



9th Grade Parent Night Class of 2024



WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Class of 2024

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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.

First step toward graduation...



50 month
countdown!



Your 9th Grade Support Team



Tara LaRoy
9th Grade
Assistant
Principal



**Lisa
Roberts**
9th Grade
Counselor



**Lindsay
Bell**
9th Grade
Dean



**Karma
McNew**
9th Grade
Dean



What is IB at West?





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 9th and 10th grader at West is an IB MYP student.

Entering 9th graders will choose at least 6 of the 8 MYP subject areas to study. Students will complete a “Personal Project” in their 10th 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)

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



West High School International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Honors Program

Diploma

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

Certificate Courses

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

IB Questions? Contact:

Valerie Schmidt-Gardner

West High School IB Facilitator

valerie.schmidtgardner@knoxschools.org

Registration and Class Selection



Scheduling Calendar

8th Graders Visit West High School: Friday, March 27th, 9:00-11:20

Students will register online at their base schools during the window of **February 24-March 10**.

- **Bearden Middle, February 27th**
- **West Valley Middle, February 28th**
- **Northwest Middle, March 9th**

Private school students zoned for West may register beginning now.

Contact Vicky Harden, Registrar at vicky.harden@knoxschools.org or 865-594-4477.

Transfer notifications will be mailed out in the spring semester.

June-July: Schedule adjustments: schedule change requests may be sent to lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org or delivered in writing on Wednesday mornings during the summer.

Schedules will be published to Aspen at the end of the summer.

August 7, 2019: WestFest

August 6, 2019: Freshman Orientation ½ Day

August 10, 2019: First ½ day of school

Registration Process

Students will have core courses pre-selected when they log into Aspen based on their teacher recommendations. We will be visiting the schools to walk the students through the online registration.

- Bearden Middle, February 27th
- West Valley Middle, February 28th
- Northwest Middle, March 9th

Course	Description	Section Type	Alt?	Alternate Courses	Credit
300104000	HON ENGLISH 1		N		1.00
304204000	HON FRENCH 2		N		1.00
310200000	ALGEBRA 1		N		1.00
322104000	HON CHEMISTRY		N		1.00
341503000	WORLD HIST AND GEO		N		1.00

Total Credits: 5.0000

Determining Course Readiness

If your student is recommended for an AP/honors class and they do not want to take that class, they do not have to take the more rigorous course. Recommendations come 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

WHS English Sequencing

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English I CP	English II CP	English III CP, IB English SL	English IV CP, English IV DE, IB English SL
English I Honors	English II Honors, AP Lang and Comp	IB English SL or HL	English IV DE, IB English SL or HL

WHS Math Sequencing

8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Honors Algebra I	Honors Geometry, Geometry	Honors Alg II, Alg II	IB Math HL or SL, AP Stats	IB Math HL or SL, IB Math Studies, AP Stats, Applied Math, Bridge, SAILS
Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra II	AP Stats	IB Math HL or SL	IB Math HL or SL
8th Grade Math	Algebra I, Algebra I A/B	Geometry	Algebra II	AP Stats, Applied Math, Bridge, SAILS

WHS Science Sequencing

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Honors Chem	Biology Honors or CP	IB Science	IB Science
Honors Biology	Chemistry Honors or CP	IB Science	IB Science
Biology CP	Chemistry CP or Physical Science CP	IB Science or Science Electives	IB Science or Science Electives
Environmental Science	Biology CP	Chemistry CP	Optional Science Elective

→ IB Courses: Biology HL, Chemistry HL or SL, IB Environmental Systems and Societies, IB Physics HL

→ Science Electives: Anatomy & Physiology, Ecology, or any Y1 IB Course.

WHS Social Studies Sequencing

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Honors World History or AP Human Geography	AP or CP Government and AP US History	IB History of Europe HL or IB Psychology SL	IB History of Europe HL or IB Psychology SL
World History CP	CP Government	US History CP	Economics/Personal Finance

→ All students must enroll in Personal Finance as a graduation requirement. Many IB students enroll and complete the course online.

WHS World Languages Sequencing

8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade
Exploratory Spanish, French, or German	Spanish I, French I, or German I	Second level of one chosen in 9th grade year
Honors Spanish I (for high school credit)	Honors Spanish II or Spanish II	Spanish III
Honors French I (for high school credit)	Honors French II or French II	French III
Honors German I (for high school credit)	Honors German II or German II	German III

What About the Last 3 Classes?!?

Physical and Health Education	The Arts	MYP Design Pathways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lifetime Wellness (Health and PE) ❖ NJROTC (2 years replaces the LW credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Visual Art I ❖ Band ❖ Band Wind Ensemble (also in Band) ❖ Band Percussion Ensemble (also in Band) ❖ Band Color Guard ❖ Development of Rock and Roll (Gen Music) ❖ Vocal Music II (female) ❖ Vocal Music II (male) ❖ Theatre Arts I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Engineering Design* ❖ Electrical Systems ❖ Marketing ❖ Accounting/Banking ❖ Coding* ❖ Cybersecurity ❖ Nursing* ❖ Dietetics and Nutrition* ❖ Cosmetology <p>Pathways denoted with a * are also IB Career-Related pathways.</p>

MYP Design Pathways

MYP Pathway	Course Sequencing			
Engineering Design*	Principles of Engineering and Technology	Engineering Design I	Engineering Design II	Engineering Practicum
Electrical Systems	Fundamentals of Construction	Electrical Systems	Construction Practicum	
Marketing	Introduction to Business and Marketing	Marketing I	Marketing II	Event Planning and Management
Accounting / Banking and Finance	Introduction to Business and Marketing	Accounting I	Accounting II	Banking and Finance
Coding*	Computer Science Foundations	Coding I	Coding II	Coding Practicum

MYP Design Pathways

MYP Pathway	Course Sequencing			
Cybersecurity	Computer Science Foundations	Cybersecurity I	Cybersecurity II	Cybersecurity Practicum
Nursing*	Health Science Education	Medical Therapeutics	Anatomy and Physiology	Nursing Education
Dietetics and Nutrition*	Introduction to Human Studies	Nutrition Across the Lifespan	Nutrition Science and Diet Therapy	Human Services Practicum
Cosmetology	Cosmetology I	Cosmetology II	Cosmetology III	

2024 Registration Packet



Students will be given this information, but all of the following documents are available at the QR code to the left and we will have copies in the back after the presentation:

- ❖ List of Clubs
- ❖ List of Sports
- ❖ Registration sheet
- ❖ Elective Focus Areas
- ❖ Graduation Requirements

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.

ACT or SAT: TN Graduation

ACT Academy by the ACT, free for all students online at

<https://academy.act.org/>

9th grade- Pre-ACT

10th grade- ACT style questions during advisory

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

12th grade - Senior retake opportunity

The ACT logo is displayed in white, bold, serif capital letters on a dark blue rectangular background. A red swoosh underline is positioned beneath the letter 'A'. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the letter 'T'.

ACT®

Cheerleading Information

- Student Information Meeting: March 9th @4:00 in the school library
- Parent Information Meeting: March 11th @4:00 in the school library
- Clinic: March 30th and 31st @4:00-5:30 in the gym
- Tryouts: April 1st @4:00 in the gym

- Questions? Contact Coach Cat Shoun
 - ◆ cat.shoun@knoxschools.org

Transitioning to High School

- Multiple tutoring opportunities
 - Tutoring schedule to be released within first couple weeks of school and posted online
- Counseling help: (Lisa Roberts)
 - Class selections, organization, study skills, grade check-ins...really all the things
- Bi-weekly Freshmen team meetings with freshmen teachers
- Weekly newsletter from PTSO
 - President Meredith C. Kuester
- Pre-College Upward Bound
 - Amy King
- West Athletic Council (WAC)
 - Jed Dance

West Athletic Council

The West Athletic Council, WAC, was formed to promote and support all athletic teams at West High School by cultivating a positive culture and environment to enable West student athletes to succeed.

This will be accomplished through:

- Financially supporting the athletic teams and/or club teams at West High School.
- Promote a family atmosphere among all athletes.
- Promote a culture of unity between academics and athletics.
- Serve as an advocate in the community for West High School and its athletes.
- Provide support to the administration of West High School.

Join the Rebel Premium Club

Link

REBEL PLATINUM \$5000

- Banners at all four venues
- 6 Season Passes; 3 Parking Passes
- Title announcements at all sports
- Link and logo on website
- Two golf team sponsors

REBEL GOLD \$2500

- Banners at all four venues
- 4 Season Passes; 2 Parking Passes
- Link and logo on website
- One golf team sponsor

REBEL SILVER \$1000

- Banner at one Venue
- 2 Season Passes; 1 Parking Pass
- Link and logo on website

Banners \$400 PER YEAR

4 VENUE OPTIONS:

- FOOTBALL STADIUM Football, Soccer, Track & Field
- GYM Men's and Women's Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling
- SOFTBALL
- BASEBALL

Season Passes

All Sport Pass **\$175**

(For Every Regular Season Home Game For All Sports)

REBEL CHAMPION CLUB

BE A CHAMPION!!!

Help support a West student athlete! The Knox County School System does not have the funding to support high school athletic programs. This means all Knox County Schools are funded through athletic fees and donations. West High has the most diverse school population in Knox County.

This diversity teaches our student athletes to become **#onewest**. Because of the different socioeconomic backgrounds with roughly 45% of our students on free and reduced lunch, our athletic programs struggle to collect the required player fees which are essential for uniforms, equipment, and transportation.

Because of this, the West Athletic Council was founded to combine all the West athletic fundraising organizations into one unified organization that supports all West athletes and athletic programs. The West Athletic Council is a registered Tennessee non-profit and 501 (c)(3) with a 100% of your contributions going directly toward West High School students athletes.

Rebel Champion Supreme \$2500
(Sponsors 8 Athletes)

Rebel Champion Elite \$1500
(Sponsors 5 Athletes)

Rebel Champion Preferred \$1000
(Sponsors 3 Athletes)

Rebel Champion Standard \$350
(Sponsors 1 Athlete)

Golf Tournament \$500

Tuesday
June 9, 2020
Egwani Farms Golf Course

* Go To Our Website To Download Sponsor Forms *

WWW.WESTREBELSPORTS.COM

#ONEWEST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PHASE ONE: 1.5M



OUR ATHLETES DESERVE BETTER FACILITIES.
YOU CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN!

West Capital Campaign

<https://vimeo.com/339538062>

Questions?

- ❖ Tara.LaRoy@knoxschools.org (Freshman Principal)
- ❖ Lisa.Roberts@knoxschools.org (Freshman Counselor)
- ❖ Lindsay.Bell@knoxschools.org (Freshman Dean/
Honors Chem)
- ❖ Karma.McNew@knoxschools.org (Freshman
Dean/English I)
- ❖ Valerie.SchmidtGardner@knoxschools.org (IB DP
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- ❖ Lauren.Fisher@knoxschools.org (IB Career
Programme Coordinator)
- ❖ Ashley.Jessie@knoxschools.org (WHS Principal)