

Paul Laurence Dunbar List of Courses for FRESHMAN for online requests

Welcome to Dunbar! You and your teachers will make all of your course requests for your freshman year online. Your middle school will have a video for you with instructions on how to make your course requests in your student portal. You also are receiving written instructions with this letter and course list. Please watch the video and follow the included instructions carefully.

The 21-22 PLD Course Directory, graduation requirements, and CTE Pathway information are all available on the PLD website. We encourage you to look over all of this information PRIOR to making course requests in your student portal. You can read descriptions of all of the classes in the course directory and explore future courses for pathways in the CTE documents.

Your current teachers will select your core classes: English, Math, Science, & Social Studies (and World Language if you are currently taking a World Language). All freshman will also have Health & PE added to your requests. When we determine if we are able to offer PE in summer school, you will have the opportunity to indicate you prefer to take Health & PE in summer school.

You will select enough elective courses from the list below to give you **8 total courses** in your student portal. This includes your core classes, which means most students will select three elective courses. You must select **S1** and **S2** for each course. **One of your elective choices MUST be a CTE Pathway course.** If you are in Band, Orchestra, or Chorus, please remember to choose those classes as one of your elective choices as well. You will also add four alternates in your portal in case your first choice is not available.

Students who need additional instruction in English and/or Math (as indicated by MAP test results) will be placed in Reading Development and/or Math Essentials in the place of an elective course.

Signing up for AP Human Geography and/or AP Computer Science Principles requires completion of the [Dunbar AP Agreement form](#), which indicates your understanding of the rigor and requirements of the course. Parents and students must complete the form, which is available on the Dunbar website. AP Human Geography requires a summer assignment.

Freshman elective courses

Choose at least one elective from the CTE/Pathway courses below.

Business:

Accounting & Finance Found
Business & Marketing Essential
Digital Literacy

RED Center (Engineering):

Engineering 1

Family & Consumer Science:

Life Skill Essentials
Principles of Hospitality

Media Arts

Introduction to Media Arts
Video Studio Fundamentals

Information Technology:

Digital Literacy
AP Computer Science Principles (Prerequisite: Algebra 1)

Teaching & Learning

Learning Community

Art:

Art 1

Social Studies Electives:

African American Heritage
Movies, Media, and Movements
AP Human Geography

Drama:

Acting/ Performance 1
Theatre Design & Technology
Musical Theatre

World Language:

French 1
German 1
Spanish 1

English Electives:

Creative Writing 1
Film Studies
Science Fiction Fantasy Film
Sportswriting

Music:

Concert Band (Audition required)
Percussion (Percussionists take in place of Concert Band)
Adv. Jazz Band (Must also enroll in Concert Band or Orchestra)
Men's Chorus
Women's Chorus
String Orchestra (Prerequisite: participation in middle school orchestra; audition required)
General Orchestra (little or no prior experience in orchestra)

Fayette County Technical Centers

Fayette County is privileged to offer three technical centers: Eastside, Locust Trace, and Southside. The programs and pathways available at these schools are described in the course directory & CTE Pathway Reference Document, which are available on the Dunbar website. If you choose to attend a technical center, you will spend ½ of each day at the technical center and ½ of each day at Dunbar. Bus transportation is provided between Dunbar and the technical centers. An application is required and available online. You will indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice pathways on the application. You can also choose to take one of your core classes at the technical centers as listed below. If you attend a technical center, this can replace your required CTE course at Dunbar.

Eastside: Eastside is not available for entering freshman.

Locust Trace Agriscience Center:

Locust Trace has shifted their emphasis to entering freshman. Incoming freshman (current 8th grade) must complete the [8th grade LTAC application](#) as soon as possible. LTAC will accept primarily freshman into their programs; there will be limited admissions for 10th graders and no new applicants from 11th and 12th grade. You have the option of attending classes at LTAC for all four years of high school if you enter as a freshman. If you do attend LTAC for 4 years, you will need to work closely with your PLD counselor to insure you are progressing toward graduation.

Locust Trace pathway only (909030a9936)

Locust Trace pathway + one core class (909030a9933) (choose this course if taking a core class at LTAC)

Core choices: (must mark Locust Trace pathway + core class above if choosing to take a core class at LTAC)

Health/Physical Education (340133a3009; 340216a3052)

Spanish 1 (161108a1367)

Spanish 2 (161109a1407)

Southside: Southside is available only to entering freshman who attended Southside as part of their 8th grade program.

Southside pathway only (909030s9956)

Southside pathway + one core class (909030s9953) (choose this course if you are taking a core class at SS)

Core choices: (must mark Southside pathway + core class above if choosing to take a core class at SS)

Adv. English 1 (230107s1824)

Adv. Geometry (270401s2466)