

High School 101: Course Selection & Info Night



For current 8th grade Parents, Guardians & Caring Adults
Thursday, March 5 at 5:30pm in KMS Library
 Hosted by Annie Plutko, WHS School Counselor/Grad Coach

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"Who is Who" at WHS

Administrators

- Mr. Whitemarsh
- Mrs. Knowles
- Mr. Homad
- Mr. Chestang (*Dean*)

School Counselors

- Mrs. Zapanta (*A-G*)
- Mr. Ortiz (*H-O*)
- Ms. Hastings (*P-Z*)
- Mr. Pollard (*Running Start*)
- Mrs. Plutko (*Grad Coach*)
- Ms. Jenkins (*Social Worker*)

Other People to Know

- Mrs. Jaquez (*Attendance*)
- Ms. Olson (*Athletics*)
- Ms. Pedrique (*Bookkeeper/Cashier*)
- Mr. Booth & Mr. Stanczyk (*Leadership*)

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Say what now?! Terms to know.

- **Pats** = school mascot, pronounced “payts” (not like the NFL team)
- **Patriot Dome** = Main Gym
- **Pats Partnership** = Advisory class
- **Ridgeway Room** = large classroom used for Academic Success Program and other meetings. Located in the 200 Building.
- **STEM Academy** = new building that includes 900 Building room numbers and greenhouse
- **Restorative Conference** = guided mediation process that focuses on repairing conflict between 2 or more people

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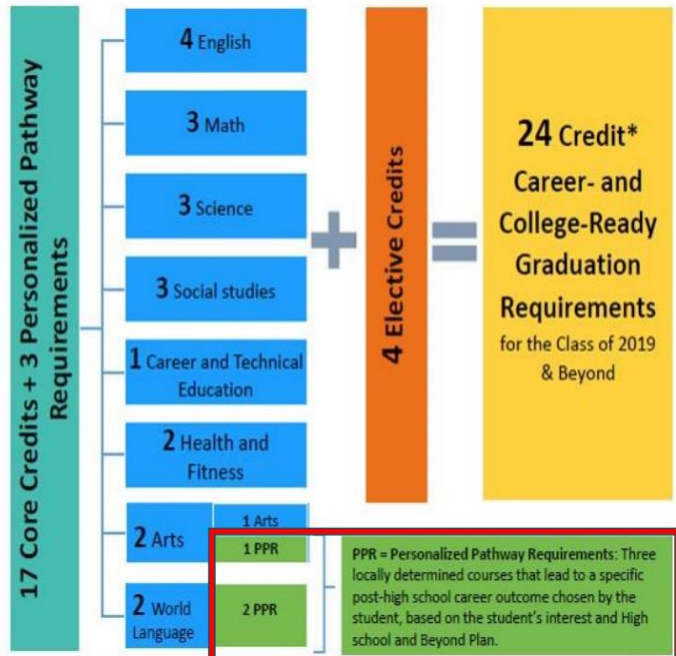
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- **Standards Based** = how we grade in FPSD
 - Summative = test/quiz, Formative = in-class or homework
- **GPA** = Grade Point Average
 - Running average of grades earned at end of each semester
- **ASP** = Academic Success Program
 - Opportunity for students to work on and turn in missing work or assessments
- **SBA(C)** = Smarter Balanced Assessment
 - Testing happens in spring of 10th grade, then again in 11th or 12th if not passed
- **ISS/OSS** = In School Suspension, Out of School Suspension

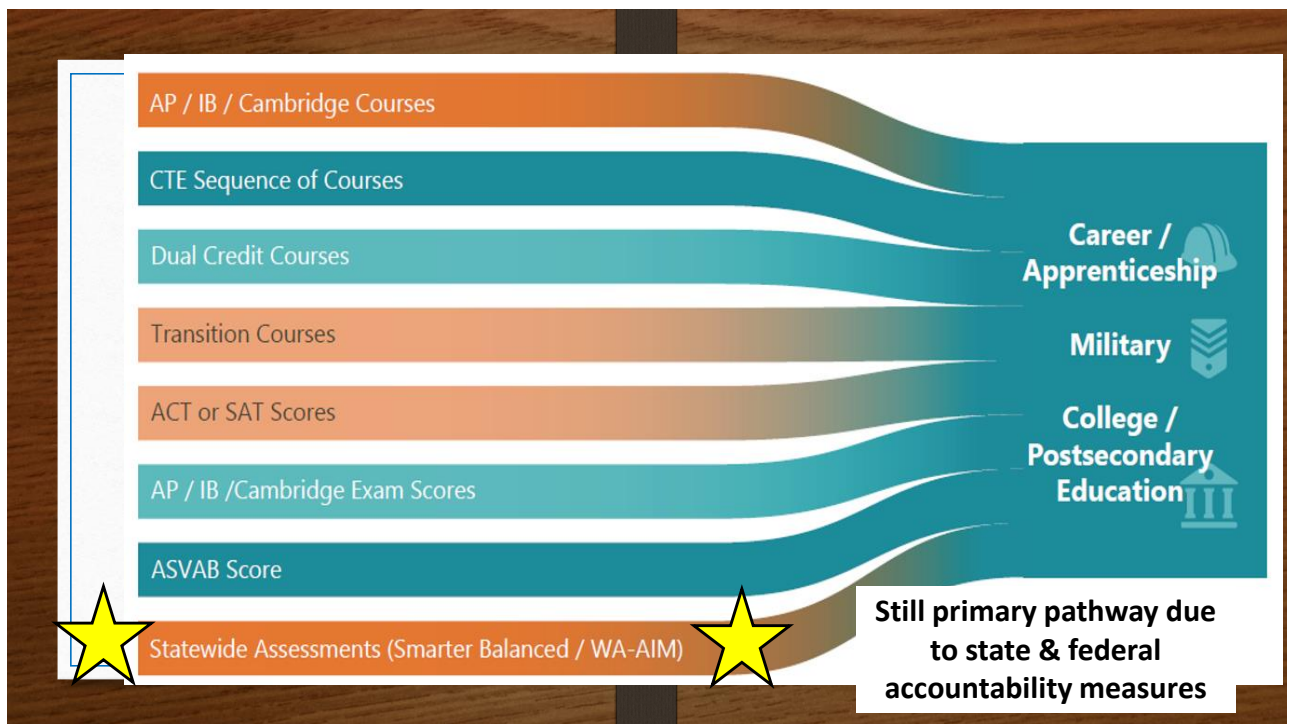
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Grad Requirements Class of 2024

- **24 Credits**
- Graduation Pathway:
State Accountability in ELA & Math
- High School & Beyond Plan and Portfolio presentation
- Pass Washington State History – *usually in 7th grade!*



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Washington High School
Freshman Class of 2024 – Electives List

Name: _____ Date: _____

PE (Choose 1)

HPE114	Intro Ind/Team Sports
HPE115	Intro Strength Training

*Please choose 6 elective choices
Please pick/prioritize your courses from 1-6 (1 = 1st choice)
BOLD Classes are year long and count as 2 choices*

Aerospace Science (JROTC)

FLT101,FLT102	ROTC Milestones Into Aviation History 1,2
FLT611	ROTC Drill & Ceremony

Business & Marketing

BUS211	Financial Literacy
ATC321	Graphic Design
TEC113,TEC114	Intro Computer Science 1,2

Family & Consumer Science

FCS111	Culinary Arts
FNA121	Textiles & Apparel

CTE

SCI115,SCI116	Prin Biomedical Science 1,2
SCI611,SCI612	Global Challenges 1,2
SCI621,SCI622	ECO Design 1,2 (2 Periods @ The Farm)

Engineering

TEC111,TEC112	Intro Engineering Dsgn 1,2
TEC115	Robotics Technology

Media

ATC301	Digital Photo
ATC302	Digital Photo ADV
ATC201,ATC202	TV Production 1,2

Fine, Visual & Performing Arts

FNA117	Ceramics
FNA211,FNA212	Drama 1,2
FNA111	Visual Art/Design
FNA115	Beg Screen Printing
FNA125	Adv Screen Printing
FNA313,FNA314	Intermediate Choir 1,2
FNA419,FNA420	Jazz Ensemble 1,2 (0 hour class)
FNA417,FNA418	Beg Percussion 1,2 (NO PRIOR BAND EXPERIENCE)
FNA427,FNA428	Percussion Ensemble 1,2
FNA415,FNA416	Wind Ensemble 1,2
FNA611,FNA612	Steel Drums Ensemble 1,2
FNA617,FNA618	Ukulele 1,2
FNA571	Bach to Tupac
FNA601	Beg Piano/Keyboarding (NO PRIOR BAND EXP)

PE (Choose 1)

HPE113	Athletic Conditioning
HPE124	Ind/Team Sports
HPE125	Strength Training
HPE117	Walking Fitness

Social Studies

SST131,SST132	AP Human Geography
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World Languages

WRL101,WRL102	Spanish 1,2
WRL103,WRL104	Spanish 3,4 (Permission Required)
WRL111,WRL112	American Sign Language 1,2

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**Advanced Classes
(previously known as Honors)**

9th Grade – ELA & Science

Future WHS Freshmen

Should you take Advanced Biology and/or Advanced ELA? Think about these questions...

- ☐ Do you like discussing new ideas?
- ☐ Do you like to challenge yourself and your thinking?
- ☐ Can you communicate well verbally and in writing?
- ☐ Do you try to stay on task in class?
- ☐ Do you have a 2.5 or above in the class and know that you could push yourself to a higher grade?
- ☐ Are you willing to take academic risks—and maybe be wrong?
- ☐ Can you ask questions of teachers and peers if you need help?
- ☐ Can you manage your time in and out of class to complete assignments?

If you checked **2 or more of these boxes** you could be ready for Advanced classes in 9th grade!
Give it a try; you can do more than you think that you can!

10th, 11th, 12th Grade

10th

- Advanced ELA
- AP World History
- Advanced Biology or Physical Science

11th

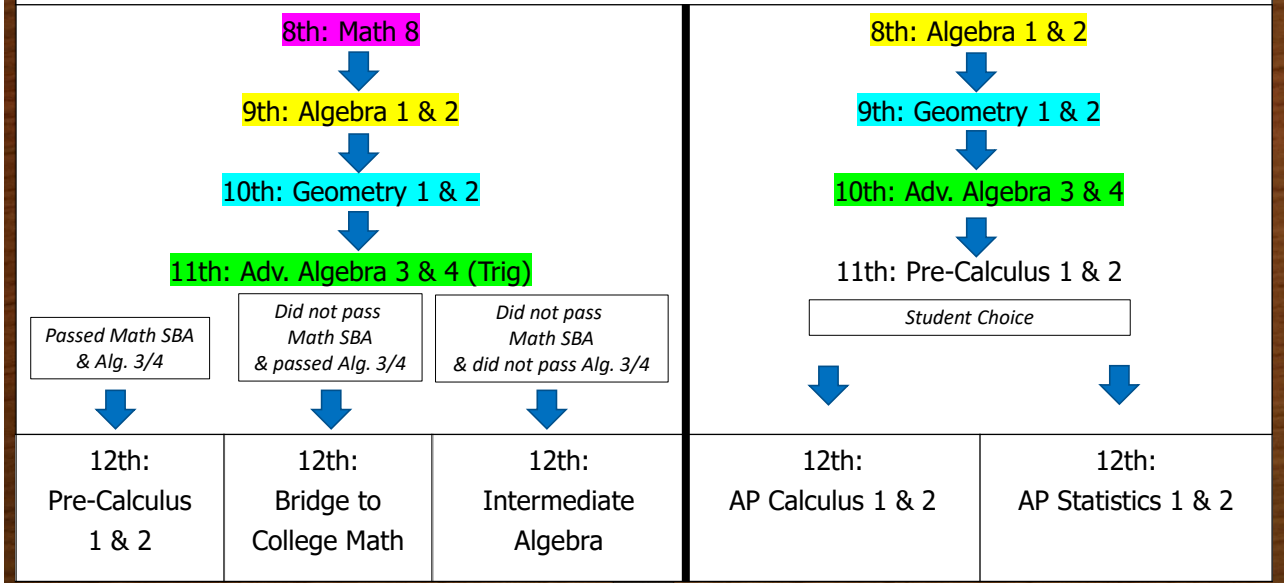
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP US History
- Advanced Chemistry

12th

- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- AP Calculus, Statistics

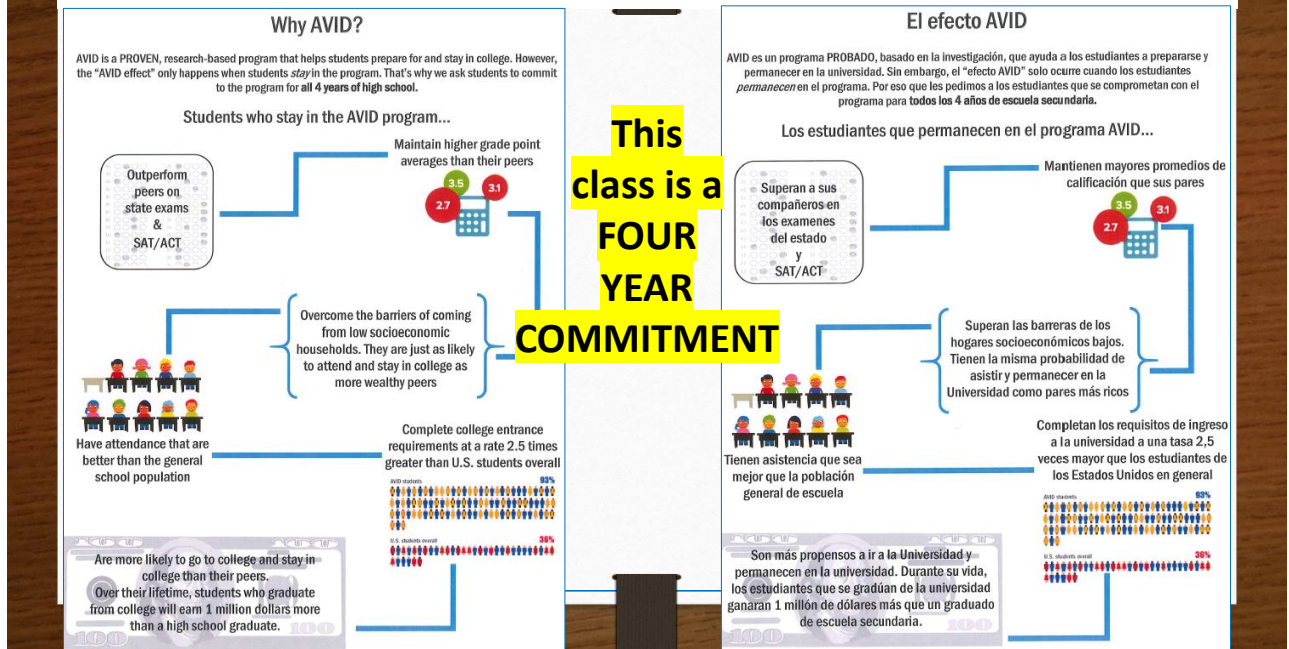
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Math: 4 Year Course Plans



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Another Class to Consider...AVID!



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Planning for the FUTURE: 11th and 12th grade

Pierce County Skills Center

- 3 periods/day at PCSC & 3 periods/day at WHS
- Most WHS students not eligible until 12th grade because of 3rd year math grad requirement
- 14 programs to choose from:
 - Aerospace Composites
 - Aerospace Machining/Fabrication
 - Automotive Technology
 - Construction Trades
 - Criminal Justice
 - Culinary Arts
 - DigiPen Video Game Design
 - Fire Science & Emergency Services
 - Information Technology & Cybersecurity
 - Medical Careers (including NA-C)
 - Pre-Pharmacy Technology
 - Pre-Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine
 - Pre-Veterinary Technology
 - Cosmetology (at CPTC)

Running Start

- Taking classes at community college or technical college such as Pierce, TCC, Clover Park Tech, or Bates
- 11th and/or 12th grade only
- Must meet "college level" readiness in English and Math
 - SBAC test or ACCUPLACER
- Full time Running Start = no classes at WHS
 - Can still play sports at school

When in 10th grade, there will be a Running Start interest meeting you can attend!

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How to Get Involved - Students

We have lots of clubs, sports, and activities for students to join!

- Classes: ROTC, Leadership, Drum Line, Band, The Farm, Drama, Choir
- Sports
 - Fall: Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Girls Swimming, Golf
 - Winter: Basketball, Boys Swimming, Girls Bowling, Wrestling
 - Spring: Baseball, Boys Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track
- Groups: Youth Leading Change, LEAP, Boys2Men, Girls Group, Native American students

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Other Activities & Clubs:

- Cheerleading
- Step Team
- Anime
- Screen Printing
- ASL Club
- Bible Study
- Biomedical
- Breakfast Club
- Drama Club
- FBLA
- GSA
- Key Club
- Knowledge Bowl Team
- LEAP (Latino Education Achievement Project)
- Math Team
- MESA
- M.U.S.E. (Multicultural Underrepresented Student Empowerment)
- National Honor Society
- Native American Club
- Patriot Crew
- Pacific Islander Club
- Tabletop Gaming Club (TGC)
- Video Production
- We Cover the Books
- Writer's Club
- YMCA Youth and Government

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How to Get Involved - Parents/Caring Adults

Parents and Caring Adults are an important part of a safe, healthy, school environment. Here are some ways we'd love for you to get involved:

- Attend concerts, sports contests, and school-based events like plays!
- Come to parent/caring adult nights: 9th Grade Welcome Night, Back to School Night, Financial Aid Night, and Fall/Spring SLCs
- Volunteer at school – help put up fresh bulletin boards, attend field trips, sell Pats Spirit Gear at lunches
- Join a Booster Club for sports or activities

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Stay Connected

We have close to 1000 students at WHS, so sometimes we need help staying in touch with parents and caring adults!

- Check that your contact info (including phone, email & address) are **UPDATED in Skyward aka the school's student information system**
- Please email or call the teacher(s), if you have any concerns about academics or if your student says, "no, I don't have any homework or missing work!" ;)
- Use online TeacherEase to check your student's grades and missing assignments
 - Need help logging in? Contact Bonnie Wiklund, Registrar in the Counseling Office at WHS
- Call the counselor if you have concerns about your student's social/emotional well-being or if you need help connecting to needed resources

We WANT to communicate with you, so please reach out!

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Attendance MATTERS (especially in high school!)

Did you know? Research shows students who miss as little as two days a month are at risk of not graduating from high school.

- 7 or less is best! And, that's for the whole school year.
- How sick is too sick: Temperature higher than 100°, throwing up or have diarrhea, eyes are pink and crusty.
 → Call Mrs. Jaquez in the Attendance Office to report absence(s)
- If you are facing barriers to get to school, please reach out to the Counseling Office and we'll work *together* to help make an attendance plan

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Washington Pats work BELL-to-BELL

10/10 Rule: Passes will be issued after the first 10 minutes of class but not during the last 10 minutes for maximum learning time.

- All students are required to sign out when leaving the classroom for any reason.
- Common System: Color Coded Hall Passes in each classroom
- Think Times & Buddy Classrooms

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On-Track in 9th Grade is Important!

Staying on-track academically is important but learning academic behaviors and skills such as time management, behavior, and social skills is also part of the high school transition.

- Academic Success Program (ASP)
- After School Tutoring at WHS
- Parkland Literacy Center
- Credit Checks at SLCs
- TeacherEase Grade Checks

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Skills for Students with Accommodations

Getting ready for transition includes learning skills in middle school around how to self-advocate for services and accommodations for students with IEPs or 504 plans.

Students should practice these things in 9th grade:

- Become familiar with the vocabulary of their disability
- Begin to discuss the impact of their disability on their learning
- Learn what self-advocacy skills look like and how to use them
- Participate in the planning of all meetings relevant to their education plan

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Post High School Planning

At WHS, we believe that every student can graduate high school prepared to succeed in post-secondary education – if that's the path they choose.

- The 3 Es – Enrolled, Employed, Enlisted
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- Pierce County Skills Center
- Running Start

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High School & Beyond Plan and Portfolio

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- Each year, there is a checklist of “to do” items through Pats Partnership which are the foundation of the HS&BP
 - Also required to complete these + Fall & Spring SLCs to earn credit for Advisory
- We are moving in the direction of digital portfolio and a “College & Career Readiness Platform” also known as a web portal called MaiaLearning – should provide easier access to getting things done!

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Question, Comments, Concerns?

Now is the opportunity for you to ask anything that might be on your mind around the transition to high school.

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