

Class of 2021: 11th Grade Talking Points for Senior Year Student Information

Review Transcripts with your counselor, if you have any questions or concerns.

- a. Check for required classes failed. Make a plan!
- b. Credits earned.
- c. Grade points/rankings.

Review Graduation Requirements

- a. You must earn 19 required credits and 7 elective credits.
- b. Remember, you must pass your required classes to graduate.
- c. Three ways to make up failures of required classes:
 - ✓ Testing out
 - ✓ Repeating class
 - ✓ On-line classes for credit recovery

College Preparation

- a. Colleges will be looking at your transcripts for admission decisions.
- b. Stay focused in current classes.
- c. Choose classes for next year wisely.
Continue to take core classes if you are planning to go to a 4-year college!
- d. Check the college web-sites for required high school classes.

10 Minute Program of Studies

- a. Go to www.portageps.org. Use the search window for *Program of Studies*. Make sure you pick the 2020-2021 school year.
- b. Contact your counselor, by e-mail, for questions.

Open Electives at Portage Central High School

(You may sign up for these classes by course number. These classes are in Skyward.)

PCHS Electives: Art, Business, Computers, English, Family and Consumer Science, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Technology, World Language, and Seminars

Electives that take Applications (APPL)

(You must fill out an application for these classes. These classes will be entered by your high school counselor.)

Education for Employment (EFE)

- a. All EFE programs, off campus, will take three (3) credits: two (2) credits for the class and one (1) credit for seminar.
- b. All EFE programs that are off campus require an application.:
<https://www.kresa.org/futureready>
- c. Applications are due in the Counseling Office by Monday, February 24, 2020.
- d. If you are interested in more than one program, be sure to fill out separate applications for **each** program. Indicate your program preference by listing 1st choice and 2nd choices.
- e. Do not count EFE courses as part of the 7 credits.
- f. Put the EFE courses under the alternatives for classes.

Education for the Arts

- a. If applying for more than one program, indicate your preference by 1st choice and 2nd choice, etc.
Applications are in the EFA books and online: <https://www.kresa.org/futureready>

- b. EFA classes that are off campus will take three (3) credits: two (2) credits for the class and one (1) credit for seminar.
- c. Do not count this as part of the 7 credits.
- d. Put the EFA courses under the alternatives for classes.

Yearbook

- a. Pick up applications from the Counseling Office.
- b. Mrs. Alburus may be reached, by e-mail, at aalburus@portageps.org .
- c. Do not count this as part of the 7 credits. Put this option under applications for classes.

Mentor Tutor or Peer to Peer

- a. This is an opportunity for you to work with students in the Learning Center or with individual students and Mrs. Nelson.
- b. For more information, contact your counselor.

Career-Tech Education (CTE) Work-Based Learning (WBL)

- a. Pick up an application from your counselor or the Counseling Office.
- b. WBL applications are due to your counselor by February 24, 2020.
- c. You must have, successfully, completed at least one semester of an EFE related class in order to enroll in co-op.
- d. You must also be enrolled in an EFE class along with having a job.
- a. Do not count this as part of the 7 credits. Put this class under the alternatives for classes.
- b. You may contact Ms. Mayfield, by e-mail, at irene.mayfield@kresa.org for more information.

Green Course Listing Sheet

- a. Alphabetical by department
- b. Course descriptions are in your *Program of Studies*.
- c. Sign up by course number
- d. Courses with an asterisk (*) are a half credit or half a year.
- e. Courses with no asterisk are one credit or all year
- f. Talk to your teachers for course recommendations.

Using Skyward

NOTES:

If you want something different than what is recommended, be sure to bring in a parent note, or a parent signed course request contract.

If you want a semester class for the full year, your counselor will add this in for you. For example, one class that many students take all year is weightlifting. You can add in the weightlifting class one time. If you want that class a second time, the counselor will add that in for you. Be sure to list the class two times on the course request contract.

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Day 2—Requesting your classes**

Course Request Contract Form

- a. Fill in your requests as directed.
 - ✓ Classes with course numbers are open.
 - ✓ Classes with APPL, need an application.
 - ✓ Classes with TR, need a teacher recommendation.

- ✓ Classes with an asterisk (*) are .5 credit, or half a year.
 - ✓ All other classes are 1 credit, unless marked otherwise.
- b. Your teachers and parents will also give you feedback.
- ✓ A parent signature overrides a teacher recommendation.
 - ✓ No parent signature means that the teacher recommendation applies.
- c. Be sure to make up any failed requirements for graduation. (See transcript.)
- d. For college bound students, be sure to include four (4) to five (5) credits of coursework in English, math, social studies, science and/or world language.
- e. There will be very few schedule changes at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year; so, choose your courses wisely.
- f. If you do not write down what you want, your courses will be completed by the computer or by the counselor.

Filling out the Course Request Contract

- Step One:** On the left side of the page, fill in all of the personal information.
- Step Two:** Look at the column on the right of the sheet that is for you to complete. Circle the course numbers and titles you plan to select.
- Step Three:** If there is not a course name or course number, fill in the course number and name in the blank spaces provided on the sheet.
- Step Four:** Remember that you must sign up for 7 credits. These courses are your selections for Portage Central High School in the 2020-2021 school year. You must also select alternative courses, in case there is a conflict when desired classes are held the same hour or if classes are too full. We need flexibility. If you do not pick alternative classes, the computer or your counselor will do this for you.

****You will be sent to the Community Room from your English classes.**

On Tuesday, February 11, 2020: Mrs. Alburtus', Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mills' classes will request courses. Be sure to have your classes put into Skyward, and bring a *completed* course request/long form. Furthermore, be sure to fill out the cream-colored IB Diploma Candidate Course Plan.

On Wednesday, February 12, 2020: Ms. Crooks' and Mrs. Braford's classes will request courses. Be sure to have your classes put into Skyward, and bring a *completed* course request/long form.

On Thursday, February 13, 2020: Ms. Kubinski's and Mr. Baas' classes will request courses. Be sure to have your classes put into Skyward and bring a *completed* course request/long form.

Finally, be sure to fill out your form and get a parent signature. Turn in the form, to your counselor, when you return to the Community Room.