



FRESHMAN ACADEMY | 2025-26

The following courses are academic core and required pathway electives. Your core teachers should assist in recommending your placement for core classes. You will also select three (3) global electives and three (3) alternates. The course directory, along with all other scheduling materials can be found on our website — <https://bit.ly/schedulefdhs>.

ACADEMIC CORE

English	Math	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 1 Adv English 1 Adv English 2* <p><i>*Prerequisite: Eng. 1 with a B or higher</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1 Adv Geometry* <p><i>*Prerequisite: Algebra 1 with a B or higher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adv Algebra 2* <p><i>*Prerequisite: Geometry with a B or higher</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro Physics Earth/Space Adv Biology <p><i>*Students who plan to apply for the Biomedical Sciences Magnet Program are required to select Adv Biology for their science class.</i></p>

REQUIRED PATHWAY ELECTIVES

Health / PE	Academy Elective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Physical Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman Seminar
<p>*Summer Health/PE (fee required)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomedical Science Principles (Biomed Magnet Program Applicants ONLY)

GLOBAL ELECTIVES

(You should CHOOSE 3 + 3 alternates)

Chinese	Spanish	French			
1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4			
Visual & Performing Arts	Science & Technology	English & Social Studies			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Art 1● Computer Assisted Art 1● Beginning Piano● General Orchestra● Adv Symphonic Orchestra*● Adv Band Theory● Adv Symphonic Band● Adv Percussion● Adv Treble Choir <p>*Sopranos & Altos NEW to Choir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adv Choir Theory (SATB/Concert Choir)● Intro to Theatre <p><i>*Audition or specific performing arts prerequisites.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Computer Literacy● Robotics Engineering● Adv Astronomy● Adv Forensics● AP Environmental Science* <p><i>*Please note this is a college level course. The AP/DC Course Commitment form is required.</i></p> <tr><th>Other</th></tr> <tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">● Controlling Stress (Yoga)</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adv Speech & Adv Debate● AP Human Geography*● Creative Writing● Film Studies● Journalism● Psychology● Studies in Anime● True Crime & Forensics<p><i>*Please note this is a college level course. The AP/DC Course Commitment form is required.</i></p></td></tr>	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Controlling Stress (Yoga)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adv Speech & Adv Debate● AP Human Geography*● Creative Writing● Film Studies● Journalism● Psychology● Studies in Anime● True Crime & Forensics <p><i>*Please note this is a college level course. The AP/DC Course Commitment form is required.</i></p>
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FCPS CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTERS

Fayette County has historically offered three technical center options to high school students: Locust Trace, Eastside, and Southside. For the 2025-2026 school year, Eastside & Southside will be consolidating into one building called The HILL: Hub for Innovative Learning & Leadership.

An application is required for both LTAC & The HILL. If you attend a technical center, your academy pathway will be completed there. You may also choose to take one of your core classes at the technical center if you wish and as available. This will open up room for you to take an additional elective of your choosing at FDHS.

If accepted, you will spend part of your school day at the technical center and part at FDHS. Bus transportation is provided between Douglass and all technical centers.

Locust Trace https://locusttrace.fcps.net/	The HILL https://hill.fcps.net/
<p><u>Pathways Offered:</u></p> <p>https://locusttrace.fcps.net/institutes-programs/career-institutes</p> <p><u>Application Link:</u> bit.ly/fcpscteapp</p> <p>Application opens January 2nd and closes on March 15th.</p> <p><u>If you plan to attend LTAC,</u> use these guidelines for your “Elective” selections for your course requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Locust Trace 2.0<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pathway Classes ONLY● Locust Trace 1.5<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pathway Classes + 1 Core Class <p><u>LT Core Classes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Health & Physical Education● Spanish 1● Spanish 2● Spanish 3● PE (S1) / Health (S2) <p>For your “alternates,” please list elective course requests that you would want to take at FDHS in the case that you aren’t accepted to LTAC.</p>	<p><u>Pathways Offered:</u></p> <p>https://hill.fcps.net/programming/cte-pathways</p> <p><u>Application Link:</u> https://hill.fcps.net/apply-now</p> <p>Application is open now and closes on April 1st.</p> <p><u>If you plan to attend The HILL,</u> use these guidelines for your “Elective” selections for your course requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The HILL 2.0<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pathway Classes ONLY● The HILL 1.5<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pathway Classes + 1 Core <p><u>The HILL Core Classes</u></p> <p><i>At this time, decisions are still being made in regard to the course structure and academic offerings at The HILL.. Once we know more, we will work with counselors at The HILL to finalize student schedules.</i></p> <p>For your “alternates,” please list elective course requests that you would want to take at FDHS in the case that you aren’t accepted to The HILL.</p>

- IMPORTANT LINKS -

AP/Dual Credit Course Commitment Form	https://bit.ly/fdhsAPDC2526	REQUIRED for all students who request AP/DC courses!
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Still have questions?! **Join us in-person on Thursday, January 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **FDHS auditorium** for more information and the opportunity to ask questions!



2025 - 2026 FDHS Course Requests

Student Name: _____

DIRECTIONS: Please list your course requests below. Teacher signature required for core subject areas.

Subject	Course Name	Core Teacher Signature
English English 1 Adv English 1 Adv English 2		
Math Algebra 1 Adv Geometry Adv Algebra 2		
Science Intro Physics Adv Biology		
Subject	Course Name	Alternates
Academy Elective	Freshman Seminar	N/A
Academy Elective Please check the box to indicate your plans for completing Health/PE.	<input type="checkbox"/> Health/PE in Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Health & PE (fees required)	*Only list an alternate course in this row if you plan to take Health/PE in the summer (fees required). Otherwise, leave this block blank.
Elective - 1st Choice		
Elective - 2nd Choice		
Elective - 3rd Choice		

A couple of things to note:

- Please list **at least two** alternate electives.
- **Health/PE is required as an elective** unless you are paying to take it over the summer.
- If you are applying for the **Biomedical Sciences Magnet Program at FDHS**, please list Biomedical Science Principles as an elective. Be sure to list an alternate for this class in the event that you are not accepted.
- When choosing electives, **consider the humanities requirement** for graduation. This requirement can be completed by taking TWO classes in the same area of the arts OR by taking Visual & Performing Arts during your 11th or 12th grade year. **If you are opting to take the route of two classes in the arts, it is highly recommended that you start now.**
- **Two years (high school credits) of the same World Language** are also highly suggested if you're college-bound.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____