

Accelerated Growth Sessions (AGS) at PCHS

Purpose:

The purpose of the AGS program is to strengthen communication among students, between faculty and students, and to develop communication links between the school and home. The easiest way to describe AGS is to say it is a system of group guidance.

What is AGS?

AGS is the name given to a block of time each day during which the teacher (advisor) meets with a small group of students for the purpose of communication. The program encompasses every student in the school and nearly every faculty member. Students are assigned to an advisory group and to an advisor when they enter high school, and they stay with that specific group until graduation. This gives advisors the chance to work with students on their college and career goals on a smaller scale.

Also, the advisor will work with students during the second semester to develop their schedules for the next year. Advisors will meet with parents during the second semester to finalize the course choices for the next school year. Advisors who have seniors will help make sure all scholarship forms and college paperwork is submitted correctly.

What happens during AGS?

AGS is a 25-30 block of time designated for student growth and communication. On Monday and Tuesday, the advisor will look at student grades and help them communicate with teachers to find times for tutoring. AGS teachers will also schedule students for Structured Learning Time (SLT).

Emphasizing the social relationship within each advisory is important. Fun activities, service projects, and guided learning experiences establish stronger relationships among the advisees and between the advisor and the advisees. Service projects at school and in the community are excellent team and character building opportunities.