

# Poway High School

## Instructions for Filling Out 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Request Form

Welcome to high school registration Class of 2013! Course selection is an important process in preparing for academic success. Choose your classes based on graduation requirements, your goals after high school and your teacher's recommendations. Our goal is for all students to be prepared for a full range of post-secondary options upon graduation. It is important that you take these materials home and discuss them with your parents. **Your parents must sign the green Course Request Form (CRF) before turning it back into your teacher no later than March 27, 2009.**

1. Complete the top information including your name, phone number, date of birth, your email address and your parents email address.
2. Fill in **March 27, 2009** in the "Due By" box. You must turn in your completed Course Request Form to your RAM teacher no later than this date.
3. Review the Course Request Form and note that courses available to 9<sup>th</sup> graders are limited to those on this form.
4. Refer to step by step instructions on page 3 to choose specific courses.
5. Review high school graduation requirements vs. college entrance requirements included in your packet.
6. 9<sup>th</sup> graders must take 6 classes.
7. Year long academic classes are ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE and FOREIGN LANGUAGE. When selecting levels of classes, consider your strengths and use the sequence flow charts found in your packet. **Teacher signatures are required for English, Math and Foreign Language.**
8. If you are moving, please turn in a completed Course Request Form with "**MOVING**" written across the top. If you are requesting an intradistrict transfer to another school, please turn in a completed Course Request Form with "**IDT TO school name IN PROCESS**" written across the top.
9. Summer school materials will be available in March and due back to PHS in April. Summer school class lists will be posted during the first week in June 2009. Summer school dates are June 17 to July 9, 2009 for semester 1 and July 10 to July 31, 2009 for semester 2.

# Step-By-Step CRF Completion

## CRF Space 1/ENGLISH:

**High School English 1-2** is a college preparatory curriculum.

**Honors High School English 1-2** is recommended for students with strong English skills, study habits and motivation.

## CRF Space 2/MATH:

A current grade of A or B+ is strongly recommended to advance to the next level of math at the high school. (See flow chart for course sequencing and course descriptions)

## CRF Space 3/SCIENCE:

**Biology 1-2** is an option for students who will be concurrently enrolled in Algebra 1-2.

**Honors Biology 1-2** is recommended for students enrolled in Algebra 1-2 or above and have a strong interest in science, good study skills and motivation.

**NOTE:** If you will be enrolled in Introduction to High School Algebra it is recommended that you wait until grade 10 to take science and choose an elective instead.

## CRF Space 4/FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

Foreign language is **NOT** a graduation requirement, but if you are currently receiving an A or B+ in 8<sup>th</sup> grade English or you are bilingual, plan to attend college, or highly motivated to learn a second language, it is recommended that you take a foreign language. For students who are currently enrolled in a foreign language in middle school, ask your teacher for a placement recommendation and signature.

**NOTE:** If you do not meet the above criteria, choose an elective for this space.

## CRF Space 5/HEALTH/WORLD CULTURE AND CURRENT EVENTS:

It is recommended that all freshmen take **Health** (one semester only) and World Culture and Current Events (one semester only).

## CRF Space 6/PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

All 9<sup>th</sup> graders must take **Freshman P.E.** You may substitute **Marching P.E.** (**Band/Tall Flags**) for first semester only.

## ELECTIVES:

Elective choices (fine art or practical art) should relate to your career ideas or personal interests. **Since we cannot guarantee elective choices**, it is important that you choose 5 ALTERNATIVE ELECTIVE CHOICES. You may do this by circling them in the appropriate boxes and numbering them 1-5 according to choice. Check the website for descriptions of classes you are considering taking.

[www.powayusd.com/pusdphs](http://www.powayusd.com/pusdphs) (Click on “counseling” and “course descriptions.”)

WE AT PHS LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL IN AUGUST. WE WISH THE CLASS OF 2013 THE BEST OF LUCK AS YOU BEGIN A VERY SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. GO TITANS!