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**P.K. Yonge
High School Program**



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- Academic Rigor
- We Over Me
- Personalized
- College and Career Ready

P.K. YONGE SUCCESS



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PK Student Success

At P.K. Yonge, we are committed to preparing our students for future success by fostering a **future-focused** trajectory.

We provide rigorous academics, career readiness skills, and a supportive environment to ensure our students are well-equipped for both **college and career** pursuits.

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PK Student Success

As part of our mission, we emphasize preparation for **Florida Bright Futures** scholarships, ensuring students understand the academic and extracurricular requirements to qualify for these valuable opportunities.

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We also prioritize **access and affordability**
by promoting equity through
our AP for All program,
requiring all students to engage in
Advanced Placement courses.

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By expanding access to advanced
coursework and financial aid opportunities,

***we strive to make higher education
attainable for every student.***

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PK Student Success

35 of Class of 2025 Seniors receiving
Florida Bright Futures **(projected 60)**

43% *Graduates of Class of 2024 received
Florida Bright Futures*

AP Honor Roll Platinum Distinction

AP Access Award

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Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) covers **100% of tuition and fees** at a Florida public university, along with a \$300 stipend for books and supplies.

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) covers **75% of tuition and fees** at a Florida public university, with a \$300 stipend for books and supplies.

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) covers tuition for eligible vocational programs, including up to 60 credit hours at a community college or technical school.

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Florida Bright Futures Requirements

Florida Academic Scholars (FAS):

- 3.50 weighted GPA
- 100 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination of 100 total hours
- 29 ACT/95 CLT/1330 SAT

Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS):

- 3.00 weighted GPA
- 75 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination of 100 total hours
- 24 ACT/82 CLT/1190 SAT

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV):

- 3.00 weighted GPA in non-elective courses
- 3 full credits in a single Career and Technical Education program
- 3.5 unweighted GPA in a single Career and Technical Education program
- 30 volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination of 100 total hours

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Florida Bright Futures Requirements

Florida Bright Futures Required Course Credits

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Mathematics
- 3 credits Natural Science
- 3 credits Social Science
- 2 credits World Language (sequential, in same language)

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FHSAA High School Academic Requirements

High School GPA Requirements

- Cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, at the conclusion of each semester to be academically eligible during the next semester
- All high school level courses must be counted towards the student's cumulative GPA, including those taken before the student entered high school.

Academic Eligibility/Ineligibility for a Semester

A student's academic eligibility is determined by his/her GPA on the first day of each semester. A student's academic eligibility cannot change during the semester. Any coursework completed throughout the semester will be calculated into the GPA at the conclusion of the semester.

Parents have access to GPA calculations in Skyward

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High School Program Emphasis

- Advanced Placement for All
- College & Career Readiness
- Student-led Research
- Public Service
- Career & Technical Education
- PK Pathways

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PKY High School Program Components

Senior Research

- P.K. Yonge graduates complete research coursework and a required research project.

Service

- P.K. Yonge students complete a minimum of 75 service hours.

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Advanced Placement for All

P.K. Yonge's AP for All program is designed to prepare students for academic success and beyond.

- AP Human Geography*, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature, AP Seminar

Depending on a student's pathway, some students will have the opportunity to take more than the four AP courses and will have the option to choose other AP courses that they would like to take.

AP Human Geography - dependent on middle school course selection*

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AP Courses at PK

AP English Courses

- Pre-AP English 1*
- Pre-AP English 2*
- AP English Language Composition*
- AP English Literature*

AP Math Courses

- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

AP Science Courses

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science

AP Computer Science Courses

- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A

AP Social Studies Courses

- Pre-AP World History/World Geography (8th Grade)
- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP U.S. History
- AP Microeconomics
- AP U.S. Government

AP World Languages Courses

- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

AP Art Courses

- AP Studio Art 2D

AP Capstone Courses

- AP Seminar*
- AP Capstone Research

**All courses marked with an asterisk are taken by every P.K. Yonge student.*



AP Capstone™ Diploma

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AP Capstone™ Diploma Requirements

- Earn scores of 3 or higher in
 - AP Seminar and AP Research
 - 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing

AP Seminar and Research Certificate Requirements

- Earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research

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9th Grade Core Courses

English

- Pre-AP English 1

Math

- Geometry Honors*

Science

- Biology Honors OR
- AP Biology

Social Studies

- World History Honors OR
- AP Human Geography

Academic Success

- Critical Thinking AND
- Public Service Leadership

*Students math progression needs will be honored.

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English

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9th Grade - Pre-AP English 1

10th Grade - Pre-AP English 2

11th Grade - AP English Language

12th Grade - AP English Literature

4 English credits required for graduation.

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Math

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8th Grade - Algebra 1 Honors

9th Grade - Geometry Honors

10th Grade - Algebra 2 Honors/Choice

11th Grade - Choice

12th Grade - Choice

4 Math credits required for graduation.

Algebra 1 and Geometry required for graduation.

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Social Studies

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8th Grade - Pre-AP World History/Geography

9th Grade - AP Human Geography or World History Honors

10th Grade - US Government Honors/AP US Government

11th Grade - US History Honors/AP US History

12th Grade - Economics with Personal Finance Honors/AP

Microeconomics

3 Social Studies credits required for graduation.

World History, Government, and Economics required for graduation.

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Science

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9th Grade - Biology Honors or AP Biology

10th Grade - Choice/Chemistry Honors

11th Grade - Choice/Chemistry Honors

12th Grade - Choice/Chemistry Honors

3 Science credits required for graduation.

Biology credit required for graduation.



World Languages

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9th Grade - Spanish 1 and 2 (AP+ Pathway only)

10th Grade - Spanish 1 and 2 (all other Pathways)

10th Grade - Spanish 3 and 4 (AP+ Pathway only)

11th-12th Grade - choice to continue with Spanish 3,
Spanish 4, AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature

2 sequential credits of foreign language required for Bright Futures.

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Public Service & Academic Success

9th Grade - Public Service Leadership

9th Grade - Critical Thinking and Study Skills

10th Grade - Public Service Communication

11th Grade - Experiential Learning in Public Service

11th Grade - Career Research and Decision Making

12th Grade - Capstone Research

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Research

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AP Seminar

AP Research or Public Service Research

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9th Grade Electives

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- Band
- Vocal and Dramatic Arts
- HOPE - **required for graduation**
- 2D Studio Art 1

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Pathways



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PK Pathways

AP+

- Additional AP coursework across academic disciplines

Computer Science with AI

- CTE certifications
- Courses in CS with an emphasis in AI

Engineering

- CTE certifications
- Courses in Engineering including Digital Electronics

Entrepreneurship

- CTE certifications
- Courses in Digital Design and Business

Health & Human Performance

- CTE Certifications
- Courses in science emphasizing human body systems and development in preparation for allied health fields

Modern Music

- CTE Certifications
- Courses in modern music, music entrepreneurship

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9th Grade Pathway Courses

- **Modern Music**

- Modern Music 1

- **AP+**

- Spanish 1 and 2

- **Computer Science with AI**

- AP Computer Science Principles
- AI in the World

- **Entrepreneurship**

- Digital Media Foundations 1 and 2

- **Engineering**

- Introduction to Engineering

- **Health & Human Performance**

- Fitness Lifestyle Design
- Anatomy & Physiology Honors

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Course Selections



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Course Selection Timeline

- **January 14** - Parent Webinars
- **January 15** - Course Guide sent home by email
- **January 16** - K-12 Future-Focus Academic & Career Night,
5:30-7:00
 - 6:30-7:00 - 8th Grade Parent and Student Course Selection
Night Optional

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Course Selection Timeline

- **Weeks of January 20 and January 27** - Counselor/Student Meetings during school day
 - Students receive course selection sheet
 - Meet with counselor 1-on-1
 - Take home sheet to review with parents
 - Return sheet with parent signature
- **Month of February** - Students will be notified of Pathway selections

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Course Selection Sheet

Let's look at your course selection sheet together.

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Social Studies

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Did you choose High School credit for
Pre-AP World History in 8th Grade?

Yes

No

- AP Human Geography

- World History Honors

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Are you interested in AP Biology for 9th Grade?

Yes

- AP Biology

No

- Biology Honors

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Electives Choice

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**Select your choice for the following 9th Grade
electives:**

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- Vocal and Dramatic Arts
- HOPE - **required for graduation**
- 2D Studio Art 1

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Course Selection Process

Pathway Selection

- Rank your top 2 choices
- Counselors try to assign you your first choice Pathway

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Who to Contact for Help

Questions or
Comments about
Course Selection?

Scan for
feedback form.



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