



**In one word, how do you feel about having an incoming freshmen at West High School?**

# WEST HIGH SCHOOL



## Welcome Class of 2022

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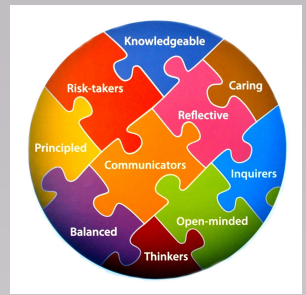
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### MISSION STATEMENT

*West High School provides a safe, orderly, and respectful learning environment that fosters open-minded and caring young people.*

*Students are provided a diverse, international curriculum, a student-centered schedule, and an environment of accountability where instruction and assessments are research-based and data-driven.*

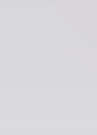




# IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) at West High School

*The MYP is a challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. It is inclusive by design; students of all interests and academic abilities can benefit from their participation, therefore, each 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grader at West is an IB MYP student.*

Entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders will choose at least 6 of the 8 MYP subject areas to study.





# IB MYP Personal Project

- Students will complete a “Personal Project” in their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year
  - Topic of their choice
  - Process begins in Spring of Year 4 (9th grade)
  - Project is completed in Year 5 of MYP (10th grade)
- Each student in the c/o 2022 will participate in the WHS Personal Project exhibition in Spring 2019

## • **Global Contexts:**

- Identities & Relationships
- Dimensions of Space and Time
- Personal and Cultural Expression
- Scientific & Technical Innovation
- Globalization & Sustainability
- Fairness and Development

## Examples:

- Create a website to help counsel grieving teens
- Create a music video to inform students how to rise above negative peer pressure
- Create a scrapbook of role models and mentors for young teens
- Paint a mural to celebrate diversity and respect

## ALEXIS TORNEY's Personal Project Worksheet

[Edit Personal Project Proposal](#)

## Cancer Patient Comfort Items

To make cancer patients comfortable.

Global Context(s): *Identities and relationships*

How can we make cancer patients feel better about themselves and more comfortable in their environment?

## To Dos

Attention Students **Wednesday, 5 October 2016 at 09:00 AM** Meet with Supervisor! Only Students1st Supervisor Meeting **Friday, 7 October 2016 at 09:00 AM** Supervisor Meeting #1 EveryonePost Thanksgiving Supervisor Meeting **Wednesday, 14 December 2016 at 09:00 AM** Meet with Supervisor before Dec. 14 Everyone Discuss Investigation and Planning with Supervisor via Managebac EveryoneWinter Break Papers Due **Wednesday, 21 December 2016 at 09:00 PM** Communicate with supervisor about first two criteria. Everyone

## PERSONAL PROJECT STATUS

  Approved  Completed

## How is ALEXIS's progress?

  Excellent  On-track  Concern  To Be Determined[Worksheet](#)[Process Journal](#)[Assessment](#)[Academic Honesty](#)[Quick Start Guide](#)



# West High School

## International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Honors Program

### Full Diploma

- 7 IB courses in junior and senior year
- Complete Biology, Chemistry, Algebra 1 and Geometry, 2 years of World Language by end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Honors and AP in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- Apply in January of 10<sup>th</sup> grade

### Certificate Courses

- Students choose courses in which they have an interest
- Must satisfy prerequisites
- Declare intent in January of 10<sup>th</sup> grade



**What questions do you have about the IB/MYP program at West High School?**



# IB Questions?

For further questions about KCS IB  
Programming, please contact:

Shannon Siebe,  
Knox County Schools IB Facilitator

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# Registration and Class Selection



# 2018-2019 Registration Calendar

## **Counselor Visits to Middle Schoolers:**

Monday, February 26: Counselors visit Northwest Middle

Tuesday, February 27: Counselors visit Bearden Middle

Wednesday, February 28: Counselors visit West Valley Middle

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders Visit West High School:** March 2nd 9:00-11:45

**Course Selection Sheets are due** to middle school counselors or Lisa Roberts, WHS 9th Grade Counselor, on **Tuesday, March 6th.**

**Private school students zoned for West may register beginning now.**

**Contact Vicky Harden, Registrar at [vicky.harden@knoxschools.org](mailto:vicky.harden@knoxschools.org) or 865-594-4477.**

**Transfer notifications will be mailed out soon.**

**June-July: Schedule adjustments:** schedule change requests may sent to [lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org](mailto:lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org). or delivered in writing on Wednesday mornings the summer. Schedules will be published to Aspen at the end of the summer.

**No changes will be granted after August 17th.**

**August 6, 2018:** WestFest

**August 7, 2018:** Freshman Orientation ½ Day

**August 8, 2018:** First ½ day of school

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# WHS English Sequencing

9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
English I CP	English II CP	English III CP <i>or</i> IB English SL	English IV CP <i>or</i> English IV Dual Enrollment <i>or</i> IB English SL
English I Honors	English II Honors <i>or</i> AP Language and Composition	IB English SL <i>or</i> IB English HL	English IV Dual Enrollment <i>or</i> IB English SL <i>or</i> IB English HL



# WHS Math Sequencing

8TH GRADE	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	
Honors Algebra 1	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	IB Math HL or SL	IB Math HL or SL	
			PreCalculus OR IB Math Studies	AP Statistics (or CP Calculus?) OR Applied Math Concepts OR IB Math Y1	
		Algebra 2	IB Math SL or Studies OR	IB Math SL or Studies	
			AP Statistics OR PreCalculus	PreCalculus or Applied Math Applied Math or AP Statistics	
	Honors Math 1	Honors Math 2 OR Math 2	IB Math Studies OR Algebra 2	IB Math Studies PreCalculus or Applied Math	
	[Geometry]	Algebra 2	IB Math SL or Studies OR	IB Math SL or Studies	
			AP Statistics OR PreCalculus	PreCalculus or Applied Math Applied Math or AP Statistics	
	Math 1	Math 2 Math 2A/2B	Algebra 2	AP Statistics or PreCalculus Applied Math Concepts Bridge SAILS Bridge	
	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	AP Statistics	IB Math HL or SL	IB Math HL or SL
	8th grade math	Math 1	Math 2 Math 2A/2B	Algebra 2	AP Statistics or PreCalculus Applied Math Concepts Bridge SAILS Bridge





# WHS Science Sequencing

FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Honors Chemistry 9	Biology 10 ( <i>Honors or CP</i> )	IB Science (2 years)	
Honors Biology 9	Chemistry 10 ( <i>Honors or CP</i> )	IB Science (2 years)	
Biology 9 CP	Chemistry 10 CP	IB Science or 2 Science electives	
	Physical Science CP	Chemistry CP	Optional Science elective
Environmental Science	Biology 10 CP	Chemistry CP	Optional Science elective

*IB Science courses currently offered: IB Biology HL, IB Chemistry HL, IB Chemistry SL, IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL, IB Physics HL*

*Science electives currently include Anatomy & Physiology, Ecology, or any Y1 IB course.*

# WHS Social Studies Sequencing

FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Honors World History	AP (or CP) Government	IB History of Europe HL* OR	
	and AP US History	IB Psychology SL (1 year)*	
World History CP	CP Government	US History CP	Economics/Personal finance
<i>*All students must enroll in Personal Finance as a graduation requirement. Many IB students will enroll online.</i>			



**STEP 1:** Carefully select 8 course offerings and 3 alternates from the back of this sheet.

#	IB MYP Subject Group	Dept	Course Name	Recommended Level	Teacher Signature
1	Language and Literature	English			
2	Language Acquisition	World Lang			
3	Individuals and Societies	Social Studies			
4	Sciences	Science			
5	Mathematics	Math			
6	Arts/Non-IB Elective	Elective			
7	Design/Non-IB Elective	Elective			
8	Physical and Health Education	PE	<b>Wellness</b>		
<b>ALTERNATES</b>					
A1		Elective			
A2		Elective			
A3		Elective			

# Graduation Requirements

CORE SUBJECTS	TOTAL CREDITS
English: English I, II, III, IV	4
Mathematics: Integrated Math I, II, III, and one high level math	4
Science: Biology, Chemistry or Physics, one additional Lab science	3
Social Studies: World History and Geography or AP Human Geography	1
US History and Geography	1
US Government and Civics	½
Economics	½
Physical Education	½
Lifetime Wellness	1
Personal Finance	½
Elective Focus	3
University Admissions	
Students must complete two units of the same world language and one unit of fine/performing arts in order to meet college/university admission requirements	3
Additional Elective Credits	6
TOTAL	28

All students are required to take the ACT or SAT to meet graduation requirements. A Civics test and a project-based Civics assessment are also graduation requirements.



# West Career Pathways

Name of Career Pathway	Course 1 (Enter on Course Sheet)	Industry Certification
Banking and Finance	Intro to Business and Marketing	N/A
Marketing	Intro to Business and Marketing	N/A
Coding	Computer Science Foundations	Yes
Cybersecurity	Computer Science Foundations	Yes
Cosmetology	Cosmetology 1	50 hours short of TN School of Beauty license
Dietetics and Nutrition	Intro to Human Studies	Yes
Electrical	Fundamentals of Construction	Yes
Engineering	Principles of Engineering	Yes
Health Science	Health Science Education	CNA

# What questions do you have about choosing classes for your student at West High School?

# Determining Course Readiness

If you have courses pre-selected for you on your course selection sheet they came from the following:

- Teacher recommendations
- District recommendations
- WHS recommendations based on classes previously taken and grade earned
- WHS recommendations based on special education needs
- WHS recommendations based on predicted test scores

Questions about a pre-selected course, email Lisa Roberts at [lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org](mailto:lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org)

# Student Transition Support

Ways we can help your child at West High School:

- Tutoring almost every day before and after school (tutoring schedule to be released within first couple weeks of school and posted online)
- Counseling help: (Lisa Roberts)
  - Class selections
  - Organization and study skills
  - Weekly check ins for transition support
  - Overall help in all things life for their first year
- Academic support through parent conferences
- Bi-weekly Freshmen team meetings with freshmen teachers
- Weekly newsletter from PTSO
- Special education case managers
- Email: check in with your teachers and see how it is going

# ACT or SAT: TN Graduation Requirement

New this year: **ACT Academy** by the ACT, free for all students online at <https://academy.act.org/>

9<sup>th</sup> grade- practice ACT style questions during advisory

10th grade- ACT prep class

11th grade- Entire 11th grade takes ACT in April at

West

12th grade - Senior retake opportunity

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# Questions?

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