

SOPHOMORE ENGLISH CLASSES—SCHEDULING DATES AND TIMES

***Course requests should be completed by the date your English class reports to Guidance!**

December 3	Mr. Cavan	Mods: 9, 10 Pre AP
December 4	Mrs. Williams	Mods: 1, 3, 5/6 and 10
December 5	Mr. Keirn	Mods: 1 and 3 Pre AP
December 6	Mrs. Hobart	Mods: 2, 7/8 and 10
December 7	Miss Newby	Mods: 2, 4/5, 6/7 and 9
December 10	Mrs. Thibideau Mrs. Black	Mods: 1 and 2 Mod: 6/7
December 11	Miss Dziura Mrs. Black	Mods: 1 and 2 Mod: 10
December 12	Mrs. Hert Mrs. Black	Mods: 1 and 3 Mod: 2
December 13	Mr. Bruner	Mods: 1 and 2
December 14	Mr. Kretz	Mods: 1 and 2
December 17	Mrs. Monahan	Mod: 2

1. Required junior courses are: English 11 (2 credits), U.S. History (2 credits), Science (2 credits) and Math (2 credits) and Personal Financial Responsibility.
2. Choose 14 credits. Semester classes end with a “C”. Full year classes end with “AB”.
3. All course descriptions are on the Portage website at www.portage.k12.in.us.
Select Portage High School → Guidance → Course Descriptions.
4. Pre-requisites are very important to check before signing up for a class.
5. If you plan to take a vocational class, please make sure you turn in the completed application **as soon as possible**. Most vocational classes will take up 6 of the 14 credits you choose. **Your GPA and a 90% attendance will determine if you are accepted.**
6. Vocational visits are November 29 (evening only), December 4 and February 5. Applications must be turned in at least three days prior to a visit in order for you to become part of the field trip visit.
7. **Please have a teacher sign your course request form when there is a designated line next to the course.** If you are asking a teacher to sign for an AP course, remember you must also meet the requirement of 3.0 GPA and 3.0 in the subject area.
8. Make sure you fill in alternate courses with full year and semester choices. Do not circle alternate courses.
9. Students with a minimum 2.0 GPA can sign up for a Teacher Assistant and Peer Tutor slot. TA is not for credit. You may only have one TA slot each semester. Peer Tutor is for credit.
10. Courses with stars are dual credit. Applications for dual credit from PNW will need to be completed this spring. This includes Calculus, French 3 and French 4. Student data sheets for IU dual credits in remaining English, math, science, social studies and world language classes must also be submitted in spring. Business and Project Lead the Way dual credit applications will be completed online in the fall.

Preparing for College

As a sophomore, you should be looking ahead to your senior year when you will apply for college. What will colleges be looking for?

1. Good grades. A GPA of 3.0 might qualify you for a scholarship.
2. Most colleges require the SAT or the ACT, which are college entrance exams. There are study materials available in Guidance, a test prep course that can be taken during the school day and an intensive evening test prep course. The College Board will provide you with a special code when you receive your PSAT scores. Use this code at www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat for an individualized, online test prep course. It is recommended that you take these exams in the spring of the junior year.
3. Visit the college fair each September to begin narrowing your choices.
4. Most scholarships are available for seniors only, but there are some for grades 9-11. Many scholarships are merit based, determined by outstanding grades and SAT or ACT scores. Other scholarships require leadership, community service and participation in extra-curricular activities. Become active now. Don't wait for the senior year.
5. Know what options are available for career preparation in addition to 4 years of college. Ivy Tech will be a good fit for some. Others will attend a technical school, an apprenticeship program or go into the military. Remember that almost every student will need further education or training beyond high school.
6. Check out the website: <http://www.knowhow2go.org>

21st Century Scholars:

Each grade level is required to complete three projects in order to maintain the scholarship:

*Students must set up an account in order to complete the projects. Go to: www.scholars.in.gov (Have your social security number handy)

Grade 9: Set up graduation plan, participate in service activity, watch video "Paying for College 101".

Grade 10: Complete interest assessment, participate in workplace experience, watch video "Estimate the Cost of College".

Grade 11: Visit a college campus or visit with a representative. Take the SAT or ACT test, search for scholarships.

Grade 12: Submit college applications, watch video "College Success 101", file FAFSA (financial aid form) and complete affirmation document.