



HS SCHEDULING 101



2023-2024 AHS SCHEDULING &
COURSE REQUEST PROCESS

For students currently in 8th grade



Tonight's Agenda:

- WELCOME
- INTRODUCTIONS
- SCHEDULING CALENDAR
- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- COURSE INFO, RECOMMENDATIONS, & SUGGESTIONS
- FAQs
 - Complicated Individual Schedules
 - Balance of Flexibility vs. Strength
- LET'S GO LOPES! 

Questions:

- Put **QUESTIONS** in the **CHAT**
- Follow-up with **EMAIL** or reach out for a meeting
- Re-watch **VIDEOS**
- We will share general trends and common questions
- Scheduling is not first come, first served...**take your time**

- No perfect answer or path





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FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Board votes to 22/23 Course Book (Purple box, Feb 12)

HS Teachers: Recs in Alma (Light blue box, Feb 14)

10th Grade Presentation LEAD time (Yellow box, Feb 14)

9th Grade Presentation LEAD time (Yellow box, Feb 16)

Teachers Discuss Options w/ students in classes (Light blue box, Feb 19-21)

Virtual Parent Info Session 6-8:15 pm (Cyan box, Feb 23)

Students Schedule in ALMA (Light green box, Feb 24)

Students Schedule in ALMA (current 9th, 10th & 11th) (Light green box, Feb 26-28)

6:00-6:45pm - Current 8th
7:00-7:30pm - Current 9-11th
7:30-8:15pm - Teacher Meets (Dotted box, Feb 23)



MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Students Schedule in ALMA (current 9th, 10th & 11th)			
			Counselors available for questions - student sessions	2	Schools Closed	3
Students Schedule in ALMA - LAST DAY	5	6	7	8	9	10
			2 Hour Delay			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					FINALIZE Master Schedule	

Graduation Requirements (Class of 2027)



Subject	Number Units	Subject	Number Units
English	4	Physical Education/Health	1.50
Social Studies	3	9th Grade Seminar	.50
Mathematics	3	Art/Humanities	.50
Science	3	Personal Finance	.50
Core Flex Credit	1	Technology	.50
Electives	7	Computer Science	.50
		Total Credits	25.00

- Keystone Exams - Demonstrated Proficiency on 3 Exams - Algebra, Biology, Literature or Alternate Pathway
- Graduation Project
- A.W. Beattie Career Center for 10th, 11th, 12th grades - 3 credits

Freshman Scheduling

English	1 credit	Phys. Ed/Health	.5 credit
Math	1 credit	Freshman Seminar	.5 credit
Science	1 credit	Computer Science	.5 credit
Social Studies	1 credit		

5.5 Credits Already Determined

Recommend 7.0 - 8.0 credits per year

TERMS TO REMEMBER

DAY 1 and DAY 2 Classes will alternate days on a two day schedule.

MODS- 1 MOD = 41 minutes (Meets Every Day)

2 MODS = 82 minutes (Meets Every Other Day)

ELECTIVES- Non-core classes (Full year= 1.0 Credit & ½ yr = .5 Credit)

Recommendations & Choices

- **Levels** (Academic , Honors) based on **Teacher Recommendations**
 - What if you disagree?
 - Talk with current teacher and gain perspective
 - Overall picture, not judgment
 - **Course Recommendation Waiver** will be available
- **Integrated** Social Studies and English (9th & 10th)
- **Electives** Consider likes/passion and new things

Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Academic	Honors Courses	Post-Secondary Level (AP & CHS)	Percentage
A	4.00	4.50	5.0	100-93
A-	3.75	4.25	4.75	92-90
B+	3.25	3.75	4.25	89-87
B	3.00	3.50	4.00	86-83
B-	2.75	3.25	3.75	82-80
C+	2.25	2.75	3.25	79-77
C	2.00	2.50	3.00	76-73
C-	1.75	2.25	2.75	72-70
D+	1.25	1.75	2.25	69-65
D	1.00	1.50	2.00	64-60
F	0	0	0	59 and below

Integrated Option?

Students Choose:

- Integrated 9 (English/United States History 1) 2 full Credits
 - Similar to ELA/Civics & ELA/World Culture
 - Project-Based; choices; more thematic

Or Separate Courses: (1 full credit each)

- English (Academic or Honors)
- United States History - Part 1 (Academic or Honors)

World Languages

Do I need to take a language?

*A good indicator of future success in languages is success in middle school Reading and English courses.

- Taking a language is recommended, however not a HS requirement
- 4 year Colleges and Universities recommend at least 2-3 years of same

- TRIPS connected:
 - Italy in 2024 (Latin students)
 - France 2023, 2025, 2027 (French students)
 - Central America in 2025 (*in the works* - Spanish students)



World Languages

- Students should enter their 1st choice language in Alma
- Students will choose 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice with Mr. Pellicano on Google form - **March 2nd** (to use if needed)
- Criteria if requests exceed seats available:
 - 8th grade ELA and Reading grades; success in language rotations
 - STAR Reading score
 - Language teacher recommendation



Possible Freshman Electives

Chorus	Band	Interior Design	Introduction to Business
Earth Science	Robotics	Child Development	Introduction to Theater
French 1	Stop Motion	Manufacturing Technology	Journalism 1
Chinese (Mandarin) 1	Media Arts 1	Environmental Science	Creative Writing 1
Spanish 1	Studio Arts 1	Astronomy 1	American Conflicts
Latin 1	American Pop Music 1	Today's Foods	Study Hall



Sample Schedule - Semester 1

DAY 1

DAY 2

		DAY 1	DAY 2
Mod A	8:00-8:41	Band/Chorus	Band/Chorus
Mod B	8:44-9:25	Latin 1	Latin 1
Mod C	9:28-10:09	Honors US History 1	English 9
Mod D	10:12-10:53	Honors US History 1	English 9
Mod E	10:56-11:27	9/10 LUNCH	9/10 LUNCH
Mod F	11:30-12:00	LEAD/Advisory	LEAD/Advisory
Mod G	12:03-12:44	Freshman Seminar	Honors Biology
Mod H	12:47-1:28	Freshman Seminar	Honors Biology
Mod I	1:31-2:12	Health/PE	Health/PE
Mod J	2:15-2:55	Geometry	Geometry



Sample
Schedule -
Semester 2

(Study Hall)

DAY 1

DAY 2

		DAY 1	DAY 2
Mod A	8:00-8:41	Band/Chorus	Band/Chorus
Mod B	8:44-9:25	Latin 1	Latin 1
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Mod G	12:03-12:44	Intro Programming	Honors Biology
Mod H	12:47-1:28	Intro Programming	Honors Biology
Mod I	1:31-2:12	Study Hall	Study Hall
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Schedule -
Semester 2
(+Elective)

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DAY 2



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Mod I	1:31-2:12	Biology	Today's Foods
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DAY 1

DAY 2



Sample Schedule - Semester 2

		DAY 1	DAY 2
Mod A	8:00-8:41	Media Arts 1	Media Arts 1
Mod B	8:44-9:25	Intro to Business	Intro to Business
Mod C	9:28-10:09	Integrated Arts 9	Integrated Arts 9
Mod D	10:12-10:53	Integrated Arts 9	Integrated Arts 9
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DAY 2



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KEEP IN MIND...

FINAL SCHEDULES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL THE 1ST DAY
OF SCHOOL!

AND....

You are only *requesting* courses - be ready with backup plans in case electives are not available.

Next Steps:



Feb. 24th - March 5th: Online scheduling requests

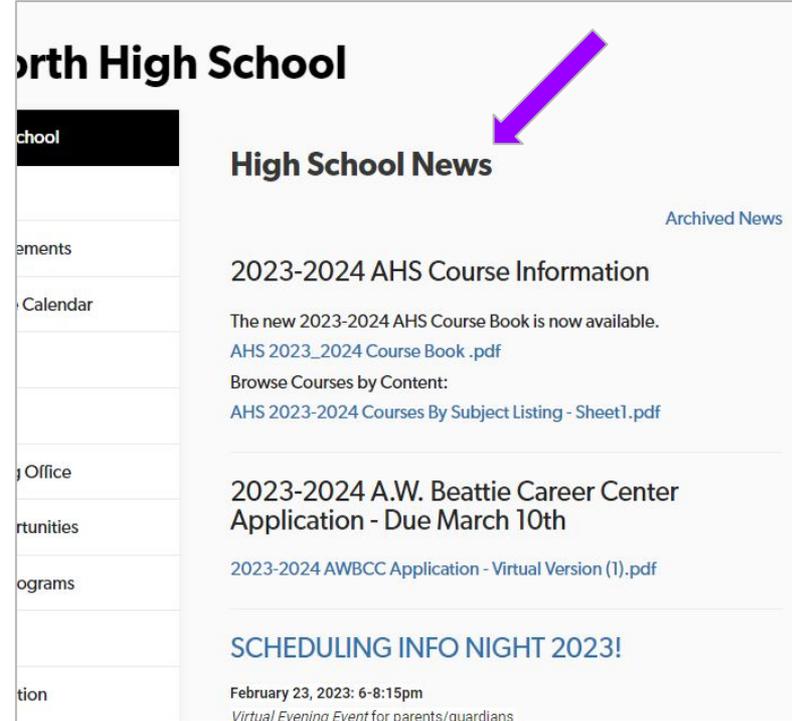
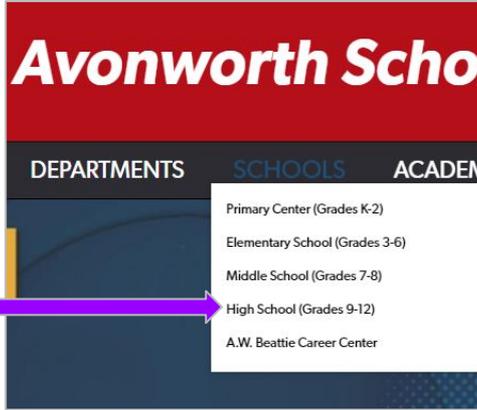
Resource Links:

[AHS 2023/2024 Course Book](#) - descriptions of courses; sequencing; definitions; policies

[AHS 2023/2024 Course Listing](#) (with videos) - reference guide; just course titles

[AHS Course Sequence Maps](#)- visual of how one course leads to another through HS

AVONWORTH HS WEBSITE





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<https://avonworthms.getalma.com/>



Avonworth Middle School

WELCOME



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Username

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Password

Log in

Language

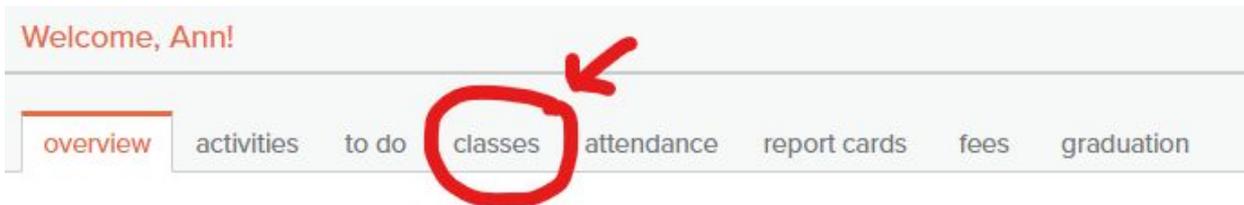
English

[Forgot password?](#)

How do student actually pick their classes?



1. Log into your STUDENT'S Alma account.
2. Select the “Classes” tab on the home screen.



3. Select the “Future Requests” tab under the Class Schedule screen.

CLASS SCHEDULE



How do student actually pick their classes?



4. The selection form for the 23-24 school year should appear. Read the directions at the top of the form:

SELECTION FORMS

Published: NO

10th Grade Selection Form

Welcome to the 2022-23 Avonworth High School Scheduling Process!

As a current 9th grade student, this step of the high school scheduling process is where you request the courses you choose your course selections.

The next step of the high school scheduling process will take place in the first few weeks of March. That phase of so by the end of April. Your schedule will be visible in your ALMA account as well at that point. You will be permitted to communicate any request to adjust next year's schedule to Mr. Como in the School Counseling Office.

Your current 9th-grade teachers will communicate what they recommend for you next year in English, Math, Social 5 students and parents. If you do not see a teacher's recommendation in ALMA, please communicate with your appro

Please select classes you would like to enroll in next year based on teacher recommendations, past classroom exp and your postsecondary plans. Additionally, for your own holistic health and well-roundedness, please remember to course family commitments. Challenges can create opportunities, but please be realistic about what works FOR YOU!

Class request sections below are separated by academic subjects and electives. Students entering 10th grade usua credits would range between 7 to 10 individual classes. Sophomores are permitted to request as little as 6.5 credits

5. Under the directions you should see the content areas classes. Click on the button to reveal the choices you have for that content area.

FIRST CHOICE REQUESTS Credits to Select: 7 - 9.0 Credits Selected: 1.5

ENGLISH Credits to Select: 1 - 2.0 Credits Selected: 0.0

An English class is required in 9th Grade to meet AHS Graduation Requirements.

If you have chosen the Honors Integrated Arts 9 course in the English section, there is no need to select a Social Studies class.

Please Be Aware: Classes are listed alphabetically below. Pay attention to the name of the course and research the course description in the AHS 2022-23 Course Book found on the AHS Website under Students Tab. Consider your teacher's recommendation.

Select one class below you would like to enroll in next year:

Code	Name	Subject	Credit	Requested By	Comment
<input type="button" value="Select ENGLISH"/>					

How do student actually pick their classes?

6. Select the course that aligns with your recommendation. Click “SAVE” and move onto the next content area.
7. Read the directions and complete the rest of the “Selection Form” by following the instructions.
8. Remember to Select “SUBMIT” when finished

Please contact Dr. Dwulit, Dr. Remensky, Mr. Como or Mrs. Levis with any questions.

Keep in mind:

Graduation Requirements

Strength of Schedule matters - How competitive of a college or university are you looking at; experience vs. (or in addition to) GPA

Minimum Requirements - consequences of minimum early

Special Education

Gifted Education

Life throws curveballs - prepare for obstacles and curves in learning journey

Network is here @ school to start

Think: Options

AHS Additional Considerations:

- PERSONAL PATHWAYS (info to come next year)
- [NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY](#)
- NATIONAL ARTS HONORS SOCIETY (See Mrs. Villani or Mrs. James)
- [GLOBAL SCHOLARS](#)

Personal Pathways Program (formerly known as Career Academies):

At the end of their 9th grade year, students will have the option of selecting a personal pathway to focus their elective choices and out-of-school experiences (job shadow, internships, apprenticeships, graduation project) to an area of their own interest. Students may choose to take elective courses outside of their respective pathways as well.

Students can apply for a specific pathway at the end of their 9th grade or 10th grade year. Participation is voluntary for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications will be reviewed by the Personal Pathways leadership team consisting the teacher leaders for each pathway, the high school principal, and the high school counselors. Students will gain career exposure and participate in job readiness workshops during their 9th grade year, as well as see connections to careers in their core classes. Students then have the option to apply for a pathway and personalize their learning through elective choices, career experiences, and extracurricular activities. When a student meets the requirements of their chosen pathway, he or she will be awarded a certificate upon graduation.

- **Arts, Innovation, & Communications** - Mrs. Arnold
- **Business, Finance, & Entrepreneurship** - Mr. Lincoln
- **Health & Medicine** - Mrs. Selep
- **Public and International Relations** - Mrs. Reagle & Mrs. Hickman
- **Science, Technology, Engineering & Math** - Mr. Wolfe
- **A.W. Beattie Career Programs Path** - Mrs. Levis

[Personal Pathway Handbook - on district website](#)



Thank you!

