

“Striving for Excellence in 2017-18”

**CHURCHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
(CHS)
MINI-STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Home of the **“TRUCKERS”**



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Disclaimer

This is a mini version of Churchland High School’s Student Handbook. This book can be found in its entirety on the Portsmouth Public School’s website. To access the website, type in www.pps.k12.va.us, click the following: Schools, High Schools, Churchland, CHS Student Handbook, and lastly, CHS Student Handbook.



Home of the “Truckers!”

September 5, 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to an exciting school year at Churchland High School. Whether you are a rising freshman or a returning senior, this year will offer you many opportunities for academic success and time for fun.

Our priorities at Churchland High School are preparing you to be successful on your SOL tests, preparing you to pass your classes with a “C” or better, and preparing you to be productive citizens. If you keep a “C” average, attend every day, and you are not in discipline trouble, we will support your efforts to participate in extracurricular activities.

Churchland High School has a rich tradition of excellence. This year will be no different. We expect all of our students to come to school ready to learn and put forth their best effort. High School is not easy, but it should be rewarding and fun for the student and family. I invite all of you to approach this year with an attitude of “striving for excellence”.

The information you find in this handbook will answer most questions you may have about CHS, but if you continue to have questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me or any member of our staff. We will gladly find the answers for you or guide you towards locating your answer(s).

Again, I welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year and hope you have the best year ever.

Shawn L. Millaci

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STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Student rights and responsibilities include: The right to have rules and procedures applied equally without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, social, or national origin. Additional rights and responsibilities include:

Right – To all of the rights expressed and guaranteed by the United States Constitution and by federal, state, and local laws

Responsibility - Obey all federal, state, and local laws

Right – To benefit from a school climate that provides a safe and orderly environment

Responsibility - Comply with school rules on any school property, including school buses and at school functions. Observe the rights of other students, school employees, and visitors. Make the appropriate persons aware of violations involving drugs, alcohol, weapons, or firearms

Right – To expect that school personnel will concentrate on the business of teaching and learning

Responsibility – Use all educational opportunities that are provided

Right – To expect and receive courtesy, fairness, and respect from members of the school staff and other students

Responsibility - Conduct him/herself in a responsible manner. Comply with reasonable requests and directions given by those in authority. Respect each other

Right – To review personal educational records if eighteen years of age or older

The rights listed above do not permit a student to disrupt the educational process, to break school rules, to present a health or safety hazard, or to disregard directions given by those in authority. Individual rights end when they infringe upon the rights of others.

DAILY OPERATING PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE (IE)

The Portsmouth City School Board recognizes that a Moment of Silence before each school day prepares students and staff for their respective work or school days. Therefore, each teacher shall observe a Moment of Silence at the beginning of the first class of each school day. The teacher responsible for each class shall make sure that each student (1) remains seated and silent and (2) does not disrupt or distract other students during the moment of silence. The moment may be used for any lawful silent activity, including personal reflection, prayer, and meditation. Teachers shall not influence, in any way, students to pray or meditate or not to pray or meditate during the moment of silence.

Adopted: August 31, 2000 Revised: September 26, 2013 Legal Ref.: The Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-203

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (IEA)

The Pledge of Allegiance, as established in 4 U.S.C. § 4, shall be recited daily in each classroom of the Portsmouth Public School Division. During the recitation of the pledge, students shall stand and recite the pledge while facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts or in an appropriate salute if in uniform. No student shall be compelled to recite the pledge if he or she, his or her parent or legal guardian objects on religious, philosophical, or other grounds to his or her participating in this exercise. Students who are exempt from reciting the Pledge shall quietly stand or sit at their desks while others recite the pledge and shall make no display that disrupts or distracts those who are reciting the pledge. Appropriate accommodations shall be made for students who are unable to comply with the procedures described herein due to disability.

Adopted: September 20, 2001 Revised: September 27, 2012 Legal Refs: The Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-202. 4 U.S.C. § 4. Cross Refs: JFC Student Conduct JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct

SCHOOL SAFETY

To ensure overall school safety, Churchland High School students and staff will engage in periodic Lockdowns (Full and/or Modified), as well as Fire, Tornado, and Earthquake Drills throughout the school year. Students, staff, and parents are expected to follow these procedures in all occurrences:

1. All students must actively participate in all types of drills. Staff members will provide students with the procedures and expectations during each drill.
2. During a **Modified (Partial) Lockdown** students and staff will engage in daily classroom procedures; however, students will NOT be allowed to enter the halls. In the event of a “true” emergency (medical/security, etc.), the assigned staff member will use their room “Call Button” to seek the assistance of an administrator and/or security officer. *Classroom Instruction must proceed, but teacher /staff and students are asked to please maintain a certain level of quiet!*

3. During a **Full Lockdown** students and staff will close and lock all windows and doors. Doors and windows will be completely covered. Lights will be turned off and students will be expected to remain in a safe quiet place within the classroom and/or designated area. Students who are not in their assigned classrooms, must report to a nearby safe location. Students/staff will **not** be allowed to leave a safe location for any reason until the drill(s) has officially ended. **Students are NOT allowed to TEXT/CALL their parents at ANY time during a Full Lockdown.** ALL cell phones should remain in the OFF position until the drill(s) has been completed.

If a life and/or death emergency occurs within the classroom, a colored card will be used by the teacher to inform administrators and/or law enforcement officials. Please be advised this does not mean the situation can be handled immediately. The safety of ALL students and staff must be considered in each occurrence. School personnel and/or law enforcement officials will make every effort to meet the demands of any student/staff member during this type of crisis.

In some cases, law enforcement officials will need to provide direct instruction/supervision during a Full Lockdown Drill. In this case, EVERY directive must be followed by the entire school community. An "ALL CLEAR" will be given and directions for parents will be provided at that time in regards to locating and/or picking up students.

For the safety of all students and staff members during these types of drills, parents are asked NOT to make attempts to contact their students via texting/calls, enter the school grounds/building and/or instruct students to leave a safe location with school personnel until directives are given by law enforcement officials and/or school administrators. If there are any concerns regarding this information, please feel free to contact the School Principal.

CAFETERIA

Students must remain seated at ALL times, unless in a serving line. OUTSIDE FOOD is NOT allowed in the cafeteria. VISITORS are NOT allowed in the cafeteria. Students MUST obtain a Hall Pass from an assigned staff member prior to entering the cafeteria, if they wish to leave at any time (Ex. Going to the library). *Only* Seniors are allowed to use the courtyard. Students who are not identified as seniors will face disciplinary consequences if seen in the courtyard. Students will be asked to show their Identification Badges before entering the courtyard at all times; however, the courtyard is not open to seniors until after the first two weeks of school.

The following expenses will be incurred if dining in the cafeteria:

Breakfast: FREE for ALL students

Lunch: Reduced price: .40 Non-Reduced: 1.65 Milk: .40

MEDICATION

Medication Administration: Medications are given in school by the nurse or the person designated by the principal to give medication in the nurse's absence. A **Request for Medication Administration** form must be completed and signed by the student's

doctor/dentist and parent/guardian. The completed form and the prescription, which must be in original container with the pharmacy label intact, should be given to the school nurse or principal's medical designee by the parent/guardian of the student. Medications **cannot** be transported by students.

Clinic Hours

7:25 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	SICK CALL
8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	SCREENING
10:30 A.M.-12:30 A.M.	SICK CALL/MEDS
12:40 A.M. - 13:10 P.M.	LUNCH (NURSE)
1:10 P.M. - 1:40 P.M.	SICK CALL
1:45 P.M. - 2:10 P.M.	CLOSED

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

CHS USE: Students are allowed to use cell phones, and other ear pieces from school arrival time until 7:25a.m. At the beginning of the first tardy bell, all electronic devices and paraphernalia should be powered OFF and completely out of sight. Using/possessing a cellular device and/or paraphernalia at CHS is a PRIVILEGE NOT a RIGHT!

The use and possession of a cell phone while on school property is considered a Level 1 Offense. Students should adhere to the following:

ELECTRONIC DEVICES (High School):

During the school day, high school students may use personal equipment or electronic devices for instructional purposes as defined and supervised by a classroom teacher or administrator. Students shall not display or activate personal equipment during class time unless specifically given permission by a teacher or school administrator. Personal equipment or a device include, but is not limited to: a laptop computer, net book, tablet computer, cellular phone, Smartphone, e-reader, or any personal computing device. Devices can be used only in the cafeteria during breakfast/lunch, and before/after school. Using the device to misrepresent an individual, harass or bully, or promote illicit activity will be unacceptable. Improper use shall result in confiscation of the item. Any student found in violation will have them confiscated and returned to a parent. **All cell phones, electronic devices and other confiscated items must be picked up by a parent/guardian. When the parent/guardian picks up the confiscated item they will be required to sign the General Confiscation Form acknowledging that if the same or similar item is confiscated a second time, it will be kept until a parent conference is held with an administrator, the third offense will result in the item being held until the student serves a minimum of one day in-school suspension and a parent conference is held.** The school must be contacted to schedule a pick-up time. Refusal to surrender a confiscated item will be considered defiance, which is found under disorderly conduct in the PPS Handbook and the student will face consequences as such. (*Please refer to PPS Student Codes of Conduct for specific guidelines*).

HALL PASSES

Students must have a hall pass whenever they are not in their assigned classroom. The hall pass must include the students full name, date, time, destination and adult signature at all time during the school day. Students should REFRAIN from leaving an assigned classroom without permission from a supervising adult. Failure to comply with this guidelines will result in disciplinary action.

READMISSION SLIPS

Student must submit an excuse note from their parent/guardian to their teachers upon return from an absence. Parents/guardians can also provide an email notice to the teacher. Please include the assigned guidance counselor and Attendance Clerk in all correspondences.

Students are given a Readmission Slip from their first period teacher immediately after a school absence. Students must present the slip to each of their assigned teachers immediately upon return to school from each absence(s).

TARDIES

Any student will be considered tardy if not inside his or her class room AND in their assigned seat by the time the late bell rings. When tardy to school or class, students will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

1st Tardy - Warning to the student.

2nd & 3rd Tardy – The student will be issued a Warning and the parent is contacted.

4th Tardy - The student is assigned to In-School-Suspension (ISS) for one (1) day and parent/guardian is contacted.

5th Tardy- The student is assigned to ISS for one (1) day and parent/guardian is contacted.

6th Tardy- The student will receive a 1 day Out-of-School Suspension (OSS).

Students who are Tardy to school and do not check in at the designated tardy area will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- Parent Conference
- In-School Suspension
- Out-of-School Suspension

Students who DRIVE and are TARDY to school may lose their parking privileges and/or face other disciplinary consequences.

LEAVING SCHOOL/CLASS WITHOUT PERMISSION

Students are not permitted to leave the school building and/or school property during the school day without permission from an administrator. Students may not go to their cars for any reason. Once a student has arrived on school grounds during a school day, he/she is NOT allowed to leave for any reason without the above-mentioned approval and/or without

a parent/guardian. Students **MAY NOT** contact a parent/guardian to pick them up from school without administrative approval. Students who are waiting to be picked up, must remain in their assigned classroom until their parent/guardian arrives to sign them out of school in the Main Office. Parents/Guardians must check their son/daughter out of school via the Main Office. **Students who violate any part of this policy are subject to disciplinary action. (Students caught leaving and/or returning to the school building without permission are subject to a 3 day out-of-school suspension). This includes going to the parking lot without permission.**

SKIPPING

Students reporting to school and failing to report to a First Period class and/or other assigned classes, and/or assigned student activities, will be considered “Skipping” and will be subject to disciplinary actions.

SCHOOL BUSES

Meeting the School Bus

- Students are subject to all conditions out lined in the PPS *Code of Student Conduct* while at the bus stop, going to and from the bus stop, or riding the bus.
- Students must be on time. Students should be at the stop at least five minutes before the regular pickup time.
- Students must not stand on the traveled portion of the roadway or on private property while waiting for a bus.
- While waiting at a bus stop, students must respect the property of homeowners in the area.
- Students must not run alongside a moving bus; they must wait until it has stopped, then walk to the front door.

Riding on the School Bus

- Students must obey the driver and be courteous to him/her and to their fellow students. The driver is in charge of the bus as well as the passengers and has the authority to assign seats to maintain discipline or promote safety.
- Students must never mark or deface the bus. The student performing the act must pay for any willful or careless damage.
- Students must not extend their arms, legs, or heads out of the bus window.
- Students must not talk to the driver while the bus is in motion except in an emergency.
- Students must not tamper with the emergency door.
- Students must not wave or shout at pedestrians or passengers in other vehicles.
- Students must not throw objects inside the bus or from a window.
- Books, book bags, band instruments, or other loose objects must not be placed in the aisle or on the floor at the front of the bus. These items will be permitted aboard **ONLY** if they can be held in the student’s lap and not encumber another student.

- Eating, drinking, or selling any commodity on the bus is prohibited.
- Students must not open windows without the driver's permission.
- Items prohibited at school will **not** be permitted on the bus. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: live animals, glass objects, skateboards, scooters, surf/boogie boards, and other items that do not directly support the educational process.
- Portable communication devices, including cell phones, may not be displayed, activated, or used on the bus by students while being transported to and/from school.
- The bus driver has the right to refuse transportation to any student who has an unsafe object (e.g., matches, knives, firearms, etc.) in his/her possession.
- Parents, guardians, or their designees are required to accompany children under six years of age to and from the bus stop.
- No change will be made in the location of bus stops or bus routing without the approval of the Office of Transportation Services. (757) 393-8269.
- Students must ride their assigned buses. No change in a bus may be made without the school principal's permission.
- Riding a school bus is a privilege. Should any child be reported to the school principal, the principal will be responsible for taking disciplinary action, including the loss of the privilege of bus transportation.

Leaving the School Bus

- Students must remain seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
- Students must leave the bus at their regular stops.
- If the students must cross a highway, they are to do so at the front of the bus and at a distance of at least ten feet in the front of the bus. They must not cross until the driver has signaled that it is safe to do so.

SENIOR PARKING PRIVILEGES

Students must obtain a parking decal in order to park on school property by Friday, September 29, 2017. After this date you are subject to get a notice on your car and lose your privilege to park on campus.

Procedures:

1. Obtain a parking permit application form and a rules and guidelines form for student parking from the Main office or the attendance office.
2. Choose several parking spaces/options that you would like. Remember seniors will be given preference.
3. Bring your completed application form, rules and guidelines for student parking signed by the student and parent, as well as the \$20.00 parking fee, and your license (to be copied) by the attendance office. Documentation will be kept on file.
4. Your CHS parking permit must be hung on your rearview mirror. Security officers and the police officer assigned to CHS will be checking the cars. If you do not have a decal, you will have a notice placed on your car. If you do not have proper documentation, the car may be towed at the owner's expense.

Students are not allowed to park in the teacher/faculty parking lot or spaces 01-19 in the student parking lot, or any spot marked for Visitors.

If someone parks in your assigned space get the license plate number and immediately contact Mrs. Simmons. You may get a notice on your car if you park in the wrong space without contacting Mrs. Simmons. Enter the building as soon as you arrive on school property. Do not loiter in the parking lot. If you drive another car it is your responsibility to move your originally assigned parking tag to the other car. Parking is a PRIVILEGE **NOT** a RIGHT! Failure to comply with school expectations may result in loss of those privileges.

Students must see Mrs. Simmons, Attendance Clerk for specific information, questions and/or concerns.

CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (KGB)

All visitors must sign in at the school office upon arrival.

No one may possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in or on the grounds of any public school during school hours or school or student activities. In addition, no one may consume, and no organization shall serve any alcoholic beverage in or on the grounds of any public school after school hours or school or student activities, except for religious congregations using wine for sacramental purposes only.

In accordance with Policy KGC Use of Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes on School Premises, smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted in schools or school vehicles. Any person found to be engaged in or advocating illegal activity while on school property, including school buses, shall be reported by the principal to the local law enforcement authorities.

Any person who willfully and maliciously damages, destroys or defaces any school district building, or damages or removes any school property from a school building, will be required to compensate the school division and may be prosecuted. Any person who willfully interrupts or disturbs the operation of any school or, being intoxicated, disturbs the same, whether willfully or not, may be ejected and/or prosecuted.

TOBACCO FREE SCHOOL FOR STAFF/STUDENTS **(JFCH-R/GBEC-R)**

Smoking, chewing, or using any other tobacco products by staff, students, and visitors is prohibited on school property. For purposes of this policy, the following definitions are applicable:

1. **“School property”** means:
 - a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance, or storage.

b. Any indoor facility or portion of such facility owned or leased or contracted for and used for the provision of regular or routine health care, day care, or early childhood development (Head Start) services.

c. All vehicles used by the division for transporting students, staff, visitors, or other persons.

2. **“Tobacco”** includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking, or both. “Tobacco” includes cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.

3. **“Smoking”** means the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.

This policy shall be published in student and employee handbooks, posted on bulletin boards, and announced in meetings. Each principal shall post signs stating "No Smoking," or containing the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it, clearly and conspicuously in every school cafeteria and other dining facility in the school. Staff and students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Electronic Cigarettes Students are prohibited from possessing electronic cigarettes on school buses, on school premises, and at school-sponsored activities.

Portsmouth Public Schools DRESS CODE REGULATION (JFCAA-R) and CHS DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

Portsmouth City Public School students shall not wear the following items:

- Clothing, pins, jewelry, accessories or other items of adornment displaying obscene, profane, derogatory, violent or gang-related messages, themes, designs or pictures;
- Clothing, pins, jewelry, accessories or other items of adornment conveying messages related to or promoting the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, or messages that promote illegal activities.
- Clothing pins, jewelry, accessories or other items of adornment depicting bawdy, salacious or sexually suggestive messages.
- Clothing that is transparent or exposes the midriff, navel or cleavage.
- Pants, skirts and/or shorts that sag below the waistline or must be held in place with the hands.
- Underwear as outer garments or clothing that exposes underwear (including, but not limited to, stretch Lycra, spandex or nylon tights, leotards, biker pants, biker shorts, bathing suits, pajamas). ***Students at CHS are allowed to wear fishnet stockings as long as the clothing items (dress, skirt, and/or shorts) worn on top of the stockings meet the CHS length requirements of 3 to 4 inches above the knees.***
- Tank tops, halter tops, garments with spaghetti straps, tube tops, fishnet tops, strapless dresses, or other clothing that is not appropriate because of slits, rips or holes in the garment.

- Accessories which could in some way pose a danger to the wearer or others; and/or could be used as weapons (including, but not limited to, two-or-three finger rings, chains hanging from clothes, picks, hair chop sticks).
- Clothing that is too tight and/or is inappropriate in length (**CHS - 3 to 4 inches above the knees**) as determined by the building principal/designee.
- Inappropriate footwear (including, but not limited to, shower shoes and beach shoes, such as thongs, bedroom slippers, and unfastened shoes or shoes missing appropriate closures). **CHS – Students may NOT wear slip-on shoes. All shoes MUST have a strap on the back.**
- Head coverings or accessories that are not related to or required by student’s bona fide religious practices (including, but not limited to, stocking caps, do rags, wave caps, scarves or bandanas).
- Items that are intended for outdoor use (including, but not limited to, hats, caps, and similar head coverings, scarves, jackets and coats).

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES

Guidance and counseling services are available to every Churchland High School student. Counselors are available to assist students in achieving academic success and setting realistic goals as well as providing personal counseling when requested. Counselors are assigned alphabetically according to the student’s last name. Your counselor is listed below.

Mrs. Pietila, Director

- Center of Excellence, Early College, 1st College, ESL & 504 Coordinator

Mrs. Dowe

- A - G (Alpha for student’s last name)
- Career & Technical Education Counselor, PSAT

Ms. Powell

- H – O (Alpha for student’s last name)
- Scholarships, Advanced Placement

Mrs. Bonney

- P – Z (Alpha for student’s last name)
- Governor’s School, Dual Enrollment

Mrs. Johnson – Tidewater Community College

- Dual Enrollment (Students who will transition to TCC)

To contact the Guidance department directly, please call 757-686-2502. Please visit the PPS website for Churchland High School to view special announcements and information throughout the year. Daily bulletins will also be available to those parents with access to our online gradebook system.

ACCESS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Eligible Students: All students are eligible to receive ACCESS services.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday (8:00am to 3:00pm)

Organizational Objective: **The ACCESS College Foundation** helps students in the public schools of South Hampton Roads go to college:

- students must have a pass;
- by inspiring the hope that a college education is attainable;
- by supporting them in achieving the requirements for college acceptance;

- by guiding them through the college application process; and
- by assisting them in gaining the funds to attend college

ACADEMICS AND CAREERS IN THE 13th Year/AC/13

Upperclassmen are eligible to participate in Year/AC/13 classes at any of the three high schools. Churchland offers Horticulture and Dance. Wilson offers Early Childhood, Nursing and Culinary Arts. I.C. Norcom offers Hotel and Restaurant Management, Nail Tech, Cyber Security, Sports Management, and T.V. production. STEM classes that are also offered at I.C. Norcom include: Biotechnology, Experimental Design, DE Medical Terminology and Geospatial Technology. Biotechnology, Experimental Design, DE Medical Terminology and Geospatial Technology. Tidewater Community College (TCC) offers Welding, Auto CAD, and Marine Electronics. Transportation is provided by the school system from the home school to the selected school and back when classes are over.

Students who return to CHS after these programs MUST report directly to the Media Center and sign-in, if they are NOT leaving school grounds daily. Students will face disciplinary consequences if they fail to abide by these procedures.

GRADING SCALE

The grading scale, with numerical equivalents, for the Portsmouth Public Schools is as follows:

Value	Regular	Honors	AP/DE
93-100 = A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90-92 = A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87-89 = B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83-86 = B	3.0	3.5	4.0
80-82 = B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77-79 = C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73-76 = C	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-72 = C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
67-69 = D+	1.3	1.8	2.3
64-66 = D	1.0	1.5	2.0
0-63 = F	0	0	0

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

- To Be Classified as a 10th grade student:
5 credits including English 9
- To Be Classified as an 11th grade student:
10 credits including English 10
- To Be Classified as a 12th grade student:
16 credits including English 11 and U S / Virginia History
- **All students must select a Career Pathway and have an Elective sequence. Students entering high school in 2017 - 2018 or beyond are required to pass a CTE exam to earn a certification in a Career and Technical field.**

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Transcript Supplement

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CEEB code: 470520

Principal: Mr. Shawn Millaci

Division Superintendent: Dr. Elie Bracy

Community

The city of Portsmouth has a population of approximately 100,000 people with 47% of the working residents employed by the United States Government and 53% employed by local business and industries. Secondary student enrollment includes three middle schools and three high schools.

Accreditation

All secondary schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Virginia State Department of Education.

Curriculum

Any program of studies may lead to college admission providing the pupil meets the entrance requirements of the college of his/her choice. Since September of 1996, the senior high schools in Portsmouth have operated within a 4 x 4 accelerated block schedule. Portsmouth Public Schools offer Advanced Placement classes in all core areas and Dual Enrollment classes in conjunction with Tidewater Community College.

Graduation Requirements

Students have the option of earning an Advanced Studies Diploma, a Standard Studies Diploma, and an Applied Studies Diploma.

Weighted Credits and Rank in Class

Certain courses have been determined to be much more demanding academically than other high school level courses. For the purpose of college application, a weighted rank-in- class system is used (see reverse side for details).

Advanced Placement Courses (weighted 5.0)

AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP U S History
AP Government
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Biology
AP Art 2D, 3D, Drawing
Virtual AP Courses through VDOE

Dual Enrollment Courses (weighted 5.0)

DE English
DE Government
DE Medical Terminology
DE Biology
DE Chemistry
DE Calculus
DE U S History I

DE U S History II
DE History of World Civilizations I
DE History of World Civilizations II
DE Introduction to Psychology
DE Calculus with Analytic Geometry
DE Principles of Public Speaking
DE World Regional Geography
DE Advanced College Writing
DE Information Technology
DE Economics
DE Automotive I, II, III, IV
DE Art History
DE Marine Electronics
DE Marine Technology
DE Welding
DE Engineering Drawing
DE Music Appreciation
DE Spanish 1

Honors Courses (weighted 4.5)

Honors English 9
Honors English 10
Honors English 11
Honors Advanced Algebra II / Trigonometry
Honors Math Analysis
Honors Earth Science
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors World History I / Geography
Honors World History II / Geography
Honors U S / Virginia History
Honors French 4
Honors Spanish 4

Career and Technical Course Offerings

Automotive Technology
Biotechnology
Culinary Arts
Cybersecurity Fundamentals
Early Childhood Education
Engineering Drawing & Design
Geospatial Technology
Horticulture
Marine Electric
Marine JROTC
Marketing and Business
Nail Technician
Nurse Aide
Opportunities in Hospitality
Sports Medicine
TV Production
Welding

Graduation Requirements and Diploma Options

Advanced Studies Diploma	Standard Diploma
Of the 26 credits required for the Advanced Studies and Advanced Technical Diploma, nine (9) must be verified SOL credits as follows: two English, two math, two science, two social studies, and one student-selected test students must have to graduate.	Of the 24 credits required for the Standard and Standard Technical Diploma, six (6) must be verified credits as follows: two English, one math, one science, one social studies, and one student-selected test students must have to graduate.
English 9, 10, 11, 12 4 credits	English 9, 10, 11, 12 4 credits
Mathematics 4 credits (Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include at least three different course selections from among Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra 2).	Mathematics 3 credits (Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two different course selections from among Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra Functions and Data Analysis, Algebra 2, or other mathematics courses above the level of Algebra 2).
Laboratory Science 4 credits (Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least three different science disciplines from among: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics). (Note: Oceanography and Astronomy are in the Earth Science discipline).	Laboratory Science 3 credits (Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include course selections from at least two different science disciplines from among: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics). (Note: Oceanography and Astronomy are in the Earth Science discipline).
History and Social Science 4 credits (Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include Virginia and U.S. History, Virginia and U.S. Government, and two courses in either World History or Geography or both).	History and Social Science 3 credits (Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall include Virginia and U.S. History, Virginia and U.S. Government, and one course in either World History or Geography or both).
Foreign Language 3 credits (Courses completed to satisfy this requirement shall be three of the same language <u>or</u> two years each of two languages).	Health and Physical Education 2 credits **First-Aid Certification must be obtained for class of 2020 and beyond.
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Fine or Practical Art 1 credit	Fine or Practical Art 1 credit
Economics and Personal Finance 1 credit	Economics and Personal Finance 1 credit
Required Courses 23 credits Elective Courses 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any one credit course must be taken online • Students must obtain CPR/First Aid certification 	Required Courses 17 credits Elective Courses 7 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any one credit course must be taken online • Student must pass Career & Technical certification • Students must obtain CPR/First Aid certification
TOTAL 26 credits	TOTAL 24 credits
End of Course Verified Credits required: 2 (English 11) 2 (Mathematics) 2 (Science) 2 (Social Studies) 1 (Student Selected Test)	End of Course Verified Credits required: 2 (English 11) 1 (Mathematics) 1 (Science) 1 (Social Studies) 1 (Student Selected Test)
*Passing score on SOL is 400	*Passing score on SOL is 400

BELL SCHEDULES

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

1 ST Lunch Schedule	2 nd Lunch Schedule	3 rd Lunch Schedule
BLOCK 1 7:25 - 8:55	BLOCK 1 7:25 - 8:55	BLOCK 1 7:25 - 8:55
BLOCK 2 9:00 - 10:30	BLOCK 2 9:00 - 10:30	BLOCK 2 9:00 - 10:30
LUNCH 1 10:45 - 11:10	BLOCK 3 10:35 - 11:30	BLOCK 3 10:35 - 12:10
BLOCK 3 11:15 - 12:35	LUNCH 2 11:30 - 11:55	LUNCH 3 12:10 - 12:35
	BLOCK 3 12:00 - 12:35	
BLOCK 4 12:40 - 2:10	BLOCK 4 12:40 - 2:10	BLOCK 4 12:40 - 2:10

EARLY RELEASE BELL SCHEDULE

1 ST Lunch Schedule	2 nd Lunch Schedule	3 rd Lunch Schedule
BLOCK 1 7:25 - 8:05	BLOCK 1 7:25 - 8:05	BLOCK 1 7:25 - 8:05
BLOCK 2 8:10 - 8:50	BLOCK 2 8:10 - 8:50	BLOCK 2 8:10 - 8:50
LUNCH 1 9:00 - 9:20	BLOCK 3 8:55 - 10:55	BLOCK 3 8:55 - 10:55
BLOCK 3 9:25 - 10:55	LUNCH 2 9:40 - 10:00	LUNCH 3 10:35 - 10:55
BLOCK 4 11:00 - 11:45	BLOCK 4 11:00 - 11:45	BLOCK 4 11:00 - 11:45