

## 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. Teachers will meet with students in January to discuss placement for the following school year. Teacher recommendations will be completed Feb 1-8<sup>th</sup> 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 March 2 – 6<sup>th</sup>. Elective classes include World Languages, Fine Arts, Career Tech, & PE. Course descriptions and pre-requisites can be found in the Course Catalog posted on the Pope Website.

### How many electives will I submit?

Students select 5 elective courses ranked #1 (most desired course request) to #5 (acceptable course request). Elective courses are scheduled based on what works with a student's schedule. It is possible a student could be registered for selections #4 and #5 (lower ranked courses). The very best efforts are extended to schedule students into their most desired elective course requests. Students are strongly encouraged to choose elective courses CAREFULLY and WISELY. Requests for changes because a lower ranked course(s) was scheduled cannot be honored. Any of the five selected courses could be scheduled based on the totality of the student's course requests for the upcoming school year.

### Can I change a course mid-year?

No. Once a student has registered for a course, it is a year-long commitment. This includes a 5<sup>th</sup> math or science and /or other courses not specifically required for graduation.

### When is a waiver required?

There are two situations when a waiver is submitted:  
When there is a true disagreement between the teacher and parent regarding placement (On-Level/Honors/AP). Waivers are available in the Curriculum Office.  
Rising Seniors recommended for a 5th math and/or science course who do not wish to continue their students must obtain a waiver to drop the recommended course.

### Can I "Double Up" during senior year?

Seniors who would like to double up in math, science, or language must submit a "Doubling Up" Application available in the Curriculum Office. Additional course requests are based on seat availability and form does not guarantee placement into the requested course. If approved, placement is year-long. Forms are due to Mrs. Sawyer, Counseling Clerk, by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

What are  
“Application  
Only”  
courses?

**Application Only Courses are:**

*Yearbook & Newspaper (Dr. Bowen Rm502); AV Tech II & III (Coach Savy Rm317); Internship (Coach Abney Rm 412); AP Seminar (Coach Blythe Rm 96); Mentorship (Mrs. Faglier Rm 506); AP Music Theory (Mr. Sodders Band Rm); Leadership (Mr. McGehee Rm 211); Minimum Day (Counselor Approval)*  
Applications are due **March 7<sup>th</sup>** to the teacher of course. Students MUST prioritize application courses as #1 and/or #2 electives during online registration. Submitting an application does not guarantee placement due to scheduling conflicts. Students cannot be enrolled in both Mentorship and Minimum Day. No Late applications are accepted. Applications are found on Pope Website and in the Learning Commons.

Can I take an  
Online Class?

Under some circumstances, yes. See your counselor for the online contract. The contract must be completed and returned to **Mrs. Sawyer, Counseling Clerk, by March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Students must then register themselves on the CVA or Ga Virtual School website for the appropriate and **approved course**. Students are responsible for transportation and cannot remain on campus for an online course (scheduled only 1<sup>st</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> period).

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 **Mrs. Sawyer, Counseling Clerk, by Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Requests for Minimum Morning or Day cannot be honored once the school year begins.

How do I  
register for  
Dual  
Enrollment?

All Pope specific Dual Enrollment (DE) information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/popedepage>. 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 1st** 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 7<sup>th</sup> period DOES NOT GUARANTEE 6<sup>th</sup> period lunch and requests will not be honored. Lunch periods are dictated by the master schedule.

What if I  
change my  
mind after  
registration is  
closed?

**Students are expected to HONOR their course requests.** Please choose your courses CAREFULLY and WISELY. Courses are scheduled based on student requests submitted at the time of registration. If a student registers for an elective class that he or she does not meet the requirement for placement in, the request is forfeited.  
IMPORTANT NOTE: Last minute course request changes cannot be honored, especially during the summer months or during the opening week of school, due to seat availability. Courses are scheduled based on student enrollment requests. Students are strongly encouraged to make informed decisions regarding courses by reviewing the online course catalog and by speaking with teachers.