

## Curriculum

A wide range of curriculum that is aligned with the Ohio Department of Education standards is offered at Poland Seminary High School.

The **English** curriculum centers around courses which place emphasis upon classical American, British and world literature while advancing high level reading, writing and communication skills. Those students excelling in English may opt for placement into the Honors and/or AP programs or \*College Writing 1 & 2.

The **Science** Department offerings include; B.S.C.S., Biology, Physical Science, Environmental Science, Intro to STEM, Biotechnology, \*Physical Geology, Chemistry, \*Advanced Chemistry, \*AP Biology, \*STEM Physics, Fundamentals of Physics, and \*Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2.

Leveled courses in **Mathematics** are available to all learners. For highly talented students, Algebra 1 is offered starting in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Those students are able to complete five years of secondary math ending with \*Calculus or \*AP Calculus.

In addition to the required World and U.S. History and \*Government courses, **Social Studies** electives are available including AP Art History, \*Intro to Criminal Justice, Psychology, Economics, and History of Fine Arts.

Four years of **Global Language** are offered in Spanish and Italian.

**Family and Consumer Sciences** includes a variety of semester courses; Textile Design, Construction and Maintenance, Career and College Readiness, Personal Wellness and Development, Child Development, Culinary Fundamentals and Global Foods.

Students interested in **Music** may choose Concert Choir or Band. Select groups include Seminary Singers, Harmonically Speaking A Cappella, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble. Symphonic Band and Concert Band are also available.

Elective courses in **Business** and **Technology** include Accounting 1 and 2, Microsoft Office Systems, AP Computer Science Principles, Introduction to Multimedia, Video Production, Graphic Design, Sports Media and Broadcasting.

**Fine Arts** courses include Intro to Art, Art 2, 3 and 4, and Oral Interpretation.

Experience in school publications is available to students accepted into the Pioneer (yearbook) and Seminarian (school newspaper) staffs.

Students interested in applied coursework are encouraged to pursue vocational subjects such as aviation mechanics or cosmetology that are offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students through the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center. Students participating in vocational programs graduate from P.S.H.S. upon completion of courses at the Career Center.

**Career Based Intervention** (CBI) 1 and 2 provide career exploration and job information and experience. Depending on the program, students receive paid work experience within the Poland school system or in business establishments in the community.

**Health and Physical Education** are required for all students to receive their diploma.

**Courses marked with an asterisk \* may earn college credit from Youngstown State University, Kent State University or Eastern Gateway Community College.**

### **Accreditation**

Poland Seminary High School is fully accredited by the State of Ohio Department of Education and is in full compliance with all state standards.

### **Class of 2018 – Profile Data**

ACT SCORES	Poland Average	Ohio Average	National Average
Overall	22.6	22	21
SAT SCORES			
Reading/Writing	609	578	530
Math	638	570	520

### **Graduation Requirements**

Twenty One units of credit are required as follows:

English	4 units
Science	3 units (Must include 1 unit of a physical science, 1 unit of a life science, and 1 unit of advanced science)
Mathematics	4 units (Must include Algebra 2 or equivalent)
Health	.5 units
Phys Ed	.5 units
Social Studies	3 units (World History, American History, US Government plus 0.5 elective)
Electives	6 units
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>21</b>

All students must receive instruction in economics/financial literacy during grades 9 – 12. Students must complete 2 semesters of fine arts in grades 7 – 12.

**Students must successfully complete one of Ohio's Pathways to an Ohio Diploma that may include:**

- 1. End of Course Exam Points**
- 2. Remediation free scores on the ACT/SAT**
- 3. Industry Credentials/Work Keys test and/or other pathways as determined by the Ohio Department of Education.**

## **Grading System**

### **Academic Subjects**

A	90 – 100
B	80 – 89
C	70 – 79
D	60 – 69
F	0 - 59

### **Pioneer and Seminarian**

S	Pass
U	Unsatisfactory

## **Class Rank**

Class rank is computed for all students at the end of each year. The rank is determined by the student's grade point average for all academic subjects. Only final grades are used for this purpose. All letter grades are converted to the following point system for class rank purposes.

A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, and F = 0.

If a student wants to remove class rank from his/her transcript, they must contact the Guidance Office. Both student and parent must sign the proper form. If this is not done, the rank will remain on the student's transcript.