



Fort Lee Public Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the next several weeks all students will meet with their school counselor to determine their course requests for next school year.

Grade level assemblies with students will be held on Monday, February 5. At this time we will review graduation and program requirements. The Program of Studies for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted on the FLHS website under the Guidance tab and shared via email once available. Individual student meetings, with the student's assigned school counselor, will begin on Thursday, February 8 and conclude on Thursday, March 28.

Parental input is an integral part of the course request process. We ask that you review the Program of Studies and discuss your child's options and interests with them. Parents can view student course requests on the Genesis Parent Portal after the one-to-one student/counselor meeting has occurred. Course requests cannot be changed after April 2024. Please contact your child's school counselor directly with any questions.

Placement in Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses is contingent upon students meeting criteria in the following areas: academic achievement in current courses, cumulative GPA, and teacher recommendation.

- GPA Requirement:
 - Minimum GPA to enter Honors courses is 3.0
 - Minimum GPA to enter AP/IB courses is 3.5
- Current Academic Achievement:

Current Course Level	Desired Courses Level	Grade
Regular	Honors	93 average and above
Regular	Advanced Placement	97 average and above
Honors	Honors	83 average and above
Honors	Advanced Placement	87 average and above
Advanced Placement	Advanced Placement	83 average and above

Students who would like to request an Honors, AP, and/or IB course, but do not meet the criteria above, may choose to participate in the appeal process. The Appeal Form will be posted in the School Counseling Department's Google Classroom and available in the School Counseling Office. Appeal Forms are due to the School Counseling Office by Thursday, March 28, 2024.

We are excited to share that we will offer Fashion Digital, Dystopian Literature, History of Modern Education Honors, Directing, Stage Management and Playwriting, Building Maintenance, and

Electronics and Computer Technology for the 2024-25 school year. This is in addition to our new course offerings in the 2023-24 school year: AP Environmental Science, Innovation and Invention, Child Development and Learning Honors, Mandarin II Honors, and Mandarin III Honors. The Program of Studies will include all course descriptions and prerequisites. Course offerings are subject to change based on enrollment.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kate Drumgoole

Director of School Counseling