

WEST WINDSOR - PLAINSBORO
HIGH SCHOOLS NORTH & SOUTH

Scheduling Booklet for Class of 2020



2016-2017

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Dear Eighth Grade Parent/Guardian,

Your child is about to begin an exciting and demanding new stage in his/her education. This booklet is intended as a quick reference guide for navigating the course selection process for freshman year. Please take the time to discuss the contents with your child while noting the following:

- When discussing your child’s program, it is important to note that the ninth grade year is one of critical transition. Therefore, consider the balance of coursework demands (for example, honors vs. college prep) in relation to interest, ability, and extra-curricular activities. A student who is eligible for an honors level course is not required to take the course. Serious thought should be given as to what your child can handle without creating undue stress.
- Please note that honors level courses differ from regular college preparatory courses in terms of the level of expectations placed on the students, the amount of independent work expected, the pace of coverage of content, the expected skill level and the breadth and depth of the content covered.
- Students taking college prep ninth grade science, social studies and language arts courses are still eligible to take honor level courses in these areas in later high school years. Math courses follow in sequential order; therefore, ninth grade math placement is determined by the eighth grade math course as well as the student’s performance in that course.
- Parents and students can submit course requests via Genesis starting in early February. Students will then meet with their high school guidance counselors in late February and March to finalize course eligibility and verify electives. In the case of students who are classified under the IDEA, course placement shall rest with the IEP team. Your child’s final course selections will appear in Genesis at the completion of the scheduling process.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to review courses and make requests through the Parent Portal in Genesis. Initial course level eligibility is based on 1st semester average and successful completion of prerequisite courses. Students and parents/guardians who would like a reevaluation of course eligibility must request a course entrance criteria review by April 1st. Details on the review process can be found on page 9 in the High School Program of Studies. Should you have any questions about the course eligibility process, please feel free to contact the appropriate content area supervisor:

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The complete *2016-2017 Program of Studies* can be found on our district website under Guidance / HS Counseling / Program of Studies. In addition to full course descriptions and course criteria, valuable information about high school procedures is contained in the document. We hope you will find this information helpful as your child transitions to high school.

Sincerely,
Lee McDonald
K-12 Director of Guidance

**Class of 2020 West Windsor – Plainsboro H.S. Requirement Checklist
(for detailed graduation requirements, please see the 2016-2017 Program of Studies)**

Student Name _____ *Y.O.G.* _____

Language Arts I(1)_____ II(1)_____ III(1)_____ IV(1)_____ or
 (One credit year of English for each year of enrollment)
 AP Lang & Composition (1) AP Lit & Comp(1)

American Studies I_____ II_____
 (Two credit years of U.S. History)

World History _____
 (One credit year of World History)

Science _____
 (Three credit years) Biology Chem, Env Sci or Physics Any Science

Math _____
 (Three credit years of Math) Algebra 1 content Geometry content _____

Physical Education _____

Health/Drivers Ed _____
 (One credit year of Physical Education, Health, and Safety for each year of enrollment)

Visual & Performing Arts _____
 (One credit year of Visual and Performing Arts)

21st Century Life and Careers or Career-Technical Education _____
 (One credit year)

World Languages _____
 (At least two credit years or student demonstration of proficiency for all regular education students who have attended a WWPRSD high school full time for three years or more. At least 5 credits or student demonstration of proficiency for all other students).

Financial Literacy _____
 (One-half credit year)

Technological literacy, consistent with the Core Curriculum Content Standards, must be satisfied via integration throughout the curriculum. Students must also take the following standardized assessments:

PARCC ELA & Mathematics (or alternative state assessment):

	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>ACADEMIC UNITS</u>
Grade 9	_____	_____
Grade 10	_____	_____
Grade 11	_____	_____
Grade 12	_____	_____

- The state requires 110 credits – WWP policy requires 120 credits.
 - Most 4 year colleges require a minimum of 16 Academic (Carnegie) Units.
- 1/15/15

STANDARD 9th GRADE PROGRAM

Students enroll in eight courses/subjects per year (35 credits), one of which is a mandatory study hall. However, Financial Literacy may be taken out of study hall for an additional 2.5 credits once during a four year sequence.

Course 1	Science (Conceptual Physics, Environmental, Biology or Biology Honors)
Course 2	Study Hall (Required for all students)
Course 3	Language Arts (LA I, LA I Hns)
Course 4	Elective (Select primary & alternate.)

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Course 5	Math (Alg. 1 Part 2, Alg. 1, Geometry, Geometry Hns, or Geometry Hns & Acc - <i>if eligible</i>)
Course 6	Social Studies (World History or World History Honors)
Course 7	PE/Health
Course 8	World Language (Spanish 3, Spanish 3 Hns, French 2, Chinese 2, German 2, - levels depend on prerequisites and eligibility for each language. See the Program of Studies for all options)

Each student will be scheduled for **Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, World History, and World Language** using course eligibility as outlined in the High School Program of Studies. Students are scheduled automatically for **study hall** and **Physical Education/Health**. All students 9-12 are assigned a common lunch period.

Each student should come to the scheduling meeting with at least two electives (first choice and second choice). Students and parents/guardians who would like a reevaluation of course eligibility must request a course entrance criteria review by April 1st. The master schedule is built based on student requests; therefore, we strongly encourage your son/daughter make sound initial choices.

9th GRADE ELECTIVES

Visual and Performing Arts

Art Foundation
Chorale
Concert Band
Computer Art & Design
Music Theory I
String Ensemble

21st Century Life and Careers or Career-Technical Education

Accounting
Broadcast Writing
Child Growth and Development
Job Skills RC*
Culinary Arts
Digital Literacy
Principles of Engineering
Graphic Computer Applications
Computer Programming & Mobile App/Game Design
Fashion Strategies
Journalism
TV Production

Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy**

Other 9th Grade Electives

Reading	Integrated Reading and Writing*
Writing	Group Dynamics/Support ACD*
Writing Lab	Academy Elective ACD*
Speech/Drama	Support/Study Skills 1*
	Support/Study Skills 2*

* These courses are by teacher placement only.

** Financial Literacy may be taken out of study hall.

ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Accounting - The course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare them for the further study of accounting or to obtain a basic entry-level position.

Art Foundation - This course will teach skills in drawing as well as sculpture and clay building techniques. Students taking this course will receive a firm grounding in the elements of art as well as experience in drawing and painting from observation. Acrylic painting techniques, linoleum block printmaking and three-dimensional form will also be explored.

Broadcast Writing - Students with a genuine interest in the art and techniques of broadcasting will learn performance, production and writing for television and radio.

Child Growth and Development - Child Growth and Development is designed for students who have an interest in studying the growth and development of children. A special emphasis is placed on career possibilities in early childhood education and child care as the students operate a pre-school program within the high school classroom from November to May.

Chorale - Chorale is a performing ensemble available to any student interested in singing in a choir. The choir performs in concerts and for special events in the school and community. The members are trained in vocal technique and musicianship and perform a variety of major vocal works.

Computer Art & Design: This course will provide students with a background in graphic design programs on the computer. Students will be introduced to primary concepts in computer graphics and will use this knowledge to solve basic design problems. A computer-generated portfolio will be produced that will include 2D designs, advertisements and manipulated images. This course is an appropriate choice for students who wish to present a graphic design portfolio for admission into a strong graphic design program in an art school or college.

Concert Band - Concert Band is designed to offer freshman wind and percussion instrumentalists the opportunity to experience traditional band literature of the highest quality. The course prepares members to participate in either the Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble in grades 10-12. The band performs in concerts, local concert band festivals, and for special school and community events.

Culinary Arts - Culinary Arts is designed for young men and women with little or no experience in food preparation. The course introduces the basic methods of food preparation with the emphasis upon making healthy food choices.

Digital Literacy - This course provides an in-depth investigation of existing and emerging technologies that will support a student's development in both education and careers. The assignments will be project based and help students to apply appropriate technologies to school or business problems.

Financial Literacy - The personal financial literacy course is designed to alert, inform, and educate students in concepts of personal finance and money management. Students will begin to develop the skills and strategies that promote personal and financial responsibility related to financial planning, savings, investment, and charitable giving in the global economy. Financial Literacy may be taken out of study hall.

Principles of Engineering - It is the goal of this course to challenge and engage students through a broad range of engineering topics, including mechanical, structural and, electrical with a focus on computer programming and artificial intelligence. Students will be responsible for the development of advanced computational and robotic systems through the application of various computer programming languages.

Fashion Strategies - Fashion Strategies offers the student the opportunity to explore the ever-changing world of fashion. Students learn how to operate and maintain a sewing machine and then construct clothing for themselves and others. An emphasis is placed on the retail merchandising industry.

Graphic Computer Applications - This course will cover several application programs upon which graphics are based and emphasized from paper publishing to web page publishing. Students will learn to utilize appropriate software in the creation of web pages, and graphic designs.

Intro to Computer Programming - Computer Programming offers an introduction to structured computer programming. Students will apply communications and data analysis to the problem-solving and decision making processes in a variety of life situations.

Journalism - Journalism provides an introduction to the essentials of writing with an emphasis on journalistic style.

Music Theory I - Music Theory I, designed to introduce students to knowledge of music rudiments through hands-on learning, is offered to all students interested in understanding the fundamentals of music theory.

Reading - Units of study are designed to promote the development of critical reading, writing and communication skills. Reading offers students individualized instruction for improvement in their reading skills.

Speech/Drama - Speech and Drama includes theatre history, acting and public speaking to encourage self-esteem and self-confidence.

String Ensemble - String Ensemble is designed to offer any student the opportunity to experience string literature of the highest quality.

TV Production - "TV Production" focuses on the intricacies of television. Students will survey the history and development of the art of television production and develop a more critical awareness of the workings of mass communication media. Students will become knowledgeable about the fundamentals of journalism and television writing.

Writing - Writing offers students extensive opportunities to develop talents and techniques for composing stories, essays, poems, narratives, dramatic scripts, and personal observations.

Writing Lab - The Writing Laboratory offers students individualized instruction for improvement in their writing skills.

MATHEMATICS OPTIONS

- Algebra I Part 2 / Algebra I
- Geometry / Geometry Honors
- Geometry Honors & Accelerated (*if qualified*)

Common Mathematics Course Sequences

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Algebra I Part 2	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra & Trigonometry
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra & Trigonometry
Geometry	Advanced Algebra II	Pre-Calculus	Calculus Honors
Geometry Honors	Advanced Algebra II Honors	Pre-Calculus Honors	AP Calculus AB
Geometry Honors & ACC	Pre-Calculus Honors & ACC	AP Calculus BC	Multivariable Calculus HNS

Calculators for Alg. I, Geometry or Geometry Honors

Scientific Calculator required for all algebra 1 and geometry courses.

Courses beyond geometry courses utilize the TI 83/TI 84 family of graphing calculators exclusively.

SCIENCE OPTIONS

- Conceptual Physics
- Environmental
- Biology
- Biology Honors

Common Science Course Sequences

Yr.	Sequence 1	Sequence 2	Sequence 3	Sequence 4
9	Biology	Hon. Biology	Conceptual Physics	Environmental
10	Chemistry or Chemistry Honors or Environmental	Chemistry or Chemistry Honors or Environmental	Biology or Honors Biology	Biology or Honors Biology
11	Physics or Physics Honors or Environmental or Electives	Physics or Physics Honors or Environmental or Electives	Chemistry or Chemistry Honors or Environmental or electives	Chemistry or Chemistry Honors
12	Electives	Electives	Chemistry or Chemistry Honors or Environmental or electives	Conceptual Physics or Physics or electives

Science Electives (not available to 9th grade students)

1. AP Bio
2. AP Chem
3. Advanced Topics in Physics Honors
4. *Astronomy
5. Forensics
6. *Genetics
7. Human Anatomy and Physiology

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WORLD LANGUAGE OPTIONS

SPANISH

Students who have studied the language for three years in our middle school (4 Sequences)

Sequence 1	Sequence 2	Sequence 3	Sequence 4
Spanish 3	Spanish 3	Spanish 3 Honors	Spanish 3 Honors
Spanish 4	Spanish 4	Spanish 4 Honors	Spanish 4 Honors
Spanish 5	Spanish 5	Honors Sp Cultural	AP Sp Language
Conversations in Spanish	Honors Sp Cultural	AP Sp Language	AP Spanish Lit

Students who have only had two years of Spanish in middle school do not have the prerequisite for Spanish 3 or Spanish 3 Honors and may not schedule those courses. They may schedule for Spanish 2

Students beginning Spanish in 9th grade (2 options)

Sequence 1	Sequence 2
Spanish 1	Spanish 1
Spanish 2	Spanish 2
Spanish 3	Spanish 3 Honors
Spanish 4	Spanish 4 Honors

4 year sequence (by CST placement only)

Introduction to Spanish Communication & Culture
Spanish Language & Cultural Study
Spanish 1
Spanish 2

FRENCH

Students from our middle school (2 options)

Sequence 1	Sequence 2
French 2	French 2
French 3	French 3 Honors
French 4	French 4 Honors
French 5	AP French

Students beginning French in 9th grade (2 options)

Sequence 1	Sequence 2
French 1	French 1
French 2	French 2
French 3	French 3 Honors
French 4	French 4 Honors

GERMAN

Students from our middle school

German 2
German 3
German 4 Hon
German 5 Hon/AP German

Students beginning German in 9th grade

German 1
German 2
German 3
German 4 Hon

CHINESE

Students from our middle school

Chinese 2
Chinese 3
Chinese 4 Hon
Chinese 5 Hon/AP Chinese

Students beginning Chinese in 9th grade

Chinese 1
Chinese 2
Chinese 3
Chinese 4 Hon

Note: Heritage Speakers of any language are placed according to their ability.

SOCIAL STUDIES OPTIONS

World History provides a survey of the significant time periods of human development from the Age of Absolutism to the present. Coursework promotes historical thinking, critical reading, and analytical reasoning skills. Current events, furthermore, are integrated into the curriculum in order to bridge past and modern events.

World History Honors explores the same periods in human development studied in the World History course and promotes historical thinking, critical reading, and analytical reasoning skills. Current events are deliberately integrated into the curriculum to develop a more sophisticated understanding of the connections between the past and present. While World History and World History Honors both use primary and secondary source materials, the Honors program uses materials that demonstrate greater text complexity and requires stronger and more independent research, writing, and historical thinking skills.

LANGUAGE ARTS OPTIONS

Language Arts I provides rigorous instruction in all aspects of language skills, including reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and thinking. Students are introduced to formal expository writing, placing an emphasis on inferential and analytical thinking.

Language Arts I Honors involves more reading and writing, literary analysis, and careful exploration of style and thought than LA I. Students should develop higher-level reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and thinking skills and write skillful and analytical essays throughout the year.

ESL OPTIONS (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

World History ESL

ESL Language Arts

ESL Science

ESL Biology

ESL Study Skills