

A low-angle photograph of the Phillips Academy Andover clock tower, a white neoclassical structure with a blue clock face and a dome topped with a cross. The tower is framed by lush green leaves in the foreground and a blue sky with light clouds in the background.

# NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION: LEARNING AT ANDOVER

Office of Family Engagement  
June 18, 2026

Phillips Academy  
**ANDOVER**

# Agenda

- Student Technology & Tools
- Academic Need to Know
- What to Expect the First Week
- Academic Integrity
- Advising
- Academic Support
- Strategies for Student Success
- Questions & Answers



# Student Technology & Tools



## ➤ Computer Requirement

## ➤ Additional Information

- Each student is provided with a Microsoft Office 365 subscription.
- Microsoft Outlook is the required platform for student email.

## ➤ Software Requirement

- Respondus LockDown Browser

## ➤ Canvas Learning Management System

# Academic Need To Know

- Student Schedule & Academic Progress on The Hive
- Textbooks
- School Supplies
- Resources
  - *The Blue Book*
  - *Course of Study*
  - Academic Calendar
  - Weekly Class Calendar
  - End of Term Schedule
- Cell Phone Use in School

## Phillips Academy Class Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 a.m.	Period 1 8:30-9:10 a.m.	Period 3 8:30-9:45 a.m.	Period 1 8:30-9:45 a.m.	Period 3 8:30-9:45 a.m.	Period 1 8:30-9:45 a.m.
9 a.m.					
9:30 a.m.	Period 2 9:20-10 a.m.				
10 a.m.	Conference 10:05-10:45 a.m.	Advising 9:55-10:35 a.m.	Conference 9:50-10:15 a.m.	Department Meeting 9:50-10:40 a.m.	
10:30 a.m.					Period 2 9:55-11:10 a.m.
11 a.m.	Period 3 10:50-11:30 a.m.	Period 4 (L) 10:45 a.m.-Noon	Period 2 10:20-11:35 a.m.	Period 4 (L) 10:45 a.m.-Noon	
11:30 a.m.					Community Meeting Time* 11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Noon	Period 4 (L) 11:40 a.m.-12:20 p.m.		Period 7 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.		
12:30 p.m.					Protected Time/Full Team Meetings† 12:25-1:25 p.m.
1 p.m.	Period 5 (L) 12:30-1:10 p.m.	Period 5 (L) 12:10-1:25 p.m.		Period 5 (L) 12:10-1:25 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.	Period 6 (L) 1:20-2 p.m.				
2 p.m.		Period 6 (L) 1:35-2:50 p.m.		Period 6 (L) 1:35-2:50 p.m.	Period 7 1:35-2:50 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	Period 7 2:10-2:50 p.m.				
3 to 5 p.m.	Athletics and Community Engagement				

Breakfast: 7:30-9:30 a.m.    Lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.    Dinner: 5-7 p.m.

# More Academic Need to Know

## ➤ Class Designations

- 9th-graders: Juniors
- 10th-graders: Lowers
- 11th-graders: Uppers
- 12th-graders and Postgraduates (PGs): Seniors

## ➤ Terms

- Term 1: September 4–November 20
  - Midpoint: October 9
- Term 2: December 2–March 5
  - Midpoint: January 22
- Term 3: March 23–June 3
  - Midpoint: April 23

## ➤ Course Load & Schedule

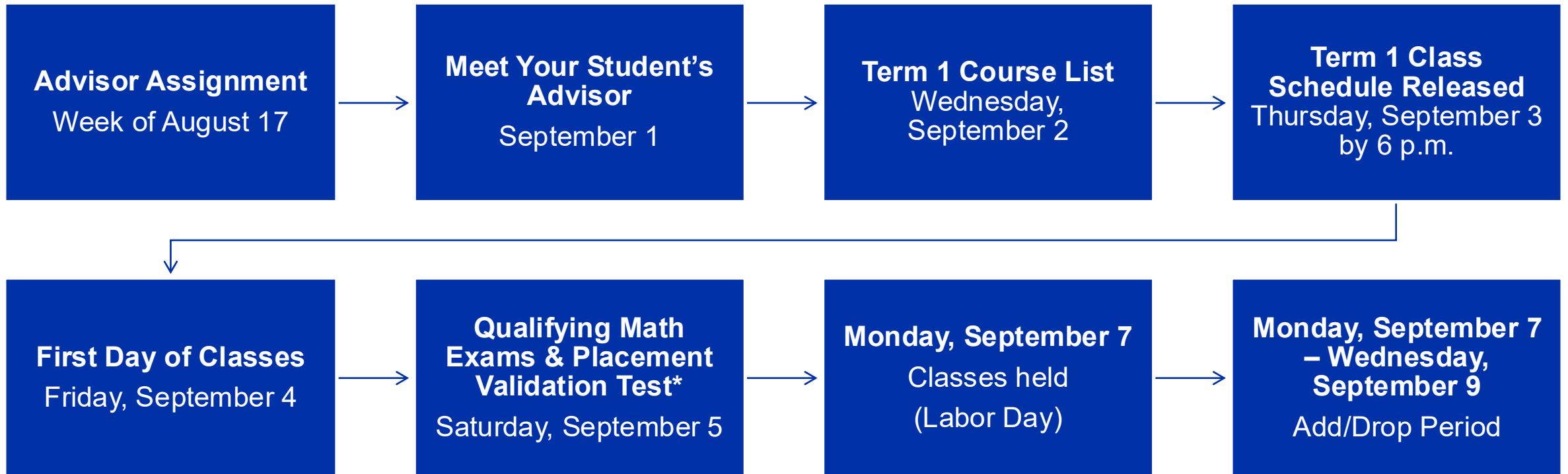
- Junior and Lower Year: 5 or 6 courses each term
- Upper and Senior Year: 5 courses each term

## ➤ Homework Load

## ➤ Helping 9<sup>th</sup> Graders Adjust Academically

- Pass/Fail (Term 1 only)
- Canvas Assignments for Ninth Graders

# What to Expect The First Week



\***Qualifying Exam** for Math 280, 380, and 595. **Placement Validation Test** for Math 225 through Math 400 requesting a level change.

# Academic Integrity

## ➤ Expectations & Responsibilities

- Academic integrity means students do their own work
- Expectations may be different from previous schools
- What's allowed depends on the course
- When in doubt, student should ask the instructor
- Getting help is encouraged
- Help must be acknowledged
- If permission isn't clearly given → don't use it



# The Syllabus – Your Student’s Guide



- Every course has a syllabus on Canvas
- Syllabi look similar, but are not identical
- Each instructor sets their own expectations
- The syllabus explains:
  - What help and tools are allowed (including AI)
  - Major assignments and due dates
  - How grades are calculated
  - Late work policies
  - Academic integrity expectations

# Your Students Core Team

## BOARDING STUDENT CORE TEAM



ADVISOR



**POINT PERSON  
&  
HOUSE COUNSELOR**



CLUSTER DEAN

## DAY STUDENT CORE TEAM



**POINT PERSON  
&  
DAY STUDENT ADVISOR**



CLUSTER DEAN

# Advising

➤ **Students meet regularly with their advisor**

➤ **Advisors help students:**

- Build important skills
- Navigate connecting with & communicating with campus adults
- Find and use campus resources
- Plan courses and make schedule decisions
- Navigate transitions

➤ **Advising groups:**

- Sit together during All-School Meetings
- Reflect on topics from All-School Meetings



# Academic Support

## ➤ Academic Skills Center & Student Accessibility Services

- Winter Term New Location! George Washington Hall (second floor)

## ➤ Overview of the ASC Services

- Learning Specialists
- Peer Tutoring Program
- Additional Study Supports
  - Math Study Center
  - Science Study Center
  - The Writing Center



# Strategies for Student Success



## ➤ Develop Good Routines

- Practice independent routines this summer.
- Use a planning tool to manage to-do lists, schedules, and assignment planning.

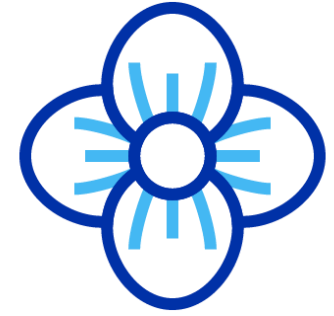
## ➤ Reflect on Study Skills

- What systems have worked in the past?
- Where might they need assistance?

## ➤ Encourage Help-Seeking

- Reinforce that asking for support is part of being a successful students

# More Strategies for Student Success



## ➤ Tips for the First Weeks of School

- Go to Conference Periods
- Find a Good Study Space
- Access the Study Centers (Math, Science, Writing)
- Request a Peer Tutor
- Ask for Help

# Save the Date!

- **Thursday, June 25, 2026**, at 11 a.m.  
New Family Orientation Session 5:  
Preparing for the Transition
- **Tuesday, July 14, 2026**, at 6:30 p.m.  
Virtual Welcome Reception for New  
Families

