

***IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE  
YOUR CLASSES FOR  
JUNIOR YEAR!***

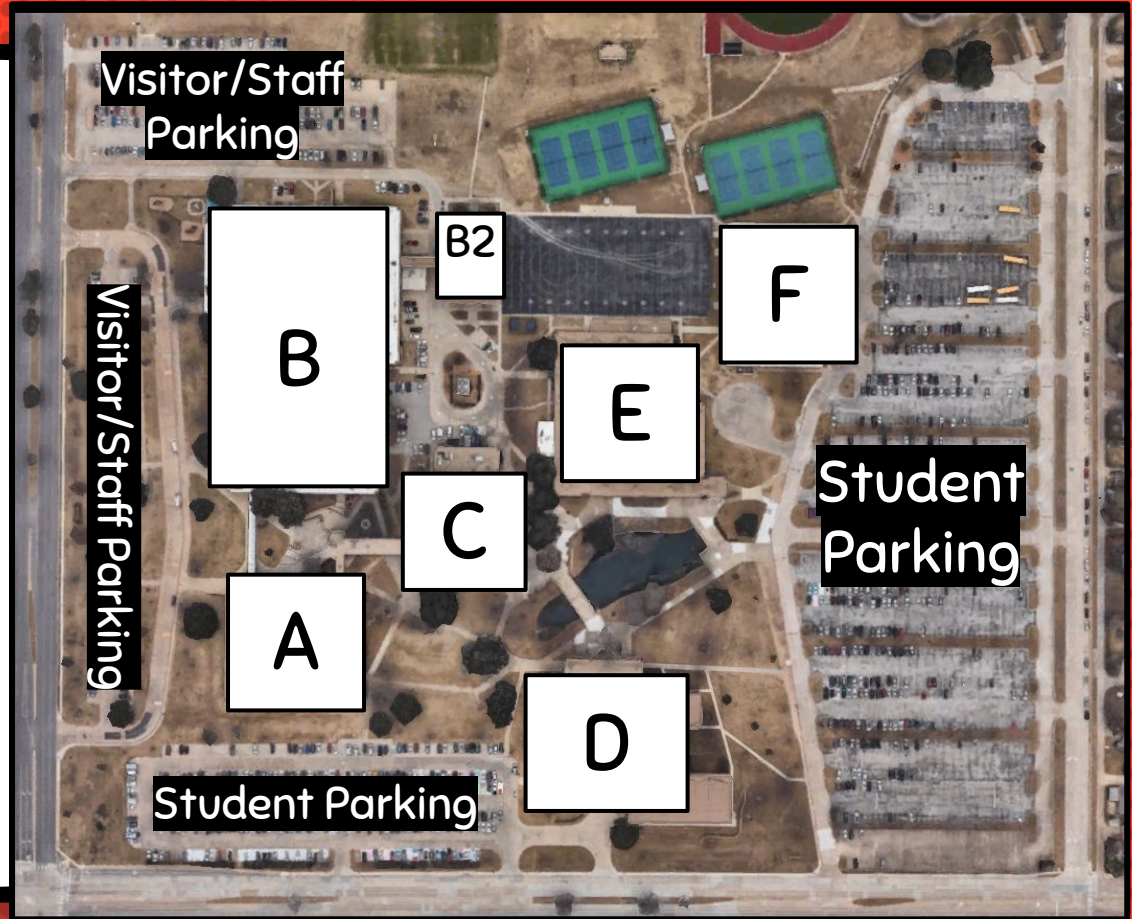
# ***LOTS OF GOOD INFO IS COMING YOUR WAY***

Manage your technology  
responsibly– you don't want  
to miss anything!



# OUR CAMPUS

- Similar Bell Schedule to Clark and Vines, 9:05–4:30
- Full hour for lunch– club meetings, college info, tutorials, etc.
- 6 minute passing period
- Students can purchase general parking passes or personalized spaces



# ***ARRIVAL TIME & SENIOR RELEASE***

8:05 am (0 – 6th period)

- Request only– limited number of classes at 0 hour. No bus transportation available.

9:05 am (1st – 7th period)

- Standard arrival, bus transportation available. Athletes must select this option.

## **Senior Release!**

- Reduced school day by 1 or 2 class periods
- No credit deficiencies
- CCMR Met!
- All STAAR–EOCs passed
- For 2 periods off: 3 or more college level classes

## **Vocational Work:**

- Juniors or Seniors can leave early to go to work.



# GETTING INVOLVED

## Curricular Activities

- Instructor led, part of the class schedule
  - AVID, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Athletics, Student Congress, Theater, etc.

## Extra Curricular Activities

- Student led, outside of the school day
  - Anime Club, Poet Society, eSports, Chess Club, Religious & Ethnic Clubs, etc.
- Students can start their own!



# ***GPA (GRADE POINT AVERAGE) & CLASS RANK***

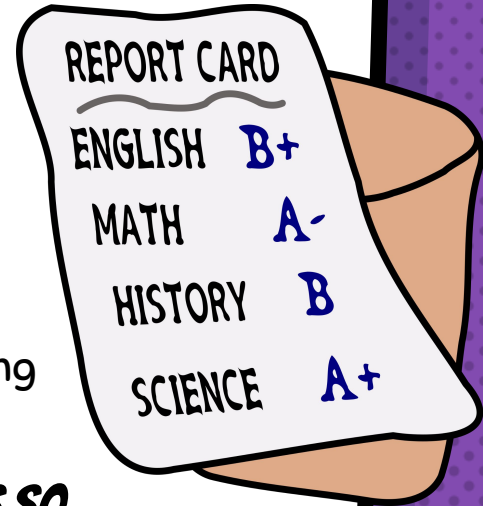
## ***CUMULATIVE GPA***

- Includes all high school classes taken, grades 9–12 (+ middle school were applicable.) Reported for all students.

## ***RANKING GPA & CLASS RANK***

- Includes select core classes only, grades 9–12 (+ middle school where applicable.) Reported for students in the top 10% starting junior year.

**BOTTOM LINE: COLLEGES WILL SEE ALL YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADES SO  
HOW YOU DO IN 9TH AND 10TH GRADE MATTERS!**



# ***26 CREDITS + 5 STAAR-EOCS***

<b>English</b>	4 credits	English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4
<b>Math</b>	4 credits	Algebra 1, Geometry, 3rd year choice, 4th year choice
<b>Science</b>	4 credits	Biology, IPC or Chemistry, 3rd year choice, 4th year choice
<b>Social Studies</b>	4 credits	World Geography, World History, US History, Government & Economics
<b>Foreign Lang.</b>	2 credits	Both years must be in the same language (other than English)
<b>Fine Art</b>	1 credit	Performing or Visual art
<b>Physical Ed</b>	1 credit	Physical Education class or UIL sport
<b>Health</b>	½ credit	Semester of Health or full year of Health Science Theory
<b>Speech</b>	½ credit	Semester of Prof Comm or full year of Avid, Debate or Oral Interpretation
<b>Electives</b>	5 credits	Classes from any category in addition to the requirements above
<b>STAAR-EOC</b>	5 exams	Algebra 1, English 1, Biology, English 2, US History

# CLASS LEVELS

Grade level curriculum

- Up to 4.0 grade points

*(certain Distinguished courses can earn 4.5 or 5.0 points)*

**ON-LEVEL**

**HONORS**

- Curriculum extends beyond grade level

- Up to 4.5 grade points

- Taught by Collin College (must apply and register)

- Earn HS and college credit at the same time

- Up to 4.5 grade points

**DUAL CREDIT**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)**

- Rigorous college level curriculum

- Earn college credit by AP exam score

- Up to 5.0 grade points



# ***ENGLISH & SOCIAL STUDIES***

## English 3 Options

- On-Level
- Dual Credit (Collin College)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- American Studies AP  
(Humanities Eng 3 AP)

## US History Options

- On-Level
- OnRamps
- Dual Credit (Collin College)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- American Studies AP  
(Humanities US Hist AP)

# ***MATH OPTIONS***

## After Geometry

- Math Models
- Algebra 2 (*OL, Honors or OnRamps*)

## After Algebra 2

- PreCalculus (*OL, DC or AP*)
- Statistics (*OL or DC*)
- Advanced Quantitative Reasoning

## After PreCalculus

- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC

## After Calculus BC

- AP Statistics
- Multivariable Calculus

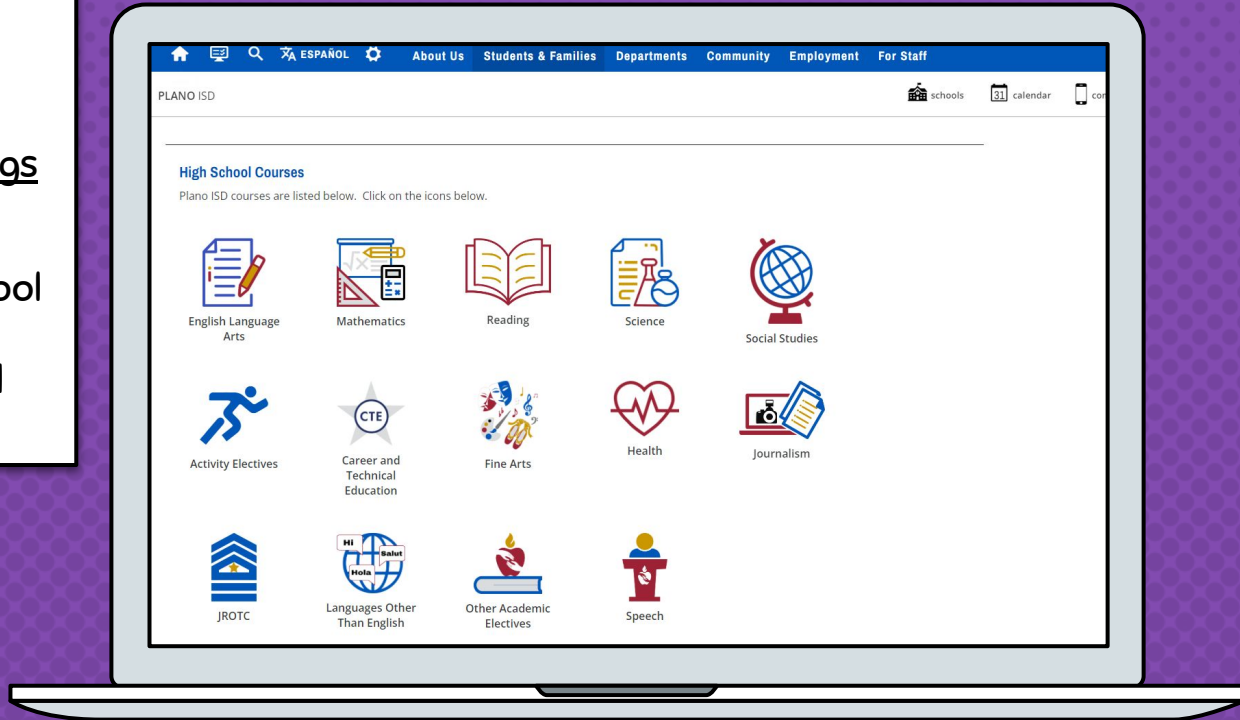
## ***SCIENCE OPTIONS***

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Astronomy
- Biology AP (2 hour)
- Biology OnRamps
- Chemistry AP (2 hour)
- Earth Systems
- Engineering Science
- Environmental Systems
- Environmental Science AP
- Food Science
- Forensic Science (12th)
- Physics 1
- Physics 1 AP
- Physics 2 AP (12th)
- Physics C AP (12th)
- Scientific Research
- Environmental Practicum

# WHERE CAN I FIND CLASS INFORMATION?

<https://www.pisd.edu/coursecatalogs>

Full descriptions of every High School course offered in PISD with pre-requisites as well as general academic policies





# ***OTHER CREDIT OPTIONS***

Online option for  
Credit Advancement

***ESCHOOL***

***SUMMER  
SCHOOL***

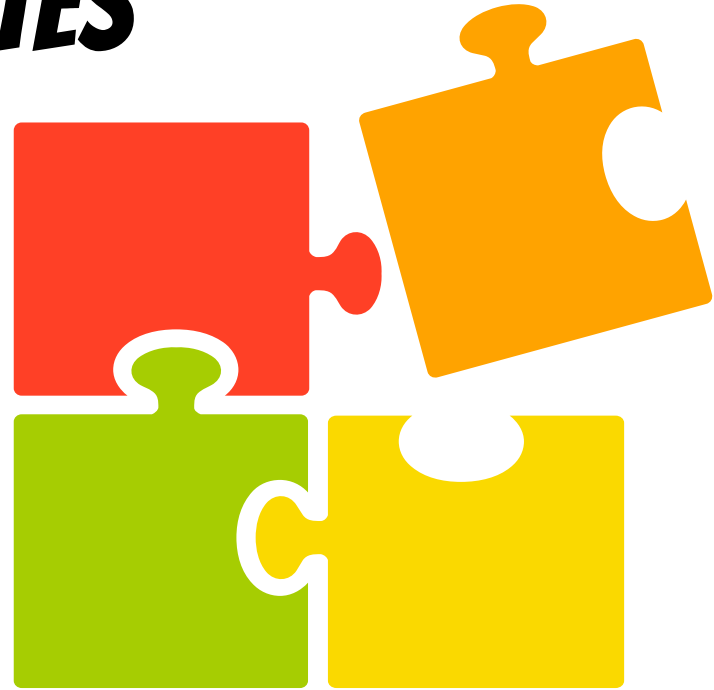
Credit Recovery for  
classes you may not  
have passed

***CREDIT  
BY EXAM***

Earn credit for a  
subject that you  
already have mastery  
of by testing

# ***LET'S TALK ALTERNATES***

- Scheduling is a puzzle and sometimes the pieces just don't fit!
- Alternate options help us create a fix that works for you
- Check your email over the summer in case we need to contact you



## ***YES AND NO***

Course selection changes will be accepted throughout the spring semester as needed.

After that you are committed to the choices you made

Level changes only happen after 4 weeks and require principal approval

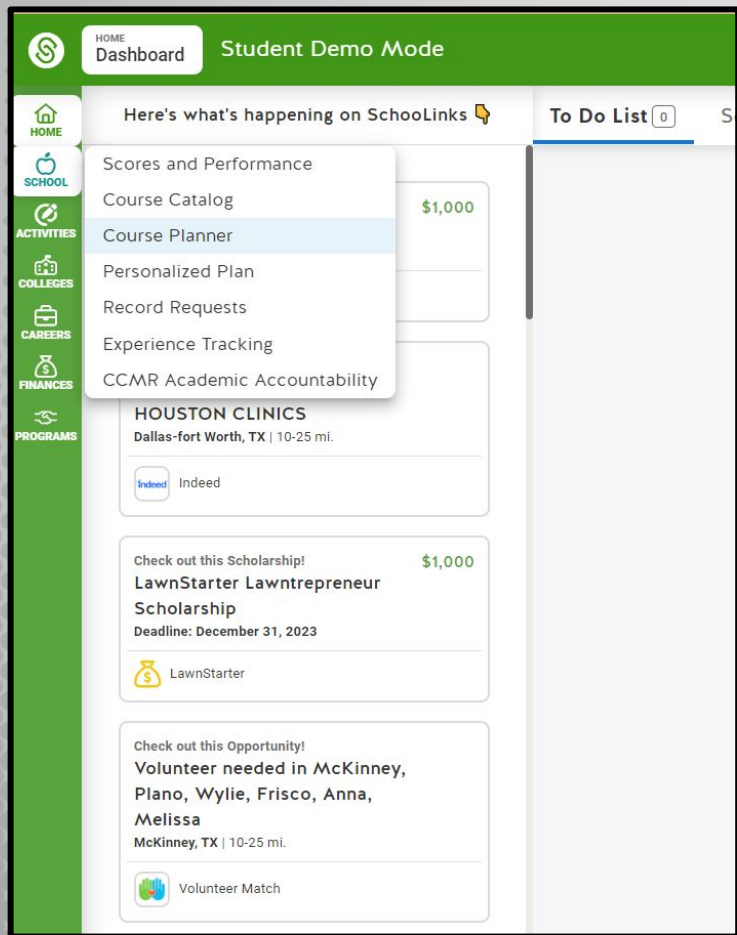
***CAN I CHANGE MY  
CLASSES LATER?***

# SCHOOLINKS

## College and Career Readiness Platform







- School:
  - Course Planner: Select classes for next year
  - Records Request: Get an unofficial transcript and see GPA
- Activities: Set goals and take personality and career assessments
- Colleges: Search for colleges, request transcripts and track the admission process
- Careers: Explore career pathways and build your resume
- Finances: Scholarships and FAFSA information

# ***DON'T FORGET!***

- ☐ Make sure you have enough courses for SEVEN full class periods
- ☐ Choose a SCIENCE alternate!
- ☐ ALL STUDENTS need an arrival time entered as an elective
  - ☐ 8:05 am– (950031)
  - ☐ 9:05 am– (950011)

Your Counselor  
WILL check that  
you are eligible for  
the classes that  
you selected!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Calling All Cats!

- November 12, 5:30-7:30pm at PSHS
- Get information about classes and activities directly from the teachers and students

## Cat Camp

- Early August 2025
- Welcome Pep Rally
- Walk your schedule
- Get involved!

# CALLING ALL CATS

FUTURE  
WILDCATS

PLANO SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL



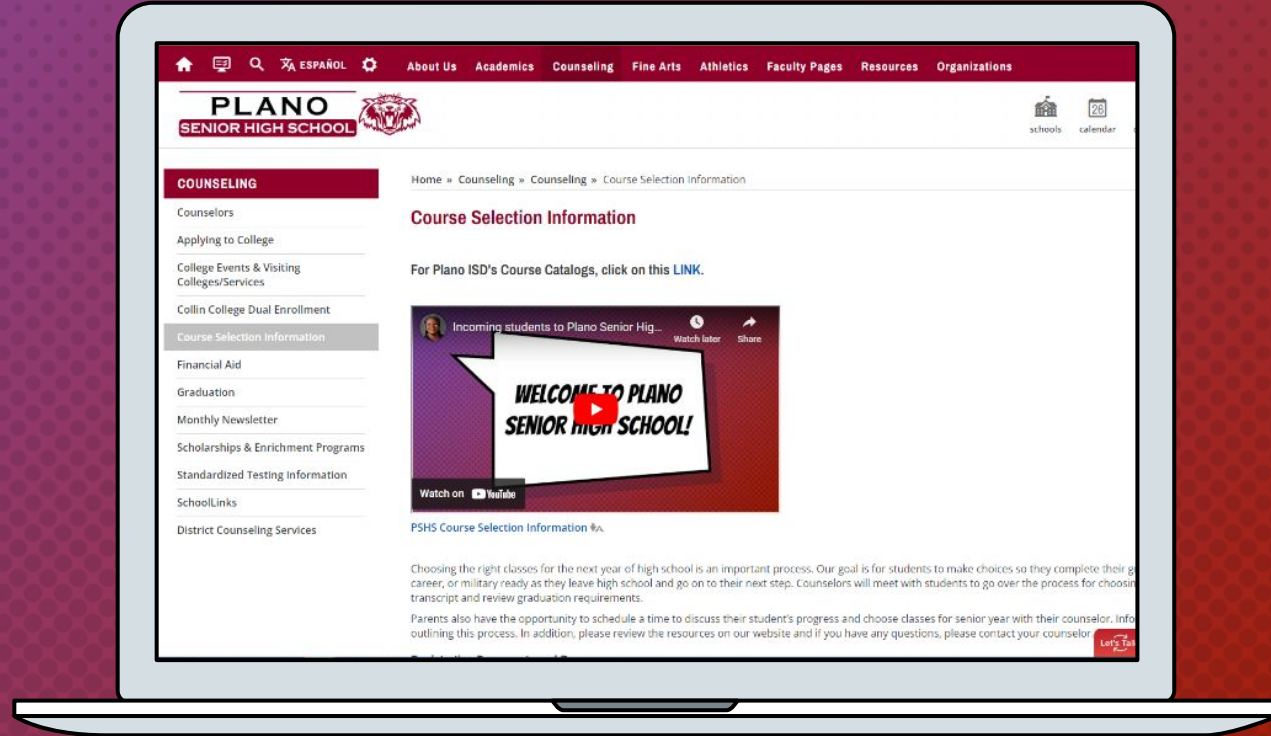
## NOVEMBER 12TH

5:30-7:30 PM

CURRENT 10TH GRADE WILDCATS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND,  
HOWEVER ALL FUTURE WILDCATS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

## For More Resources:

- Visit our website
- Select “Course Selection Information”
- Stop by and see your counselor!



***HTTPS://WWW.PISD.EDU/PSHS/COUNSELING***