditional schools</td>
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<td>Exit Requirement for College Credit</td>
<td>Students must earn a C or better to receive college credit.</td>
<td>Students take AP exam at the end of the year. A qualifying score of 3, 4 or 5 earns college credit</td>
<td>Students take SL/HL exams in junior/senior year. A qualifying score of 4, 5, 6 or 7 earns college credit.</td>
<td>Students take AICE exams (2 days per exam) at the end of the year. A qualifying score of 5 or better earns college credit.</td>
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Next Steps
Set Your Educational Goals

• What is your plan after high school?
• Are you researching high schools that best fit your academic/career path?
• Are you taking advantage of SAT Prep that your school offers?
• What classes are you taking now or plan to take that will set you apart from other students?
• If you are taking a high school or college course for the first time, how are you making time to ensure you are successful in those courses? What academic supports do you have in place?
What Skills Can You Sharpen to Be Successful

• Organization - how do you store your classwork, notes, and homework for each class?
• Time Management - do you have a planner that you write down all of your assignments for each class and due dates?
• Know thyself! What are my strengths? What are my areas for needed improvement?
How can my parent/guardian support?

• Join school PTA/Volunteer
• When you decide what high school your student is attending, look for any summer boot camps or freshman orientation sessions
• Learn the names and email addresses of your student’s School Counselor and Assistant Principal
• Setup a weekly check in to look at Focus grades and planner
Links to Resources
Resources

• [High School Education / High School List (pcsb.org)]
• [Advanced Studies and Academic Excellence / Advanced Studies and Academic Excellence (pcsb.org)]
• [District Application Programs / District Application Programs (pcsb.org)]