

PRHS

FRESHMAN
ACADEMY



FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE

CLASS OF 2025: YOU HAVE ARRIVED!

BLOCK SCHEDULE

Typical Schedule

- Students will have eight classes listed for the academic year on their schedule.
- We try to create a “balance” of two academics and two electives per semester. If your schedule does not reflect this, please let the 9th Grade Office know as soon as possible so that we can make a correction.
- PRHS operates on a quarter system:
 - Q1 and Q2 are completed in the Fall Semester
 - Q3 and Q4 are completed in the Spring Semester
- .5 credits are earned at the end of each quarter for classes
- Most classes are semester-long, but some Advanced Placement, Fine Arts, and specialty programs are yearlong.
- Class periods are approximately 90 minutes long each day.

4x4 Block

- Students take four classes per semester.
- Organize your homework and study routine, as the pace is fast.
- If you need help, please ask! This is a big transition for students!
- Students earn 4 Carnegie units (credits) per semester and 8 in a full academic year.
- You will complete a full course in one semester (unless you are in a yearlong course)
- This will allow you to earn 32 Carnegie units in four years (24 in other high schools)

BELL SCHEDULE

Regular Schedule (M, W, F)	
Morning Bell	7:05 am
1st Block	7:10 am – 8:46 am
2nd Block	8:51 am – 10:24 am
3rd Block	10:29 am – 12:31 pm
A Lunch	10:29 am – 10:55 am
B Lunch	11:00 am – 11:27 am
C Lunch	11:32 am – 11:59 am
D Lunch	12:04 pm – 12:31 pm
4th Block	12:36 pm – 2:10 pm

PRIDE Schedule (T,TH)	
Morning Bell	7:05 am
1st Block	7:10 am – 8:36 am
PRIDE	8:41 am – 9:06 am
2nd Block	9:11 am – 10:34 am
3rd Block	10:39 am – 12:41 pm
A Lunch	10:39 am – 11:05 am
B Lunch	11:10 am – 11:37 am
C Lunch	11:42 am – 12:09 pm
D Lunch	12:14 pm – 12:41 pm
4th Block	12:46 pm – 2:10 pm

ATTENDANCE

Tardy and AWOL

- Be in class, on time.
- We assign consequences for tardies and AWOL infractions.
- When the bell rings, teachers close their doors. If you are not in the classroom at that time, you must get a tardy pass in order to enter class.
- Students who are tardy to class are expected to report to the upper Atrium or Attendance Office to receive a tardy pass for class admittance.
- Remember, our first block begins promptly at 7:10 AM. If you are not in the classroom at this time, you are considered tardy.
- Please take any excused absence notes to the attendance office for processing.
- Students who are not in assigned areas or where expected will be considered AWOL.
- Discipline referrals are issued for continued tardies and AWOL incidents.
- Remember, if you miss one day on the 4x4 block, it's like missing two days. Please be here as often as possible!

Lunch

- Lunch is during 3rd block in the Commons Area.
- Your 3rd block teacher will provide you with your lunch assignment.
- Seats are not assigned.
- There are 4 lunches (A, B, C, and D). Please eat lunch during your assigned lunch only.
- If you are in the cafeteria during a lunch period other than your own, you are considered AWOL.
- Lunches are 27 minutes long with 8 lunch lines.
- The Mane Event school store is also open so that you can purchase your PRHS spirit wear.
- Food must stay in the Commons during lunch.
- Please throw your trash away. Be proud of yourself and your school, by keeping it clean!

Transportation

- Get to school EARLY to avoid tardies.
- Buses will begin to release students in the building at 6:45 AM.
- Buses leave immediately after school (2:18 PM)
- For car riders, turn into Peachtree Ridge, stay in the left lane, and follow traffic around the school to drop off at the senior patio. Cars are not permitted in the bus lane during morning bus release.
- Please anticipate SEVERE traffic around the school, so ride the bus if possible! Bus number, pick up times, and location are posted under the student information tab in ParentVue.
- Student parking is for 11th and 12th grade only.

PROMOTION AND GRADUATION

Promotion

- Promotion occurs when a student earns enough credits to move from one grade level to the next.
- Carnegie Units (credits) are required for promotion to each grade:
 - 10th = 5 credits
 - 11th = 11 credits
 - 12th = 17 credits
- Students are only promoted at the end of each school year.

Graduation

- There are state and county requirements for graduation:
- Academic Requirements
 - 4 Language Arts (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th)
 - 4 Math (specific courses depend on Math pathway)
 - 4 Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4th from approved list)
 - 3 Social Studies (World History, US History, Econ/Political Systems)
- Electives
 - Health
 - Personal Fitness
 - 3 other electives: Foreign Language, Career Tech Education, or Fine Arts
- Testing
 - Must pass both the Science and Social Studies Gateway assessments
- Passing all academic classes will place you on track for graduation.
- If a student fails any required course, Summer School may be used to make up the credit.

Grading

- Final grades are given at the end of each 9 week Quarter for a semester class. Final grades are given at the end of each semester for a yearlong class.
- Earned grades impact GPA (Grade Point Average) immediately.
- If you fail a class, the grade will always remain on your transcript.
- If you fail a Math or a Foreign Language class, you cannot move on to the next course until you successfully complete the failed course with a passing grade.
- Questions regarding grading or assignments should be directed to individual teachers.

DRESS FOR EXCELLENCE

Peachtree Ridge High School is the standard of excellence in all we do. In an effort to maintain this standard, we encourage students to present themselves in a way that promotes excellence in dress. This page is created to help inform decisions when deciding what to wear to school.

At Peachtree Ridge, the clothing that is selected to wear should not diminish our daily academic focus. Our core business of teaching and learning is disrupted when a student has to be referred to an administrator for dress that does not promote school excellence and pride. If a student is dressed in a style that does not promote excellence based on the discretion of a school administrator, the student will be asked to correct the situation. Failure to comply will result in a discipline consequence.

Clothing that does NOT promote an image of excellence is an outfit that...

1. Shows cleavage
2. Shows mid-drifts
3. Shows bottoms/ upper thighs
4. Shows undergarments
5. Includes head covering (hats, etc.)
6. Includes inappropriate pictures/texts

Clothing that DOES promote an image of excellence is an outfit that...

1. Covers your chest
2. Covers your stomach
3. Covers your bottom/ upper thighs
4. Covers your undergarments
5. Has appropriate content on shirts
6. Uncovers your head unless for religious purposes

PRHS QUICK FACTS

Bell Schedule

- School starts at 7:10 AM and ends at 2:10 PM.
- Students complete four 90 minute classes per day.
- The warning bell rings at 7:05 AM and the tardy bell rings at 7:10 AM.
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday – normal schedule
- Tuesday and Thursday – PRIDE schedule

Class Transitions

- You are given 5 minutes between classes to transition.
- During class change, feel free to visit the restroom, your locker, vending machines, or see your friends, – just get to your next class on time!

Lockers

- Pay for locker on mypaymentsplus.com
- Price is \$3
- Plan ahead – you may not make it to your locker between each class due to location.

Behavior

- Review the GCPS Discipline Handbook
- Make good choices!
- Do not allow your electronic devices to lead to disciplinary consequences.
- Report any concerns to any adult, counselor, or Assistant Principal.

FINAL FRESHMAN TIPS

- Organization is KEY! Keep an agenda or planner to track your assignments and assessments.
- Determine the route to all of your classes early
- Be on time! Tardies have consequences!
- Avoid being absent as missing one day on a block is equivalent to missing two on a traditional schedule.
- Pay attention in class and keep up with studying.
- Take initiative and turn assignments in on time.
- Don't be afraid to see a counselor regarding your needs.
- GET INVOLVED!!! Community service, clubs, and sports are very beneficial to personal development and expand your college applications.
- Alongside academics, colleges look at how well-rounded you are.
- Study buddies are extremely beneficial in your classes.
- Learn to balance your priorities – don't procrastinate. It is easy to get behind, but hard to catch back up.
- Use social media with caution. Drama is not welcome in high school.
- SLEEP! High school means an early start to your day and you don't want to fall asleep in class. Buses pick up as early as 6:20!
- Finish any summer assignments on time.
- Start strong! Every class that you take during high school (including your 9th-grade year) DOES count towards your high school GPA and core classes count towards the HOPE Scholarship.
- Take advantage of the FREE tutoring that your teachers and different clubs offer to all students.
- Set goals now. Make mature choices because it makes life a lot easier.

Most importantly, ENJOY!

High school is a great experience you will love!

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