Quakertown Community High School



Class of 2030

Orientation

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Class of 2030 Team

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Agenda

- Meet the Class of 2030 Team
- 3 Main Areas of Focus
- QROCK and Ways to Get Involved
- Graduation Requirements
- Freshman Requirements
- Career Pathways Program
- Additional Information



3 Main Areas of Focus

- **<u>Attendance:</u> show up daily and be on time to school/class–attendance is the 1st step to having a successful school year.**
- **<u>Grades:</u> do your best to keep up with classes and earning credits towards graduation–don't fall behind and seek out help when needed.**
- **<u>Behavior:</u> take ownership of your actions, make good choices, and get involved–display QROCK values!**
- **Remember to work your hardest in these 3 areas and to use resources in and out of the school setting to promote your success–teachers, counselors, admin, family, and friends.**



- In addition to academic excellence, we strive to promote the values of Resilience, Ownership, Community, and Kindness.
- QROCK information and activities will be available in your classes and throughout the building during the school year.

We are Stronger Together...Get Involved!

- Garden
- Best Buddies
- Student Council
- Theatrical Arts
- Student of Color Association
- Art
- Science NHS
- Minithon
- Gay/Straight Alliance
- Law and Debate
- QROCK Student Team
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- NHS
- Ski and Snowboard
- Photography
- Yearbook
- Math
- International Friendship
- Social Justice Alliance
- German
- Philosophy
- Dance
- FBLA-Future Business Leader of America
- Pride of Quakertown
- Key Club
- STEM
- Environmental
- Adventure Games
- Fishing
- Chess

Every Class Counts in High School

	Class of 2024 - 2026		Class of 2027 and Beyond	
	QCHS Full Time	UBCTS Students	QCHS Full Time	UBCTS Students
English	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Social Studies	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
Science	3.0/4.0	3.0	3.0/4.0	3.0
Mathematics	3.0/4.0	3.0	3.0/4.0	3.0
Physical Education	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Health	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Arts	0.5	0.5**	0.5	0.5**
Personal Finance	Optional	Optional	0.5***	0.5***
Elective	6.5	8.5	6.0	8.0
	24 credits	**24 credits**	**24 credits**	**24 credits**

* QCHS Full Time Students must have a minimum of 7 total Math and Science credits combined to be eligible for graduation. Full time students must complete at a minimum Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2/2A, as well as Environmental and Space Science (grade 9), Biology (grade 10), Chemistry and Physics even if the credit requirement has been met. Exceptions must be approved by the Assistant Superintendent.

**Participation in the UBCTS program may satisfy this requirement.

***Starting in the 2026-2027 School Year, all students are required to take a .5 credit of Personal Finance for graduation.

Required Core Academic Courses

English
- ☐ English 9
- ☐ English 9 Honors

Mathematics
- ☐ Algebra 1
- ☐ Algebra 1A
- ☐ Algebra 2
- ☐ Algebra 2 Honors
- ☐ Geometry
- ☐ Geometry Honors
- ☐ Precalculus
- ☐ AP Precalculus

Health
- ☐ Health (0.5 Credit)

Physical Education
- ☐ Foundations of Wellness and Fitness (0.5 Credit)

Science
- ☐ Environmental and Space Systems
- ☐ Environmental and Space Systems Honors

Social Studies
- ☐ AP Human Geography
- ☐ World Cultures and Geography
- ☐ World Cultures and Geography Honors

Art and Personal Finance (Art, Dance, Music & UBCTS Programs)

All students must take 0.5 credit each before graduation.

General Interest Courses

World Language

German Courses

- ☐ German 1
- ☐ German 2
- ☐ German 3
- ☐ German 3 Honors

Mandarin Courses

- ☐ Mandarin 1 Honors
- ☐ Mandarin 2 Honors
- ☐ Mandarin 3 Honors

World Language (continued)

Spanish Courses

- ☐ Spanish 1
- ☐ Spanish 2
- ☐ Spanish 3
- ☐ Spanish 3 Honors

Music

- ☐ AP Music Theory
- ☐ High School Chorus
- ☐ High School Chorus Combo
- ☐ Symphonic Band
- ☐ Symphonic Band Combo
- ☐ Pop, Rock, & Jazz (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Concert Orchestra
- ☐ Chamber Orchestra
- ☐ Piano (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Guitar (0.5 Credit)

9th Grade Specialized Interest Courses

Art

- ☐ AP Art History
- ☐ Intro to Art (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Digital Design (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Advanced Digital Design (0.5 Credit)

Business and Information Technology

- ☐ Accounting 1 (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Accounting 2 Honors (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Business Law (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Entrepreneurship (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ International Business (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Introduction to Business (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Personal Finance (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Sports Entertainment & Hospitality Marketing (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Web Development and Design (0.5 Credit)

English Language Arts

- ☐ Creative Writing 1 (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Creative Writing 2 (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Public Speaking (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Introduction to Theater Arts (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Advanced Theater Arts (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Journalism (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Advanced Journalism (0.5 Credit)

Family and Consumer Science

- ☐ Fashion Design 1 (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Advanced Fashion Design (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Chefs 1 (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Chefs 2 (0.5 Credit)
- ☐ Personal Growth (0.5 Credit)

Computer Science

☐ AP Computer Science A – (JAVA)
☐ AP Computer Science Principles
☐ Computer Programming (C++)

Dance

☐ Fundamentals of Dance (0.5 Credit)
☐ Dance 1 (0.5 Credit)
☐ Dance 2 (0.5 Credit)
☐ Dance 3 (0.5 Credit)
☐ Movement for Athletes (0.5 Credit)
☐ Dance in Musical Theater (0.5 Credit)

Focused Electives

☐ Catering and Food Service Professional (2 Credits)
☐ Teacher Preparation Program (2 Credits)

Science

☐ Biology Honors

Social Studies

☐ AP Psychology
☐ Psychology (0.5 Credit)
☐ Sociology and Anthropology (0.5 Credit)
☐ Women Making History (0.5 Credit)

Technological Studies

Project Lead the Way (Pre-requisites *)
☐ Introduction to Engineering Design
☐ Principles of Engineering

TV News / Video

☐ TV News/Video Editing, Level 1

QCHS Freshman Schedule - 7 Periods

Period 1 - English

Period 2 - Math

Period 3 - Science

Period 4 - Social Studies

Period 5 - Health/PE

Period 6/Period 7 - Choice

Four Year Plan for UBCTS Students - 7 Periods (4 Periods at QCHS, 3 Periods at UBCTS)

9th - English, Math, Science, Social Studies/3 Periods at Tech

10th - English, Math, Science, Social Studies/3 Periods at Tech

11th - English, Math, Science, Health(.5), PE(.5)/3 Periods at Tech

12th - English, Social Studies, Health(.5), PE(.5), Personal Finance(.5), Choice Period or Senior Release(.5)/3 Periods at Tech

Students who want to play sports at the college level will not meet eligibility requirements by attending tech school during freshman year.

Applications should be submitted by 1/24.

Class of 2027 and Beyond - Impact to NCAA Eligibility

NCAA / Starting tech 9th grade

	Required Min.	Freshman	Soph	Junior	Senior
English	4	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng
Social Studies	3	SS	SS	SS	NCAA Core Class
Science	3	SCI	SCI	SCI	NCAA Core Class
Math	3	Math	Math	Math	NCAA Core Class
Phy Ed	1				PE1/PE2 1.0
Health	1				H1/H2 1.0
Arts	.5*				*
Per. Finance	0.5				0.5
Electives	8	Tech 3.0	Tech 3.0	Tech 3.0	Tech 3.0
Classes per yr.		7	7	7	9.5

Can't Fit 16 NCAA Core Class requirements & QCHS Grad Requirements

NCAA / Starting tech in 10th grade

	Required Min.	Freshman	Soph	Junior	Senior
English	4	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng
Social Studies	3	SS	SS	SS	NCAA Core Class
Science	3	SCI	SCI	SCI	NCAA Core Class
Math	3	Math	Math	Math	NCAA Core Class
Phy Ed	1	PE1/PE2 1.0			
Health	1	H1/H2 1.0			
Arts	.5*	*			
Per. Finance	0.5	0.5			
Electives	8	0.5	Tech 3.0	Tech 3.0	Tech 3.0
Classes per yr.		7	7	7	7

Can fit NCAA 16 Core & QCHS Grad Requirements if starting tech sophmore year

FYI -

Div 1 Requirements - Eng 4, Math 3, Science 2, 1 Extra year in Math or Science, Social Studies 2, Other Academic Courses 4

Div 2 Requirements - Eng 3, Math 2, Science 2, 3 Extra years in Eng Math or Sci, Social Studies 2, Other academic Courses 4

Grading at the High School

Grade	Numeric Range	GPA		
		College Prep	Honors and PLTW	AP / Dual Enrollment
A	90 - 100	4.0	4.25	4.50
B	80 - 89	3.0	3.25	3.50
C	70 - 79	2.0	2.25	2.50
D	60 - 69	1.0	1.0	1.0
F	50 -59	0.0	0.0	0.0

- College Prep (CP) unweighted
- Honors & Project Lead the Way courses + 0.25
- Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) + 0.50

The QCHS Career Pathways Program

Set yourself up for success!

- Arts and Humanities
- Business, Marketing, and Finance
- Education
- STEM and Computer Science
- Undeclared

Work closely with a teacher and your classmates in dedicated Pathways Advisory periods.

- You remain with your Pathways Advisory all four years.
- The work you do in the Pathways Advisory encompasses your PA State Graduation Requirements
  - 8 reflections to complete your College and Career Readiness Portfolio (9th, 10th and 11th grade) and QCHS Graduation Requirements.
  - 1 Senior Portfolio Project (12th grade)
- Topics range from time management skills, career exploration, soft skills, ethics and decision making, communication skills, and much more!

Seize the opportunity!

Student in the Workplace experience.

- Four hour job shadow with a professional in an industry of interest to you.
- Completed during your 10th or 11th Grade years.

Career Speaker Series

- Industry professionals from the community share their experiences
- Directly tied to all career pathways
- Available twice per month

Field Study Program

- 0.5 credit semester course.
- Minimum 20 unpaid hours.
- Real world work experiences.
- Available to 11th and 12th Grade students.

How will you make yourself more marketable, more motivated, and ensure your high school years are meaningful?

Further Information

- QCHS Website
- Attendance Information
- Getting Started with Canvas
- Swipe & Smart Pass
- Family Resources
- School Apps
- QROCK
- Athletics
- Program of Studies
- Catering and Food Service





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