

2024 - 2025 Course Selection

Class of 2027



Today's Agenda

- Introductions and Presenter Connie Akins, Chris Kasper
- Why Course Selection is Important
- Graduation Requirements
- Typical 10th grade schedule
- Electives- Art, Physical Education, Music, World Languages
- Business and CTE offerings
- Balance is Everything
- Entering Courses in PowerSchool

Graduation Requirements

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| English | 4.0 credits | |
| Math | 4.0 credits | 1.0 Algebra I, 1.0 Geometry, 1.0 Algebra II, 1.0 Math |
| Science | 3.0 credits | 1.0 Biology 1.0 Earth Science .5 Chemistry I / .5 Physics I |
| Social Studies | 3.0 credits | 1.0 World History 1.0 US History .5 US Government / .5 Economics |
| World Language | 2.0 credits (same language) | or 1.0 credit WL and approved CTE course |
| Art/Music | 1.0 credits | |
| Health | 0.5 credits | |
| Personal Fitness | 0.5 credits | |
| Electives | 4.0 credits | |

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Typical 10th Grade Schedule

- English 10
- Geometry or next in Math sequence
- Earth Science (can also add Chemistry 1/ Physics 1)
- US History, AP US History, **African American Humanities**
 - African American Humanities is a 2 hour block and satisfies the US History requirement and an English credit
- Health and Wellness
- Personal Fitness
- Art elective or other elective

English - English 9 and English 10 required; Need 4 credits total

Literature-Based Courses

- AP English Lit and Composition
- African American Literature
- Contemporary World Literature
- Literature of Hip Hop Mvmt.
- Humanities - Western
 - Literature, History, Art, Music
- African American Humanities
 - Literature, History, Art, Music

English Electives

- Film I and Film II
- Creative Writing I and II
- Acting I and Acting II
- Screenwriting
- Journalism I and Journalism II
- Yearbook
- Newspaper
- Argumentation

Pioneer Omega: Join the Yearbook Staff!

Are you interested in graphic design, photography, journalism, learning about the school, and working with others?

Consider joining the yearbook staff!

Pioneer Omega

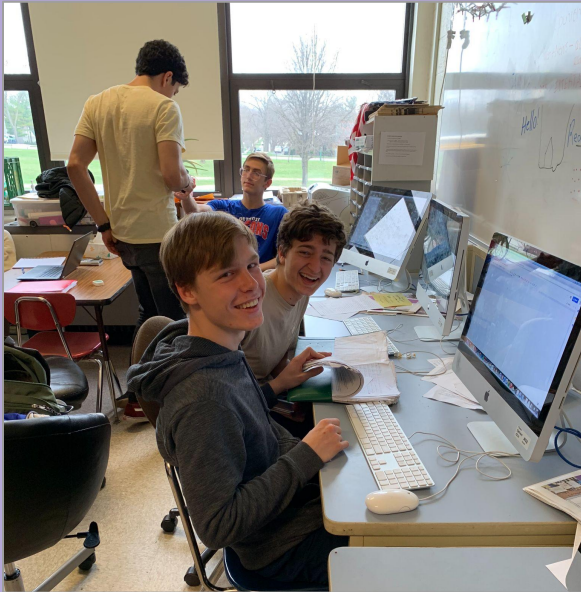
Students learn real world skills as they cover all aspects of the school year, from academics to clubs to sports and social events.

This class is unlike any other at Pioneer HS!



Take Journalism and join the School Newspaper – *The Pioneer Optimist*

- Become a great writer, editor, designer, photographer
- Earn leadership opportunities colleges really want to see
- *Leave your mark on Pioneer!*



Make great new friends you'll remember forever

Social Studies

Required Social Studies for 10th Grade: US History, AP US History or African American Humanities

Future Social Studies Classes (available **AFTER** sophomore year)

- AP Economics
 - This is a full year, 1.0 credit class
 - The full year will cover Macroeconomics and Microeconomics
- AP US Government
 - This is a full year, 1.0 credit class
- We the People (satisfies US Government requirement)
- Philosophy
- Law
- Current History
- AP Psychology
- Psychology
- Applied Psychology
- History of Racism and Resistance in the United States

World Language

- American Sign Language
- Chinese, Mandarin
- French
- German
- Latin
- Spanish

Phys Ed Courses

Personal Fitness

- * Graduation Requirement
- * 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade



Elective Physical Ed Classes

- * 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade
- Sports Medicine I & II - Peer Mentor
- Basketball & Condit I & II - Fit & Flexible -Triathlon Basics
- Lifeguarding - Lifetime Sports I & II
- Swimming I & II - Team Sports I & II
- Wt Lift & Cond - Yoga - Aerobics, Core & More

Health Courses

Health & Wellness

- Graduation Requirement
- 10th, 11th & 12th Grade

Advanced Health & Public Policy

- Elective Course
- 11th & 12th Grade



Art Classes - No prerequisites, .5 credit per semester,

Art and Design

*Entry Intro level



Advanced Art Classes... *Adv. levels offered in each.

Draw Paint Print

Jewelry Design

Ceramics & Sculpture

Graphic Design

Photography

Theater Design

Advanced Art Portfolio

* Juniors and Seniors only

* Art School Bound

PIONEER MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Choir Program
Mr. Lorenz
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Orchestra Program
Mr. Glawe
glawej@aaps.k12.mi.us



Band Program
Mr. Leach
leachd@aaps.k12.mi.us

Non-Ensemble Courses

GREAT for seniors to consider

Piano/Voice/Guitar Classes
(beginning & advanced levels)

AP Music Theory

Music Theory and Technology

Music Industry



AP
Music
THEORY





LIVE



LEARNING TODAY
OWN TOMORROW!

CTE

AAPS GRADUATION CREDITS THROUGH CTE



Post-secondary plans and college athletics (NCAA) should be considered when electing to use a CTE course to meet graduation requirements.

| | Art (.5) | Econ (.5) | ELA (.5) | Math 4 th yr. | Science 3 rd yr. | Wrl'd Lang 2 nd yr. | State- Approved | Building | |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Accounting 1 & 2 | | | | X | X | X | X | Huron & Pioneer | Both classes must be taken for WL & Sci Elective |
| Auto Service Technology | | | | X | X | X | X | Huron & Pioneer | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective |
| Business Management (IB) | | | | | X | X | X | Huron | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective |
| Business Magnet | | | | | X | X | X | Skyline | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective |
| Business Mgt. (students take Bus Prin & Entrepreneur) | | | | | X | X | X | Pioneer | Both classes must be taken for WL & Sci Elective |
| Cosmetology | X | | | | X | X | X | All | |
| Culinary Arts & Hospitality | X | | | X | X | X | X | Huron & Pioneer | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective |
| Cybersecurity (Intro & Pro) | | | | | X | X | X | Huron | Both classes must be taken for WL & Sci Elective |
| Health Science Technology | | | | | X | X | X | Huron & Pioneer | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective |
| Homebuilding | X | | | X | X | X | X | All | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective |
| Interior Design | X | | | | | | | Huron | |
| Marketing Education (Must be taken for a full year for ELA or Econ credit) | | X | X | | X | X | X | Huron, Pioneer, Skyline & Pathways | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective and Econ & ELA credit |
| Personal Finance 1 | | | | X | | | | All | |
| Personal Finance 2 | | | | X | | | | All | |
| PLTW-Engineering Design | X | | | X | | | | All | Must be taken for a year |
| PLTW-Principles of Engineer | | | | X | | | | All | Must be taken for a year |
| PLTW-Engin Design & Dev | | | | | X | X | X | Skyline Only | Must be taken for a year for WL & Sci Elective |
| Web Page Design 1 & 2 | X | | | | X | X | X | Huron & Pioneer | Both classes must be taken for WL & Sci Elective |

Substituting a CTE course for a science or math credit does not exempt a student from taking the state assessment which assesses content relevant to all standards.

CTE: CULINARY

INSTRUCTOR: MELISSA RICHARDS

CLASSES:

Culinary Arts & Hospitality

- 11th &/or 12th
- 2 hours per day, year-long course
- no prerequisites needed!
- counts as: .5 ART

4th yr MATH

3rd yr SCIENCE

2nd yr WORLD LANGUAGE



Baking & Pastry Arts

- 11th &/or 12th,
earlier if prerequisites taken
- 1 hour per day, year-long course
- prerequisites: Culinary Arts & Hospitality OR
Foods & Nutrition AND Multicultural Foods

*Extra Curricular: Skills USA competitions

ServSafe certification



Foods & Nutrition & Multicultural Foods

- prerequisite / 9th-11th preferred
- good classes to take to see if you like cooking or baking before committing to harder culinary courses
- 1 semester course
- Foods & Nutrition in Fall
- Multicultural Foods in Spring

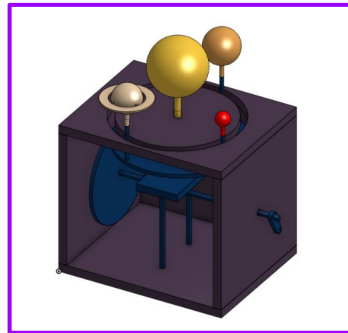


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Engineering Design

The first class in Engineering is called Engineering Design. It is a year-long course that's perfect for people who like **making things** and **solving problems**.

In this class, students work with computers and their hands. Students learn engineering drawing, 3D design software, digital fabrication (3D printing and laser cutting), and are challenged to solve a variety of real-world problems. **This course also counts as an art credit!**

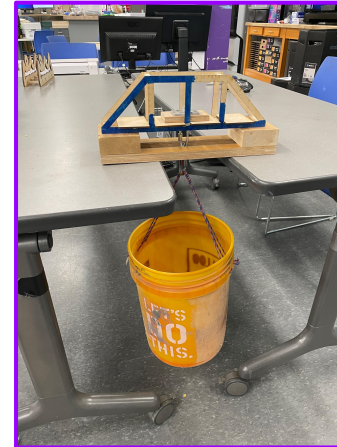
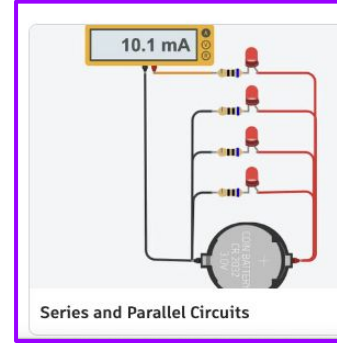


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Principles of Engineering

If you've already taken Engineering Design and want to continue in 10th grade, you should take Principles of Engineering.

In this class, you'll learn about many different areas of engineering, including mechanical engineering, electronics, digital fabrication, civil & structural engineering, and robotics. You will learn theory, calculations, and do hands-on projects for each topic. **This course also counts for a 4th math credit!**



PIONEER Business

- **Web Page Design I & II** - Earn Art Credit while learning a highly sought skill
- **Computer Applications** - Learn about Technology used in the Business World

PIONEER Business

- **Marketing -**

Counts for Economics credit during 10th grade, frees up room in your schedule for junior year

can participate in **DECA Competitions** through Marketing class

2024 Pioneer DECA Chapter



COMPUTER SCIENCE OPTIONS AT PIONEER



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Learn how to make
computer and phone apps

AP Computer Science Principles

- For complete beginners, assumes no experience
- Math credit, easy coursework, no HW.

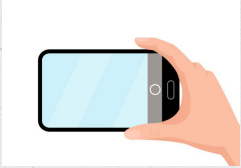
How computers work, basic coding in Python, and making things

Note: You are not required to take the AP exam.

AP Computer Science A

- Rigorous course equivalent to 1st semester college CS course. Taught in Java.
- Some prior experience is helpful/suggested but not required
- Math credit

You can learn how to
make apps for your
phone in this course!



Advanced Topics

- After CSP or CSA
- Project-based
- Artificial Intelligence, Physical computing, and autonomous cars.
- Topics of students' choosing - self or group projects

Balance is Everything!?

- AP classes are College level work
- There are only a limited amount of hours in a day
- Be intentional about your class schedule
- Review your course selections to ensure you have opportunities for extracurricular activities
- Check in with your counselor for questions about course selections as needed

Entering Courses in PowerSchool

- The Course Selection Worksheet is for your use only. You will not turn this into Counseling!
- You MUST enter your course selections into PowerSchool by March 15, 2024



PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL

BE BOLD. BE EXTRAORDINARY. BE A PIONEER.

COURSE SELECTION: POWERSCHOOL PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS

STEP
1

Sign into Powerschool

STEP
2

Navigation
Grades and Attendance
Grade History
Attendance History
Teacher Comments
School Bulletin
Class Registration

Click Class
Registration

STEP
3

Click On the Pencil

STEP
4

Click your class, and then Okay

STEP
5



Submit

Click Submit, make sure you have at least 6
or 7 credits select with Alternatives

More Info on Classes

[Pioneer Counseling Website](#)

[AAPS Course Selection Guide](#)

Next Steps

- Know what classes you need to take to graduate
- Think about what you want to do after graduation and pick classes that will support that plan
- Talk to your teachers for recommendations
- Talk to your counselor for recommendations
- **Help Sessions during lunch throughout March**
- Enter you course requests in PowerSchool through March 15, 2024