Course Selection Directions for the 2025 – 2026 School Year

As in years past, you will input your Course Selections for the 2025 - 2026 school year directly into the PowerSchool Portal. The Portal will be open from Friday, February 7th (afternoon) through Friday, February 28, for course registration. Counselors will be meeting with you starting on March 3rd in your English class to review these selections.

As always, please take the time to think about the courses you wish to take. In selecting courses, you should be guided by the list of graduation requirements found in the <u>Program of Studies</u> as well as your teacher course recommendations. After selecting the courses necessary for graduation, you may complete your schedules by selecting courses that meet your academic and vocational goals. It is important that you enroll in courses according to your own interests, abilities, and needs. Please use the <u>Course Selection Sheet</u> as a guide.

Please remember that a great deal of time and effort goes into creating the schedule and schedule changes will only be made for the following reasons:

- 1. Incomplete schedule or insufficient credits
- 2. A course failed in June
- 3. The result of successful completion of summer school
- 4. A level change approved by the teacher, department head, administrator and parent

Student Instructions for Course Selection

- Log in to PowerSchool's with username and password
- Click the "Class Registration" link
- In each category you will need to click on the button with the pencil to open class lists
- Choose classes:
 - Please take notice of the Teacher Recommendation and of any Prerequisite Notes
 - You do not need to select PE, Health or Learning Labs. Those classes will automatically be added in your schedule.
 - Alternative selections: You must select the stated number of alternative electives in order to save your course requests. These will only be added if your requested electives are not available.
 - Please make sure you have selected all of the required courses or the system will not allow you to "submit." In other words, you must have a green check mark next to each category.
 - If the alternate classes that you have selected are not available, you will be scheduled into a class that is available. Thus, the more alternative courses you choose, the more likely you will be scheduled into a course you have chosen.
- Click "submit" once classes are chosen [Please note, you must make all of your selections in one sitting in order to submit or the program will not allow you to save (once submitted, you may go back and make changes if you realize that you made an error)]

Important Information for Selecting Courses

Current 9th and 10th graders:

- PE and Health will automatically be added to your schedule. You do not need to choose those courses as an elective. Current grade 9 students will be enrolled in PE and current grade 10 students will be enrolled in Health & Safety.
- You must choose a total of 7 credits, all students will be scheduled with one learning lab per semester.

Current 11th graders:

- Current juniors are not required to take physical education or health in their senior year so they need not leave room for it. If you have failed a PE or Health class, it will be automatically added to your schedule.
- You must choose a total of 6 credits, Seniors will be scheduled with two learning labs per semester. Seniors wanting one learning lab per semester should choose 7 credits.
 - Pathways: If you are currently enrolled in a Pathway, you will need to sign up for an immersion experience based upon your Pathway of choice. The choices for each Pathway are as follows:
 - Arts
 - Music Concentrations
 - Music Performance or Audio Production Options:
 - Student Internship
 - Independent Study
 - Music Portfolio
 - Music Education Option:
 - Cadet Teaching with a Music Educator
 - Visual Arts Concentrations
 - Art Education Option:
 - Cadet Teaching with K-12 ART Faculty
 - Drawing & Illustration, Graphic Design, Photography, Two Dimensional/Three Dimensional Design Options:
 - AP ART & Design Portfolio
 - Independent Study in field of focus
 - Business Options:
 - Student Internship
 - Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)
 - Career Technical Education
 - Computer Science Options:
 - Student Internship
 - Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)
 - o Culinary Options:
 - Baking
 - Independent Study with Culinary teacher
 - Engineering Options:
 - Student Internship
 - Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)
 - Education:
 - Cadet Teaching
 - Global Studies Options:
 - Student Internship
 - Approved Independent Project approved by the Social Studies Department Chair or NJROTC Commander

• Healthcare Options:

- o Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class
- o Health Care Internship

OVERRIDE FORM:

If you do not agree with your teacher recommendation and would like to increase your rigor, please have your parents fill out the Override Form. **All requests need to be submitted by April 4th**. No overrides will be honored after that date.