

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Education Center, 2229 E. Buck Road, Pennsburg PA 18073

Educational Programs and Services Committee

January 16, 2025

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Approval of November 21, 2024 EPS minutes.

UPHS program of studies:

Dual enrollment: Penn State - Psychology \$290 for 3 credits for juniors and seniors. Kutztown - early college academy with pilot next year for 3 senior students, \$1200 for 12 credits. AP Human Geography for freshman (course is about population movement).

Gifted seminar will be broken into STEM enrichment and humanities enrichment.

English will have changes to topic areas. English 9 Academic, English 10 Academic, World Literature (open to 11th or 12th graders), 12th Grade Literature is British Literature, Film as Literature, Social studies world literature 9th grade program and US history in 10th grade. Intro to government, Psychology and Sociology which can all be used for the AP pathway.

Math students need to have CORE as well as Intervention instruction. Break algebra up and have 3 trajectories for math. Basic Algebra 1 A & 1 B second year and take keystone in sophomore year. Math 1 student will take math 1 and algebra 1 A. Picking text to pair with this course.

Health 2 online – Third party vendor - Edgenuity provides resource (contemporary health), web-based course consists of adolescents, beginning of life to death, human sexuality and gender, decision making, drugs, alcohol, consumer health and mental health.

Career Work Experience – 47% of students go straight into work force once they graduate. Many students have jobs now and there is going to be an option for any senior who is currently employed or seeking employment. School Credit for work - Need proof of work, hours, paystubs and will be application based. Working to create an internship program and help from the Chamber to add in internship opportunities.

American Sign Language – working with Edgenuity to offer a 4 unit of study costing \$290 to the student per semester. This will count as an elective. Working on looking for funding.

Possibly changing times of student's schedules and discussion will take place next year. Due to western center not getting enough intervention times.

Online Testing PSSA/Keystone: Online tool training on PD day for teachers, tech tools Tuesday every Tuesday between now and testing day to help students with what the testing will look like. Teachers will be trained on accommodations. Scape paper and calculators are allowed.

Parent Engagement Session: Bridging the Gap – Transitioning from school to adulthood for students with disabilities January 30, 2025 at 5:30pm virtually.

The next EPS Committee meeting will be held on February 20, 2025.