



## Frosh Scheduling Worksheet

- Presentation has an **alternating block schedule** with a Gold Day (periods 1-4) and a Blue Day (periods 5-7). Classes meet every other day and may be placed at any period.
- Students are required to take a minimum of **six classes** each semester and may take up to **one study** period per semester.
- See the **Scheduling FAQ** below for more information about how to select elective courses for the freshman year.
- See the **Curriculum Guide** in the **Scheduling Guide** for information about eligibility for honors or advanced courses.

Block	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<b>1 - English (required)</b>	English 9A or Honors English 9A ( <i>proficiency test required for honors</i> )	English 9B or Honors English 9B ( <i>proficiency test required for honors</i> )
<b>2 - Math (required)</b>	Appropriate placement based on proficiency test	Appropriate placement based on proficiency test
<b>3 - Social Studies (required)</b>	World History 9A or Honors World History 9A ( <i>proficiency test required for honors</i> )	World History 9B or Honors World History 9B ( <i>proficiency test required for honors</i> )
<b>4 - Religion (required)</b>	Hebrew Scriptures	Christian Scriptures
<b>5 - Science (recommended)</b>	Biology, Honors Biology or study/elective ( <i>proficiency test required for honors</i> )	Biology, Honors Biology or study/elective ( <i>proficiency test required for honors</i> )
<b>6 - Modern Language (recommended)</b>	French I, Spanish I, appropriate placement based on proficiency test, or study/elective	French I, Spanish I, appropriate placement based on proficiency test, or study/elective
<b>7 - Study period and/or elective (VPA, PE, Rhetoric)</b>	Study period/elective	Study period/elective



- **Directions:**
  - Fill in this blank worksheet as you review the **Scheduling Guide and FAQs**.
  - Once you've selected your courses, submit your **online request** through **Powerschool** by **9am on April 28th**.
    - <https://presentationhs.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

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<b>2 - Math (required)</b>		
<b>3 - Social Studies (required)</b>		
<b>4 - Religion (recommended)</b>		
<b>5 - Science (recommended)</b>		
<b>6 - Modern Language (recommended)</b>		
<b>7 - Study period and/or elective (VPA, PE, Rhetoric)</b>		



## Frosh Scheduling Frequently Asked Questions\*

### What electives do you offer for freshmen?

Freshmen who wish to take an elective may choose from any of the following: **Rhetoric, a PE elective, or a VPA elective.** The Rhetoric class always has space for all freshmen who are interested. VPA and PE classes are filled on a first come, first served basis and the most popular classes usually fill up with seniors, juniors, and sophomores. On the VPA page of the Scheduling Guide there is an "\*" next to the courses that typically have room for freshmen. When requesting classes in Powerschool only classes that have room for freshmen will be available for request.

### Do I need to "save" my study periods for junior or senior year?

- There is **no specific number of study periods** that students are permitted to have while at Presentation. We encourage any student who feels that they would benefit from time during the day to complete homework, work on projects or meet with teachers to request a study period. A study period is also a great option for students who plan to participate in athletics or extracurricular activities such as theater, robotics or speech and debate.
- If you'd like to map how taking a study period impacts progress towards graduation requirements please use the Planning Worksheet in the **Appendix of the Scheduling Guide**, posted on the Class of 2025 webpage.

### Can I take an art class freshman year?

**Yes**, freshman may request to take one or two semesters of art during the freshman year.

### Will I get my first choice art class?

It depends on what your first choice art class is. Photography, Ceramics and Dance I are the most popular art classes and typically do not have room for freshmen. On page 17 of the Scheduling Guide there is an "\*" next to the courses that typically have room for freshmen. When requesting classes in Powerschool only classes that have room for freshmen will be available for request. In addition to course availability, first and second choice electives cannot always be accommodated due to the periods they are offered and scheduling conflicts.

### I read that Powerschool opens on April 23rd at 10am. If I submit my schedule request right away am I more likely to get my preferred VPA elective?

**No.** All freshmen are scheduled together so there is no need to rush to submit your request. All schedule requests are due to Powerschool by April 28th, at which time all



freshman requests will be reviewed equally.

### **How many honors classes do you recommend I take?**

- Students have the option to take honors courses in the subjects in which they qualify.
- As a general rule we recommend that freshmen take **no more than two or three** honors classes. In addition to challenging themselves academically, we want students to acclimate to the school culture and have time to explore extracurricular activities. It is also important that students do well in all of their classes as to be college eligible students must pass all college-readiness classes with a C- or higher. If a student finds the freshman schedule is too easy, they may request a more challenging schedule for sophomore year.
- If a student has excelled at a very challenging middle school, more honors classes might be appropriate. We encourage students to pursue honors classes in the subjects they enjoy most, rather than feel that they should take an honors class simply for the sake of doing so.

*\*If you have any additional scheduling questions please contact the Director of Instructional Operations, Dr. Andrea Duwel, [aduwel@presentationhs.org](mailto:aduwel@presentationhs.org).*

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