

Information for Picking Classes for 10th Grade

To access full course descriptions, go to www.piedmont.k12.ca.us

Then click on "Piedmont High School", then "Counseling", then "Planning Guide".

This document can be found online by going to:

http://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/phs/pdf/counseling/9th_grade_scheduling_packet.pdf

Required Classes for 10th Grade

1- English 3-4

2- Modern World History

3- Social Psychology / Co-Ed P.E. (or P.E. Dance or P.E. Athletics)

4- Science: Biology. If you have taken Biology, you can choose an *elective* such as Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, ROP AP Environmental Science or ROP Biotechnology or ROP Sports Medicine. (*Be sure to check the prerequisites for the appropriate course.*)

5- Math: Geometry or Algebra II

6- Elective

7- Elective

Students are required to pick 7 classes for the year. (2 semester courses count as 1 class for the year)

10th Grade Electives (check the prerequisites before signing up)

5143 – Computer Applications formerly know as Computer Skills(semester course only)

5118 –The Joy of Computing formerly known as Computer I, II(year course)

5127 --AP Computer Science (year course)

5145 --Web Design (year course)

5221 --Art 1 or 5222--Art 2 (year courses) or 5211--Studio Art/Ceramics 1-2 or 5212--3-4 (year courses)

5267 --Acting 1 or 5268--Acting 2 (year course)

5260 --Symphonic Band (year course)

5261 --Jazz Band (semester course only)

5265 --String Orchestra (year course)

5270 --A Cappella Choir Advanced (year course)

5272- -A Cappella Girls (year course)

5273 – A Cappella Boys (year course)

5283 --Dance I or 5284--Dance II (year course)

5556 or 5555 --Law and Society (semester[5556] or year[5555] course)

5533 --Psychology (year course)

5366 or 5367--Creative Writing (semester[5367] or year[5366] course)

5385 or 5386 --Intro to Publications (semester[5385] or year[5386] course)

5377 --Public Speaking (semester course only)

5252 --Clan-O-Log (year course)

5886 --ROP Journalism (year course)

French, Spanish, Mandarin (year course) [see course numbers on page 24 of [PHS Planning Guide](#)]

Teacher or Office Assistant (semester or year course) [see course numbers on page 25 of [Planning Guide](#)]

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. CREDIT REQUIREMENTS: 225 credits

- 1- year course 10 credits
- 1- semester course 5 credits

2. SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

- English: 8 semesters: i.e. English 1-8 (40 credits)*
- Mathematics: .4 semesters (20 credits)*
- Science: 4 semesters (20 credits) including a physical science and a life science course*
- Social Science: 6 semesters (30 credits) including Modern World History, Modern United States History or AP U.S. History, one semester of Civics and one semester of Economics*
- Physical Education: .4 semesters (20 credits), must be 10 credits freshman year, 5 credits sophomore year, and 5 credits junior year*
- Breadth: .4 semesters (20 credits)*
 - a) 10 credits of foreign language and 10 credits of creative arts or
 - b) 20 credits can be earned from two different courses in the creative arts (not different levels of the same course, e.g. Acting I, II ...)
- Computer Studies: 1 semester (5 credits)*
- Social Psychology: 1 semester (5 credits)*

These subject requirements are the MINIMUM prescribed by our Board of Education for a high school diploma. Most students choose to exceed these minimum standards during their 4 years at Piedmont High School.

3. HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION

Graduates must pass California's High School Exit Exam based on the statewide academic content standards in reading, writing and mathematics. Students will take the test for the first time in the 10th grade and will have repeated opportunities to pass the test before graduation.

10TH GRADE
1. English 3-4 2. Modern World History 3. Social Psychology/Co-ed P.E. or P.E. Dance 4. Science: _____ 5. Math: _____ 6. Elective 7. Elective

11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
1. English 5-6 or English 5-6 Honors* 2. U.S. History or AP U.S. History 3. Science: _____ 4. Math: _____ 5. Co-Ed P.E. (or P.E. Athletics) / Elective 6. Elective 7. Elective *Honors English may not be granted an extra grade point	1. English 7-8 or AP English Literature 2. Civics/Economics 3. Science: _____ 4. Math: _____ 5. Elective 6. Elective 7. Elective

Course Selection Directions for the Infinite Campus Portal Freshman selecting Sophomore Courses

Go to the Infinite Campus Portal at

<https://campus.piedmont.k12.ca.us/campus/portal/piedmont.jsp>

Each current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade student at Piedmont High should have a portal account. Their login is their first initial and last name (for example kshipp) and their password is sid and their student ID number (For example sid12345). If you or your student does not know their Infinite Campus portal login and password please contact Karyn Shipp at kshipp@piedmont.k12.ca.us.

The Course Request Portal will open January 19th and close January 26th. Once you are logged in at the top of the page on the left side bar should be a tab called **Course Request 12-13**. Choose it. Once there you will see required classes already selected for you.

Next you must choose requested courses and alternate courses. Please be sure to have 7-7.5 full year worth of required and requested courses and 3 alternate courses. Be sure to pay close attention to the prerequisite requirement for each course you select.

When selecting classes you may click the course search link. A search screen will appear. Courses can be searched by the course name or by the course number. Enter Course Number (i.e., 1020). Click the Go button. Matching course names will appear to the right. Click on any course listed to view the course description. Or you can use the course search button and hit go with everything blank. A list of possible courses will appear to scroll through.

To request this course as part of the schedule for next year click the **Request this Course** button. The course will be entered in the Requested Courses category, which means that they are courses chosen by you and not the school.

You will also need to request 3 alternate classes. Search for classes as you did before. Now you will click the **Request as an Alternate** button. The course will be entered as an **Alternate Course**. Please enter your Alternate classes in priority order. If a requested class cannot be assigned we will fill your schedule with the 1st alternate class requested.

At the top of the screen you will find a summary of the number of credits you have requested: the top number is the number of credits you have requested, and the bottom number is the total number of credits. A year long course is 10 credits. Students may request up to 75 credits (or 7.5 year long classes if you are in PE athletics), including **Required Courses** and need to request 3 alternate in the **Alternate Course** category.

There is no saving step required at any time; it is automatic. Once selected, classes will appear under the requested courses section on the left side of the screen. If a course appears there that the student DID NOT mean to select, the student need only click on the

course and a pop box will appear "Drop this request.". Select it and the course will be deleted from the list.

When finished requesting courses, click the Print Request Summary option to print a report of the courses that you requested. *** OBTAIN A PARENT SIGNATURE AND RETURN THIS PRINTOUT TO MELANIE REED IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE by January 26th*** If you have trouble printing try opening the site in a different browser.

TO prevent other users from accessing the portal and changing requested courses, instead of just closing the browser, click the **Log Off** option in the Index. This will end the session and bring you back to the portal login screen.