



9th Grade Registration Class of 2028

First step toward graduation...

starts the
first day!



Your 9th Grade Support Team



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9th Grade
Administrator



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What is a credit?

1.0 class=1 credit opportunity



Opportunity

for 8 credits

during

9th grade

How many credits can I earn next year?

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

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

Opportunity
for 8 credits
during
9th grade

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



**Opportunity
for
32 credits**

What is ALTERNATING BLOCK scheduling?

Example Schedule

Red Day

August-May

1 English

Advisory

2 Math

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

3 Theatre

4 Freshman Seminar

Blue Day

August-May

1 Science

2 World Language

3 Social Studies

4 Lifetime Wellness

Core Academic Course Options

English

English I CP Honors English I

Math

Algebra I A/B Algebra I CP Geometry CP Honors Geometry

Science

Physical Science I CP Honors Biology Honors Chemistry (must have >90 in Alg 1 in 7/8th grade)

Social Studies

World History and Geography Honors World History and Geography AP Human Geography (college level)

IB Middle Years Program (MYP)

- Middle Years Program is a 5 Year Program.
- Grades 9-10 are MYP at West High School
- Curriculum: 8 Subject Groups:
 - Language acquisition
 - Language and literature
 - Individuals and societies
 - Sciences
 - Mathematics
 - Arts.
 - Physical and health education
 - Design
- Focuses on IB Learner Profiles and Approaches to Learning



IB for All



International Baccalaureate Options



- ★ West is the ONLY school in Knox County Schools to have the high school level IB Programme
- ★ 4 options are:
 - IB Certificate: choose one or more IB (college level) classes for 11th/12th grade
 - IB Diploma: choose 6 IB classes along with an additional IB elective, write a paper, and do a project for a full diploma
 - IB Career Programme: focus on a career track throughout out high school (options on next slide)
 - Take an IB class that aligns with your interests and aptitudes.

Honors vs. Advanced Placement (AP)



Honors

Accelerated College Prep course
3 points added to final grade



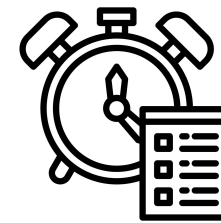
AP

College Course
5 points added to final grade

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!

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 for next two years. Two levels of the **same** world language are required for university admission.



Fine Arts

**1 Unit Required
for Graduation**



Theatre
Arts 1

Vocal
Music 2

Band

Visual
Arts 1

Develop-
ment of
Rock &
Roll



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 choose which type of band (wind or percussion) in Aspen (**takes up 2 spots**)
- Contact cody.foster@knoxschools.org



Visual Art 1 vs Advanced Art:

- Some students have already completed **Visual Art I** in middle school for high school credit. They may enroll in Art 2 (Advanced Art General in Aspen). Art 2 rotates through 4 types of art with 4 different teachers - ceramics, photography, painting and drawing, and printmaking. This class may also be taken in 10th grade after taking Visual Art I in 9th grade.

World Languages

2 Credits of Same
Language Required
for Graduation

Because we are an IB MYP school,
freshman students should select:

- ASL (if not doing IB Diploma)
- French 1 or 2 (Honors)
- Spanish 1 or 2 (Honors)



**NJROTC completes your PE and Lifetime Wellness credit
over 2 years (must take both years to get both credits)**



**Naval Science Instructor:
Senior Chief Mark LaBello, DCCS(SW)**

USN Retired

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9TH GRADE SCHEDULE	
Languages & Literature	Teacher Recommendation
Individuals & Societies	Teacher Recommendation
Math	Teacher Recommendation
Science	Teacher Recommendation
Language Acquisition	Teacher Rec or Student Choice if not currently enrolled
The Arts	Student Choice
Wellness	All Students
Freshman Seminar	All Students

9TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
Spanish I
Spanish II
Honors Spanish II (SUMMER ASSIGN)
Heritage Spanish 2
Heritage Spanish 3
French I
Honors French I
French II
Honors French II
ASL I

THE ARTS
Visual Art I
Art 2
Band
Band Wind Ensemble (must be co-enrolled in Band)
Band Percussion Ensemble (must be co-enrolled in Band)
Band Color Guard
Development of Rock and Roll
Vocal Music II (female)
Vocal Music II (male)
Theatre Arts I

Freshman Advisory

All 9th grade students who are not scheduled for an RTI class will be enrolled in a freshman advisory or a sports advisory (coaches will provide a roster). This course covers the following topics:

- Progress monitoring/goal setting
- Tutoring
- Homework catch up time
- Some clubs also meet at this time



Registration: Step-by-Step

NOTE:

Course recommendations are based on

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

Your teachers select your academic and world language placements for you (if you already started a world language in 8th grade). You will see these in Aspen when you register.

Registration: Step-by-Step

Choose 1 fine art elective and 1 world language, because Lifetime Wellness and Freshman Seminar is required for you.



Electives

- 1) World language (unless you started it already, then you must stay in that selected language)
- 2) Fine art
- 3) Choose 1 alternate for fine art

Before we open our chromebooks to register, **plan** your course choices:

1. Look at your **course selection sheet** on the front of the packet.
2. Put a check mark in the left column beside one choice in each box (Languages and Literature, Individuals and Societies, etc).
3. If you don't know which English, social studies, math, or science is recommended for you, you can see it on Aspen when we log in next.
4. You should have 8 check marks total for 8 classes next year.
5. When you get to the arts, you can take **2** classes in the arts if you want to take wellness next year instead. Otherwise, choose 1 fine art.
6. You **MUST** stay in the world language you already started (if you have started it). If you haven't started, you must choose 1. New this year: Honors French 1 for those with an A in Honors ELA this year.
7. Think about **1 alternate** you would be willing to take if you can't take your first choice fine art.
8. Questions about a class? See our **WHS Program of Studies** on our website under registration.

All Together Now...Open Your Chromebook

- Log in to the Aspen STUDENT view (not your parents' log in)
- Click on the MY INFO tab at the top
- Scroll down to the REQUESTS side tab > click this
- Read along with me as I read the instructions to you.
- Make sure you are in ENTRY MODE (by clicking entry mode at the top of the page).
- Click SELECT beside Elective Courses, next click on **Course Description heading**. This will put the electives in alphabetical order so that you can find them more easily.
- You must select and deselect multiple electives at one time.
- Hit post when done.
- Next, hit Alternate Requests button and choose 1 fine art alternate class you would be willing to take if you don't get your first choice.

Contacts

Attendance

Conduct

Transcript

Assessments

Academics

Schedule

Schedule

Workspace

Attributes

Change History

Conflicts

Requests Details

Graduation Progress

Membership

Transactions

Documents

Early Warning System

Snapshots

<< Exit entry mode

2020-2021 - Requests: 4 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 0% - Credits: 4.0

Instructions

All students are required to register for 8 classes and 3 alternates.

You will need the following documents:

- Online graduation requirements

The following resouces are available to you to assist with this process:

- ASPEN Quick Reference Card

You should see a recommendation from an English, Math, Science and Social Studies teacher. If a teacher has recommended you for a course, you will see "recommended" in the status column. You cannot change this recommendation. If a teacher has not made a recommendation, you will need to select a course in that area.

Lastly, you will see a "notes" field. The only reason you would need to leave your counselor a note would be for the following reasons:

- If you would like to change the level of a course for which you are recommended, please list the course (and the desired level) and write Academic Release next to it. This will also require a meeting with your counselor.
- If you failed a course and need to repeat it, but cannot find it as an option, please list the course here.
- If you have auditioned for a course (Adv Theatre, Studio West, Ensemble etc.) please list the courses for which you have auditioned.

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Priority	TermCode	Inclusion?	SecType	Alt 1 > CrsNo	Alt 2 > CrsNo	History	Name	Credit
Select...	English	300303000	ENGLISH 3 CP	N	0		N				History...	WEST HIGH SCHOOL	1.0
Select...	Math	310300000	ALGEBRA 2	N	0		N				History...	WEST HIGH SCHOOL	1.0
Select...	Science	322103000	CHEMISTRY 1	N	0		N				History...	WEST HIGH SCHOOL	1.0
Select...	Social Studies	341603000	US HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY CP	N	0		N				History...	WEST HIGH SCHOOL	1.0
Select...	Elective Courses												

Alternate requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Priority	TermCode	Inclusion?	SecType	Alt 1 > CrsNo	Alt 2 > CrsNo	History	Name	Credit
Select...	Alternate Courses												

Notes for counselor

2020-21 IB Intent.....pdf

Show all

Subject area	Elective Courses
Instructions	<p>Select elective courses. Please remember to select courses that will complete your elective focus (if you haven't completed one yet).</p> <p>Elective Focus = 3 credits in one of the following areas: Math and Science, Fine Arts, Humanities, CTE, Physical Fitness, AP/IB, DE, Human Services (Please refer to elective focus guidelines online).</p>

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Select All 0 of 116 selected

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Prerequisite	Status	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	290500000	VISUAL LITERACY	STD	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	300800100	JOURNALISM 1 YEARBOOK	STD	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	312905000	AP STATISTICS	AP	1.0			
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☒ OK ☐ Cancel

Subject area

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Select All

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<input type="checkbox"/>	350200900	ADV ART 3D	STD	1.0			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	350200800	ADV ART PHOTO	STD	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	350200600	ADV ART PRNTMKG	STD	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	935202300	ADV PEER TUTORING	STD	1.0		Approval required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	330200000	ADV PHYS ED	STD	1.0			
<input type="checkbox"/>	330200100	ADV STRENGTH/COND	STD	1.0			

OK

Cancel

Completing Your Registration

- You can log in and make changes until the end of the day on Friday, MARCH 1 (but I wouldn't wait until then to finish up).
- Make sure to click POST at the bottom of the page to save your selections (and to do this again if you go back in to make changes).
- Don't panic if you get an error message. It's probably just fine. You can log out and log back in to be sure.
- After that, email lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org with any changes until the first 2 weeks of school.
- Your schedule will be viewable in Aspen in late July.
- Any questions?

ALTERNATES

You **must** select one alternate fine art.

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**
- Summer assignment? **YES for Honors Spanish II**
- World Language? **YES (unless in RTI)**



What's Next?

Discuss your choices with your teachers and parents;
contact 9th grade counselor,
lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org with questions

Attend the 8th grade Parent Information Night on
[February 22nd at 5:30 PM](#)

Deadline to register is [March 1st](#) on Aspen (email
lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org with changes after that)



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

Sign up using this Google form:



8th Grade Parent Night
Thursday, February 22nd
5:30 PM
West High School Auditorium
Information from
9th Grade Freshman Academy
Athletics
Clubs
School Organizations
Academic Departments



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





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