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PA Class	Code	Prerequisite	Code
General Studies			
English			
Math			
Science			
History			
Art			
Physical Education			
Foreign Language			
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