

Porter Ridge High School Rising 9th Grade Parent Guide

Welcome to high school course selection. We are looking forward to working with current 8th Graders (our rising 9th grade class) and want to provide our upcoming parents a guide to this process. (The process below is a guide for current PRMS students, however the 1/9 Welcome Voyage Event is open to all interested Union County families. Non-UCPS students should complete an [enrollment form online](#) as soon as they complete the 8th grade year. Dates for spring tours for non-UCPS families will be posted on website, facebook, and IG.)

The week of 1/9 MS Teachers make Course Selections for core classes. Teachers are using their knowledge of your child to select the courses in Math, English/Language Arts, Science and Social Studies that your child should take at PRHS on your child's course selection card, along with the appropriate level of the course (College Prep or Honors). If you have concerns about the choice your child's teacher made, please speak with them directly, or the PRMS counselor.

Th 1/9 PRHS Principal welcomes 8th grade students and parents at 6:30 pm at the Rising 9th Grade Welcome Voyage Family Presentation at PRHS Auditorium. Families will also be able to walk through the school. (Families must park at the HS Stadium Lot, follow path next to tennis courts, and enter the PRHS rear doors). [ALL eligible Union County Families and students who are interested in PRHS can attend the 6:30pm Welcome Voyage.](#) Students at PRMS will also have a presentation from HS Counselors on 1/9 during the school day.

1/9 - HS Course Selection begins for PRMS Rising 9th Graders. Course Selection period ends on 1/16. Remember the core classes are recommended and initialed by your child's PRMS Teacher on the course selection card. You and your child should be marking choices and alternates for elective classes on the course selection card. Cards must be turned in to your PRMS Teacher by 1/16. Parents are encouraged to view the [following resources](#) (on the PRHS Transition Page) in order to support their child in making decisions about courses in high school:

- PRMS Rising 9th Grade Welcome Voyage presentation
- Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2029 - In high school students are promoted to the next level based on earning required credits. Students graduate at the end of four years and after meeting all graduation requirements.
- Academic Course Plans for Rising 9th Grade - course plans by subject area based on the level of rigor that is appropriate for students in each subject area.
- UCPS Program of Studies - this resource contains UCPS HS program information along with course descriptions that should be reviewed before signing up for elective courses.
- PRHS Pathways and Academies - Information on career pathways so that students can identify courses which may align with their interests.
- plus additional information that would be interesting for you and your child to view during this process. CTE Courses, AP Program including AP Capstone Diploma Program, Clubs, Band and Special Interests

T 1/14 PRMS 8th Grade Lunch and Learn about HS Extra/Co-curriculars at PRHS during school.

T 1/14 HS Drop-in Course Selection Assistance for Parents of UCPS Rising 9th Graders from 5-7 pm at PRHS. (Families must park at the HS Stadium Lot and enter the PRHS rear doors).

Mid-Spring- PRMS students have the opportunity to visit PRHS during the school day to see how PRHS looks on the inside. PRHS Student Council members will provide an overview of HS from the student perspective. Students will also have the opportunity to attend a student spirit event later in the spring at PRHS.

1/27 - 2/7 - HS Counselors will meet individually with PRMS Rising 9th Grade students to review course requests.