

**To:** Chip McGee, Superintendent  
**From:** Sarah Marandos, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment  
**Date:** August 19, 2020  
**Re:** Changes to Program of Studies/SAT Testing

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As part of the “Family Choice” option for 2020-2021, we are requesting some changes to the approved Program of Studies for this year only.

**Request 1: Trigonometry.** In an effort to meet state math requirements for seniors, we are requesting to offer Trigonometry (course number: 444) as a  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit class instead of a full credit class. We recently made the shift to the full credit option, so the curriculum is already well established.

**Request 2: Math Lab.** In an effort to support students in the PRO (Pelham Remote Opportunity) we are requesting a “Math Lab” (course number: 400ML). This will provide support to students that were enrolled in Foundations of Math and Algebra 1 (Full Year). We are not offering either of those courses remotely. This will be taught by a math teacher, and earn a general math credit.

**Request 3: Advisory.** Several parents have inquired about the option to have students arrive at school for Block 1 (start time 8:50 AM) and not have to attend the advisory block if they do not have a teacher request and/or need to be present in advisory (8:00 AM - 8:45 AM). Mondays would be the “required” day of attendance due to SEL programming and advisor support. Tuesday-Friday would be flexible if the student was in good standing. This does not pertain to students that have late arrival.

If this is approved for the 2020-2021 school year, we would communicate this to students and families. The families would be responsible for providing transportation if they opted not to utilize the morning bus run. Students that will be transported to school on a bus, will arrive for the beginning of advisory. PHS leadership would communicate to the student and family that a teacher can request and require a student to attend advisory for additional help and re-teaching. School counselors will inform administration of students that are in danger of or are failing courses at the quarter benchmarks. Students in danger of failing or failing will be expected to attend advisory for the remainder of the marking period.

**Request 4: SAT School Day (12th graders).** Due to COVID-19, the SAT School Day was not administered to 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the Spring. We are able to offer it on September 23<sup>rd</sup> onsite. If that date is approved, the underclassmen will have a “remote” day that teachers that are not proctoring will be able to provide support on classwork. Note: the SAT requires that students are

assessed in school. Students that have chosen remote for semester 1, can come in that day to take the assessment, if they choose.