



9th Grade Registration Class of 2023

FEBRUARY 2019

First step toward graduation...

50 month
countdown!



Your 9th Grade Support Team



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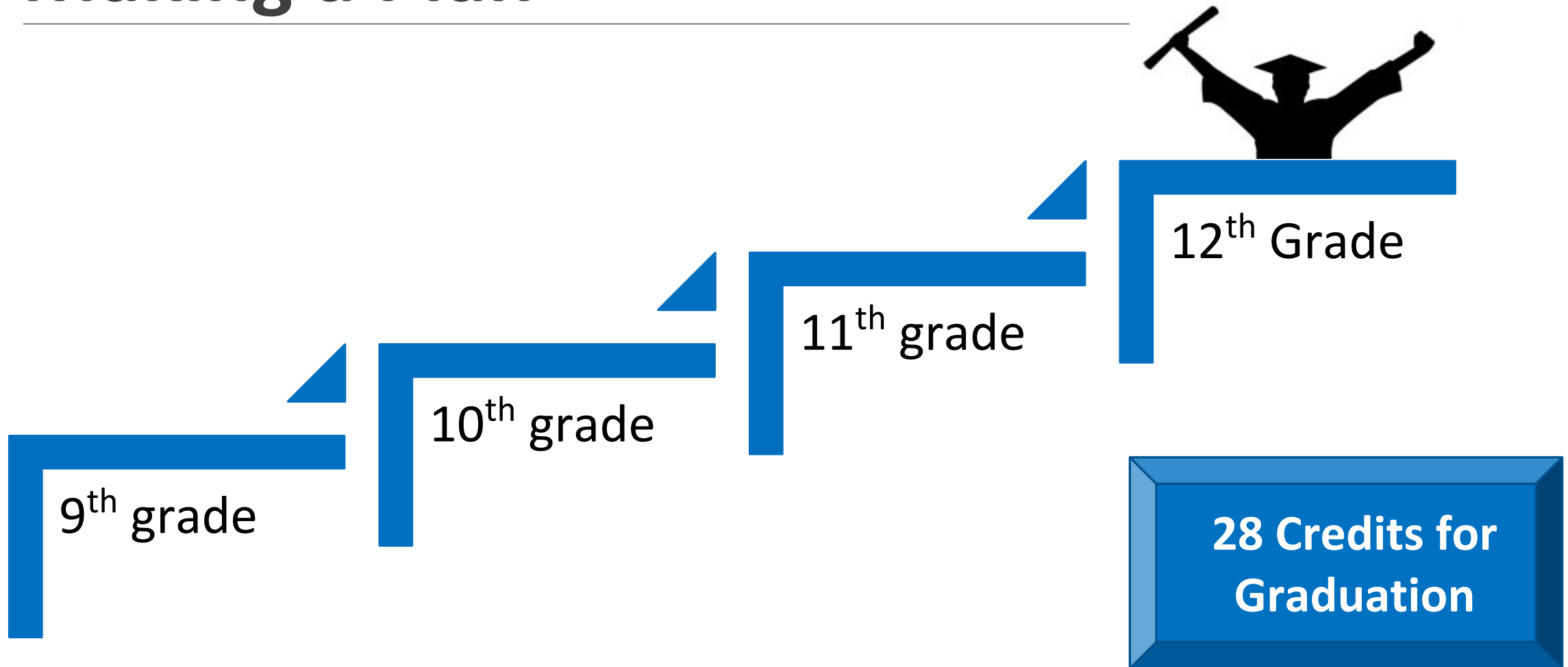


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Making a Plan



What is a credit?

1.0 class = 1 credit opportunity



Opportunity

for 8 credits

during

9th grade

How do I earn a credit?



To earn a credit you must earn

70%+

for your final grade.

Taking 8 classes in 9th grade doesn't mean that you will earn 8 credits.

How many credits can I earn next year?

8 CLASSES
Red Day 4/
Blue Day 4
August - May

$$\boxed{4} + \boxed{4} = \boxed{8}$$

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What is ALTERNATING BLOCK scheduling?

Example Schedule

Red Day

August-May

1 English

2 Math

Lunch 1, 2, 3, or 4 (Depends on 3rd period class)

3 Theatre

4 CTE Elective

Blue Day

August-May

1 Science

2 World Language

3 Social Studies

4 Lifetime Wellness

Advisory

Which credits count toward graduation requirements?



- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 3 Science credits
- 3.5 Social Studies Credits
- 1.5 Lifetime Wellness and PE
- 1 Fine Arts
- 2 World Language
- 3 Elective Focus
- 6 Additional Electives






28 credits



EPSOs at WHS...

Early postsecondary opportunities allow students to:

- earn postsecondary credits while in high school.
- become familiar with postsecondary rigor and expectations.
- develop confidence and skills for success in postsecondary learning.
- make informed postsecondary and career decisions.
- decrease the time and cost of completing a certificate or degree.

		 Advanced Placement	 Dual Enrollment	 International Baccalaureate	 Industry Certification
Description		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ College-level high school courses offered in multiple subjects ♦ Nationally recognized exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Postsecondary (PS) course taught at the PS institution, high school, or online ♦ Student enrolled in the PS institution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Academically challenging course of study offered at the high school level ♦ Internationally recognized exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Assessment by an independent certifying entity based on standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies
Structure		Course and Exam	Course	Course and Exam	Exam
Provider		The College Board	Individual TN PS Institutions	International Baccalaureate Organization	Industry
Student Fees and Assistance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Exam fees ♦ College Board and state assistance for low-income students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Course tuition, fees, books ♦ Dual Enrollment Grant (a lottery scholarship) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Exam fees ♦ State assistance for low-income students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Exam fees
High School Credit and Graduation Requirements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ AP courses meet graduation requirements and/or elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ District sets policy on awarding high school credit and graduation requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ IB courses meet graduation requirements and/or elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ IC is a program of study and does not meet graduation requirements

Core Academic Course Options

English

If you are taking Algebra I A/B, this will take up two classes which would mean you lose an opportunity to take an elective for your freshman year.

English 1 Honors

Summer Reading Requirement

Math

Algebra 1 A/B
(takes up 2 classes)

Algebra 1

Algebra 1
Honors

Geometry
Honors

Science

Environmental
Science

Biology 1 C

This is a college level course that would allow you the opportunity to potentially earn college credit as a freshman. You must have an A or B in Honors SS and a teacher signature in order to take the class.

History (must
90 in Alg
10th grade

Social Studies

World History
and Geography

Honors World
History and
Geography

AP Human
Geography

Honors vs. Advanced Placement (AP)



Honors

Accelerated College Prep course
3 points added to final grade



AP

College Course
**5 points added to final grade only if you
take the AP test at the end of the course**

Lifetime Wellness

{ Required
for Graduation }

Topics covered:

- Disease Prevention and Control
- Mental Health; Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Related Skills
- Safety and First Aid
- Substance Use/Abuse

*If you are taking ROTC for two years, you **will not be required** to take Lifetime Wellness.*



If you are taking your world language in middle school for a high school credit, you must continue in that same language. Two levels of the **same** world language are required for university admission.



World Languages

2 Credits of Same Language Required for Graduation

Because we are an IB MYP school, freshman students should select (you must continue w/ the language you are taking now!):

- German 1 or 2 (Honors)
- French 1 or 2 (Honors)
- Spanish 1 or 2 (Honors)



Fine Arts

1 Unit Required
for Graduation



Theatre
Arts 1

Vocal
Music 2

Band (2
spots)

Visual
Arts 1

Gen
Music



Fine Arts cont.

**1 Fine Art Unit
Required
for Graduation**

Marching Band

Concert Band

- Prior experience is usually required for band
- Band camp attendance is required
- You must write which type of band (wind or percussion) on sheet (takes up 2 spots)
- Contact Rodney.Brown@knoxschools.org



NJROTC



**Naval Science Instructor:
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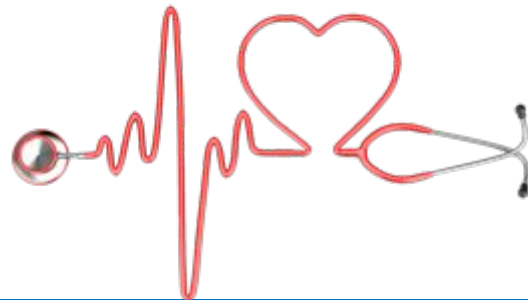
West Career Pathways

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

Career and Technical Education Electives*

Intro to Business and Marketing
Computer Science Foundations
Intro to Human Studies
Intro to Business and Mkt.
Cosmetology 1
Principles of Engineering
Fundamentals of Construction
Health Science Education

****The maximum for each class is 25 students. Sections are limited. CTE courses are in high demand and cannot always be guaranteed.***



Freshman Advisory

All 9th grade students who are not scheduled for an intervention class will be enrolled in Freshman Advisory. This course covers the following topics:

- Progress Monitoring/Goal Setting
- IB MYP Orientation
- College Exploration
- Career Exploration
- ACT Test Prep
- Stress Management Skills
- And much more!



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FRESHMAN ACADEMY

Registration Form: Step-by-Step

NOTE:

Course recommendations are based on

- Previous and projected state testing percentiles
- Intervention levels
- Current courses
- Semester grades

Placement Criteria-
Scores Dictate Courses Selected

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Registration Form: Step-by-Step

Choose 3 electives, because Lifetime Wellness is selected and required for you.

- 1) World Language
- 2) Fine Art (can sub a CTE course for a fine art 9th grade year)
- 3) CTE Course (can sub a fine art for CTE course)
- 4) Choose 3 alternates



Electives

Zoned students will have academic recommendation pre-printed for English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

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ALTERNATES

You *must* complete ALTERNATES.

Availability is limited. Not all classes are offered during all time slots.

Academics are placed first.

We need to know what you would like to take for Plan B if Plan A doesn't work.

Choose *WISELY*.



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to take Lifetime Wellness if I play a sport? **YES**

Can I take honors in 10th grade if I am not in honors classes in 9th? **MAYBE**

Summer Reading? **YES for Honors English 1**

World Language? **YES (unless in RTI)**



For More Information

The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the West High School website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.knoxschools.org/Page/165>. The website header includes the school's name, "WEST HIGH SCHOOL", and the tagline "Excellence for Every Child". A navigation menu is visible, with a dropdown menu open under "School Counseling". The dropdown menu contains the following items: "School Counseling", "College & Career Center", "Student Information", "Reservations Calendar", "Rising 9th Grade Information" (highlighted with a red box), "TN Promise and FAFSA", and "Registration 2018-2019". The main content area features a large banner for the "Middle Years Programme" with the IB logo and a "WATCH VIDEO" button. Below the banner, the text "International Baccalaureate MYP" is displayed. The footer of the page includes the URL <https://www.knoxschools.org/domain/3985> and a video player with the text "annon Siebe outlines details of the IB Middle Years Programme." and a series of navigation dots.

What's Next?

- **Discuss your choices with your teachers and parents**
- **Attend the 8th grade Parent Information Night on **March 7th from 5:30-6:30 PM****
- **Turn in your course selection sheet to your counselor with electives and 3 alternates**

8th Grade Parent Night
Thursday, March 7th, 5:30PM
West High School
Information from
9th Grade Freshman Academy
Athletics
Clubs
School Organizations
Academic Departments



Let's Review

How many credits do you need to graduate?

How many total credits can you earn as a 9th grader?

When is the information night?



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