

Course Load Priority

From the *PowerScheduler: Prepare to Build Workbook*:

“Use the Load Priority to load students into higher priority courses first. For example, AP Chemistry is an advanced class with one section. AP Chemistry needs a higher priority. You can enter the following load priority values: 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, and 63. The lower the number, the higher the priority. Electives traditionally have a higher number so that the engine schedules the required courses first and electives last.”

Course Preferences

Load Options	
Load Priority	3
Load Type	Academic ▾
Balance Priority	Section ▾
Use Pre Established Teams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close Section After Max	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use Section Types	<input type="checkbox"/>

Load Priority Examples

Load priority is unique to each school, year, course catalog and master schedule. It is suggested that each school scheduling team establish a load priority scheme based upon criteria pertinent to the school, year, course catalog and master schedule.

1	High Priority Singletons (Band, AP/IB, World Language, Off Campus)
3	Singleton Academic Core/Required (Spanish IV)
7	Doubleton Academic Core/Required (Honors) and/or Doubleton Elective
15	Multi-section Academic Core/Required (LA/Eng, Math, SS, Sci)
31	Singleton Electives (Fine Arts, CTE)
63	Multi-section Academic Electives (PE, Health)
127*	As needed
255*	As needed
511*	Many sectioned courses per period

* The Load Priority entry field on the Course Preference page is limited to two (2) characters. Three-digit Load Priorities can be entered through PowerScheduler > Functions > Update Selections > ScheduleCourseCatalogs > Sched_LoadPriority for the courses within the active course catalog.