



9th Grade Parent Night Class of 2028

Question

Are you a first time
freshman parent?



Students choose an option



WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Class of 2028

Ashley Speas

Principal, West High School

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When you hear “We are...”, you respond with “One West.”

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...



It starts
Day 1!



Your 9th Grade Support Team



Rachel Harmon
9th Grade
Assistant
Principal



Lisa Roberts
9th Grade
Counselor



Nat Scott
9th Grade
Dean



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

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.

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 10th grade
- Honors and AP in 9th and 10th
- Apply in January of 10th grade

Career Diploma

The CP is a framework of international education from IB that addresses the needs of students engaged in career-related education.

Certificate Courses

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

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) at West High School



Registration and Class Selection



Registration and Class Selection



2024-2025 Scheduling Calendar

8th Graders Visit West High School:
March 6th

Course Selection in Aspen due: March 1.
Contact lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org with changes after that.

Private school students zoned for West
may register beginning **now**.
Contact Kim Iglehart, Registrar, at
kim.iglehart@knoxschools.org or
865-594-4477.

Transfer notifications will be mailed out in
the spring semester (**usually the first week
of April**). Transfer parent night.

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

Schedules will be published to Aspen in
late July.

**No changes will be granted after 2nd
week of school.**

WestFest: TBD (best guess 8/4)
9th Grade Orientation ½ day: August
6th

First whole school ½ day: August 8th

Question

How many credits
are required to
graduate?



Students choose an option

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	$\frac{1}{2}$
Economics	$\frac{1}{2}$
Physical Education	$\frac{1}{2}$
Lifetime Wellness	1
Personal Finance	$\frac{1}{2}$
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 High Fine Arts

1 Unit
Required
for
Graduation



Theatre
Arts 1

Vocal
Music
2

Band

Visual
Arts 1
or 2

Develop-
ment of
Rock &
Roll








Aspen View


Documents

Notification

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Priority	Alt 1 > CrsNo	Alt 2 > CrsNo	Credit
	English	300204000	HON ENGLISH 2	N	0			1.0
	Math	310304000	HON ALGEBRA 2	N	0			1.0
	Science	321004000	HON BIOLOGY	N	0			1.0
	Social Studies	344505000	AP GOV/POLITICS	N	0			1.0
	Elective Courses	302304000	HON SPANISH 3	N	0			1.0
		344005000	AP US HISTORY	N	0			1.0
		352100100	ADV THEATRE ARTS	N	0			1.0
		593100000	MARKETING 1	N	0			1.0

Alternate requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Priority	Alt 1 > CrsNo	Alt 2 > CrsNo	Credit
	Alternate Courses	352100300	ADV THEATRE	Y	1			1.0
		591000000	ACCOUNTING 1	Y	2			1.0
		330100000	PHYS ED	Y	3			1.0

Notes for counselor

Kids change this through their accounts; parents cannot.

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

Determining Course Readiness

A word from Mrs. Bell - Honors Chemistry

- Why two different honors classes for freshmen?
- Honors Chemistry and 8th grade science
- Honors Chemistry and math
- Honors Chemistry and rigor/responsibility

Individual questions? Email
lindsay.bell@knoxschool.org

Determining Course Readiness

A Word from Ms. Lundy, AP Human Geography

EmberLundy@knoxschools.org

- **What is Human Geography?**

- The course focuses on topics such as culture (religion, language, etc.), economics, cities, population, and migration. It is a look at how people interact within these contexts.
- This course is NOT focused on history. It is much more focused on current real-world patterns.

- **Why take APHuG?**

- AP HuG is a college-level class that gives students the opportunity to earn college credit (if they take and pass the AP exam in May). Taking the AP exam also earns them an additional 5 points on your final grade (an 80% C becomes an 85% B).

- **Warning!**

- Interested students should have an interest in social studies and need self-motivation because there is a lot of independent work (reading and completing reading guides, studying, etc.).
- I can't stress enough that students **must be motivated** to be successful. It is not an easy class and making an A in middle school social studies **does not guarantee an A** in this class.

Scheduling is a
personal
decision.

Academic Release

- Every student deserves a challenge
- High school honors/AP/IB different than middle school honors
- If a meeting is requested, I have reservations.
- Ultimately, I will usually approve, but that decision is final.

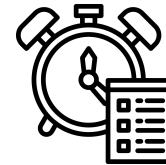
What makes FRAC Special?

- FRAC: **FR**eshman **AC**ademy
- Small group of teachers who LOVE freshmen and are focused on their success.
- Collaboration for student support
- Every student is known
- Offer tutoring

Freshman Seminar

Topics covered:

- Transition to High School
- Social/Emotional Relationships
- Knowledge of School Pathways
- YouScience/Career Exploration
- Personal/Professional Skills



Guest speakers from every pathway will be included in this class. You will also get to go on a field trip to an area college or

university!

IB Career Programme Pathways

Student Year	STEM Pathway		Human Sciences Pathway	
	<u>Coding</u>	<u>Engineering</u>	<u>Nutrition & Dietetics</u>	<u>Nursing</u>
9th	Computer Science Foundations	Principles of Engineering	Intro. to Human Studies	Health Science
10th	Coding 1	Engineering Design 1	Nutrition Across the Lifespan	Medical Therapeutics
11th	Coding 2	Engineering Design 2	Nutrition Science	Anatomy & Physiology
12th	Coding Practicum	Engineering Practicum	Human Services Practicum	Nursing Education

Advanced Art vs Visual Art 1:

- Some students have already completed **Visual Art I** in middle school for high school credit. They may enroll in Art 2.
- Art 2 rotates through 4 types of art with 4 different teachers - ceramics, photography, painting and drawing, and printmaking. Also available to 10th graders if taking Visual Art I in 9th grade.

Question

What is your biggest concern as your student transitions to high school?



Students, write your response!

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@knoxschools.org
 - Class selections, organization, study skills, grade check-ins, stress management, counseling needs
- Freshmen team meetings with freshmen teachers
- Weekly newsletter from PTSO: to join, contact onewestnews@gmail.com



Final Thoughts...

- When you hear “We are...”, you respond with “One West.”
- If you fail a class, you have to retake it...4 years in high school does not = graduation.
 - ◆ 28 credits to graduate (the right 28)
 - ◆ 1 class = a credit
- Red and Blue days - 4 classes each day - 8 total credits
 - ◆ Year-long classes
 - ◆ Cumulative grades are final in May
- Three pieces of advice:
 - ◆ Show up | Get connected | Get involved

Learn about West Athletic Council and our phenomenal West teams at this site: <https://www.westhighsports.com/>.
All parents are welcome to get involved!



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West Athletics

Live Stream

ONE WEST NETWORK

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.



Interested in **West High Sports**
or **West High Band** next year?

Sign up using this Google
form:



8th Grade Visit Day

Wednesday, March 6th
West High School

Class Meeting
Tour the School
Fine Arts
Sports
Clubs

Freshman Orientation

Tuesday, August 6th, 2024

West High School

8:30-12

***Run through your
schedule - red and blue day
Buses will run that day***

Questions?

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Students, write your response!

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