

Pope High School Core and Elective Registration FAQ's



What is Core Registration?

Teachers register students for Core Classes. Core Classes are Science, Math, Literature, Social Studies. In late January, teachers will discuss core recommendations with each student for the following school year. Teacher recommendations will be completed **Feb 2-6th** and posted in Synergy for parent review.

What is Elective Registration?

Students register online for five elective choices in priority order (Highest priority #1, Lowest #5) from **Mar 2 - Mar 6th**. Elective classes include World Languages, Fine Arts, Career Tech, & P.E. Course descriptions and pre-requisites can be found in the Course Catalog posted on the Pope Website.

Why do I have to choose FIVE electives?

Students prioritize 5 elective courses ranked #1 (most desired course request) to #5 (acceptable course request). Five electives are chosen in the event the first two electives cannot be scheduled. Your selected electives may not be scheduled for reasons including, but not limited to, schedule conflicts, no seat availability, low number of course requests. Courses with low number of requests will be dropped. Students must choose elective courses CAREFULLY and WISELY. Any of the five selected courses could be scheduled based on the totality of the student's course requests for the upcoming school year.

What if I change my mind after registration is closed?

No requests for schedule changes will be accepted after the Course Request Verification Deadline. During Course Request Verification in April, parents and students will be able to preview course requests, verify course request accuracy, and request corrections through the online verification form. Only scheduling errors will be addressed after the Course Request Verification Deadline.

When is a waiver required?

There are two situations when a waiver is submitted:
When there is a disagreement between teacher and parent regarding placement (On-Level/Honors/AP); and Rising Seniors recommended for a 5th math and/or science course who do not wish to continue in a 5th math or science. Waivers are available in the Curriculum Office and are linked to the Registration Page on the Pope website. Waivers are due to **Mrs. Sawyer, Curriculum Clerk, by Friday, March 13th**.

Can I change a course mid-year?

No. Once a student has registered for a course, it is a year-long commitment. This includes all courses not specifically required for graduation. The Master Schedule is based on student requests in the Spring of the previous year.

What are “Application Only” courses?

“Application Only” Courses are:

Yearbook (Mrs. Fraker Rm 502); Internship (Coach Abney Rm 412); AP Seminar (Coach Blythe Rm 96); Mentorship (Mr. McGehee Rm 211); AP Music Theory (Mrs. Johns Rm 501); Minimum Day (**Requires Counselor Approval**) Applications are found on Pope Website and in the Learning Commons. Applications are due **March 6th** to the teacher of course or **Counseling for Min Day**. Students MUST prioritize application courses as #1 and/or #2 electives during online registration. **Applying does not guarantee placement**. If approved, the elective will become your #1 priority elective. Seniors cannot be enrolled in both Mentorship and Minimum Day. **NO Late applications are accepted**.

Can I take an Online Class through Cobb Virtual Academy?

Students may take CVA online classes at the start of the school day or the end of the school day ONLY. See your counselor for the CVA contract. The contract must be completed and returned to **Mrs. Anderson, Counseling Clerk**, by **March 6th**. Once approved, students will register themselves on the CVA or Ga Virtual School website for an **approved course**. Students are responsible for transportation and cannot remain on campus for an online course.

How do I request Minimum Day?

Seniors can request Minimum Day; however, counselors must review student eligibility for enrollment and ensure the student is on track for graduation. Parental approval is required. Completed applications must be returned to the **Counseling Office to Mrs. Anderson**, by **Friday, March 6th**. **NO LATE Minimum Morning or Minimum Day applications will be accepted**.

How do I register for Dual Enrollment?

All Pope specific Dual Enrollment (DE) information can be found [here](#). <https://www.popeschoolcounseling.com/dual-enrollment/> All families are required to view the narrated presentation and follow the checklist to meet the requirements for participation. The required steps MUST be completed by the EARLIEST of either: **March 6th** or a month prior to the college's DE deadline.

Can I request a specific lunch period?

NO. **Students cannot request a specific lunch period**. Registering for Minimum Day, Internship or an online class 7th period **DOES NOT GUARANTEE 6th period lunch** and requests will not be honored. Lunch periods are dictated by the master schedule.

What courses are offered?

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