



# Peekskill High School 8th Grade Transition Night

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Winter 2024  
Presented by  
PHS Counseling Department

# Presentation Overview

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- ★ Welcome - Principal's Address
- ★ Expectations
- ★ High School Graduation Requirements
- ★ Resources
- ★ Student Life
- ★ School Site

# PHS Administrative Team



Dr. Ferris, School Principal



Dr. Smith  
12th Grade Assistant Principal



Mr. Zambrano  
10th & 11th Grade Assistant Principal



Mr. Cabral  
9th Grade Assistant Principal

## All incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students have:

- ★ Team of Teachers
- ★ Class Advisors
- ★ Majority of classes located in the same wing of the High School
- ★ Freshman Parent Evening Presentations
- ★ Team Building Orientation

## PHS Counselors from left to right:

Mr. Fernandez  
Ms. Rios  
Mrs. Dorado  
Mrs. Gilchrest  
Mr. Cabassa



# Scholarchip: School ID Cards

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- ★ ID cards must be worn everyday
- ★ Students will “chip” into school and the cafeteria everyday
- ★ Students schedules will be monitored through chipping into Kiosk or Tablet





# Naima J. Smith

Assistant Principal & 9th Grade Administrator

- ★ Promote a Positive, Caring Climate for Learning
- ★ Praise and Celebrate Students
- ★ Ensure that Every Student Feels Welcomed
- ★ Advocate for Students
- ★ Collaborate with Teachers
- ★ Partner with Parents/Guardians
- ★ Supporting School Counselor
- ★ Supervising Students Outside of the Classroom
- ★ Carry Out our Discipline Management System
- ★ Parent/Student/Community Partner Conferences
- ★ Facilitate Quarterly Assemblies
- ★ Analyzing Student Data
- ★ Opportunities for Team Building Activities
- ★ Open Door Policy for Every Student and Parent/Guardian




# Role of the School Counselor

- ★ To help students adjust to their new school environment
- ★ To plan and monitor students academic program and academic progress
- ★ To set future social/emotional/educational and vocational goals
- ★ To help guide through the college application process





# Student Expectations

- ★ Students must be in the building by 8:15am to ensure they arrive to 1st period on time
  - ★ Arrive to each class on time
  - ★ Students have 3 minutes between each bell to get to class
  - ★ Hall sweeps are conducted randomly throughout the week
  - ★ Every student received 1 warning each week
  - ★ After 1st warning– 1 hour of detention per lateness
  - ★ Parents are notified daily by the afternoon if student has been marked absent and/or late
  - ★ Phones
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# How can parents/guardians best support their child?

- ★ **Be aware of Important Dates**

*Term start & end dates, Regents Exam dates, etc.*

- ★ **Be aware of homework expectations**

- ★ **Be mindful of student attendance**

*If student is unable to attend class sickness, family emergency, etc. please notify attendance secretary as soon as possible.*

*Non-emergency out of town trips should be scheduled when school is not in session.*

*For the month of June- regents exams are scheduled in the weeks following the last day of classes. Students are expected to be present for their corresponding exams.*

- ★ **Communication**

*Communication between teachers, counselors, parents and student is essential to the child's success. Please make sure to always notify school if there are any academic, social and/or emotional concerns regarding student.*



# PHS PARENT PORTAL

**The Parent Portal provides parents/guardians the ability to view their children's:**

- Attendance
- Report Card
- Progress Report
- Grades
- Missing Assignments



## **Steps:**

1. Complete the Parent Portal Request Form (link below) to have an account created.
2. The District Technology Office will email you an access code and instructions to log on to the Parent Portal.



**ENGLISH**



**SPANISH**



## -Sample Schedule-

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# –Graduation Requirements–

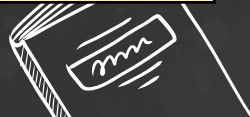











Regents Diploma	
4	English
4	Social Studies
3	Math
3	Science
1	LOTE (Foreign Language)
1	Art/Music
0.5	Health
2	PE
3.5	Electives
22	Total

Advanced Regents Diploma	
4	English
4	Social Studies
3	Math
3	Science
3	LOTE (Foreign Language)
1	Art/Music
0.5	Health
2	PE
1.5	Electives
22	Total

Peekskill HS	
4	English
4	Social Studies
4	Math
4	Science
4	LOTE (Foreign Language)
4	Art/Music
0.5	Health
2	PE
1.5+	Electives
22+	Total

# What is a Regents Exam?

- ★ In New York State, Regents Examinations are statewide standardized tests in core high school subjects required for a Regents Diploma to graduate. (You cannot opt out)
- ★ Must pass a minimum of 5 Regents Examinations to graduate from High School.
- ★ Must pass a minimum of 9 Regents Examinations to graduate from High School with an Advanced Regents Diploma.



Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
1 English	1 English
1 History	<b>2 History:</b> Global History II US History
1 Math	<b>3 Math:</b> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II
1 Science	<b>2 Science (1 Physical, 1 Life):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Living Environment</li><li>• Chemistry, Earth Science or Physics</li></ul>
1 Additional Exam	Local LOTE Exam
5 Exams Total	8 Regents Exams + LOTE

# Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Classes

At PHS, there are plenty of opportunities to challenge yourself academically.

Colleges are looking for applicants who have taken advantage of as many higher level courses as individually appropriate.

Regents Courses  
Weight: 1.0

Honors Level Courses  
Weight: 1.05

AP Level Courses  
Weight: 1.1

College Level Courses  
Weight: 1.1

**Honors Level Courses**  
Weight: 1.05

- ★ English 9/10/11
- ★ World History I/II
- ★ US History
- ★ Living Environment
- ★ Chemistry
- ★ Physics
- ★ Geometry
- ★ Pre-Calculus
- ★ Spanish 5

**AP Level Courses**  
Weight: 1.1

- ★ AP English Language & Composition
- ★ AP English Literature & Composition
- ★ AP World History I/II
- ★ AP US Government & Politics
- ★ AP US History
- ★ AP Pre-Calculus
- ★ AP Calculus
- ★ AP Spanish Language
- ★ AP Spanish Literature
- ★ AP Computer Science
- ★ AP African American Studies
- ★ AP Biology

**College Level Courses**  
Weight: 1.1

- ★ African Diaspora
- ★ Introduction to Hip-Hop
- ★ Entrepreneurship Economics
- ★ Public Policy & Modern America
- ★ Government & Social Justice
- ★ Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- ★ Classism, Racism & Sexism
- ★ Astronomy
- ★ Peekskill Science Research
- ★ Anatomy & Physiology I
- ★ College Statistics
- ★ College Women Studies
- ★ College Sociology
- ★ College Forensics
- ★ College Intermediate Spanish
- ★ College Latino USA
- ★ Computer Information Systems
- ★ College Drawing



# How are Students Promoted to the Next Grade Level?

Before entering the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, you must earn a minimum of 5.5 credits.



Before entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, you must earn a minimum of 11.0 credits.



Before entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, you must earn a minimum of 16 credits.






# Academic Resources

## ★ Call Back:

- All teachers are available Monday– Thursday after school from 2:44 pm – 3:00 pm for extra help.

## ★ Elton Brand Academy:

- After-school homework help and tutoring program from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
  - Monday – Friday
  - Teachers are available to assist students in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science.
  - ENL extra support
  - SAT Prep
  - College Application Assistance
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## ★ Regents Prep in Spring

## ★ Credit Recovery: Night School & Summer School





# Support Services

Ms. Brown – School Psychologist – Room 237B – [SBrown@peekskillschools.org](mailto:SBrown@peekskillschools.org)

Mr. Olmstead – School Psychologist – Room 204 – [ROlmstead@peekskillschools.org](mailto:ROlmstead@peekskillschools.org)

Mr. Diago – School Social Worker – Room 237A – [MDiago@peekskillschools.org](mailto:MDiago@peekskillschools.org)

Mrs. Marroquin – School Social Worker – Room 244 – [HMarroquin@peekskillschools.org](mailto:HMarroquin@peekskillschools.org)

Ms. Martinez – Mediation Coordinator – Room 242 – [JMartinez@peekskillschools.org](mailto:JMartinez@peekskillschools.org)

Ms. Liriano – Student Assistance Counselor – [MLiriano@peekskillschools.org](mailto:MLiriano@peekskillschools.org)



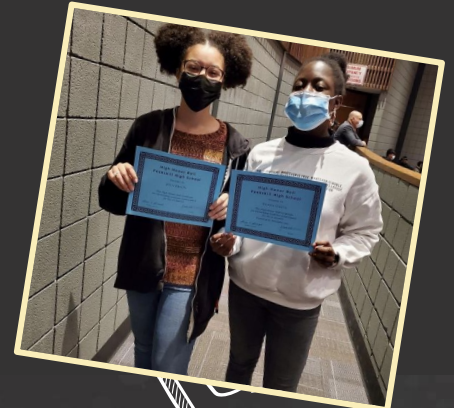
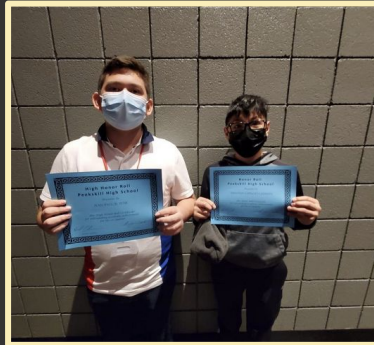
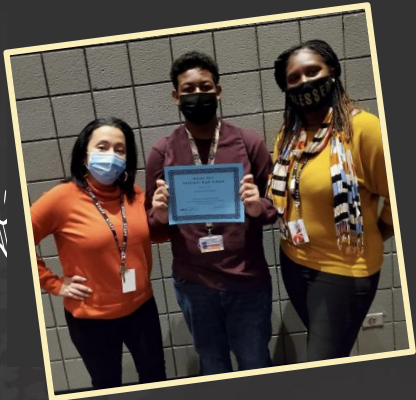


## High Honor Roll

Maintain a 90% GPA for the quarter with no failures.

## Honor Roll

Maintain an 85% GPA for the quarter with no failures.



# Student Life: Sports



## Spring

Baseball

Softball

Track

Boys Lacrosse

Flag Football



## Fall

Boys Soccer

Girl Soccer

Football

Volleyball

Cheer

Cross Country

Girls Swimming

Wrestling



## Winter

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Track

Wrestling

Bowling

Boys Swimming

Cheer

Gymnastics





# Student Life: Clubs

Academic Competition Club

Acapella Group

Art Club

Black Culture Club

Book Club

Computer Science Club

Debate Club

Drama Club

Environmental Awareness  
Club

Exchange Club

Gardening Club

Gay Straight Alliance Club

Girls Group

Girls Who Code Club

Hiking Club

Interact Club

Irish Club

Latin Culture Club

Math Competition Club

Newspaper Club

Robotics Club

Ski Club

Student Council

Yearbook Club





# Honor Societies

National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society  
Mathematics Honor Society  
Science National Honor Society  
Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)  
Social Studies Honor Society  
Tri-M Music Honor Society



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### PHS Guidance Department Forms:

- Community Service Certification of Hours
- NACAC Fee Waiver Web
- SUNY Fee Waiver
- Working Papers Application
- Working Papers Process Information
- Transcript Request Procedure & Form
- BOCES Tech Center Application
- 2022-23 Challenge Agreement Fill-In Form
- Lunch Opt Out Form
- Counselor Transcript Request Form (Fillable)
- Teacher Recommendation Request
- PHS Honor Societies Forms

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# August/September Events

## ★ Orientation

- Students will participate in a half day event
- Peer Mediation and Conflict
- Meeting with Class Advisors
- High School Overview
- Goal Setting
- 9th Grade expectations
- School and Home Communication

## ★ Grade level town halls

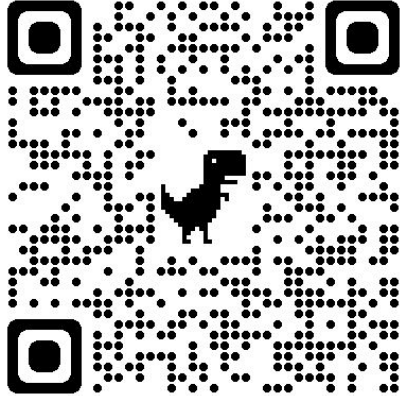
## ★ 9th Grade trip

## ★ Club Fair for Students





**English**



**Spanish**

