



PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL



2019-2020 COURSE CATALOG

*Building Bridges of Excellence
Every Student, Every Day*

*Peekskill
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society

PHILOSOPHY OF PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

It is the philosophy of the Peekskill City School District that all students are encouraged to consider the most rigorous selection of courses. The PCSD administration, subject area supervisors, and school counselors oversee the course selection. In the event your child is not placed in the level of course he/she considered, please contact the appropriate supervisor for an appointment

Our slogan for the year is “Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day”. It is our goal to do all in our power to ensure that all children achieve at their highest levels. This goal must be more than just a phrase. It must be a clear path of action that is planned, published and implemented.

The New York State Education Department has determined that all children in the state of New York can do better. Based on this determination, our benchmarks have been raised significantly. Children that were acknowledged a year ago for high achievement are now being told that their achievement is no longer good enough. Our schools are expected to meet even more rigorous expectations than those that we have reached in the past. We do not shirk from this responsibility, though daunting, we welcome it because the end result will be children who are more prepared to become productive citizens in a community of promise.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- all people can learn, contribute and have value
- embracing and understanding cultural diversity is imperative to strengthening and enriching a school community
- when a school community provides a respectful, safe, supportive, resource-rich environment, people thrive and meet their goals
- a school district excels when strong partnerships exist among families, schools and community
- educating the whole child will develop life-long learners who are compassionate, confident, critical thinkers
- a school district is responsible for aligning and carrying out the conditions for learning, leadership and commitment

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLANNING A COURSE OF STUDY

Planning a course of study involves input from the student, parent, teacher, and school counselor. The Peekskill High School Counselors' role in programming is to assist students in proper planning and course selection.

School Counselors help to:

1. Establish realistic goals.
2. Interpret the course offerings in each of the subject areas.
3. Explain prerequisites, and graduation requirements.
4. Assist students and parents in making elective choices.

Procedures include:

1. Dissemination of program planning information to students and parents through classroom presentations and evening programs.
2. Submission by teachers of recommendations for student course placement.
3. Scheduling of students to meet individually with counselors during Spring in order to select next year's courses.
4. Using the guidelines for fulfilling graduation requirements in addition to teacher recommendations and the student's goals for post-graduation, the student and school counselor develop an appropriate academic program.
5. Course verification forms are sent home to parents to review in late spring.
6. Finalized student schedules are mailed home in late August.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from Peekskill High School requires that students successfully complete all prescribed courses and exams. Only students who have successfully completed all graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in graduation commencement ceremonies at the end of the year.

Following is a description of the various types of diplomas that can be earned based on a student's choice of courses and performance on associated NYS Regents Exams.

January 2018

NEW YORK STATE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES 9-12	
CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	Local Diploma, Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS
English	4
Social Studies <i>Distributed as Follows:</i> U.S. History (1) Global History and Geography (2) Participation in Government (1/2) Economics (1/2)	4
Science <i>Distributed as Follows:</i> Life Science (1) Physical Science (1) Life Science or Physical Science (1)	3
Mathematics	3
Languages Other than English (LOTE)	1 ^(*)
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	1
Physical Education (participation each semester)	2
Health	0.5
Electives	3.5
Total	22

^(*)Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement for 1 unit of credit in LOTE if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate

- 1) **Pathways:**
A student must either:
-Complete all the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential found at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/memos/cdos-graduation-pathway-option.html>; or
-Pass an additional math Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
-Pass an additional science Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
-Pass an additional social studies Regents examination in a different course or Department Approved Alternative; or
-Pass an additional English assessment in a different course selected from the Department Approved Alternative list; or
-Pass a Department approved CTE pathway assessment, following successful completion of an approved CTE program; or
-Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in the Arts; or
-Pass a Department approved pathway assessment in a Language other than English (LOTE)

See Multiple Pathways at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/multiple-pathways/>
See Department Approved Alternatives at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/hsgen/archive/list.pdf>
- 2) **Appeals:**
Appeals are subject to local district approval. More information on the appeal to graduate with a lower score on a Regents examination can be found at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreg/Documents/CurrentAppealForm.pdf>
- 3) **Special Endorsements:**
Honors: A student earns a computed average of at least 90 on the Regents examinations applicable to either a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation. No more than 2 Department approved alternatives can be substituted for a Regents examination and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination is not included in the calculation.
Mastery in Math and/or Science: A student meets all the requirements for a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND earns a score of 85 or better on 3 math Regents examinations and/or 3 science Regents examinations.
Technical Endorsement: A student meets the requirements for either a local diploma, a Regents diploma or a Regents diploma with advanced designation AND successfully completes a Department approved CTE program including the 3 part technical assessment.
- 4) **Students with disabilities who entered grade 9 prior to September 2011:**
Students with disabilities who enter grade 9 prior to the 11-12 school year who fail one or more Regents examinations may take the corresponding Regents Competency Test (RCT) in order to meet the assessment requirements. This option may not be used in conjunction with the Compensatory Safety Net Option.
- 5) **Languages other than English (LOTE) exempt students:**
Students with a disability may be excused from the requirement from the required units of credit in LOTE if so indicated on the IEP but must still earn 22 units of credit to graduate. A LOTE exempt student who seeks a Regents diploma with advanced designation does NOT have to complete the 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE in lieu of LOTE in order to meet the assessment requirements for the advanced diploma.
- 6) **Superintendent Determination of a Local Diploma**
Students with a disability who are unable to attain a local diploma through the various safety net provisions may be eligible for a Superintendent Determination of a local diploma under certain conditions. For more information on the Superintendent Determination of a local diploma go to <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html>
- 7) **Social Studies Requirement for Students entering grade 9 prior to September 2016**
All students first entering grade 9 in 1985 and thereafter but prior to September 2016, shall earn four units of credit in social studies. Such requirement shall include: one unit of credit in American history and one half unit of credit in participation in government and one half unit of credit in economics.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

REGENTS EXAM or passing score on a Department Approved Alternative	Regents Diploma for All Students		Regents Diploma via Appeal for All Students		Local Diploma via Appeal for All Students		Local Diploma for Students with a Disability		Local Diploma via Appeal for English Language Learners	
	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score	# of Exams	Passing Score
English Language Arts (ELA)	1	65	1	1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 for which an appeal has been granted by the district and all remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above	1	2 Regents exams with a score of 60-64 for which appeals have been granted by the district and all remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above	1	55 ^{^A}	1	Either the ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59 for which an appeal has been granted by the district, and all remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above, OR 1 Regents exam with a score of 60-64 and the ELA Regents exam with a score of 55-59 for which appeals have been granted by the district, and the remaining Regents exams with a score of 65 or above
Math	1	65	1		1		1	55 ^{^A}		
Science	1	65	1		1		1	55 ^{^A}		
Social Studies	1	65	1		1		1	55 ^{^A}		
Pathway (See note 1 on reverse side)	1 or CDOS	65 if Regents Exam	1 or CDOS	1 or CDOS	1 or CDOS	55 ^{^A} if Regents exam	1 or CDOS			
Compensatory Safety Net	Non Applicable		Non Applicable		Non Applicable		Scores of 45-54 on any required Regents exam (except ELA and Mathematics) can be compensated by a score of 65 or above on another required Regents exam including ELA and Mathematics.		Non Applicable	
Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation										
Depending on the pathway a student chooses, the Regents diploma with advanced designation assessment requirements may be met in multiple ways. Students seeking the Regents diploma with advanced designation may choose from the following assessment options:										
Traditional Combination	ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 math, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the arts or CTE									
Pathway Combination (other than STEM)	ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), 1 pathway (other than Science or math) or complete the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the arts or CTE									
STEM (Mathematics) Pathway Combination:	ELA, 1 social studies, 4 math, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE exam or a 5 unit sequence in the arts or CTE									
STEM (Science) Pathway Combination:	ELA, 1 social studies, 3 math, 3 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 assessments. In addition, the student must choose either 2 additional credits in LOTE and the locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE exam OR a 5 unit sequence in the arts or CTE									

* A student with a disability may appeal scores between 52 and 54 on up to two Regents examinations in any discipline and graduate with the local diploma. See: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/RevAppealForm2015.pdf>
 ^ In the event a student with a disability is unable to attain a passing score on any Regents examination the student may be eligible for a Superintendent Determination of a local diploma.
 See: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/gradrequirements/home.html>

*Students identified as having a language-based disability may be exempt from the LOTE requirement if the student's I.E.P. states that the requirement is not appropriate.

**All students must take Physical Education each year.

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

REQUIRED SUBJECTS	Number of Credits	Regents Exams Required
ENGLISH	4 CREDITS	1 Regents Exam in English
SOCIAL STUDIES	4 CREDITS	Global History and Geography and United States History & Government
MATHEMATICS	3 CREDITS	3 Regents Exam in Math: Algebra and Geometry and Algebra II
SCIENCE	3 CREDITS (At least one credit each in physical and life science)	2 Regents Exam in Science
L.O.T.E.	3 CREDIT	FLACS Exam/OHM
HEALTH	0.5 CREDIT	
ART AND/OR MUSIC	1 CREDIT	
ELECTIVES	1.5 CREDITS	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION**	2.0 CREDITS	

**All students must take Physical Education each year.

REGENTS DIPLOMAS WITH HONORS

Students may earn the designation “With Honors” for both the Regents Diploma and the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation if the average of their scores on all required Regents Exams for that diploma is at least 90%.

REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH MASTERY IN MATH AND/OR SCIENCE

Students may earn the designation for both Regents Diplomas and Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation. Students must score 85 or above on 3 Math Regents Exams to qualify for Mastery in Math. Students must score 85 or above on 3 Science Regents Exams for Mastery in Science.

SEAL OF BI-LITERACY

Students may earn a seal of bi-literacy on their diploma if they can prove they are bilingual. Students must show proficiency and get the appropriate points in English and one other language.

APPEAL OF REGENTS GRADE

Any student may appeal their scores on up to two Regents exams if they score a 60, 61, 62, 63, or 64 and meet the additional requirements below. Students who successfully appeal two Regents Exams and meet all other testing and course requirements will be awarded the Local Diploma.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) APPEAL:

Any student who first enrolled in a New York school in 9th grade or later and is identified as an ELL pursuant to Part 154 Regulation of the Commissioner of Education, may appeal to graduate with a local diploma if they have taken the required Regents examination in English language arts at least twice and earned a score on this exam between 55 and 59. Such students may also appeal a score within 5 points of passing (60-64) on one additional examination and graduate with a local diploma.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible for the appeals listed above, students must:

- Have taken the exam they are appealing at least twice;
- Have taken advantage of academic help at their school in the same subject as the exam they are appealing;
- Have earned a passing course grade in the same subject as the exam they are appealing; and
- Be recommended by their teacher or the chair of the department in the same subject as the exam they are appealing

GRADE CHANGE AND TRANSCRIPT EDITS

There is a review procedure of when a student's grade is changed or when an edit occurs to a transcript. The teacher of record must submit in writing a rationale for the change. The rationale must be accompanied with documented evidence. The submission will go to the head of guidance and the building Principal for initial review and approval. After the building Principal is satisfied it is sent over to the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education for final approval. If the ASI approves, he/she will then sign off on the grade change. A hard copy of the signed form, and all supporting documentation, are placed in the student file. The procedure will be the same for any transcript edits as well.

OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING CONSIDERATIONS

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Students interested in receiving training in certain trades or technical occupations should consider attending the Career and Technical Education Center at BOCES for their junior and senior years. Students can complete their graduation requirements by attending PHS for part of the day and spending the rest of the school day at the CTE Center learning a specific skill to become better equipped for the world of work. Many CTE students attend college after graduation. Several CTE programs have articulation agreements with colleges offering credit or advanced standing.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Advanced Placement Program, in conjunction with the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, NJ, is designed to offer very capable students an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. College credit is dependent upon the student's performance on the Advanced Placement Examination and on the college's/university's credit policy. Students in selected 11th and/or 12th grade advanced courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Language Other Than English, in addition to qualified students from Regents courses may avail themselves of this program. Advanced Placement options are also available in selected Art and Music courses.

UNIVERSITY IN HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Offered through the State University of New York at Albany and SUNY Orange, the University in High School Program provides PHS students with the opportunity to earn college credit by satisfactorily completing selected advanced PHS courses. A reasonable per credit fee is the responsibility of the student.

COURSE LOAD

Students are required to carry a minimum credit load of 6 credits and Physical Education. Students needing additional credits in order to either 1) progress with their academic program or 2) meet graduation requirements may be required to take additional credits annually.

PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students may be given permission to drop a course without adding as long as they continue to carry the minimum number of credits as previously indicated. Any course dropped after the "Drop Deadline" will result in a transcript note of "withdraw passing" or "withdraw failing". For the 2019-2020 school year, the first semester and full year "Drop Deadline" is September 20, 2019. The second semester "Drop Deadline" is 1st week in February 2020.

Any other request to DROP a course must be combined with an ADD request. Students will generally not be permitted to enroll in a new course beyond the fifteenth day of the course unless administrative approval is granted. All program changes will be completed only after a request for program change form has been submitted. A student must attend the class he/she has requested to drop until the request is honored.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES (AIS)

These classes are intended for recommended students who have difficulties in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies who do not meet minimum state or district standards.

AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUCTION AT PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL

Students may benefit from our after school educational program, Elton Brand. Students with interest should discuss the program with their school counselors.

ELTON BRAND ACADEMY



Elton Brand Academy (EBA) is an afterschool program that runs Monday through Friday, from 3:00 to 4:30. During this time, English, Spanish, math, science and social studies teachers of different grade levels are readily available to provide students with extra academic support. There are also staff members available for homework help and organizational assistance. Just in time for the January and June Regents exams, Regents review is offered two days a week. The college application has various components: SAT prep, essay writing, numerous applications and scholarship information which all provided through the EBA program. And for those students who are considered English as a New Language (ENL), there is academic support in various subjects as well.

A registration form is required to be completed in order for students to attend EBA. All students are welcome.

ELL/BILINGUAL PROGRAMS

“Program of bilingual education” means a program of instruction in which eligible children are placed until such time as such children attain a level of proficiency in English which is sufficient to assure equal educational opportunity in the regular school program, including, but not limited to, educational experiences to enable eligible children to become proficient in English, subject matter instruction in the dominant language of eligible children, and provision of opportunities for eligible children to participate with and learn from children for other linguistic and cultural backgrounds that:

- Makes instructional use of both English and an eligible student's native language;
- Enables eligible students to achieve English proficiency and academic mastery of subject matter content and higher order skills, including critical thinking, so as to meet appropriate grade promotion and graduation requirements;
- Provides for the continuous increase in the use of English and corresponding decrease in the use of the native language for the purpose of instruction.
- May develop the native language skills of eligible students; and May include the participation of English-proficient students if the program is designed to enable all enrolled students to become more proficient in English and a second language.

The Peekskill High School Spanish bilingual program consisting of a two-year sequence supported by ENL language arts and content-area classes allows first and second year eligible Spanish dominant students to attend classes taught in their native language and English. Classes are offered in:

- Mathematics: Algebra I
- Social Studies: US History, Global I, Global II, Economics and PIG.
- ESL: English Language Development - ENL Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced
- Science: Biology, Living Environment, Earth Science
- LOTE: Native Language

THE PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION
(TASC) Program

The PCSD TASC program allows students to go for their New York State High School Equivalency Diploma. The program is a district run program designed for students that are overage and under credited. Students who are eligible for this program are those whose cohort class has already graduated.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Students or parents interested in the program must contact the high school guidance office and speak to Ms. Torres, School Counselor at (914) 737-0201 ext. 3512. Students and parents will be asked to come in and meet with their guidance counselor so the student's entire transcript can be examined. After meeting with the guidance counselor, a decision will be made as to the best program fit for the student. The TASC program has a limited amount of seating available for the program. For any program details or assistance please contact:

- Ms. Amy Torres at (914)737-0201 ext. 3512 or email at atorres@peekskillschools.org
- Mr. Daniel Callahan at (914) 737-3300 or email at dcallahan@peekskillschools.org

PROGRAM DETAILS

The TASC program is housed over at the Central Administration building. The initial enrollment begins with the pre-TASC program. It is 90 minutes a day from 9:15 to 10:45. The program is run by a certified teacher and the students will use an online program to prepare them for the TABE exam. After the student passes the TABE exam, he/she will be enrolled in the TASC program which takes place in the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES in Yorktown. The students are considered to be Peekskill City School District students and they are expected to follow the Peekskill CSD Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct can be found on the district website at <http://www.peekskillcsd.com/domain/592>. The students must abide by, and are subject to, the entirety of the Code of Conduct, in behavioral expectations and attendance. Failure to comply will result in removal from the program. The students are expected to attend class every day. The district will be working in conjunction with Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES to set up students to take the TABE screening exam and the TASC exam. The TABE and the TASC exam are offered every two months and the dates are given to the students prior to the exams.

TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION (TASC)

New York State has selected a new high school equivalency test called the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC™) to replace the General Educational Development (GED®) as the primary pathway to a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma effective January 2, 2014. The TASC™ is a secure, reliable and valid instrument that is used to verify that examinees have knowledge in core content areas equivalent to that of graduating high school seniors.

The exam includes five sections:

1. Language Arts -Reading
2. Language Arts -Writing (which includes an essay)
3. Mathematics (which includes a calculator section and a section in which calculators are not allowed)
4. Science (calculators are permitted)
5. Social Studies

COURSE AVAILABILITY

In the event of insufficient enrollment, staffing considerations, and fiscal restraints, the Board of Education reserves the right to cancel a course. Courses within the same discipline, but on different levels, may be combined because of low enrollment.

GRADE LEVEL CLASSIFICATIONS (SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, SENIOR)

All freshmen, sophomores, juniors are required to be enrolled in seven (7) instructional periods each semester. All seniors are required to be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) instructional periods each semester.

SOPHOMORE

- At least 5.5 credits
- A minimum of 4.5 core credit classes (English I, Integrated Algebra ®, Living Environment ®, U.S. History & Government ® and Physical Fitness 9).

JUNIOR

- At least **11.0 credits**,
- A minimum of 9.0 core credit classes (English I, English II, Integrated Algebra ®, Geometry ®, Living Environment ®, Earth Science ®, U.S. History & Government ®, Global History I, Physical Education 9 and Fitness for Life 1).

SENIOR

- At least **16.0 credits**
- A minimum of 14 core credit classes: (English I, English II, English III, Integrated Algebra ®, Geometry ®, Living Environment ®, Earth Science ®, U.S. History & Government ®, Global History I, Global History II ®, Physical Fitness 9, Fitness for Life 1, Fitness for Life 2, Foreign Language, Art / Music and Health).

GRADUATION CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

As per New York State a student needs at least **22.0 credits** and meet all NYS graduation requirements: English (4.0 credits), Math (3.0 credits), Social Studies (4.0 credits), Science (3.0 credits), Physical Education (2.0 credits), Health (0.5 credits), Foreign Language (1.0 credit), Arts (1.0 credit) and Electives (3.5 credits) to graduate.

SAMPLE SCHEDULES BY GRADE

FRESHMAN YEAR – GRADE 9

Marking Period 1 and 2	Period	Marking Period 3 and 4
Algebra I ®	1	Algebra I ® [1.0]
Living Environment ®	2	Living Environment ® [1.0]
Living Environment Lab ® / Physical Fitness 9	3	Living Environment Lab ® / Physical Fitness 9 [0.5]
English 9	4	English 9
Lunch	5	Lunch
Global Studies I	6	Global Studies I [1.0]
Spanish I	7	Spanish I [1.0]
Art or Music or Health or STEM	8	Art or Music or Health or STEM
Art or Music or Health or STEM	9	Art or Music or Health or STEM

Call Back	Call Back	Call Back
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Note:

- [] denotes credit value of course
- ® denotes Regents Course (Student will sit for the Regents in January, June, and/or August.)
- Call Back is required of all 9th grade students.
- All freshmen are required to be enrolled in at least seven (7) instructional periods each marking period.

SOPHOMORE YEAR – GRADE 10

A sophomore must have **at least 5.5 credits**, with a minimum of **4.5 core credit classes** (English I, Integrated Algebra ®, Living Environment ®, U.S. History & Government ®, Physical Fitness 9).

- A sophomore must have passed **at least 1 Regents** (Integrated Algebra ® or Living Environment ® or U.S. History & Government ®).

Marking Period 1 and 2	Period	Marking Period 3 and 4
Geometry ®	1	Geometry ® [1.0]
Earth Science ®	2	Earth Science ® [1.0]
Earth Science Lab ® / Physical Education 10	3	Earth Science Lab ® / Physical Education 10 [0.5]
English 2	4	English 2 [1.0]
Global History II ®	5	Global History II ® [1.0]
Lunch	6	Lunch
Spanish II	7	Spanish II [1.0]
Art or Music or Health or STEM	8	Art or Music or Health or STEM
Art or Music or Health or STEM	9	Art or Music or Health or STEM
Call Back	Call Back	Call Back

Note:

- [] denotes credit value of course
- ® denotes Regents Course (Student will sit for the Regents in January, June, and/or August.)
- All sophomores are required to be enrolled in at least seven (7) instructional periods each marking period.

JUNIOR YEAR – GRADE 11

A Junior must have **at least 11.0 credits**, with a minimum of **11.0 core credit classes** (English I, English II, Integrated Algebra ®, Geometry ®, Living Environment ®, Earth Science ®, U.S. History & Government ®, Global History I, Physical Education 9, Fitness for Life 1).

A Junior must have passed at least 2 Regents (Integrated Algebra ® or Living Environment ® and U.S. History & Government ®) or at least 2 Regents Competency Tests Marking Period 1 and 2	Period	Marking Period 3 and 4
Algebra 2 and Trigonometry ®	1	Algebra 2 and Trigonometry ® [1.0]
Chemistry ®	2	Chemistry ® [1.0]
Chemistry Lab ® / PE –	3	Chemistry Lab ® / PE – [0.5]
English 3 ®	4	English 3 ® [1.0]
US History and Government®	5	US History and Government® [1.0]
Lunch	6	Lunch
Spanish III ®	7	Spanish III ® [1.0]
Elective	8	Elective
Elective	9	Elective

Note:

- [] denotes credit value of course
- All juniors are required to be enrolled in a minimum of at least six (6) instructional periods each marking period.

SENIOR YEAR – GRADE 12

A Senior must have **at least 16.0 credits** and with a minimum of 14 core credit classes: (English I, English II, English III, Integrated Algebra ®, Geometry ®, Living Environment ®, Earth Science ®, U.S. History & Government ®, Global History I, Global History II ®, Physical Fitness 9, Fitness for Life 1, Fitness for Life 2, Foreign Language, Art / Music, Health).

- A senior must pass **at least 4 Regents** (Integrated Algebra ®, Living Environment ®, Comprehensive English ®, U.S. History & Government ®) or **at least 4 Regents Competency Tests – RCT** (Math, Science, U.S. History, and Global).

Marking Period 1 and 2	Period	Marking Period 3 and 4
Pre-Calculus	1	Pre-Calculus [1.0]
Physics ®	2	Physics ® [1.0]
Physics Lab ® / PE – Fitness For Life	3	Physics Lab ® / PE – Fitness For Life [0.5]
English 4	4	English 4 [1.0]
Participation in Government [0.5]	5	Economics [0.5]
Elective	6	Elective
Lunch	7	Lunch
Elective	8	Elective
Elective	9	Elective

Note:

- [] denotes credit value of course
- A senior must register for at least five (5) instructional periods each marking period.

- A senior may have at least 22.0 credits and must have completed all NYS pre-requisites – English (4.0 credits), Math (3.0 credits), Social Studies (4.0 credits), Science (3.0 credits), Physical Education (2.0 credits), Health (0.5 credit), Foreign Language (1.0 credit), Arts (1.0 credit), Electives (3.5 credits) – to graduate from Peekskill City School District.

Student's

Name: _____

Peekskill City School District
Grades 9-12 Worksheet

Use this sheet as a guideline in planning your four-year program.

Subjects	Required Credits	Important Information	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English	4.0	+ Regents in English Language Arts				
Social Studies	4.0	+ Regents in Global History + Regents in US History and Government				
Mathematics	3.0	+ Regents in Integrated Algebra or Geometry or Algebra 2 & Trigonometry				
Science	3.0	+ Regents in Living Environment or Earth Science or Chemistry or Physics				
Physical Education	2.0	State Required Course (4 years)				
Health	0.5	State Required Course				
Languages other than English (LOTE)	1.0	+ Regents in Spanish, (Advanced Regents Diploma)				
The Arts (Art / Music)	1.0					
Electives	3.5					
Diploma Requirements	22 Minimum					

ACCELERATED/HONORS PROGRAM

The goals of the Honors, Advanced Placement and College Level Program offered at Peekskill High School are to:

Provide students with rigorous, challenging coursework that will prepare them for the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Enhance student success in meeting the standards for the SAT II Examinations. Provide increased opportunities for students to receive college credit while still in high school through Advanced Placement and college courses offered at Peekskill High School.

These programs will focus on continuing the accelerated strand for Math and Science and Foreign Language begun in the Middle School.

The honors seminars will be into grades 9-12:

- Programs in Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry, Astronomy, STEM and Physics.
- A two-year World History Advanced Placement Course is offered in grades 10 and 11. This course parallels the Global History I and II courses. SUNY Albany's Public Policy in Modern America, Classism, Racism, Sexism and Latin America and The Caribbean courses.
- A pre-AP English Language and Composition course is offered in grade 10, and SUNY Albany's African Diaspora in the United States.
- Spanish Honors, AP Spanish Language and Culture and AP Spanish Literature.
- Advanced Art and Portfolio Development
- Select Chorus, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and The "City Singers"

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP), COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES (CLC)

COURSES OFFERED	
AP English Language	Advanced Placement Calculus (AB)
AP English Literatures	AP Biology
African Diaspora (CLC) SUNY	AP Spanish Language
AP U.S. History	AP Spanish Literature
AP U.S. Government and Politics	Authentic Science Research
Classism, Racism, Sexism (CLC) SUNY	Astronomy 1
Latin America and the Caribbean (CLC) SUNY	Astronomy 2
Entrepreneurship (CLC) SUNY	WCC Anatomy and Physiology I
World History I	AP World History
WCC Math 12	WCC English 12
Public Policy in Modern US (SUNY)	

ONLINE COURSES

EDGENUITY	
SUBJECT	COURSES OFFERED
English	
Mathematics	
Social Studies	a. Global History & Geography I b. Global History & Geography II c. US History & Government d. Economics e. Participation In Government
Science	
PE/Health	
Art	
Electives	

OC21 ONLINE CLASSES FOR THE 21 st CENTURY	
Adventures in Programming **	Introduction to Anthropology *
Architecture Across The Centuries *	Sports Management, Media, Marketing and Analysis *
Beyond Mindfulness **	You are What You Eat, The Trust Behind Your Food *
Brain Games, The Psychology of How to Focus *	Zero to Sixty: Writing Your First Novel ***
Fake News and Other Hot Topics **	Computer Science Discoveries 2

* (Fall Semester Only)

** (Spring Semester Only)

*** (Fall and Spring Semester)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

COURSE OFFERINGS

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 9	1		Full Year	English 8

English 9 is designed to strengthen student skills as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and thinkers. Over the course of the year, students will become more proficient as readers of both literature and informational texts. Class units include examinations of a variety of genres, including poetry, short stories, play, novels, and nonfiction texts, as well as texts and projects that align with Social Studies to facilitate interdisciplinary connections. Part of the curriculum involves reading plays by William Shakespeare and collaborating with the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival for a series of hands on workshop. A core component of the English curriculum is independent reading, which requires students to continually strengthen literacy skills and broaden intellectual horizons through reading choice texts. Students will also complete a wide range of writing assignments (argumentative, narrative, and informative/explanatory) over varying periods of time. For the final assessment, students develop a year-end writing portfolio compiling their best work and reflecting on the year. *NCAA approved course.*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 9/Reading	2		Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the following three criteria: English 8; N.Y.S. ELA score 1/low 2 Reading more than 3 grades below level (F & P score below level V); Teacher Recommendation

This is an intensive, specially designed Academic Intervention course designed to assist students who are in need of additional support, as evidenced by a variety of academic indicators. Placement in this course is based on multiple indicators that reveal individuals are below proficiency, including the 8th grade N.Y.S. English Language Assessment (1 or 2), teacher recommendation, and performance on literacy assessments. The program directly addresses individual needs through adaptive and instructional software, high-interest literature, and direct instruction in reading and writing skills. Curriculum also integrates the central understandings and required projects for English 9. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 9 Honors	1	1.05	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the following three criteria: 85+ in English 8; NYS ELA score 3 or 4; Reading on grade level (Lexile score 1000+). Note: students who do not take the 8th grade NYS ELA exam must meet both of the other two criteria.

This rigorous course will provide students with an accelerated and enriched curriculum. The already existing English 9 curriculum will be supplemented with units including additional activities, readings, and assessments in order to give students the foundation they will need to prepare for the AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition courses. The course will have a unit on rhetorical techniques. Students will learn to analyze rhetorical strategies used in various modes of discourse. In addition, a more rigorous independent reading curriculum, beginning with summer reading and extending throughout the year, will expose students to representative works of literary merit. There will be a poetry and short story unit that will facilitate interdisciplinary planning and projects that align with the Social Studies courses. In analyzing poetry and short stories, students will learn to look beyond the surface of a work of literature and examine the techniques utilized by authors and the effects created by the use of these techniques. This course is writing intensive and students will have six additional benchmark writing assessments to complete for their final portfolio. One of the writing pieces will be a research project. This research piece will introduce students to the research process and MLA formatting. Learning this research process will provide students with the critical thinking skills that will not only benefit students in their English coursework but also support students in other classes. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 10	1		Full Year	English 9

English 10 continues to strengthen student skills as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and thinkers. The curriculum incorporates both literary and informational texts, with many texts drawn from 20th century British and American literature examining the impact of war, the prevalence of inequality, and the enduring strength of the human spirit. Once again, a core component of the English curriculum is independent reading, which requires students to continually strengthen literacy skills and broaden intellectual horizons through reading choice texts. Students will also complete a wide range of writing assignments (argumentative, narrative, and informative/explanatory) over varying periods of time. For the final assessment, students develop a year-end writing portfolio compiling their best work and reflecting on the year. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 10 Honors	1	1.05	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the following three criteria; 85+ in English 9 or 80+ in English 9H; High Proficient (80+) or Distinguished (85+) English 9 final grade; Reading on grade level (SRI Score: Proficient or Advanced)

This course incorporates the entire curriculum in English 10, but is also designed to provide enrichment to students through additional units with rigorous examinations of challenging texts and additional projects, readings, and seminars. Enrollment in English 10 Honors establishes a foundation for future Advanced Placement courses, as much of the coursework examines the relationship between speaker, audience and purpose, and analyzes how effective communicators utilize rhetorical techniques to achieve desired results. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 10/ Reading	2		Full Year	Sophomore students who meet the following two criteria: teacher recommendation; Reading 2 grades or more below grade level (SRI Score: Below Basic/Basic (below 900))

This intensive, specially designed Academic Intervention course is designed to assist students who are in still in need of additional support, as evidenced by academic performance in English 9. Placement in this course is based on multiple indicators that reveal individuals continue to read below proficiency, as indicated by teacher recommendation, performance on literacy assessments, and performance in 9th grade. The program directly addresses individual needs through adaptive and instructional software, high-interest literature, and direct instruction in reading and writing skills. The curriculum also integrates the central understandings and required projects for English 10. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 11	1		Full Year	English 10

English 11 further refines student skills as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and thinkers. Curriculum incorporates both literary and informational texts, including class units examining the portrayal of the American dream in literary works ranging from the 18th century until today. Once again, a core component of the English curriculum is independent reading, which requires students to continually strengthen literacy skills and broaden intellectual horizons through reading choice texts. Students will also complete a wide range of writing assignments (argumentative, narrative, and informative/explanatory) over varying periods of time (long term, on demand). As the final assessment, students are required to take the N.Y.S. E.L.A. Regents examination in June and also compile a final portfolio. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 11 AP English Language	1	1.1	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the following three criteria: 85+ in English 10 or 80+ in English 10H; High Proficiency (80+) or Distinguished (85+) English 10 final grade; Reading on grade level (Lexile score 1050+).

This rigorous, engaging, and thought-provoking course prepares students for the AP examination in English Language and Composition in May, as well as the N.Y.S. English Regents. Many undergraduate schools award college credit to students who exhibit proficiency on the AP exam; therefore, this course requires exceptional commitment as writers and readers in order to justify potentially receiving undergraduate credit. Course objectives are aligned with both national and state learning standards designed to facilitate mastery of the English Language. A few of the primary objectives include further understanding the relationship between speaker, audience and purpose; becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts; identifying and explaining the author's use of rhetorical strategies and techniques; and producing different types of compositions (synthesis, analytical, argumentative). As the final assessment, students are required to take the N.Y.S. English Regents examination in June and also compile a final portfolio. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
African Diaspora: Intro to Africa/African American History	1		Full Year	Students must have passed both English 11 and the English Regents exam (65+). Additionally, students with an 85+ in English 10 will be considered, based on availability.

African Diaspora centers on the movements and culture of Africans and their descendants to places around the world. Students are introduced to literary, religious, historical, cultural, political, and social topics related to Africa and the African Diaspora with a focus on the conditions that produced the African Diaspora, the face of Africa around the world, the African Diaspora in the United States, and a contemporary, global look at the African Diaspora. The purpose of the course is to enlighten students about the world in which they live as well as themselves. Students will read a variety of literary works of merit, prepare research papers, write and deliver speeches, moderate and participate in weekly student-constructed Socratic Seminars, as well as a myriad of other thought-provoking, academically rigorous activities. Students have the option of earning three college credits for this course through SUNY Albany's College of Arts and Sciences *University in the High School Program* (2017-18 cost= \$225.00; subject to change in future years). This course also meets the University at Albany's General Education Requirement of U.S. Diversity and Pluralism and will enable students to demonstrate the 4 points listed at http://www.albany.edu/gened/ch_diversity.shtml *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 12 A.P. English Literature	1	1.1	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the following three criteria: 85+ in English 11 or 80+ in English 11AP; High Proficient (80+) or Distinguished (85+) English Regents score; Reading on grade level (Lexile score 1050+)

This course is a college-level course in which students will engage in careful reading and critical analysis of works of recognized literary merit. These works will be from various genres and periods, ranging from the sixteenth to the twenty-first century. Students will examine a work's structure, style and theme, as well as literary techniques such as figurative language, imagery, symbolism and tone. Through close reading, the students will thoroughly understand the following elements: the experience of literature, the interpretation of literature, and the evaluation of literature. These aspects of reading will correspond to an approach to writing about literary works. Writing to evaluate a literary work will involve the students in making and explaining judgments about a work's artistry and exploring its underlying social and cultural values through analysis, interpretation and argument. Students take the Advanced Placement Examination in May. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 12 Creative Writing A/ Creative Writing B	1		Full Year	English 11 65+ on English Regents

This course is designed for students in their senior year who enjoy the process of writing. Students will explore and analyze different genres of literature (poetry, short stories, memoir, children's literature, etc.) through reading the works of a varied group of writers and poets. Following their studies of each genre, students will create their own pieces and incorporate similar literary techniques to become more creative, expressive authors. **Creative Writing A** will focus on the college essay and building a resume, an introduction to creative writing, and children's literature. **Creative Writing B** will focus on poetry, short stories, and memoir. Students are encouraged to enroll in both Creative Writing A and B for the full year experience. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 12A: Memoir and Nonfiction Stories, Films and Social Issues	1/2		Half Year	English 11 65+ on English Regents

This one semester course has two main components. The first component is college and career preparation. Units include memoirs and crafting a multi-draft polished college essay, creating a resume, and completing a career exploration project. The second component involves both short non-fiction and a research paper. Through completing a major inquiry project, students will develop college-ready research skills by analyzing and crafting arguments.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 12B Media Literacy	1/2		Half Year	English 11 65+ on English Regents

This one semester course has two main components: media literacy and global social issues. Students will look at a variety of media, including advertising, music, news, and social networking, and learn to look at the media with a more critical eye. The class will explore issues such as how advertising presents gender roles, how the news shapes our understanding of the world, and how our technology-laden world has changed our lives in both positive and negative ways. The global issues component of the course will examine issues such as women's rights and income inequality through film, fiction and nonfiction. Projects will include creation of a public service advertisement and a digital story or book.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Analyzing Photography	1/2		Half Year	English credit: 65+ on English Regents/ Art credit: Junior or Senior

Students will view and analyze recognized masters in a variety of photographic genres, such as photo journalism, landscape, portrait and art photography. Students will develop the vocabulary and analytical tools to understand and analyze photos and styles within each genre. Each genre study will be paired with a hands-on unit, where students create portfolios of their own photos within that genre. This course is open to juniors and seniors, and is designed as a half year, half credit course. It can be used as either an art or English elective.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
English 12: Regents Review A Regents Review B			Half Year	Did not pass English Regents 4 th year students

This course is designed for students who did not pass the E.L.A. Regents as juniors. Students will be required to read, write, listen, and speak for A) information and understanding, B) literary response and expression, and C) critical analysis and evaluation. The primary focus of this course is to build reading and writing skills needed to pass the English Regents exam and complete writing assignments directly aligned to the E.L.A. Regents. All students will be required to take the E.L.A. Regents in January; students who pass the Regents in January will be enrolled in another ½ credit senior elective; students who do not pass the Regents in January will be enrolled in E12 Regents Review B for the second semester.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Writing Literacy Lab 9	1/2		Full Year	Students who are not enrolled in English9/Reading and meet two of the following three criteria: 8 th grade N.Y.S. ELA score 1/low 2 (below state cut-off for AIS); Reading 1-3 grades below level (i.e., F & P level X or below).

The course is designed to provide Academic Intervention Services and instructional support for 9th grade students who are in need of additional support in literacy. Placement in this course is based on multiple indicators that reveal individuals are below proficiency, including the 8th grade N.Y.S. English Language Assessment (1 or 2), teacher recommendation, and performance on reading and writing assessments. The goal of this course is to provide students with additional, targeted instruction designed to improve reading and writing skills across all content areas.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Writing Literacy Lab 10	1/2		Full Year	Intervention Indicators Sophomore students who meet the following two criteria: teacher recommendations: Reading below grade level (SRI Score: Basic (below 975))

The course is designed to provide Academic Intervention Services and instructional support for 10th grade students who are in need of additional support in literacy. Placement in this course is based on multiple indicators that reveal individuals are below proficiency, including the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI), teacher recommendation, and performance on reading and writing assessments. The goal of this course is to provide students with additional, targeted instruction designed to improve reading and writing skills across all content areas.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Writing Literacy Lab 11	1/2		Full Year	Intervention Indicators Junior students who meet the following two criteria: teacher recommendation; Reading below grade level (SRI Score: Below Basic (below 984))

The course is designed to provide Academic Intervention Services and instructional support for 11th grade students who are in need of additional support in literacy in order to attain proficiency on the N.Y.S. English Regents. Placement in this course is based on multiple indicators that reveal individuals are in need of additional support, including the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) teacher recommendation, and performance on reading and writing assessments. The goal of this course is to provide students with additional, targeted instruction designed to improve reading and writing skills across all content areas, but also to specifically provide them with additional instruction to assure success on required state assessments.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Intro to Drama	1		Half Year	None

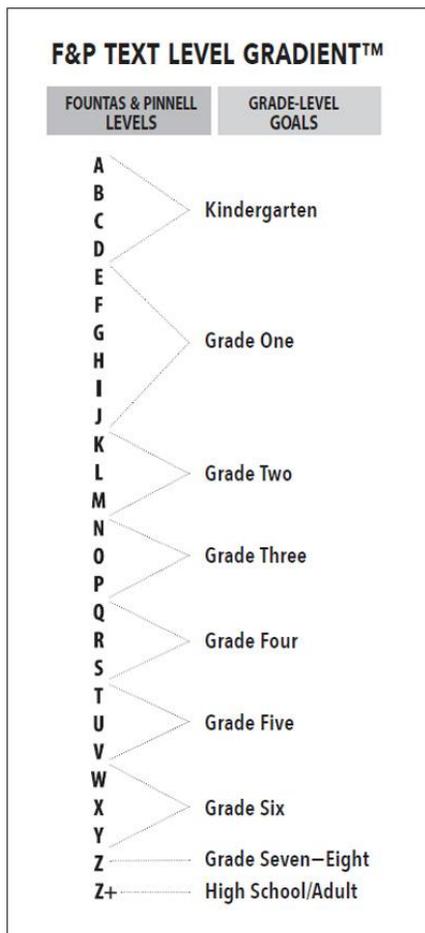
Intro to Drama covers a wide variety of topics including: an introduction to acting and directing; voice and diction; improvisation, playwriting, stage vocabulary, and scene study; Shakespeare and dramatic literature. Written critiques of theatre performances satisfy the writing component for the course. At the end of the year, students hold a special performance of monologues showcasing their talents. Visits from guest artists and field trips to shows are included as part of the classroom experience.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Drama	1		Half Year	Drama 1

This course is a continuation of the Intro to Drama course, spending the majority of focus on the directing and playwriting aspects of theatre. The end of the year culminates in an evening of drama, showcasing original one-act plays written throughout the year. Dramatic literature and theatre critiques are covered. Visits from guest artists and field trips to shows are once again included as part of the classroom experience. (Students who have passed the English Regents Exam may take this course as seniors to count as an English 12 course credit.)

INTERVENTION INDICATORS

** For students entering 9th grade, Fountas & Pinnell scores are used to determine placement in Literacy Intervention courses. Placement is based on the following document identifying F & P levels and corresponding grade levels for reading.



The grade-level goals on the F&P Text Level Gradient™ are intended to provide general guidelines, which should be adjusted based on school/district requirements and professional teacher judgement.

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** At the high school, Lexile Scores determining placement in Literacy Intervention courses are based on the following document, provided by the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS), describing appropriate text complexity levels for each grade level.

Grade Band	Current Lexile Band	"Stretch" Lexile Band*
K-1	N/A	N/A
2-3	450L-730L	420L-820L
4-5	640L-850L	740L-1010L
6-8	860L-1010L	925L-1185L
9-10	960L-1120L	1050L-1335L
11-CCR	1070L-1220L	1185L-1385L

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**Peekskill High School:
English Flow Chart
Departmental Pathways: 9th-12th**

<u>9th Grade Course(s)</u>	<u>10th Grade Course(s)</u> <i>(Options)</i>	<u>11th Grade Course(s)</u>	<u>12th Grade Course(s)</u>
English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12 English 12 Electives AP English Literature
English 9 Honors	English 10 Honors	A.P. English Language	AP English Literature
English 9/Reading 9	English 10/Reading 10	English 11	English 12 English 12 Electives
		Students can also start to take electives	Electives

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE (ENL) COURSE OFFERINGS

Through a content integrated curriculum, students engage in activities designed to promote English language acquisition in the domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing, while also developing skills they need to understand academic concepts. Instruction includes vocabulary development, syntax, phonetics, grammar, public speaking, reading and writing strategies, research, and computer literacy. Placement in the ENL program is determined by NYSITELL/NYSESLAT scores, which determine English language proficiency levels: Entering, Emerging, Transitioning, Expanding, and Commanding. Students may exit the program by scoring Commanding on the NYSESLAT or a passing score on the NYS ELA Regents Examination.

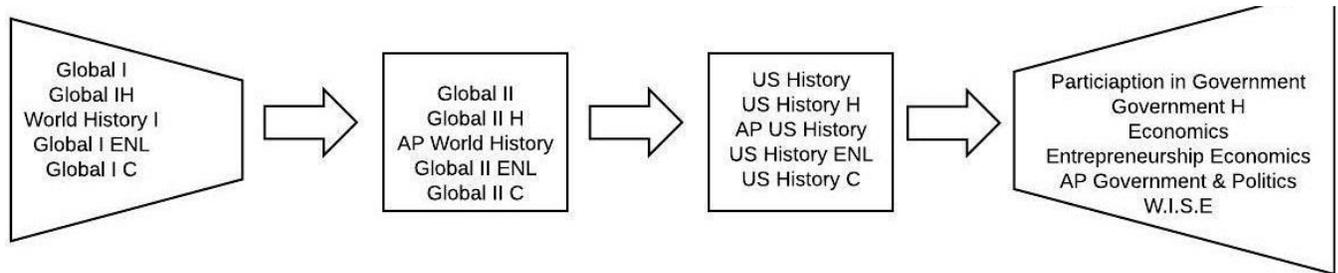
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
ENL Beginners 9/10 ENL Beginners 11/12	1	Full Year	NYSESLAT/NYSITELL
<p>A course for English language learners who have been determined to be at the Entering and Emerging stages of English language ACQUISITION. Students require intensive Sheltered English listening, speaking, reading, and writing instruction. Emphasis is placed on pronunciation, comprehension, grammar, syntax, vocabulary building, and idiomatic expressions.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
ENL Intermediate 9/10 ENL Intermediate 11/12	1	Full Year	NYSESLAT/NYSITELL
<p>A course for English language learners who have been determined to be at the Transitioning stage of English language. Students continue developing their English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills while receiving intensive language support. Emphasis is placed on complex English language structures, vocabulary development, grammar, mechanics, and exposure to different genres. All 11th grade students are required to take the E.L.A. Regents.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
ENL Advanced 9/10 ENL Advance 11/12	1	Full Year	NYSESLAT/NYSITELL
<p>A course for English language learners who have been determined to be at the Expanding stage of English language, pursuant to the NYSESLAT. This class serves as a bridge between ENL and mainstream English classes. Students may also be enrolled in a mainstream English class. Instruction focuses on English language structures, vocabulary development, grammar, mechanics, research, expository and creative writing, and extensive reading of all genres of literature. All 11th grade students are required to take the E.L.A. Regents.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
ENL New Comers Program	1	Full Year	NYSITELL
<p>The Newcomer Program is specifically for culturally and linguistically diverse English language learners who have recently immigrated to the United States and never experienced the American education system. During a daily three-period block, content integrated instruction focuses on English language acquisition (speaking, listening, reading, and writing), literacy, and American culture. Although English language acquisition is a primary objective, students are encouraged to use their first languages and share their cultures in order to successfully participate in class activities and complete assignments. Students generally remain in the program from 6 months to 1 year. Readiness for exiting the Newcomer Program is determined by multiple factors, including NYSESLAT scores, classwork, class exams, etc.</p>			

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

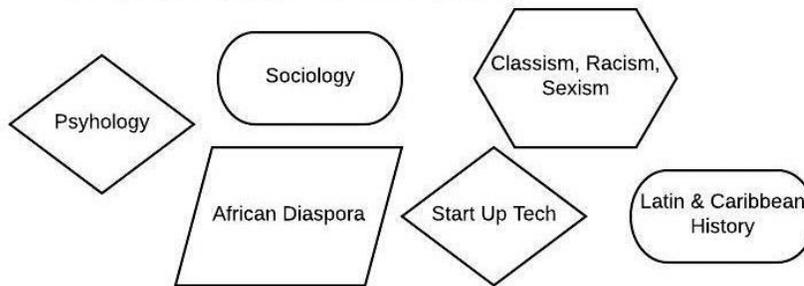
COURSE OFFERINGS

All students must complete four units of Social Studies and pass one Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II and one Regents exam in US History and Government. Below are our Core Courses and Pathway options:

Core Courses and Pathway Options



Electives and Enrichment



Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Global History & Geography I	1	Full Year	None

This course provides students with the opportunity to study world regions in Global History and their cultures within a framework that is designed to develop a global perspective for the period beginning in the Paleolithic Era to circa 1750. This approach aims to cultivate students' knowledge, and skills of gathering, interpreting and using evidence, chronological reasoning and causation, comparison and contextualization, and geographic reasoning, which will help develop them to function effectively in a world characterized by ethnic diversity, cultural pluralism, international and domestic conflicts and the importance of climate and geography. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Global History & Geography I Honors	1	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the three criteria: 85+ in US 8; NYS ELA score 3 or 4; Reading on grade level (F&P score level Y). * students who do not take the 8th grade NYS ELA exam must meet both of the other two criteria

This course provides students with the opportunity to study world regions in Global History and their cultures within a framework that is designed to develop a global perspective for the period beginning in the Paleolithic Era to circa 1750. This approach aims to cultivate students' knowledge, and skills of gathering, interpreting and using evidence, chronological reasoning and causation, comparison and contextualization, and geographic reasoning, which will help develop them to function effectively in a world characterized by ethnic diversity, cultural pluralism, international and domestic conflicts and the importance of climate and

geography. A significant amount of work is required, including extensive reading and writing, analysis of primary sources at a level which demonstrates high proficiency in social studies skills. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
World History I	1		Full Year	Teacher's recommendation or Application

World History I is the first year of a two-year program designed to prepare students to take the AP Advanced Placement World History exam. The course will focus on the interactions between communities and cultures across time and place. Within a chronological approach, students will examine how different societies have historically addressed complex political, economic and social issues. This course addresses history from approximately 8000 BC to 1450 AD, and focuses on the development of skills specific to the study of history, including document analysis and persuasive writing. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Global History & Geography II	1	Full Year	Global I

This course consists of the continued study of Europe and Non-European World History. It consists of the study of the political, historical, social, cultural and economic events that shaped history. Global History II provides a snapshot of the world circa 1750. The course continues chronologically up to the present. Several concepts are woven throughout the course including industrialization, nationalism, imperialism, conflict, technology, and the interconnectedness of the world. The last three Key Ideas focus on global issues, applying a more thematic approach. All students will take the Global History & Geography Regents Examination. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Global History & Geography II Honors	1	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the three criteria: 85+ in Global I; Achieve Mastery 85+ on Global I final; Lexile Level 1100+

This course consists of the continued study of Europe and Non-European World History. It consists of the study of the political, historical, social, cultural and economic events that shaped history. Global History II provides a snapshot of the world circa 1750. The course continues chronologically up to the present. Several concepts are woven throughout the course including industrialization, nationalism, imperialism, conflict, technology, and the interconnectedness of the world. The last three Key Ideas focus on global issues, applying a more thematic approach. A significant amount of work is required, including extensive reading and writing, analysis of primary sources and individual research at a level which demonstrates a high proficiency in social studies skills combined with extensive information, showing breadth of scope and depth. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
AP World History	1	1.1	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the three criteria: 90+ in Global I; Achieve Mastery 85+ on Global I final; Lexile Level 1200+

The AP World History course focuses on developing students' understanding of world history from approximately 600 B.C.E. to the present. The course has students investigate the content of world history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in six historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods (analyzing primary and secondary sources, making historical comparisons, chronological reasoning, and argumentation) employed by historians when they study the past. The course also provides five themes (interaction between humans and the environment; development and interaction of cultures; state building, expansion, and conflict; creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems; and development and transformation of social structures) that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places encompassing the five major geographical regions of the globe: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
U.S. History & Government	1	Full Year	None

This course begins with the colonial and constitutional foundations of the United States and explores the government structure and functions written in the Constitution. The development of the nation and the political, social, and economic factors that led to the challenges our nation faced in the Civil War are addressed. Industrialization, urbanization, and the accompanying problems are examined, along with America's emergence as a world power, the two World Wars of the 20th century, and the Cold War. Students explore the expansion of the federal government, the threat of terrorism, and the place of the United States in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world.* *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length
U.S. History & Government Honors	1	Full Year

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
AP U.S. History	1	1.1	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the three criteria: 90+ in Global II; Achieve Mastery 85+ on Global II Regents; Lexile Level 1220+

The AP U.S. History course focuses on developing students' understanding of American history from approximately 1491 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of U.S. history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods (analyzing primary and secondary sources, making historical comparisons, chronological reasoning, and argumentation) employed by historians when they study the past. The course also provides seven themes (American and national identity; migration and settlement; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; geography and environment; and culture and society) that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Debate 9/10	1/2	Half Year	None

Available to all 9th -12th grade students. Students will learn the fundamentals of argumentative speech, writing and debate. This course is based on the belief that reasoned analysis of issues, shared discussion of concerns; respectful reflection and presenting alternate viewpoints are all important skills both within the classroom as well as in personal and professional situations. This course is designed to present students with the tools, principles and practices to help them improve their ability to formulate, test, revise and critique arguments and become effect argumentative writers and speakers. Students will also use learned skills to become effective public forum debaters and will get an overview of other forms of competitive debate. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Debate 11/12	1/2	Half Year	None

Available to all 9th -12th grade students. Students will learn the fundamentals of argumentative speech, writing and debate. This course is based on the belief that reasoned analysis of issues, shared discussion of concerns; respectful reflection and presenting alternate viewpoints are all important skills both within the classroom as well as in personal and professional situations. This course is designed to present students with the tools, principles and practices to help them improve their ability to formulate, test, revise and critique arguments and become effect argumentative writers and speakers. Students will also use learned skills to become effective public forum debaters and will get an overview of other forms of competitive debate. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Participation in Government	.5	Half Year	None

This course aims to provide students with opportunities to become engaged in the political process by acquiring the knowledge and practicing the skills necessary for active citizenship. Content specifications are not included so that the course can adapt to present, local, national, and global, circumstances allowing teachers to select flexibly from current events to illuminate key ideas

and conceptual understandings. Participating in government in our communities is fundamental to our success of American democracy. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Public Policy in Modern America (Honors Government)	.5	1.05	Half Year	Students must meet at least two of the three criteria: 85+ in US History; Achieve Mastery on US Regents; Lexile Level 1200

This course is organized chronologically, but with an emphasis on the history of four major domestic policies: welfare, civil rights, economic policy, and health policy in 20th century America. The course will introduce students to public policy as a goal-directed course of action taken by the different levels and branches of government in the United States. Students will evaluate the impact that different public policy stakeholders, players, and actors have had in influencing public policy. Students will also assess the relevance of history to current political debates and analysis of public policy. Group workshops and debates will enable students to engage in active learning while grappling with these larger questions. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Economics	.5	Half Year	None

Economics, the Enterprise System, and Finance examines the principles of the United States free market economy in a global context. Students will examine their individual responsibility for managing their personal finances. Students will analyze the role of supply and demand in determining the prices individuals and businesses face in the product and factor markets, and the global nature of these markets. Students will study changes to the workforce in the United States, and the role of entrepreneurs in our economy, as well as the effects of globalization. Students will explore the challenges facing the United States free market economy in a global environment and various policy-making opportunities available to government to address these challenges. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Entrepreneurship Economics	1	1.1	Full Year	10th - 12th Grade

Entrepreneurship economics is designed to teach Economics through the lens of an entrepreneur. The skills and concepts taught will help students to become Entrepreneurial Citizens who are opportunity focused, solution driven, and holistic thinkers, with skills that are adaptable and transferable in any field they choose to study in. Students will engage in problem based learning, relevant to real life. There is a focus on critical thinking, communication skills, and collaboration. Economic topics include banking, finance, wealth management, supply and demand problems, dept., budgeting, and investing; this course qualifies for the state economics requirement. The course is supported by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship Program and includes field trips and competitions that students will submit their business plans to. Course credit at SUNY WCC available.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
AP U.S. Government & Politics	1	1.1	Full Year	Students must meet at least two of the three criteria: 90+ in Global II; Achieve Mastery 85+ on US Regents; Lexile Level 1290+

This course explores the political theory and everyday practices that direct the daily operation of our government and shape our public policies. The purpose of this course is not only to prepare students to take the AP U.S. Government and Politics Exam, but also to have them become active participants in *their* government. The course is, for all intents and purposes, taught on a college level and it requires a substantial amount of reading and preparation for every class that must happen outside of the classroom. Students taking this AP course need to be willing to enhance their understanding of concepts by listening to or reading the news, spending time outside of class experiencing politics and government in action, and coming to class consistently. The objectives of this course go beyond a basic analysis of how our government “works.” Students will develop a critical understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the American political system, as well as their rights and responsibilities as citizens. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Classism, Racism, Sexism	.5	1.1	Half Year	Successful completion of Global II

This course analyzes the connections between classism, racism and sexism, their mutually reinforcing nature, and the tensions arising from their interrelations. Critical thinking skills will be developed as we examine a variety of readings and media (theoretical, factual, and creative), to deconstruct systems of oppression and move towards social justice. Particular attention will be given to the ideological and personal aspects of these phenomena, as well as to the creation of strategies for students to critique and change existing structures of inequity and group oppression. A major portion of the course revolves around developing the student’s ability to have an open exchange of ideas, how to grapple with the issues that are present in today's society, and how to be substantive contributors in these areas of discourse. Course credit at SUNY Albany available SUNY Albany’s College of Arts and Sciences *University in the High School Program* offers junior and seniors the opportunity to earn three college credits for this course. This course also meets the University at Albany’s General Education Requirement satisfy the UAlbany General Education Program category of **Challenges for the 21st Century**. *Pending NCAA approval*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Latin America and The Caribbean (CLC) SUNY	.5	1.1	Half Year	Successful completion of Global II

This course is an intensive examination of Latin American and Caribbean Societies including an overview from first inhabitants, through the 20th century. The purpose of the course is to use non-traditional forms of knowledge such as music, art, literature, and film excerpts from anthropological and sociological, historical, and cultural texts, maps, poems, and photographs to formulate an understanding of these historical narratives beyond a Eurocentric perspective. The scope includes (but is not limited to) the regions of Latin America (Central and South) and the Circum-Caribbean islands in the 19th and 20th centuries; independence and self-determination; independent nations and colonies; foreign interventions and intrusions; social and economic change; revolutions; and comparative Caribbean studies. Course credit at SUNY Albany available. *Pending NCAA approval*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
P.I.S.E. (PISE Peekskill Individualized Senior Experience)	.5	Half Year	Economics, global 1 & 2 US History & Gov. Passed all Regents.

P.I.S.E. is a program to provide students with the opportunity to participate in internships or do original, creative projects. This program is for second semester seniors. The program provides academic credit in both English and Social Studies. The program’s overall value lies in encouraging students to develop their independence, confidence, and sense of responsibility.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Psychology	.5	Half Year	10th - 12th Grade

Introduction to Psychology is a social studies elective that enables students to study topics in general psychology at the introductory college level. Topics include the Theoretical Perspectives of Psychology, Research Methodology, the Biological Basis of Behavior, Sensation and Perception, Motivation and Emotion, and Learning and Memory. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Sociology	.5	Half Year	10th - 12th Grade

Sociology is the science of society. Essentially, it deals with the way people behave in groups. Emphasis is placed on such topics as the meaning of culture, group dynamics and cultural change. This course deals with contemporary issues such as marriage and the family, crime, aging and terrorism. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Start Up Tech	1		Full Year	10 th Grade

The NFTE Startup Tech Intro is a blended learning tech-entrepreneurship course that asks students to identify ways to improve their world and to build marketable digital solutions using MIT App Inventor. Students create an original app that addresses a community need, develop a corresponding original abbreviated business plan and marketing materials, and present in a Startup Showcase expo for the chance to win funding and publicity. *Pending NCAA approval*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
OC21 Intro to Anthropology	.5		Spring & Fall	10 th – 12 th Grades

Anthropology has been described as an investigation into who we are now, where we came from, and how we got to be the way we are today. In this course, students will be introduced to this “holistic” social science and gain an understanding of what culture is, how it is similar and different for humans living in groups, and how it can be identified and compared. The course will develop students’ inquiry skills as they use observation, questioning, interviewing, and narrative storytelling to begin to answer the questions: What is a culture? What is my culture? Or cultures? How are elements of a culture transmitted from generation to generation? What causes cultural continuity? What brings about cultural change? What story do I want to tell about my culture? Or cultures? Finally, students will choose how to tell the story they have researched, using one of a variety of digital storytelling techniques to share their work with the class. *Students enrolled in this course may apply for college credit from SUNY Albany.*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
OC21 Beyond Mindfulness	.5		Spring Only	

The *Beyond Mindfulness* course was designed to help students create the space in their lives for authentic learning and self-discovery through exploring the foundational concepts of mindfulness and meditation. This course will explore the historic roots of these practices from an Eastern and Western cultural standpoint and students will be introduced to Buddhism, Western Monasticism, and interreligious contemplative practices. The course will look at the application of these concepts through the modern day application of mindfulness using activities like yoga and meditation, and will offer students reflective tools for examining their own lives. Topics covered will include silence and solitude, voice and vocation, and compassion and caring.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
OC21 BRAIN GAMES: The Psychology of how to focus, remember, and communicate effectively with the Teenage Brain	.5		Fall Only	

Why can't I remember the answers for the exam? How can I get along better with the people in my life? How does my teenage brain work and why? This course will examine the latest research related to the adolescent brain and how to most effectively use it to remember, focus, plan, and communicate with others. Students will learn about the development of the adolescent brain compared to that of the adult brain. We will discuss how we think, plan, organize, and make judgments. Students will learn about memory through online videos, readings, and games and mnemonic devices. Students will organize and plan information for more effective long-term memory through the creation of a notebook website. Finally, we will examine the burgeoning industry of brain training through computer applications and current studies.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
OC21 Fake News and Other Hot Topics	.5		Spring Only	

Fake News, Trolls, and bots have influenced and changed the way we view and understand the world around us. In this course, students will explore the surprising history of propaganda fake news, the fracturing of modern media, and the 24-hour news cycle. Students will evaluate different sources of media and their impacts on free societies. Finally, students will better understand how the internet, computing, and company algorithms have led to the balkanization of political opinion in the United States.

MATH DEPARTMENT

COURSE OFFERINGS

The mission and expectation of the Peekskill High School Math Department is for all students to take a math class for all four years of their high school experience. Accelerated and Advanced Placement offerings give all our students the opportunity to attempt math courses taught at the highest levels. All of our courses are aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Algebra I	1	Full Year	Successful completion of 8 th Grade Math

Algebra I is a one-year Regents-ending course which introduces students to variables, algebraic expressions, equations, functions, inequalities, and their multiple representations. The students develop the ability to explore and solve real-world application problems, demonstrate the appropriate use of graphing calculators, and communicate mathematical ideas clearly. This course covers various applications of real number systems, polynomials, equations and inequalities, functions, linear systems, graphing linear and non-linear functions, quadratic equations, factoring, sequences, and statistics. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Algebra I-E1	1	Full Year	Successful completion of 8 th Grade Math

Algebra I-E1 is the first year of a 2-year Algebra I course, ending in a local final. This course introduces students to variables, algebraic expressions, equations, functions, inequalities, and their multiple representations. The students develop the ability to explore and solve real-world application problems, demonstrate the appropriate use of graphing calculators, and communicate mathematical ideas clearly. This course covers various applications of real number systems, polynomials, equations and inequalities, functions, linear systems, graphing linear functions and quadratic equations. The curriculum is designed to allow for discovery and practice of new skills and knowledge. *NCAA approved course 1/2*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Algebra I-E2	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Common Core Algebra E1

Algebra I-E2 is the second year of a 2-year Algebra I course, ending in the Algebra I Regents exam. This course reinforces the ideas of variables, algebraic expressions, equations, functions, inequalities, and their multiple representations. The students continue to develop the ability to explore and solve real-world application problems, demonstrate the appropriate use of graphing calculators, and communicate mathematical ideas clearly. This course covers reviews topics from Algebra E1 (real number systems, polynomials, equations and inequalities, functions, linear systems, graphing linear and quadratic equations) and advances the concepts of graphing non-linear functions, factoring, sequences and statistics. The curriculum is designed to allow for discovery and practice of new skills and knowledge. *NCAA approved course 1/2*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Algebra I-1.5	1.5	Full Year	Successful completion of 8 th Grade Math

Algebra I-1.5 is a one-year Regents-ending course which introduces students to variables, algebraic expressions, equations, functions, inequalities, and their multiple representations. The students develop the ability to explore and solve real-world application problems, demonstrate the appropriate use of graphing calculators, and communicate mathematical ideas clearly. Contrary to Algebra I, Algebra I-1.5 includes an attached lab period on alternating days for further reinforcement and retention. This course covers various applications of real number systems, polynomials, equations and inequalities, functions, linear systems, graphing linear and non-linear functions, quadratic equations, factoring, sequences and statistics. The curriculum is designed to allow for discovery and practice of new skills and knowledge. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Algebra I Extended	2	Full Year	Successful completion of 8 th Grade Math

Common Core Algebra I Extended is a one-year, double block, Regents-ending course which introduces students to variables, algebraic expressions, equations, functions, inequalities, and their multiple representations. The students develop the ability to explore and solve real-world application problems, demonstrate the appropriate use of graphing calculators, communicate mathematical ideas clearly, build foundational skills and increase Mathematics literacy skills. This course covers various applications of real number systems, polynomials, equations and inequalities, functions, linear systems, graphing linear and non-linear functions, quadratic equations, factoring, sequences, and statistics. The curriculum is designed to allow for discovery and practice of new skills and knowledge. *Pending NCAA approval*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Geometry	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Common Core Algebra 1; Common Core Algebra 1 Regents; and Teacher Recommendation

Common Core Geometry is a one year course ending in the Geometry Regents exam. This course covers the concepts of formal Euclidean geometry outlined in the NYS Common Core Learning Standards. Areas of study include precise definitions, angle relationships, parallel and perpendicular lines, constructions, transformations, formal proofs, congruent and similar figures, coordinate and spatial geometry, trigonometry, and circles, arcs, and radians. In addition to including problems which serve to review algebra, inductive and deductive thinking skills are used in problem solving situations, formal proofs, and applications to real world problems. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Geometry Honors	1	1.05	Full Year	Students must maintain 85% GPA in 8 th Grade Mathematics. Demonstrate Mastery on NYS Algebra I Common Core Regents with a grade of 85% or better.

Common Core Geometry Honors is a one year course ending in the Geometry Regents exam. This course is an extensive in-depth study of the topics and concepts of Geometry and covers the concepts of formal Euclidean geometry outlined in the NYS Common Core Learning Standards. Areas of study include precise definitions, angle relationships, parallel and perpendicular lines, constructions, transformations, formal proofs, congruent and similar figures, coordinate and spatial geometry, trigonometry, and circles, arcs, and radians. In addition to including problems which serve to review algebra, inductive and deductive thinking skills are used in problem solving situations, formal proofs, and applications to real world problems. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Principles of Geometry (Formerly Geometry NR)	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Common Core Algebra 1

Principles of Geometry, ending in a local final exam and rooted in the NYS Common Core Learning Standards, covers concepts of Euclidean geometry including basic definitions, postulates, and theorems. Areas of study include angle relationships, parallel and perpendicular lines, constructions, transformations, congruent and similar figures, coordinate geometry, 3-dimensional geometry, introductory trigonometry, and circle theorems. In addition to including problems which serve to review algebra skills, this course familiarizes students with basic conceptual and procedural geometric knowledge. The curriculum is designed to allow for discovery and practice of new skills and knowledge.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Intermediate Algebra	1	Full Year	Successful completion of

Intermediate Algebra is a one year course that expands upon the concepts learned in Algebra I and Geometry to promote a deeper understanding of more complex algebraic topics. Topics include solving linear and quadratic equations and inequalities, systems of equations, factoring, quadratic functions, absolute value functions, exponential functions, rational functions, radical functions, rational exponents, the real and complex number systems, and applications. Students will take a department examination in June.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Common Core Algebra II	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Common Core Geometry; Common Core Geometry Regents; and Teacher Recommendation

Common Core Algebra II is the 3rd in a sequence of three Regents level courses. Topics include real numbers, algebraic equations and fractions, radicals, functions, complex numbers, exponential functions, logarithmic functions, sequence and series, trigonometric functions, identities, graphs, applications, and equations, probability and statistics. Students will take a department examination and the Common Core Algebra II Regents examination in June. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry	.5 each	Half Year	Successful completion of Intermediate Algebra or Common Core Algebra II; and Teacher Recommendation

Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry is a college preparatory course taught in two half-year segments. Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry expands on the topics of functions and their graphs introduced in Common Core Algebra II. The course investigates the trigonometric functions and their applications. The department examination in Advanced Algebra will be administered in January. The department examination in Trigonometry will be administered in June. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Pre-Calculus Honors	1	1.05	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation with a minimum average of 75% in the Algebra II Common Core course. Minimum Score of 75% on the Algebra II Common Core Regents Exam and a Minimum Final Grade of 75% in the Algebra II Common Core class.

This rigorous course is designed to prepare students for Advanced Placement Calculus (AB). The primary focus of this course is to combine all the critical skills and concepts from algebra and geometry while integrating the language and concepts of functions. Fundamental to the study of higher mathematics is thorough understanding of polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, rational, trigonometric functions. These topics are needed to strengthen students' conceptual understanding of problems and mathematical reasoning in solving problems. Students will also be exposed to theory of equations, conic sections, solid geometry, limits, and derivatives. A department examination will be administered in June. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Placement Calculus (AB)	1	1.1	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation with a minimum average of 75% in the Pre-Calculus Honors Course. Minimum Score of 75% on the Pre-calculus Honors Final Exam and a Minimum Final Grade of 75% in the Pre-Calculus Honors class.

An advanced Placement (AP) course in calculus consists of a full high school academic year of work that is comparable to a calculus course in colleges and universities. AP Calculus will follow the topics outlined by the College Board, along with additional topics. Each student will complete several simulated AP exams at the end of the semester. During the last weeks we will cover topics from BC calculus. The course is primarily concerned with developing students' understanding of the concepts of calculus and providing experience with its methods and applications. The course emphasizes a multi-representational approach to Calculus, with concepts, results and problems being expressed graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally.

The connections among these representations are demonstrated through the unifying themes of derivatives, integrals, limits, approximations, and modeling. Students are required to take the Advanced Placement Examination in May.

GRAPHING CALCULATOR IS REQUIRED

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Problem Solving	.5	Half Year	Teacher Recommendation

Problem Solving is a half year course that focuses on the ability to develop multiple ideas and strategies to solve a wide variety of problems. Students will work independently and in small groups developing divergent thinking skills with an emphasis on critical thinking ability. *NCAA approved course 1/2*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Financial Literacy	.5	Half Year	Teacher Recommendation

Financial Literacy is a half year course with a focus on the knowledge and skills required to manage financial resources for a lifetime of financial well-being. The emphasis will be on the ability to manage personal finance matters in an effective manner. Included in this course is the knowledge of making appropriate decisions about personal finance such as investing, insurance, real estate, budgeting, paying for college, retirement, spending, choosing a career, and consumer knowledge.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Intro. to Programming	1.00	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Algebra I; passed Algebra I Regents; and Teacher Recommendation OR successful completion of CS Discoveries: Intro. to Programming and Teacher Recommendation.

This year long course will introduce students to computer programming and computer science. The material of the course focuses on how to think and solve problems using a computational mindset. The topics covered include foundational programming concepts and skills such as: numbers and data, control flow, loops and repetition, graphics and UI, functions, and arrays. The primary language for the course will be Java or Python.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
CS Discoveries: Intro. to Programming Concepts (blended learning classroom)	.5	1	Half Year	Successful completion of Algebra I; Algebra I Regents; and Teacher Recommendation

This course uses the same curriculum as CS Discoveries: Intro to Programming Concepts, but is offered in a blended learning environment. The class will meet all together only once per week as a full group. All work, learning and assignments will be completed online independently, instead of in a classroom setting. Thus, in addition to the skills worked on in the “in-person” version of the course, students will be required to develop time management skills, and learn how to successfully schedule themselves.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Algebra Regents Test Prep	0	0	Half Year	Teacher Recommendation

This course is designed to help struggling students achieve proficiency on the New York State Common Core Algebra Regents exam. This course will follow the New York State Common Core Algebra I curriculum and provide students with targeted intervention to fill gaps in their understanding of critical topics.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Pre-Calculus	1	1	Full	Teacher Recommendation with a minimum average of 75% in the Algebra II Common Core course. Minimum Score of 75% on the Algebra II Common Core Regents Exam and a Minimum Final Grade of 75% in the Algebra II Common Core class; and Teacher Recommendation.

Peekskill High School

Mathematics Flow Chart

Departmental Pathways: 9th-12th

9 th Grade Course(s)	10 th Grade Course(s) <i>(Options)</i>	11 th Grade Course	12 th Grade Course(s)
Common Core Geometry Honors June Regents	Common Core Algebra II June Regents	Pre-Calculus Honors	AP Calculus
Common Core Geometry June Regents	Common Core Algebra II June Regents Or Intermediate Algebra	Pre-Calculus Honors or Advanced Algebra/Trig. (.5/.5)	Pre-Calculus Honors or AP Calculus
Common Core Algebra I Year 1/June Regents	Common Core Geometry June Regents Or Non-Regents Geometry	Common Core Algebra II June Regents Or Intermediate Algebra	Pre-Calculus or Advanced Algebra/Trig. (.5/.5)
Common Core Algebra I Year 1.5/June Regents	Common Core Geometry June Regents Or Non-Regents Geometry	Common Core Algebra II June Regents Or Intermediate Algebra	Pre-Calculus or Advanced Algebra/Trig. (.5/.5) Or Math Elective
Common Core Algebra I Extended Year 2	Common Core Geometry June Regents Or Non-Regents Geometry	Common Core Algebra II June Regents Or Intermediate Algebra Or Math Elective	Pre-Calculus or Advanced Algebra/Trig. (.5/.5) Or Math Elective

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

COURSE OFFERINGS

The Science Department of Peekskill High School offers a wide variety of science opportunities for all students. Our high school science course offerings promote valuable science skills such as observation, measurement, inferring, predicting, classifying, analysis, synthesis, application, interpretation of data, hypothesis formulation, problem-solving and experimentation. The Science Department believes that science education should prepare individuals to utilize science to improve their own lives and to cope with an increasingly technological world. Additionally, science education should allow students who are likely to pursue science academically as well as professionally to acquire the academic knowledge appropriate for their needs. As a result, the Science Department believes that a strong science foundation is vital for all high school students who are planning to attend college or enter the work force and, therefore, offer several elective courses that supplement the core science areas of biology, earth science, chemistry and physics.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Astronomy I (CLC)**	.5	Half Year	Successful completion of three years of high school science and a score of 65 or higher on one NYS Regents exam. Permission from instructor required.

This course has been divided into two half year classes and serves as an introduction to the fundamentals of astronomy. The first half of the year covers the history of astronomy, tools used in astronomy and the solar system. Topics include ancient astronomers, telescopes, constellations, motions of objects in the sky, the Moon and its effects on earth, planets and the “vagabonds” of the solar system—asteroids, meteors and comets. A final exam is administered in the class in January. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Astronomy II (CLC)**	.5	Half Year	Successful completion of three years of high school science and a score of 65 or higher on one NYS Regents exam. Permission from Instructor or Department Chair required. Successful Completion of Astronomy 1.

This is the second half of the Astronomy I class and covers deep space. The topics include types of stars, life cycle of stars, black holes, neutron stars, galaxies and the universe. A final exam will be given in the class in June

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
**WCC SUNY Astronomy	4	Full Year	Successful completion of three years of high school science and a score of 65 or higher on one NYS Regents exam. Permission from Instructor/Department Chair required. Successful Completion of Astronomy 1 & 2.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Chemistry: The Physical Setting – Regents Level	1	Full Year	Living Environment/Earth Science

The Regents chemistry course is designed to acquaint students with basic knowledge of the fundamental principles of chemistry. Successful completion of the course consists of a solid understanding of the following 12 units: Behavior of Matter, Atomic Theory, Periodic Table, Properties of Solutions, Bonding, Formulas and Equations, Math of Chemistry, Oxidation and Reduction, Kinetics and Equilibrium, Acids Bases and Salts, *Organic Chemistry, and Nuclear Chemistry. A 1200-minute laboratory requirement in addition to class time is State mandated and is an integral part of this

course. All labs must be completed by the last week in May for a student to be eligible to take the Regents exam. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Chemistry Honors	1.5	Full Year	Earth Science and Living Environment Algebra I =Regents 80

The Honors chemistry course satisfies the New York State Regents Chemistry syllabus and includes the study of advanced chemistry content. This course is enriched beyond the scope of the Regents curriculum providing students with a deeper understanding of concepts while widening the extent of knowledge presented on those topics. Students may be required to do independent research. A 1200-minute laboratory requirement in addition to class time is State mandated and is an integral part of this course. All labs must be completed by the last week in May for a student to be eligible to take the Regents exam. *NCAA approved course*

Earth Science	1	Full Year	Living Environment
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Earth Science is an interdisciplinary course that focuses on geology, meteorology, oceanography and astronomy and touches on other areas including geophysics and environmental science. Through the study of rocks, weather, the cosmos and the processes that form them, students will develop an understanding and appreciation of the earth, its place in the universe and how earthquakes, volcanoes, winds and the atmosphere work. In addition, they will see how fundamental physical principles such as density and energy transfer control all of these processes. A 1200-minute laboratory requirement in addition to class time is State mandated and is an integral part of this course. All labs must be completed by the last week in May for a student to be eligible to take the Regents exam. *NCAA approved course. NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Environmental Science	1	Full Year	2 years of Regents Science or Teacher Recommendation

This course prepares a student with the knowledge to promote an understanding, awareness and a greater sensitivity toward the importance of the environment to the survival of living things. It will also provide knowledge concerning the interrelationships among plants, animals and their environment, and discuss the role of human inhabitants in the conservation of natural resources and natural habitats. This course is designed to meet the third year of science to fulfill the graduation requirement. Success in this course will be assessed through student generated projects, assignments and exams. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Forensic Science I/II	1	Full Year	Earth Science, Living Environment or Teacher Recommendation

Students who find the practical application of science to criminal investigations interesting will enjoy this course. Students are exposed to observational skills, experimental techniques, data interpretation and problem solving through systematic analysis. Possible topics include analysis of fingerprints, odontology (teeth), anthropology (bones), entomology (bugs), documents, handwriting, ballistics, art forgery, toxicology, DNA fingerprints, blood typing and spatter, fiber and hair analysis. Students will solve crime scene scenarios using their newly acquired skills. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Living Environment Honors	1.5	Full Year	Earth Science: A Score of 80 or Higher on the Earth Science Regents exam.

The Honors Living Environment course is designed to contribute to the development of the students' ability to think critically through classroom lectures, hands-on and inquiry-based laboratory experiments. The NYS Living Environment Syllabus forms the foundation of the course however Honors curriculum covers concepts in greater depth and detail. The

course involves advanced readings in order to strengthen reading and comprehension across the curriculum and to better prepare students for future AP courses and the SAT exam. Areas of concentration include: research skills, scientific inquiry, biochemical aspects of modern biology, cells, genetics, evolution, ecology, human anatomy and physiology. This class will prepare students for the NYS Regents exam which will be taken in June at the conclusion of the school year. A 1200-minute laboratory requirement, in addition to class time, is State mandated and is an integral part of this course. Lab reports must be completed and submitted before students take the Regents exam. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Living Environment Regents	1	Full Year	None

This Regents level course is designed for the study of basic concepts that apply to all life forms. The course stresses the relationships between living things and their environment. The main topics of discussion include ecology, evolutionary theory, genetics, molecular biology, properties of living things and human physiology. Using the scientific method, students will develop a sense of how science is carried out. A 1200-minute laboratory requirement, in addition to class time is State mandated and is an integral part of this course. Lab reports must be completed and submitted by the last week in May before students can take the Regents exam. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Biology ENL	1	Full Year	None

This year-long course will introduce students to many general units in biological sciences in preparation for Living Environment the following year. The class will cover general topics such as plant and animal cells, basic measurement skills, laboratory tools, plant and human physiology, genetics, evolution and ecology while incorporating reading and vocabulary strategies. Students will complete individual as well as project-based assignments to explain natural phenomena and evaluate human impact at local and global scales.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Nutrition	.5	Half Year	2 years of Regents Science

This elective one semester course is an introduction to food and nutrition, fitness, safety, consumer buying skills, food storage and food preparation skills. Lab experiences will include a variety of techniques including various labs and several field trips. This course will help students realize the benefits of sound nutrition and exercise and allow them to apply these principles to their daily lives.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Physical Science	1	Full Year	Living Environment

This course is ideal to introduce students to the physical science concepts of chemistry and physics. This course provides students with the basic science concepts needed to better understand the many science elective courses and may prepare them to take either Regents Physics or Regents Chemistry later in their high school career. Students will study chemistry topics which include physical and chemical changes, atomic structure, the periodic table, bonding, chemical reactions and nuclear reactions. Students will study Physics topics which include the nature of science, science and technology, describing motion and Newton's laws and the nature of energy. An opportunity also exists to explore heat and states of matter, work, power and simple machines.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Physics – The Physical Setting Regents	1	Full Year	70 or better in Algebra Common Core Regents exam

This course follows the Regents Physics curriculum and laboratory experience is a required component. The course quantitatively treats mechanics, electricity, wave motion and atomic physics. For successful completion of the course, students must accomplish stated learning objectives, complete approved laboratory assignments and take the Physics Local Exam which serves as the final examination for the course. It should be noted that students must successfully complete a minimum of 1,200 minutes of laboratory activities with satisfactory reports submitted, in order to meet the requirement for the final exam. Students may opt to take The New York State Regent exam in Physics. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Physics	1.5	Full Year	85 or better in Chemistry course and scored an 80 or better on the Chemistry Regents exam 85 or better in Algebra 2 Common Core Regents exam 70 or above in Geometry Regents exam

This course enhances the Regents Physics curriculum and laboratory experience is a required component. This course will contribute to the development of the students' ability to think critically through classroom lectures, hands-on and inquiry-based laboratory experiments. The course quantitatively treats mechanics, electricity, wave motion and atomic physics. For successful completion of the course, students must accomplish stated learning objectives, complete approved laboratory assignments and take the Physics Local Exam which serves as the final examination for the course. It should be noted that students must successfully complete a minimum of 1,200 minutes of laboratory activities with satisfactory reports submitted, in order to meet the requirement for the final exam. Students must take the New York State Physics Regent exam in June and pass the exam with at least 75 to receive advanced physics credit. NCAA approved course.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Physics Honors	1	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation 80 or better in Chemistry and scored an 80 or better on the Chemistry Regents and Algebra Common Core Regents exam

This course follows the Regents Physics curriculum and laboratory experience is a required component. The course quantitatively treats mechanics, electricity, wave motion and atomic physics. For successful completion of the course, students must accomplish stated learning objectives, complete approved laboratory assignments and take the Physics Local Exam which serves as the final examination for the course. It should be noted that students must successfully complete a minimum of 1,200 minutes of laboratory activities with satisfactory reports submitted, in order to meet the requirement for the final exam. Students must take and pass the New York State Physics Regent exam in June to receive honors credit. NCAA approved course

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Freshman Science Research	.5	Half Year	None

The Freshman-Peekskill Science Research (F-PSR) course will serve to introduce ninth grade students to concepts of research in various fields of science. The goal of this half-year course to help students prepare for the Peekskill Science Research three-year course sequence via SUNY Albany that they can take from their sophomore to senior year. The FSR will provide opportunities for students to explore fields of science and the types of research and career possibilities that each of them provides. The five scientific fields covered by the course are Environmental Sciences, Public Health, Social Science Research, and Engineering.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Peekskill Science Research	1	Full Year	Successful completion of the Living Environment Regents Course and Approved application.

PSR is a three-year college course program, provided in collaboration with the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany. PSR students conduct scientific research on a topic of their choice with a career scientist. Students gain valuable research skills; they learn to retrieve and read peer reviewed articles from scientific journals, write literature reviews, and design experiments. At the end of their **sophomore year**, students procure a mentor, who is an expert in their chosen field of study, and work closely with them to conduct their experiment and collect data. Beginning their **junior year**, students analyze their data, and prepare posters to present their research and defend it in local and regional competitions. In their **senior year**, students continue research, analysis, and presentation work. At the end of each year, PSR students participate in an annual symposium, where they share their research experience with their parents, teachers and classmates. Senior PSR students present their culminating work via Power Point presentations at the symposium, and all other students display their posters. Students who work with a mentor can obtain a total **12 college credits** from SUNY Albany for reduced cost. Students can earn **2 college credits** for each summer after their sophomore year, and **4 college credits** for each of the two following years in the program. In addition, students obtain **3 Science credits** from Peekskill High School for each year in

the program. Students are graded based on classwork, homework, and mainly the biweekly meeting with their teacher where they are assessed based on the completion of goals they have previously set. Freshmen and Sophomore students may apply. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
STEM I	1	Full Year	None

This course is intended to provide high school students with an introduction to the field of engineering. The goal of this course is to provide a realistic exposure to the wide variety of disciplines of engineering. The class will cover multiple disciplines of engineering, including civil, mechanical, structural, environmental, electrical and energy generation, water supply, and computer design. Each discipline will be its own discrete unit with projects, guest lecturers, case studies and field trips. This course features a strong math component. Students must be able and willing to apply formulas to solve real world technical problems. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
STEM II	1	Full Year	STEM I

This course is intended to provide high school students with an extension of STEM I and advance history of engineering. The goal of this course is to provide a realistic exposure to the wide variety of disciplines of engineering. The class will cover multiple disciplines of engineering, including civil, mechanical, structural, environmental, electrical and energy generation, water supply, and computer design. Each discipline will be its own discrete unit with projects, guest lecturers, case studies and field trips. This course features a strong math component. Students must be able and willing to apply formulas to solve real world technical problems.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
WCC Anatomy and Physiology I	1	1.1	Full Year	Three years of high school science and score of 75 or higher on Living Environment Regents exam. Instructor Approval required

An analysis of the systems of the human body, the structure and functions of the circulatory, digestive, respiratory, excretory, skeletal-muscular, nervous, endocrine and reproductive systems. These systems are approached through an understanding of their functioning in the healthful condition followed by a study of the common disease conditions resulting from their dysfunction. Four college credits are available through WCC. *NCAA approved course.*

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Natural Disasters	.5	Half Year	None

In Natural Disasters, students will explore various categories of Geological, Meteorological, and Astronomical disasters. Students will be able to describe the scientific concepts, identify underlying causes and general effects of each disaster, as well as the locations in the U.S. and around the world where each type of disaster is most likely to strike. Accordingly, the students will complete project based activities to demonstrate both the scientific concepts and methods of measuring and tracking the different processes, as well as the role they can play in helping to avoid or manage these natural phenomena. This course is geared for 11th and 12th grade students.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Introduction to Zoology	.5	Half Year	2 Years of Science

Zoology is a one semester course which examines the diversity of the animal kingdom, focusing on the major groups of invertebrates and vertebrates. The course focuses on the study of these animals from an evolutionary perspective emphasizing taxonomy, morphology, reproduction and ecology. The lab component will include dissections to examine physical differences across the major phyla. *NCAA approved course*

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Integrated Science	1		Full Year	None

Students in Integrated Science will examine the different elements of science as it relates to their world. Students will experience each area of science through explanation, exploration, experimentation, and discussion. Students will understand the diversity and complexity of real world issues and will be able to identify the impact of global issues on their lives. Topics covered at an introductory level in this course include: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics.

Peekskill City School District Science Flowchart Departmental Pathways: 7th-12th

9 th Grade Course(s)	10 th Grade Course(s)	11 th Grade Course(s)	12 th Grade Course(s)
Honors Living Environment	Honors Chemistry	Honors Physics or Physics or College Elective	AP College Course or College Elective
Living Environment	Chemistry	Physics or AP College Course or College Elective	AP College Course or College Elective
Living Environment	Earth Science	Regents Chemistry or Non Regents Chemistry or Elective	Physics or AP College Course or College Elective
Topics of Science (cc)	Earth Science or Living Environment <i>June Regents</i>	Non Regents Chemistry or Elective	Elective or College Elective

WORLD LANGUAGE COURSE OFFERINGS

The ability to communicate in languages other than English is becoming increasingly important in today's world. The World Language Department is committed to fostering that ability, providing students with sensitivity and appreciation of the language, values, and customs of other cultures.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Spanish 1	1	Full Year	None

This course of the Spanish language begins with the basic skills of speaking, writing, listening, and reading. Emphasis is placed on developing comprehension of everyday situations by mastering simple vocabulary while introducing Spanish grammar. The customs, attitudes and beliefs of Spanish-speaking countries are taught and discussed throughout the course.

NCAA approved course

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Spanish 2	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Spanish course in 7th & 8th grades and the Checkpoint A FLACS exam. or Successful completion of Spanish 1 or received teacher recommendation with an 85+ on the dept. assessment

Spanish 2 continues the entry level curriculum taught in Spanish 1. Students begin by reviewing vocabulary and grammar from the previous course. Verb tenses besides the present tense are introduced (preterite, imperfect and present progressive). Vocabulary is increased through topics on school, extracurricular activities, daily routine, shopping, community, giving directions, childhood, ect.

NCAA approved course

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Spanish 3	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Spanish 2 or passes and accelerated Spanish 2 class at the Middle School level and the Checkpoint A FLACS exam, or received teacher recommendation with an 85+ or above on the department assessment

Students begin the year reviewing material from Spanish 2. Previously taught tenses are reinforced in reading, writing, listening & speaking situations. Additional grammar will be introduced (the future, the present perfect, etc.).

Vocabulary is expanded to include topics on travel, competition, arts, music, environmental, health/nutrition, relationships, etc. This course culminates with the FLACS exam which is an additional requirement for the advanced regents diploma.

NCAA approved course

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Spanish 4	1	Full Year	Successful completion of Spanish 3 and the Checkpoint B Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES Exam (OHM BOCES exam) and have received teacher recommendation or An English as a New Language (ENL) student that has studied in a Spanish-speaking country may get the following

Elective credits after verification of their transcript (up to the age of 11; 3 credits; up to the age of 12 - 4 credits; age 13 and above - 5 credits). The ENL student must be assessed to be placed in the appropriate level.

This course places emphasis on communication skills. These skills are further enhanced through the acquisition of advanced grammar, vocabulary, writing compositions, oral presentations and reading. This course has selected works from Enrique Anderson Imbert, Sabine Ulibarrí, Amelia Pardo Bazán, Marco Denevi, José Martí and Jorge Luis Borges.

NCAA approved course

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
Spanish 5 Honors	1	1.05	Full Year	Successful completion of Spanish 4 and the department assessment with an 85 and above and have received teacher recommendation or An English as a New Language (ENL) student that has studied in a Spanish-speaking country may get the following Elective credits after verification of their transcript (up to the age of 11; 3 credits; up to the age of 12 - 4 credits; age 13 and above - 5 credits). The ENL student must be assessed to be placed in the appropriate level.

This course is the foundation for the Advanced Placement course. The emphasis is on the AP test requirement including sophisticated vocabulary, grammar and usage, speaking, listening, writing and advanced reading. The course will include selected literary works from Julio Cortázar, Jorge Borges, José Martí.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
AP Spanish Language	1	1.1	Full Year	Successful completion of Spanish 4 and the department assessment with an 85 and above and have received teacher recommendation. or passed the AP Spanish Literature course or An English as a New Language (ENL) student that has studied in a Spanish-speaking country may get the following Elective credits after verification of their transcript (up to the age of 11; 3 credits; up to the age of 12 - 4 credits; age 13 and above - 5 credits). The ENL student must be assessed to be placed in the appropriate level.

This Advanced Placement Spanish Language course covers advanced Spanish writing and conversation, it is the equivalent of a college course. It encompasses oral skills, reading comprehension, grammar, and composition. Students taking this course emphasize the use of Spanish for active communication, having the following objectives:

- The ability to comprehend formal and informal spoken Spanish.
- The acquisition of vocabulary and the grasp of structure to allow the easy, accurate reading of newspaper and magazine articles, as well as modern literature in Spanish.
- The ability to compose expository passages.
- The ability to express the ideas orally with fluency.

Students are expected to take an AP exam in May.

Course	Credit	Weight	Length	Prerequisite
AP Spanish Literature	1	1.1	Full Year	Successful completion of Spanish 4 and the department assessment with an 85 and above and have received teacher recommendation. or passed the AP Spanish Language course or An English as a New Language (ENL) student that has studied in a Spanish-speaking country may get the following Elective credits after verification of their transcript (up to the age of 11; 3 credits; up to the age of 12 - 4 credits; age 13 and above - 5 credits). The ENL student must be assessed to be placed in the appropriate level.

This Advanced Placement Spanish Literature course covers selected works from the Literatures of Spain and Latin America. This course will cover material intended to be the equivalent of a third-year college course. Students read and analyze literature orally and written. The function of the AP Spanish Literature course is to prepare students for the following:

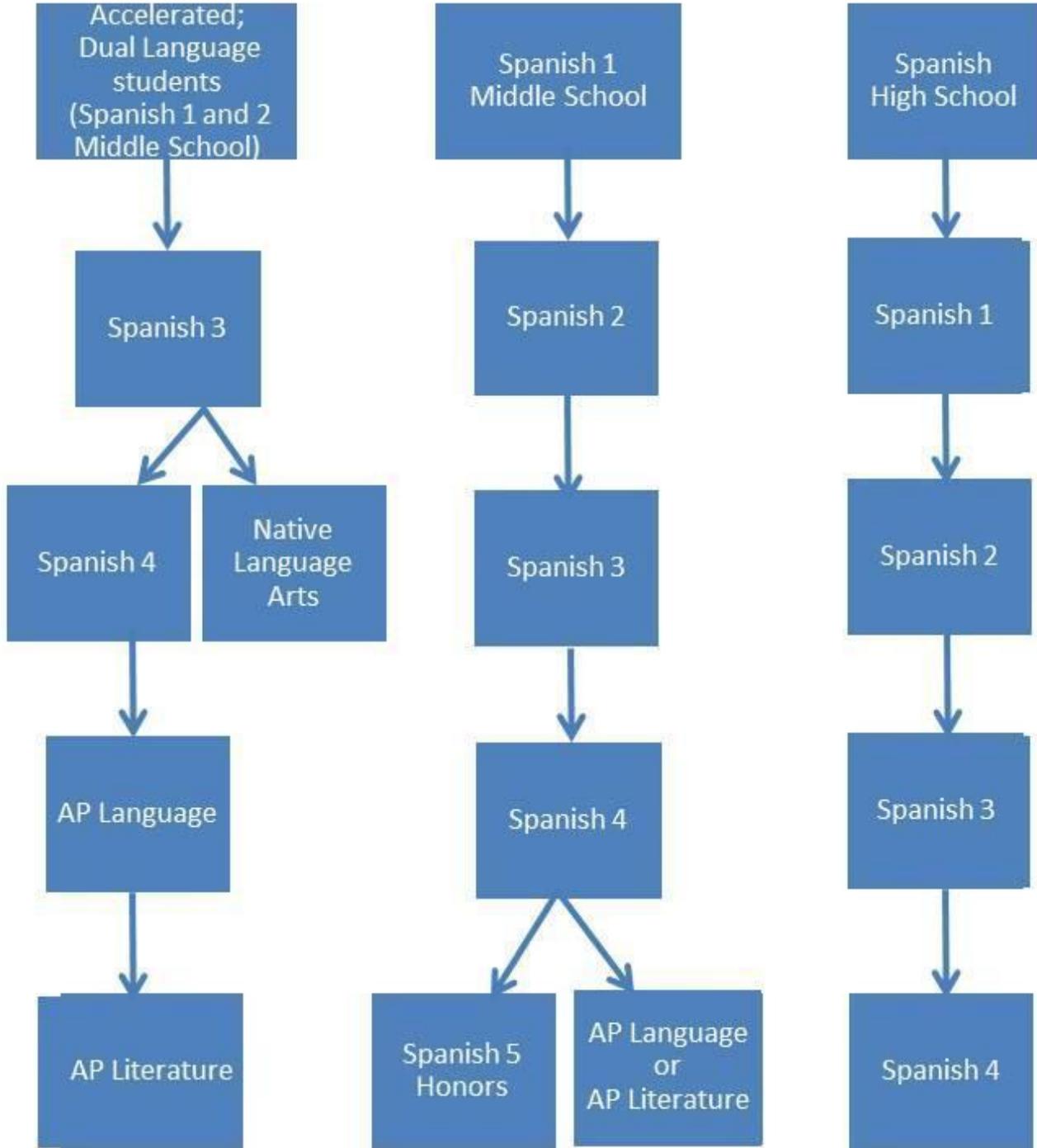
- To understand a lecture in Spanish and participate actively in discussion of literary topics in Spanish.
- To do close reading of literary texts of all genres in Spanish.
- To analyze critically the form and content of literary works, including poetry.
- The required reading list will include authors from the Golden Age, 19th and 20th century, like Tirso de Molina, Pedro Antonio de Alarcón, Miguel de Cervantes, Federico García Lorca, Jorge Borges, Gabriel García Marquez.

Students are expected to take AP Exam in May.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Native Language Arts	1		ENL Spanish Speaking Students The ENL student must be assessed to be placed in the appropriate level.

Create an opportunity for the native language learners to develop the critical thinking skills and writing ability in their native language to generate a standard essay of literary analysis. The literary techniques and writing styles that students acquired through the whole process would inevitably help them to produce a satisfactory essay that meets the requirements for the English Regents, advanced reading. The course will include selected literary works from Julio Cortzar, Jorge Borges, José Martí.

World Language Department



VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

The economic era in which we are living demands a more highly educated populace and workforce. With this understanding, the United States Department of Education has revised the vision of “No Child Left Behind”, from a strictly college preparation approach to a *College and Career Ready* approach. With this in mind, the Peekskill City School District has elected to meet the challenge set before us by the United States Department of Education, as well as that of the New York State Education Department, and provide more diversified opportunities for our students.

Vocational-Technology is a new option for students at Peekskill High School which promises to prepare them for the ever-increasingly competitive workforce environment. There are courses available that can be used as a substitute for the required English, Math and Science credits for graduation.

Vocational-Technology (Vo-Tec) Education now has many functions:

1. It provides students with exposure and experience to career opportunities, which are highly sought in the world of work.
2. The courses are designed to incorporate and reinforce the NY State standards in the English Language Arts, Math and Science curricula to help students’ academic performance and prepare students to pass the state tests.
3. Provide enough training so that some students can seek direct employment upon graduation.
4. Provide pre-vocational opportunities for special education students and helps them make career decisions.
5. Provide college bound students with the depth of program necessary to be accepted to the college of their choice and ease them into their freshman year or to help them in the selection of a college major.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Robotics & Advanced Robotics II	1	Full Year	None

Robotics class is an in-depth exploration of the design process known as the Engineering Design Process, to build a mobile robot. During this process they will learn key STEM principles such as basic electronics, telecommunications, physics principles and robotics concepts. Several teams will also be involved in head –to-head competition to inspire and engage students. At the culmination of this class, they will compete in the US FIRST FTC Competition. This modular and project-based curriculum teaches the design process in an engaging, hands-on manner that challenge, motivate and inspire students. Students will also compete in the Rube Goldberg Challenge, as well as build a drone.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Telecommunications	1	Full Year	

Telecommunications Technologies

This introductory system teaches all aspects of connectivity methods in today’s world. Learn the history, theory, and transmission mediums of communications, as well as Smart Home technologies found in homes and businesses.

Certification: Telecommunications Technologies

Network Cabling: Copper Based Systems

Master the basics of copper cabling, installation, construction, and troubleshooting using our patented workstations. Up-to-date industry standards and real world workplace simulations are also a large part of the curriculum.

Certification: Network Cabling Specialist Copper Systems

Network Cabling: Fiber Optics Based Systems

Experience all aspects of fiber optics cabling; students will learn where and when fiber applications are used and how to install this new technology.

Certification: Network Cabling Specialist Fiber Optic Systems

Telephone Systems & VoIP

Install and maintain a multi-user telephone system, no outside line needed. Vendor-neutral equipment is used to show how to program music-on-hold, voicemail, and Voice over Internet Protocol, used in most small & medium-sized businesses.

Certification: Voice Communications Professional

Home Entertainment Residential Audio/Video Systems

Acquire the skills to design and set up home theater systems. Students learn the basics of sound engineering in multimedia devices. Skills can be used to install audio/video system within residential and business environments.

Certifications: Smart Home Professional Audio/Video

Energy Management Systems

Featuring energy auditing and automated building controls curriculum using simulation trainers. Students learn about reducing their carbon footprint, developing Green action plans, automated sensors and lighting systems, and Smart Grid concepts.

Certification: Smart Home Professional Energy Management

Grounding and Bonding: Copper Connectivity Systems

Designed to provide additional skill sets aligned with the National Electric Code, this course provides students a complete understanding of external and internal convergence of data, voice, and video services. This program focuses on the primary responsibilities of the technician to properly ground and bond a system.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Culinary	1/.5	Full Year/Half Year	None

Students learn fundamental cooking and baking/pastry arts skills through the ProStart Curriculum. Training in safety, sanitation, and basic nutrition is provided. You will learn management principles of menu planning, purchasing, culinary service, sanitation, basic nutrition, and computer applications. In our kitchen you'll learn to dice, slice, broil, poach, grill, braise, and sauté your way through our program. In addition, students learn applied cultural, English, and technical skills. In addition, you'll prepare cookies, pies, breads, candies, and decorate cakes.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Peekskill High School Art Flow Chart Departmental Pathways: 9th-12th

9 th Grade Course(s)	10 th Grade Course(s) <i>(Options)</i>	11 th Grade Course(s)	12 th Grade Course(s)
<i>Advanced Art 1-9th grade (full year)</i>	<i>Printmaking (half year) and Sculpture (half year)</i>	<i>Advanced Art 2 (full year) OR Printmaking (half year) and Sculpture (half year)</i>	<i>Portfolio Development (full year)</i>
<i>Studio Art (full year) OR Creative Crafts (full year)</i>	<i>Creative Crafts (full year) OR Advanced Art 1 (full year) OR Printmaking (half year) and Sculpture (half year)</i>	<i>Creative Crafts (full year) OR Advanced Art 2 (full year) OR Printmaking (half year) and Sculpture (half year)</i>	<i>Creative Crafts (full year) OR Portfolio Development (full year) OR Printmaking (half year) and Sculpture (half year)</i>

The Art Department embraces the four New York Learning Standards for the Arts in all of its programs of study. The standards are:

- *Cr Creating*
- *Pr Performing/Presenting/Producing*
- *Re Responding*
- *Cn Connecting*

For the Advanced Regents Diploma, a student may substitute a 5 unit sequence in Art for the 3 unit Foreign Language Requirement. Students interested in developing a portfolio as part of a college admissions requirement should plan a sequence in art through the Art Department.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Studio in Art-9th Grade	1	Full Year	None
<p>Studio in Art is a one year foundation course for students. The studio course offers a wide variety of art experiences learned for the most part through participation. This course gives the student a broad base introduction to art. The Elements of Art and the Principles of Design are examined in this course as students complete projects in two and three dimensions. It covers a wide variety of materials including drawing, painting and the use of pencils, ink, pens, chalks, pastels, tempera, watercolors, oils and acrylics. Students also study the major movements in arts from prehistoric through contemporary times. Students are required to develop a portfolio. Studio in Art is the prerequisite for art electives and students interested in art sequences are required to take this course first. This course can be used to fulfill the arts requirement.</p>			

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Creative Crafts Grade 10-12	1	Full Year	None
<p>Creative Crafts is a one year foundation course for students. The crafts course offers a wide variety of art experiences learned for the most part through participation. This course gives the student a broad base introduction to art. The Elements of Art and the Principles of Design are examined in this course as students complete projects in two and three dimensions. Some of the materials include: printmaking, plaster, clay, weaving, paper making, jewelry design and batik. Students who enjoy hands on activities may enjoy this course and will gain an appreciation of crafts as an area of art. Students are required to develop a portfolio. Students may <i>either</i> take Creative Crafts or Studio in Art but not both since they are parallel courses in Art. This course can be used to fulfill the art requirement.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Art 1 9th Grade	1	Full Year	Middle School Accelerated Art or Ceramics and Teacher Recommendation with a 90 or above
<p>Advanced Art 1 is a course for the serious 9th grade art student who wishes to continue with the art sequence. The course emphasizes developing a greater depth of understanding of art and application of the Elements of Art and Principles of Design to their work in a variety of media. Studio experiences include drawing, painting, illustration, printmaking projects and three dimensional art. An opportunity is provided for experimentation with individual approaches. The goal of this class is to help students gain familiarity with various mediums, to broaden their artistic vision and to develop personal appreciation of the world around us. Students are required to develop a portfolio.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Art 1 10-12 Grade	1	Full Year	1 Foundation Art Course with an average of 90 or above OR Teacher Recommendation
<p>Advanced Art 1 is a course for the serious 10-12th grade art student who wishes to continue with the art sequence. The course emphasizes developing a greater depth of understanding of art and application of the Elements of Art and Principles of Design to their work in a variety of media. Studio experiences include drawing, painting, illustration, printmaking projects and three dimensional art. An opportunity is provided for experimentation with individual approaches. The goal of this class is to help students gain familiarity with various mediums, to broaden their artistic vision and to develop personal appreciation of the world around us. Students are required to develop a portfolio.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Art 2 11-12 Grade	1	Full Year	1 Foundation Art course AND Advanced Art 1 with an average of 90 or above OR Teacher Recommendation
<p>Advanced Art 2 is a course for the serious 11-12th grade art student who wishes to continue with the art sequence. Students continue to develop a greater depth of understanding of art and application of the Elements of Art and Principles of Design to their work in a variety of media. Studio experiences include drawing, painting, illustration, printmaking projects and three dimensional art. The course content concentrates on themes, big ideas, working with local galleries, museums and artists to develop a better art appreciation and understanding in careers in art. Students are challenged to find themselves as an artist through creative expression, history and culture, art criticism and aesthetic perception. Students are required to develop a portfolio.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Portfolio Development 11-12 Grade	1	Full Year	1 Foundation Art course AND Advance Art 1 & 2 with a course average of 88 or above OR Teacher Recommendation
<p>This is an advanced elective for the serious 11-12th grade art student who is planning to pursue art in college.</p> <p>The coursework demands a high level of commitment and requires a considerable amount of outside work. This course is structured for the independent worker who is able to be motivated out of the strong desire to succeed in the visual arts. Other</p>			

aspects of the course include preparing and photographing portfolios, the development of an artist's statement, art criticism and extensive work in a variety of medias. Students will be required to complete one portfolio comprised of 10-15 portfolio quality works of art.

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Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Printmaking-9-12 Grade	.5	Half Year	1 Foundation Art Course and Teacher Recommendation

Printmaking is a half credit course which can be taken in either the fall or spring semesters. In this course, students will be engaged in a wide range of printmaking works of art using a variety of materials, including linoleum, plaster, found objects, wood and silkscreen. Students will be introduced to techniques such as etching, relief, intaglio, and mono prints. Students will gain a better appreciation of printmaking as an art form.

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Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Sculpture-9-12 Grade	.5	Half Year	1 Foundation Art Course and Teacher Recommendation

Sculpture is a half credit course which can be taken in either the fall or spring semesters. In this course, students will be engaged in a wide range of sculpture projects using a variety of materials, including wood, plaster, metal, found objects and assemblage, clay, paper mache and cardboard. Students will be introduced to techniques such as carving, modeling and working with an armature. Students will gain a better art appreciation of three dimensional art.

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Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Digital Photography	1	Full Year	None

This is an elective course for any student who wishes to gain exposure and knowledge in the graphic arts. The coursework demands a high level of commitment and requires a considerable amount of outside work. This course is designed to teach students the basics of visual communication through photography and graphic design. Students will relate the Elements and Principles of Art and Design through further investigation and development into the course. Topics include: camera basics, various styles of photography, Adobe photoshop, Graphic tablets and social media photography. Students will study the history of photography as an art form and how it has evolved into a digital art form. Students will be required to complete one portfolio comprised of 15 pieces and present their work to a panel of staff representatives for their final grade.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

The goal of the Music & Performing Arts Program is to have each student understand the science of music and the art of performance in various capacities. Strong emphasis is placed on individual achievement as well as group performance in a conservatory-like atmosphere. It is our sincere hope that the students in the Music & Performing Arts Program will develop confidence, musical skills, and an appreciation for the Performing Arts.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Concert Band	1	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation
<p>This course is designed to meet the New York State Regents Requirement for one unit of music credit. This course is open to students in grades 9-12 who play a wind, brass, or percussion instrument. This is an ensemble that starts the year with challenging music and continues throughout the year striving for musical excellence. The instructional program focuses on improving musicianship through developing students' senses of tonality, meter, and technique, and through the analysis of musical structure and style. Students will have opportunities to compose, arrange, conduct and take part in seminars with critiques by performers, composers, arrangers, and teachers. Emphasis will be placed on individual growth, broad in scope and content that meets the diversified needs of today's instrumental music student. Members are strongly advised to study privately. Weekly group lessons are a part of the curriculum for this class. Each student will be eligible for and have the opportunity to audition and perform in festivals sponsored by the New York State School Music Association, and the National Association for Music Education. This includes opportunities for scholarships where applicable. The Concert Band performs at district activities such as football games, the winter concert and spring concerts, and community events such as Parades, Civic events, and graduation ceremonies. Participation in each performance is required. Honor groups such as the Jazz Ensemble and Pit Orchestra are offshoots of the Concert Band which students are able to participate in upon teacher recommendation and audition.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Concert Choir	1/5	Full Year/ Alternate Day	Audition; Teacher Recommendation
<p>Concert Choir is offered to students in grades 9-12. This course is designed for students who enjoy singing and wish to develop and improve their vocal skills and technique in an ensemble setting. In order to provide opportunities for individual musical growth, students are encouraged to prepare vocal solos and participate in select ensembles. Choral repertoire includes sacred and secular literature in a variety of styles. Students may receive a full credit for daily attendance, or one half credit for attendance every other day. Performance in the Spring and Winter concerts is required.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Vocal Jazz Ensemble	1	Full Year	Audition Teacher Recommendation
<p>The Vocal Jazz Ensemble, also known as "The Peekskill High School City Singers", is offered to students in grades 9-12. This course is designed for students who have extensive experience with vocal performance and have proven their abilities in ear training, pitch recognition, diction and breath support. The vocal repertoire includes a majority of "A Capella" works with an emphasis on vocal Jazz pieces. This ensemble participates in the NYSSMA Majors Music Festival at Level VI, annually. The course is designed for those students interested in a possible career in the performing arts. Students may receive a full credit for daily attendance. The Vocal Jazz Ensemble performs in a wide variety of venues frequently throughout the school year in and out of the School building. Participation in each performance is required.</p>			

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Guitar 1 Introduction Course	1	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation
<p>This is an introductory course for those students who wish to learn how to play the guitar. Students will learn proper guitar technique including how to read music as it relates to music theory. This course provides an excellent opportunity for non-band students to learn a polyphonic instrument (an instrument that can play two or more notes simultaneously i.e. the piano). Singers are strongly recommended to take this course if they do not have the proper piano skills to accompany themselves.</p> <p>Students will perform in the Jazz concert given by the Music Department. Students in this course will also become a part of a guitar ensemble performing works from the Renaissance to the present in an informal and formal concert setting including ensemble works with other band instruments. This course is highly recommended for any student with a love for the guitar.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Guitar 2 Advanced	1	Full Year	Teacher Approval Only
<p>This is Advanced guitar class selects those students who were in Guitar 1. Exceptions apply upon audition. In this course students advance their guitar technique and perform works in an ensemble setting concentrating on single line melodies, two part classical guitar writing and chords. The repertoire includes works by the great guitar Masters, ie; Granados, Albeniz and Sor including transcriptions by Mozart and Haydn and other works in the repertoire.</p> <p>Students will perform at both the Winter and Spring Concert proper given by the Music Department.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Music Theory 1	.5	Half Year	Teacher Approval
<p>This class is the study of the Elements of music such as sound, pitch, harmony, melody, rhythm, and notation with an emphasis on counterpoint in the style of J.S Bach. Students will learn all the written aspects of music including chord progressions.</p> <p>This course is designed for (but not limited to) those students who plan to attend a music conservatory or college upon graduation from High school. The curriculum covers all the materials presented on a Music College entrance exam. This course is highly recommended for those students who are participating in the other Performing Arts classes ie; Concert Band, Concert Chorus, Vocal Jazz ensemble and Music technology.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Musical Technology and Digital Recording	.5	Half Year	None
<p>This course is designed to meet the New York State Regents Requirement for a .5 unit of music credit This course includes instruction in the following areas:</p> <p>Essentials of Music Technology: Acoustics, psychoacoustics, analog and digital audio, MIDI, and digital notation. Technical competency in recording software, techniques, and equipment. Concepts include analog and digital recording, microphone design and placement, studio design and setup, mixing, and mastering.</p> <p>Live electronic manipulation and performance: Concepts include hardware and software for live music creation, audio interfaces and live equipment setup, control interfaces for live manipulation of analog and digital instruments, and performance practice.</p> <p>Creation and Composition through Music Technology: The use of technology in creating, composing, and making music in both live and studio practices. Concepts include composition and notation software, and the theory and practice of composition with music technology.</p> <p>History of Music Technology: The study of the evolution of Music Technology covering the development of hardware and software both for recording and performance.</p>			

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Music in Our Lives	1	Full Year	None
This course is designed to meet the New York State Regents Requirement for one unit of music credit for those students who do not participate in a major performing ensemble. Students will develop skills in critical listening and elements of music theory applied to music from the classical period up to present day. No prior experience in music is necessary for enrollment in this course.			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Intro to Drama	1	Full Year	None
Intro to Drama covers a wide variety of topics including: an introduction to acting and directing; voice and diction; improvisation, playwriting, stage vocabulary, scene study, Shakespeare and dramatic literature. Written critiques of theatre performances satisfy the writing component for the course. At the end of the year, students hold a special performance of monologues, showcasing their talents. (Students who have passed the English Regents Exam may take this course as seniors to count as an English 12 course credit.)			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Advanced Drama	1	Full Year	Drama 1
This course is a continuation of Intro to Drama, spending the majority of focus on the directing and playwriting aspects of theatre. The end of the year culminates in an evening of drama, showcasing original one-act plays written throughout the year. Dramatic literature and theatre critiques are covered. (Students who have passed the English Regents Exam may take this course as seniors to count as an English 12 course credit.)			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Theater Production	1	Full Year	Drama 1 or 2; Teacher Recommendation
This course is designed to give students the opportunity to produce a production from short scenes to full length. This class will have students thinking critically to enhance performance and/or production choices; Practice focus and concentration as it pertains to actor work; Invent, develop and portray characters and relationships; Identify how an ensemble positively affects the production process; Understand the technical aspects of theatrical production in relation to a performance (scenery, costumes, lighting, sound, playbill, props and stage management.) Two public performances will be presented. (<i>Prerequisite: Intro to acting, Advanced Acting, or teacher recommendation</i>)			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Intro to Fitness & Dance	1	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation
Intro to fitness and dance investigates the value of fitness in daily life, examines methods of assessing personal fitness levels, and develops the ability to plan an individualized fitness program. Emphasis is placed on the personal development of fitness, with a goal to improve levels of fitness during the course. The personal fitness program will incorporate the health related components of physical fitness and dance. Throughout the year students will develop fitness routines that incorporate various genres of dance. This course can be taken to fulfill physical education credits.			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Advance Fitness and Dance	1	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation
Advanced fitness and dance investigates the various components that go into developing muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance. Emphasis is placed on the personal development of fitness, with a goal to improve levels of fitness. The personal fitness program will incorporate the health related components of physical fitness and dance. Students will examine and develop their personal fitness levels and choreograph various dance routines throughout the course. At the end of the year, students will be part of a special performance to showcase their routines. This course can be taken to fulfill physical education credits.			

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Physical Education	.5	Half Year/Full Year	None
<p>The goal of the physical education department is for students to have the necessary knowledge and skills to establish and maintain physical fitness, participate in physical activity, and maintain personal health. The students will be provided a diversified program of developmental activities that will encompass personal fitness, lifetime activities and physical fitness training. This will include individual and team sports and games, weight and cardio training, and rhythmic activities.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Intro to Fitness and Dance	.5	Full Year	Teacher Recommendation
<p>Intro to fitness and dance investigates the value of fitness in daily life, examines methods of assessing personal fitness levels, and develops the ability to plan an individualized fitness program. Emphasis is placed on the personal development of fitness, with a goal to improve levels of fitness during the course. The personal fitness program will incorporate the health related components of physical fitness and dance. Throughout the year students will develop fitness routines that incorporate various genres of dance. This course can be taken to fulfill physical education credits.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Health	.5	Half Year/Full Year	None
<p>The emphasis of this course is on the development and reinforcement of behaviors that contribute to optimum health and fitness throughout life. Students will analyze their health status and develop prescriptions for positive lifestyle changes.</p>			

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Peekskill High School provides consultant teacher, co-teach, small class English and Mathematics, and several departmental class programs as well as all required related services (counseling, speech/language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision and hearing services) recommended by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

It is through the Committee on Special Education (CSE) that specific programs are recommended. Special education teachers provide differentiated instruction based on a student's strengths, challenges and individual learning style.

All courses listed in this book are available to students who are classified by the District's Committee on Special Education (CSE). The focus of the department is both remedial and academic. The courses are structured to meet the individual styles and needs of the students.

CONSULTANT PROGRAM GRADES 9 THROUGH 12

The Consultant Program primarily evaluates academic achievement and provides instructional and/or behavioral support to students functioning in the general and education classroom. Consultant services provide collaborative consultation between the special education teacher and the general education teacher, which focuses on adjusting the learning environment and/or modifying and adapting instructional techniques and methods to meet the individual needs of the students in the general education classroom.

CO-TEACHING/INCLUSION PROGRAM GRADES 9-11

All students regardless of disability or severity are in the regular education classroom/program full time. All services are taken to the child in that setting. The Co-Teaching Program is a support service provided for students with disabilities within heterogeneous classrooms. The Co-Teacher and/or teacher assistant accompany the inclusion students into their academic classes.

SMALL CLASS ELA & MATHEMATICS

The small classes are self-contained special education setting that provides more support for students with severe reading, writing and/or mathematics deficits. The classes will follow the same NYS Common Core Curriculum as the general education classes. The focuses will be on adjusting the learning environment and/or modifying and adapting instructional techniques and methods to meet the individual needs of the students. The goals recommended by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) will also be met through these small classes.

RISE PROGRAM

The RISE program is a self-contained special education setting whose primary function is to help students develop the skills necessary to function independently in a working/living environment. The curriculum concentrates upon the management of practical everyday activities. Field trips, community involvement, and work experiences are all an integral part of the program.

PACE PROGRAM GRADES 9-12

The PACE program is a self-contained special education setting whose primary function is to collaborate with program Psychologist providing therapeutic support for students who are experiencing academic difficulties due to social and emotional factors.

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Study Skills Grades 9-12	.5 or 1	Half Year/Full Year	None
<p>Study Skills is a class designed to help students improve learning effectiveness and motivation. This course covers strategies and techniques that lead to successful transitions including college and career readiness. The curriculum emphasizes time management and organizational skills; note taking, test prep, and test taking strategies; textbook reading and goal planning. Students will learn how to analyze their personal data to predict learning outcomes. In addition, students will work in small groups or one-to-one with their Special Education Teachers to advocate for Individualized Education Plan (IEP) accommodations and to achieve their IEP goals and Transition Plans.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Small Class English & Mathematics Grades 9-12	1	Full Year	None
<p>The small classes are self-contained special education setting that provides more support for students with severe reading, writing and/or mathematics deficits. The classes will follow the same NYS Common Core Curriculum as the general education classes. The focuses will be on adjusting the learning environment and/or modifying and adapting instructional techniques and methods to meet the individual needs of the students. The goals recommended by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) will also be met through these small classes.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Literacy Lab Grades 9-12	.5	Full Year- Every other day	None
<p>The course is designed to provide Academic Intervention Services and instructional support for 9th grade- 11th grade students who are in need of additional support in literacy. Placement in this course is based on multiple indicators that reveal individuals are below proficiency, including the 8th grade N.Y.S. English Language Assessment (1 or 2), teacher recommendation, performance on reading and writing assessments, and, for 10th grade students, performance in 9th grade. The goal of this course is to provide students with additional, targeted instruction designed to improve reading and writing skills across all content areas.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Math Lab Grades 9-10	.5	Full Year- Every other day	None
<p>Math Lab provides students with instructional support in Algebra. Placement in this course is based on multiple indicators that reveal individuals are below proficiency, including past performance and teacher recommendation. During class students will complete assignments and reinforce skills that connect to their Algebra Ext 2 class. This will help students improve their mathematical abilities and deepen their understanding of the material by targeting specific skills and providing additional instruction and practice. Math Lab is designed to meet the individual needs of each student and to provide the necessary support for that individual. The major focus will be on the mastery of the essential Algebra skills through pre-teaching, re-teaching, extra practice, and assessment. This mastery will be demonstrated through class participation, various collaborative activities, and classwork completion.</p>			

ONLINE COURSES

OC21 (Online Classes for the 21st Century)

About Blended Learning Courses: Courses that Integrate Traditional Teacher-led Learning and Cutting-Edge Technology

OC 21 online courses are offered through PNW BOCES, designed by select Westchester County high school teachers, involving students from over 10 Westchester school districts. They present unique opportunities to “learn the way you live” and prepare students for future educational and career demands. These courses are scheduled outside of the traditional nine-period school day. They are counted towards the 5.5 credits required, as they each represent rigorous academic undertakings. Students who take an online course will work and learn collaboratively using an innovative educational platform and Web 2.0 learning tools. Students will have opportunities to participate in live webinars, discuss learning with their peers using synchronous (students and instructors logging on at the same time) and asynchronous (students and instructors working and responding independently) chats and forums, use networking tools to share resources, create and share work virtually, and learn through a variety of media. Students should see their guidance counselor to enroll. Students seeking to enroll should be able to work independently.

An outstanding opportunity awaits you during the 2015-2016 school year. Interested students from our school will have the opportunity to take dynamic online courses with other students from 16 high schools in the region through a consortium organized by P/NW BOCES. You can choose from among 12 truly innovative courses that expand our traditional course offerings. As a blended program, there will be two scheduled days when you will meet with your teacher and fellow students from your class. Say goodbye to that heavy textbook and manage your coursework in a way that fits into your busy life.

ADVENTURES IN PROGRAMMING

Science Elective – Spring Semester Only

This course will introduce students to the basics of software engineering and programming languages. Students will work collaboratively on applying the skills they learn to design and create basic computer programs. They will explore how to annotate text using HTML, create and evaluate basic computer algorithms, and explore syntax and grammar underlying many programming languages. This introductory course will allow students to explore several visual programming languages.

ARCHITECTURE ACROSS THE CENTURIES

Technology Elective – Fall Semester Only

Take a journey across the history of architecture and view architectural examples as both works of art and windows into cultural and engineering developments. In addition to virtual visits to the Great Wall, Aztec and Mayan temples, the Parthenon, European Gothic cathedrals and Japanese ornamental architecture, students in this course will study modern architects, including Wright, Sullivan and Geary, and will examine the Chicago World Exposition Ferris wheel from a completely new perspective! Students will also collaborate to design models using computer aided design programs and visit active New York City construction sites where they will meet the architects and engineers of major construction projects.

BEYOND MINDFULNESS

Social Studies Elective – Spring Semester Only

The *Beyond Mindfulness* course was designed to help students create the space in their lives for authentic learning and self-discovery through exploring the foundational concepts of mindfulness and meditation. This course will explore the historic roots of these practices from an Eastern and Western cultural standpoint and students will be introduced to Buddhism, Western Monasticism, and interreligious contemplative practices. The course will look at the application of these concepts through the modern day application of mindfulness using activities like yoga and meditation, and will offer students reflective tools for examining their own lives. Topics covered will include silence and solitude, voice and vocation, and compassion and caring.

BRAIN GAMES: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF HOW TO FOCUS, REMEMBER, AND COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE TEENAGE BRAIN

Social Studies Elective – Fall Semester Only

Why can't I remember the answers for the exam? How can I get along better with the people in my life? How does my teenage brain work and why? This course will examine the latest research related to the adolescent brain and how to most effectively use it to remember, focus, plan, and communicate with others. Students will learn about the development of the adolescent brain compared to that of the adult brain. We will discuss how we think, plan, organize, and make judgments. Students will learn about memory through online videos, readings, and games and mnemonic devices. Students will organize and plan information for more effective long-term memory through the creation of a notebook website. Finally, we will examine the burgeoning industry of brain training through computer applications and current studies.

FAKE NEWS AND OTHER HOT TOPICS

Social Studies Elective – Spring Semester Only

Fake News, Trolls, and bots have influenced and changed the way we view and understand the world around us. In this course, students will explore the surprising history of propaganda fake news, the fracturing of modern media, and the 24 hour news cycle. Students will evaluate different sources of media and their impacts on free societies. Finally, students will better understand how the internet, computing, and company algorithms have led to the balkanization of political opinion in the United States.

INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY*

Social Studies Elective – Fall Semester Only

Anthropology has been described as an investigation into who we are now, where we came from, and how we got to be the way we are today. In this course, students will be introduced to this “holistic” social science and gain an understanding of what culture is, how it is similar and different for humans living in groups, and how it can be identified and compared. The course will develop students' inquiry skills as they use observation, questioning, interviewing, and narrative storytelling to begin to answer the questions: What is a culture? What is/are my culture(s)? How are elements of a culture transmitted from generation to generation? What causes cultural continuity? What brings about cultural change? What story do I want to tell about my culture/cultures? Finally, students will choose how to tell the story they have researched, using one of a variety of digital storytelling techniques to share their work with the class.

***College credit option available.**

SPORTS MANAGEMENT, MEDIA AND MARKETING

Social Studies Elective – Fall Semester Only

Does sports management have a role in your future? According to Forbes Magazine, despite tough economic times, sport-related industries are still expected to grow 3-5% a year over the next decade. How can you decide if a sports-related major is the right choice for you? What might working in a sports-related field be like? Where does mathematics fit within the fabric of this industry? This course will help answer these questions and more. Students will learn about the action that takes place off the field or court by exploring management – What might it be like to be a general manager of a professional sports team? What are the roles and responsibilities of a college athletic director or facilities manager of a sports arena? How can the use of statistics better inform the decision making process? Through an examination of sports marketing, we will learn about related products, their role in the marketplace, and how athletes and products are promoted. In addition we will discuss some of the ways in which statistics are utilized to gain the winning edge. As we study we will learn about sports video, radio, analytics, photography, and other roles that make the sports entertainment industry one of the most profitable in the world.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT, THE TRUST BEHIND YOUR FOOD

English/Literacy elective – Fall and Spring Semester

Have you ever wondered where your food comes from? In this course, students will explore societal problems that are directly related to food availability, preparation, distribution, and consumption. Through a critical examination of nutrition articles, books, blogs, social media, consumer reports, and food labels, students will seek the truth behind some of our popular food choices. Students will take a stance, making a claim about how our nutritional choices are impacted, for good or bad, by the literature available to us. Students will generate possible solutions to the problems they identify and take steps to inform others about the truth behind our food.

ZERO TO SIXTY: WRITING YOUR FIRST NOVEL (LA)

English/Literacy elective – Fall and Spring Semester

Do you secretly dream of writing a book? A novella is a great place to start! These short books allow beginning writers to stretch themselves past the short story. Seems like a lot of writing? Don't worry! This course breaks down the short book writing process into a series of tasks. Each task will explore the building of characters, internal and external conflicts, themes and finally resolutions. Once these tasks are fused together at the end you will discover you've written around 60 or more double-spaced pages. As we progress you will receive feedback from other students in the class and the instructor, building your story and your audience task by task, page by page.

EDGENUITY COURSES

Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Career Planning	.5		
<p>Introducing high school students to the working world, EL4222 provides the knowledge and insight necessary to compete in today’s challenging job market. This relevant and timely course helps students investigate careers as they apply to personal interests and abilities, develop skills and job search documents needed to enter the workforce, explore the rights of workers and traits of effective employees, and address the importance of professionalism and responsibility as careers change and evolve. This one-semester course includes lessons in which students create a self-assessment profile, a cover letter, and a résumé that can be used in their educational or career portfolio</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Strategies for Academic Success	.5		
<p>Offering a comprehensive analysis of different types of motivation, study habits, and learning styles, EL1087 encourages high school and middle school students to take control of their learning by exploring varying strategies for success. Providing engaging lessons that will help students identify what works best for them individually, this one-semester course covers important study skills, such as strategies for taking high-quality notes, memorization techniques, test-taking strategies, benefits of visual aids, and reading techniques.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Health Science Concepts	1		
<p>This yearlong course introduces high school students to the fundamental concepts of anatomy and physiology—including the organization of the body, cellular functions, and the chemistry of life. As they progress through each unit, students will learn about the major body systems, common diseases and disorders, and the career specialties associated with each system. Students will investigate basic medical terminology as well as human reproduction and development. Students are introduced to these fundamental health science concepts through direct instruction, interactive tasks, and practice assignments. This course is intended to provide students with a strong base of core knowledge and skills that can be used in a variety of health science career pathways.</p>			
Course	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Sociology	1		
<p>Providing insight into the human dynamics of our diverse society, EL1120 is an engaging two semester course that delves into the fundamental concepts of sociology. This interactive course, designed for high school students, covers cultural diversity and conformity, basic structures of society, individuals and socialization, stages of human development as they relate to sociology, deviance from social norms, social stratification, racial and ethnic interactions, gender roles, family structure, the economic and political aspects of sociology, the sociology of public institutions, and collective human behavior, both historically and in modern times.</p>			

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Course Codes:

7000 - 8000 – Programs with integrated academics
9500 - 9600 – Life (No academic credit)
900 – Trade Focused (Core)
6000 – ENL, TASC, Internship, Work Study

***Students must be at least 14 years of age to enroll in a Career and Technical Program.
All CTE classes are General Education programs.***

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Number Codes:

Course ending in 1 = 8:00 am - 10:00 am	Course ending in 4 = 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Course ending in 2 = 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Course ending in 5 = 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Course ending in 3 = 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	

Integrated Academics:

Second year students in 7000 and 8000 levels programs may qualify for integrated academics. To be eligible, students must receive a minimum final average of 75 in the academic portion and a recommendation from the CTE and academic teacher(s) at the end of their first year.

Trade Focused and Life Level programs are not eligible for integrated academic credit.

Integrated Academic offerings in the following Basic and Specialized level programs are:

English 12	All Career and Technical Education programs
Discrete Math	Business Career Academy, Communications Career Academy, Construction Career Academy, Hospitality Career Academy, Teaching Career Academy, Transportation Career Academy

Senior Four Hour Option:

Honors English (Writing & Research), Government, Economics and Physical Education are offered from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Four-Hour Senior Option. To qualify, students must have an 80 average in their CTE and English programs and recommendations from their CTE and academic teachers. First-year Tech seniors interested in the Four-Hour Senior Option will be asked to submit the most recent district report card and provide sample English assignments. Candidates will meet with the Four-Hour team to review course expectations prior to enrollment. Please contact the Tech counselor associated with the student’s CTE program for more information or to request student enrollment consideration.

BUSINESS CAREER ACADEMY

Maggie Almonte – Counselor 914-248-2404

Session One	Session Two	Session Three
6081 – ENL Retail Services	9562 – Retail Services	PEEKSKILL HS
7041 – Microcomputer Technology/ Cybersecurity/Programming/ Coding/Gaming	982 – Microcomputer Technology	8043 – Microcomputer Technology/Cybersecurity/ Programming/Coding/Gaming

COMMUNICATIONS CAREER ACADEMY

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Session One	Session 2	Session Three	
7011 – Digital Film, Video & Audio Production	922 – Digital Media	922 – Digital Media	801
7021 – Computer Graphics	FOX MEADOW	8023 – Computer Graphics	
7191 – Fashion Design & Merchandising	9582 – Fashion Design Assistant	8193 – Fashion Design and Merchandising	

CONSTRUCTION CAREER ACADEMY

Karen Carey – Counselor 914-248-2427

Session One	Session Two	Session Three
7074 – New Visions Engineering government, economics, Physics, (Seniors only, interview required) Calculus, and physical education	SUNY Writing & Research,	
	8352 – Introduction to Engineering (9 th & 10 th Graders Only)	8353 – Introduction to Engineering (9 th & 10 th Graders Only)

Maggie Almonte – Counselor 914-248-2404

Session One	Session Two	Session Three
7051 – Architecture/Engineering	6052 – ENL Architecture/Engineering	8053 – Architecture/Engineering
7081 – Heating/Ventilating/ Air Conditioning / Plumbing/Pipe Fitting		8083 – Heating/Ventilating/ Air Conditioning/ Plumbing/Pipe Fitting
		8093 – Welding
901 – Carpentry	9612 – Carpenter’s Assistant Trainee	6903 – ENL Carpentry
6901 – ENL Carpentry		8063 – Carpentry
7071 – Construction Electricity	972 – Construction Electricity Assistant	8073 – Construction Electricity

COSMETOLOGY CAREER ACADEMY

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Session One	Session Two	Session Three
7014 – Cosmetology II		8133 – Cosmetology I
6141 – ENL Cosmetology II		
	6142 – ENL Cosmetology I	
7024 – Cosmetology II		8143 – Cosmetology I
7034 – Cosmetology II		8123 – Cosmetology I
931 – Barbering 2	992 – Cosmetic Services	933– Barbering 1

Students must be 17 years of age to sit for the Cosmetology Licensing Exam.

ENGLISH NEW LEARNER CAREER ACADEMY

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Session One	Session Two	Session Three
6001 – ENL Immersion	6002 – ENL Immersion	6003 – ENL Immersion
6011 – ENL TASC	6012 – ENL TASC	6013 – ENL TASC
	6062 – ENL Business & Computer Technology	
6081 – ENL Retail Services		
		6903 – ENL Carpentry
	6052 – ENL Architecture/Engineering	
	6182 – ENL Auto Body	
	6112 – ENL Auto Mechanics	
	6142 – ENL Cosmetology I	
	6122 – ENL Medical Assistant	
6141 – ENL Cosmo II		
	6022 – ENL Urban Forestry	

Minimum 70% final average is required for admittance into Spanish Cosmetology II.
 Students must be 17 years of age to sit for the Cosmetology Licensing Exam.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CAREER ACADEMY

Karen Carey-Counselor 914-248-2427

Session One	Session Two	Session Three
7201 – Urban Forestry/Arboriculture	912 – Urban Forestry	8203 – Urban Forestry/ Arboriculture
	6022 – ENL Urban Forestry	

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HEALTH CAREER ACADEMY

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Session One	Session Two	Session Three
7054 – New Visions Health Northwell Northern Westchester Hospital (Seniors only, interview required)	SUNY Writing & Research, science, government, economics, physical education, SUNY Medical Terminology	8263 – Certified Nurse Aide/ Home Health Aide
7064 – New Visions Health NYP/Hudson Valley Hospital (Seniors only, interview required)	SUNY Writing & Research, science, government, economics, physical education, SUNY Medical Terminology	8273 – Certified Nurse Aide/ Home Health Aide
7221 – Medical Assistant	6122 – ENL Medical Assistant	8223 – Medical Assistant
7141 – Law Enforcement/EMS		8183 – Law Enforcement/EMS
7301 – Sports Medicine	7302 – Intro. to PT/Rehabilitation	8303 – Sports Medicine
7321 – Veterinary Science	9732 – Animal Care	8323 – Veterinary Science
8341 – Introduction to Health Occupations (9 th & 10 th Graders Only)		
8011 – Emergency Medical Technician	8032 – Emergency Medical Technician	8433 – Certified First Responder

HOSPITALITY CAREER ACADEMY

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Session One	Session Two	Session Three
8081 – Culinary Arts	8012 – Baking & Pastry Arts	8163 – Culinary Arts
961 - Culinary Arts	9752 – Food Preparation Assistant 2	8213 – Culinary Arts
6161 – ENL Culinary Arts		
7131 – Culinary Arts	9552 – Food Preparation Assistant 1	973 – Culinary Arts
		9753 – Culinary Arts
971 – Culinary Arts @Tilly Foster	9632 – Food Service Transition to Work @ Tilly Foster	9533 – Food Prep Assistant @Tilly Foster
		923 – Culinary Arts @Tilly Foster

TEACHING CAREER ACADEMY

Gerry Battista – Counselor 914-248-2220

Session One	Session Two	Session Three
7111 – Child Development & Education II	952 – Childcare Assistant	8153 – Child Development & Education I

TRANSPORTATION CAREER ACADEMY

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Session One	Session Two	Session Three
7091 – Auto Body (Srs & Jrs)	962 – Auto Body	6183 – ENL Auto Body
7031 – Auto Mechanics II	902 – Auto Mechanics	8033 – Auto Mechanics I
7101 – Auto Mechanics II	6112 – ENL Auto Mechanics	8113 – Auto Mechanics I
8041 – Small Engine/ Motorcycle Technology	9592 – Small Engine Repair	913 – Small Engine/ Motorcycle Technology

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

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Session One	Session Two	Session Three
6071 – Diversified Work Program	6092 – Alternative Options (TASC)°	6073 – Diversified Work Program

TABE testing disclaimer: For students to be tested with accommodations proper documentation is required one week prior to TABE testing. TABE results need to be 9.0 or above in both reading and math to qualify for entrance to our TASC Program.

TASC testing disclaimer: It is the home school’s responsibility to submit the special testing accommodations to the Data Recognition Corporation. Please see the link below for further information:

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

TERM	DEFINITION
ACT	The ACT® test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.
AIS	Academic intervention services help students who are struggling to achieve the learning standards in English language arts and Mathematics in grades K-12 and social studies and science in grades 4-12. These additional general education services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extra instructional time to help students achieve the learning standards in the subject areas requiring AIS, and support services to help students overcome barriers that are affecting their ability to learn, such as attendance problems, family-related issues, discipline problems and health-related issues. Support services could include school guidance and counseling services to improve attendance and coordination of services provided by other agencies.
AP	Advanced Placement (AP) exams give high school students the opportunity to earn college-level credit while in high school. Courses are taught by specially trained teachers and help raise the academic awareness of all high school students
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress - The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that states develop and report on measures of student proficiency in 1) English language arts (ELA), in 2) mathematics, and on 3) a third indicator. In New York State in 2009–10, the third indicator is science at the elementary/middle level, and graduation rate at the secondary level. Schools or districts that meet predefined goals on these measures are making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). For more information about accountability in New York State, visit: http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/accountability/
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan applies the observations made in the Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) through an individual plan to reduce or extinguish the student’s inappropriate behavior(s) and increase age appropriate behaviors. Commissioner Regulations, Part 200 and 201 require implementation of the BIP under specific circumstances.
CDOS	
Cohort	A group of students who all entered 9th grade for the first time in the same year
Counseling	Advice or help given by someone qualified to give such advice. Usually provided for students to assist with improving their social skills.
Credit	A unit of measure towards meeting the requirements for High School Graduation. Courses are typically either ½ or 1 credit each. Students who are taking a course will qualify for the credit attempted based on successfully passing that course. Partial credits are not awarded for partial completion of a course.
CSE	Committee on Special Education responsible for evaluating school-age children, determining the eligibility and recommend special education services for eligible students.
CTE	Career and Technical Education is committed to providing high-quality CTE opportunities for all students. CTE studies are organized in New York in the following content areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agricultural education ● Business & Marketing education ● Family & Consumer Sciences education ● Health Occupations education ● Technology education ● Trade, Technical & Industrial education

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ELL	English Language Learner - A student who is not proficient enough in the English language to succeed in the school's regular instructional programs and who qualifies for extra help. (Formerly referred to as Limited English Proficient/LEP.)
ESL	English as a Second Language - Classes or support programs for students whose native language is not English.
SWD Exempt From LOTE	A Student With a Disability (SWD) which adversely affects the ability to learn a language can be exempt from the Language Other Than English (LOTE) requirement for graduation. The CSE makes the determination, but does not prevent a SWD from participating in a language course. For students seeking to go on to college, courses in LOTE are often required for admission.
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment is the process of gathering and analyzing information about the student's behavior and accompanying circumstances in order to determine the purpose or intent of actions and then to identify positive interventions to reduce/eliminate the undesirable behavior.
Graduation requirements	The general education and diploma requirement regulations referred to as Part 100 Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, require that every public school student in New York State be provided an opportunity to receive instruction in order to achieve the New York State Learning Standards. Schools and parents are encouraged to collaborate to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready for work, higher education, and citizenship. In order to earn a high school diploma, a student must have a minimum of 22 specific high school credits and pass 5 identified Regents Examinations.
Honor GPA	Grade point average used to calculate the GPA that is used for the honor roll. Honor GPA averages the grade points for all of the counting classes. Not all courses count towards the honor GPA.
Honor Roll	A list of names of student worthy of honor because they have met the specific requirements during a specified marking period
ICT	Integrated, Co-Teaching is the practice of two teachers (special education and general education) educating children with special needs in general education classrooms in their neighborhood schools.
IEP	Individualized Education Program is a written education plan for preschool and school aged students in need of special education services developed by a team of professionals and the student's parents. It is reviewed and updated annually and describes how the child is progressing, the student's learning needs, and services that are required.
IPR	IPRs-Interim Progress Reports are reports send home with teacher comments based on student progress for a period approximately halfway through the marking period.
LEP	A student who is not proficient enough in the English language to succeed in the school's regular instructional programs and who qualifies for extra help. (Formerly referred to as Limited English Proficient/LEP.)
Life Skills	An upgraded special education program for special needs students. The program provides modified instruction and daily living skill development.
LOTE	Language Other Than English – is a set of instructional courses and programs aimed to enable students to use a language other than English for communication. Students taking foreign languages courses to develop cross-cultural skills and understandings in languages other than English.

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LRE	The placement of an individual student with a disability in the Least Restrictive Environment provides the special education needed by the student to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the student with other students who do not have disabilities and be as close as possible to the student's home. http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/specialed/lawsregs/part200.htm
Marking Period	A period lasting 8-10 weeks during which a student's academic progress is measured and reported in the form of a report card. There are four report cards each year.
NCLB	The NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) ACT of 2001 is a federal law to improve education for all children. It holds schools responsible for results, gives parents greater choices, and promotes teaching methods that work. More information is at NCLB at http://www2.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml
NYSAA	The New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) is a part of the New York State Testing Program. It is a datafolio-style assessments in which students with severe cognitive disabilities demonstrate their performance toward achieving the New York State learning standards. Eligibility for participation in NYSSA is determined by the Committee on Special Education (CSE).
NYSESLAT	The NYSESLAT is NY State English as Second Language Achievement Test, which is designed to measure the English language proficiency of students who have been identified as Limited English proficient (LEP).
OT	Occupational Therapy is therapy or treatment provided by an occupational therapist that helps an individual develop physical skills that will aid in daily living, focuses on the use of hands and fingers, eye-hand coordination of movement.
PT	Physical Therapy is treatment of physical disabilities given by a trained physical therapist (under doctor's orders) to help improve the use of bones, muscles, joints, and nerves.
Post-Secondary Goals	All students 15+ years old must participate in post-secondary planning and coordinated activities in preparation for post-high school experiences; college, training, military, etc.
Pre-requisite	As the term suggests, a pre-requisite is the term used as a precondition or requirement before taking a certain course. For example, a student couldn't just sign up for Accounting 4. A requirement, or pre-requisite, would be that a student takes Accounting 1, 2 and 3 before Accounting 4.
Procedural Safeguards (Due process)	Action that protects a person's rights. In special education this applies to action taken to protect the educational rights of students with disabilities and the rights of the students' parents.
PSAT/NMSQT	The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) . It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. The PSAT/NMSQT measures: Critical reading, Math problem-solving, and Writing skills. This exam is taken by all sophomores and juniors as part of the district's Early Participation Program – a program designed to help students in the college admissions process.
Rank	A mark of academic achievement based on transcript GPAs for grades 9-11 for active 12th graders in the current graduating cohort who entered the district in 9th grade. Student are required to attend PHS for 4 semesters in order to be ranked at the beginning of their Senior year. Final rank is run at the end of the 2 nd semester for graduation purposes.
RCT	Regents Competency Tests (RCTs) are achievement tests designed to assess basic proficiency in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies. In the past, schools awarded local high school diplomas to students who passed all six RCTs as well as the required coursework. The Department, in accordance with a timetable that was adopted by the Board of Regents, has phased out the eligibility of general education students in public schools to take these tests. Students are instead required to pass the Regents Examinations in order to receive a high school diploma. However, the RCTs continue to be available for students with disabilities who first enter grade 9 prior to the 2010-11 school year as part of a safety net for such students. To earn a high school diploma, students with disabilities must take each Regents Examination ordinarily required for graduation at least once. If unsuccessful on one or more of the required Regents Examinations, students with disabilities may be granted a local high school diploma on the basis of passing the corresponding RCT(s).

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REGENTS	Regents Examinations are achievement tests that are aligned with New York State's Learning Standards. Regents Examinations provide schools with a basis for evaluating the quality of instruction and learning that have taken place. They are used by school personnel to identify major learning goals, offering both teachers and students a guide to important understandings, skills, and concepts. The examinations also provide students, parents, counselors, administrators, college admissions officers, and employers with objective and easily understood achievement information for use in making sound educational and vocational decisions. Passing scores on the Regents Examinations in English, mathematics, science, and social studies satisfy the State testing requirements for a high school diploma.
Related Services	Developmental, corrective and other support services that a student with disabilities requires benefiting from special education; examples include audiology, speech/language, physical and occupational therapy, counselors, hearing services, transportation and medical services.
Resource Room Program	A special education program for the student who qualifies for either a general education class or special class placement but needs some special instruction in an individualized or small group setting for a portion of the day. The Resource Room teacher works closely with the general education classroom teacher. Students can be tested in the Resource Room.
Safety Net	Safety Net allows students with disabilities who do not pass a Regents exam required for their class; to meet the requirements for a local diploma by passing the RCT or the equivalent in that subject. The student must take the required Regents exam but may take the RCT before or after the Regents exam.
RTI	In Response to Intervention (commonly abbreviated RTI or RtI) is a method of academic intervention used to provide early, effective assistance to children who are having difficulty learning. Response to intervention was also designed to function as one part of a data-based process of identifying learning disabilities. This method can be used at the group and individual level.
SAT	The SAT and SAT Subject Tests are a suite of tools designed to assess a student's academic readiness for college. The SAT and SAT Subject Tests keep pace with what colleges are looking for today, measuring the skills required for success in the 21st century.
Semester	A measure of time. There are two semesters in the school year; fall and spring.
SES	Low-income families can enroll their child in Supplemental Educational Services if their child attends a Title I school that has been designated by the state to be in need of improvement for more than one year. The term "supplemental educational services" refers to free extra academic help, such as tutoring or remedial help, that is provided to students in subjects such as reading, language arts, and math. This extra help can be provided before or after school, on weekends, or in the summer for more information got to: http://www2.ed.gov/nclb/choice/help/ses/description.html
Special Class	A special education setting that has a smaller teacher-student ratio for a student with a disability (SWD) that follows the general education curriculum with modifications and accommodations. Class sizes (teacher-student ratio) vary according to student's abilities and needs.
Speech/Language Services	Planned program to improve and correct speech and/or language articulation delays and/or severe receptive expressive communication delays.
Standard	Learning Standards are defined as the knowledge, skills, and understandings that individuals can and do habitually demonstrate over time as a result of skilled instruction and experience. In 1996, the New York State Regents approved 28 learning standards in seven content areas.
Strength Based Assessment	A method to assess a student with a disability's measurable postsecondary goals intended to acknowledge the student's needs preferences and interests for post-high school experience.
SWD	Student With a Disability describes a student who has been determined by the CSE to be eligible for special education services or treatment in order to progress academically.
Title I	Title I is the original name of the funding method that has since become No Child Left Behind. It is the rules and regulations that allow schools with significant students receiving free/reduced lunch (the measure by which the federal government determines poverty level for a school) get extra monies to pay for such things as extra literacy educators, specialized literacy programs, and other supplemental literacy and math supplies.

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Title III	The Title III Program is a United States federal grant program to improve education for English language learners.
Title IX	The Title IX program states that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
Transcript	A record of student courses, grades and standardized test history usually used to apply to post-secondary experiences.
Transcript GPA	Grade Point Average used to calculate the GPA that is used for the High School transcript. Credits earned are factored in the transcript GPA. Not all courses count towards transcript GPA.