

**2024 – 25 PVHS Freshmen Elective Course Offering Descriptions**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>AG MECHANICS</b> *g- College Prep Elective (CE)- AHC Concurrent Enrollment	Students will learn to operate various power tools used in woodworking, plumbing, electricity, and basic welding.
	<b>AG LEADERSHIP</b> *g- College Prep Elective	For students who want to be in Future Farmers of America and learn leadership skills directing the FFA chapter. Assist in coordinating school & community activities & practice public speaking.
	<b>FLORAL DESIGN</b> *g- College Prep Elective	Introduces students to career possibilities and background knowledge to be successful in the floral industry. Topics include principals and elements of design, selection and storage of plant materials, construction of corsages and various arrangements, drying flowers, pricing, marketing, and customer service. Students will participate in FFA activities and maintain an SAE.
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</b> *g- College Prep Elective	Students will learn & create a variety of documents using various applications and programs such as MS Word, Browsers, Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel, Access & Publisher while developing computer skills.
	<b>GAMING TECHNOLOGY</b> *g-College Prep Elective	Learn a variety of technical skills & design principals to use while developing computer games. Utilize various software platforms & websites to create games. Explore the fundamentals & history or gaming and the principals of how computers and the internet work, game/app design & structure, and experiment with programing. Precision Industry Certification testing is offered upon course completion.
<b>FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE</b>	<b>APPAREL CONSTRUCTION &amp; DESIGN</b> *f-Visual & Performing Arts (CE)- Career Technical Education	Students will learn how to operate a sewing machine and will make 3 garments: a tote bag, pajama pants, and a shirt. Students will also learn the basics of fashion, using the Elements of design. This is the first class in the Fashion Pathway.
	<b>INTRO TO FAMILY &amp; CONSUMER SCIENCE</b>	This introductory course satisfies your health requirement & includes basic units in clothing, food preparation, nutrition, child development & family planning, personal & relationship development, leadership skills, personal health & safety.
<b>INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE</b>	<b>FRENCH</b> *e-international language	For university bound students who wish to learn a second language in French. This elementary level course will focus on conversational French & French culture.
	<b>SPANISH</b> *e-international language	For university bound students who wish to learn a second language in Spanish. This elementary level course will focus on conversational Spanish & Spanish culture.
	<b>SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 1</b> *e-international language	For students who already speak Spanish in the home. This course is taught primarily in Spanish with English explanation as needed. Designed for students who have a desire to improve their Spanish language & literacy skills.
<b>INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>SMALL ENGINES</b> *g-College Prep Elective	Students learn how an engine works, safe shop procedures, how to use tools, basic maintenance, troubleshooting & repair procedures. Students will work on small air-cooled engines, such as lawnmowers, generators and outdoor power equipment.
	<b>WOOD</b> *g-College Prep Elective	This course is designed to introduce students to general woodworking practices. Students will learn about safely, use hand and power tools, and woodworking machinery. This course includes building wood projects in a shop environment.
<b>VISUAL &amp; PERFORMING ARTS</b>	<b>BEGINNING BAND</b> *f-Visual & Performing Arts	For incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> grade & students with little to no prior experience. Instruments offered; flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, tuba, and percussion (prior approval for percussion). Learn how to read music, may be required to perform at a concert as part of their grade. Prepares student for future instrumental courses.

<b>VISUAL &amp; PERFORMING ARTS</b>	<b>BEGINNING PIANO</b> *f-Visual & Performing Arts	Study the element of music (melody, harmony, rhythm, tone, & form) and how they are used to create style. Introduction to different genres of music, historical periods and roles of musicians of that era. Basic music theory and piano technique.
	<b>DIGITAL ARTS 1</b> *f-Visual & Performing Arts	Explore the field of fine arts and digital graphic design. Learn various methods of expression utilizing electronic equipment such as digital drawing tablets, professional cameras, and industry-leading Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator software.
	<b>CONCERT + JAZZ CHOIR</b> *f- Visual & Performing Arts	Students with previous vocal training and successful completion of an audition with minimum basic skills. Emphasis is on singing activities and vocal production. Develops the skills necessary for ensemble singing and reading music notation. Focus on vocal improvisation & performing with musicians.
	<b>GUITAR</b> *f-Visual & Performing Arts	Students interested in learning to play the acoustic guitar and read music. Learn chords, finger picking, and working with different musical styles. Note: students enrolled in this class will not play the electric guitar at any time throughout course.
	<b>INTRO TO ART</b> *f- Visual & Performing Arts	Focuses on the elements of art, the foundation of art history and the principles of design through the use of various media.
	<b>MARCHING + CONCERT BAND</b> *f- Visual & Performing Arts	Performers in the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, percussion/drums, and color guard. In the fall, this ensemble serves as the school marching band, performing in parades, band competitions, and home football games. The band attends a two-week camp in early august. Attendance at performances and after school rehearsals is required.
	<b>MUSIC HISTORY</b> *f-Visual & Performing Arts	Develop a sense of how music fits into history and understand musical elements, including rhythm, melody, form, tempo, dynamics, timbre, and harmony. Develop listening, singing, reading, and writing music, and playing simple instruments.
	<b>SONG WRITING + PRODUCTION</b> *f- Visual & Performing Arts	Designed for beginner to experienced students interested in songwriting and producing music. BandLab, FL studio and pro tools are the main platforms utilized in the class for sequencing and recording music. Basic proficiency on an instrument is encouraged, but not required.
	<b>THEATER ARTS I</b> *f- Visual & Performing Arts	Introduces the basic skills of theater arts in six areas: 1) Acting, performance skills, articulation, projection, expression, and self-confidence; 2) Theater History; 3) Play reading and writing 4) Technical theater, career set design, costuming & make-up 5) Introduction to filmmaking 6) Dance.
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ELECTIVES</b>	<b>ASB LEADERSHIP</b> *g- College Prep Elective	Designed to teach leadership skills and governmental structure, which ultimately enhances school pride, spirit and culture.
	<b>AVID</b> *g-College Prep Elective	A college readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. The program places an emphasis on writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization and reading skills.
	<b>MEDIA MARKETING + PUBLICATIONS</b> *g- College Prep Elective	Students will understand a foundational, comprehensive approach to news writing for the web, broadcast, photo journalism basics, social media, new production, digital citizenship, ethics and media law. Student work will be published in the Panther Tales and Panther Tales Annual.
	<b>ANCIENT MEDIEVAL HISTORY</b> *a- History/Social Studies	A broad course of world history that examines the inheritance of classical antiquity, of ancient and medieval Asia and Europe. Recognition of historical patterns and an examination and emphasis on topics that have a continuing history of civilizations of India, China and the Islamic world, and Greco-Roman antecedents of medieval Europe.