

2024-25 WHS Course Requests

Class of 2026

Students must finalize *in person* with their school counselor:

Tues 2/13, Wed 2/14 & Thurs 2/15

Please see your **Course Recommendations** (in the Infinite Campus Backpack) in planning your academic program for the next year. Further, a thoughtful contemplation and discussion with your school counselor often helps in clarifying your options and planning for the future. You can access the Program of Studies in your Google Classroom or on the WHS website – Academics page.

Please note:

- **You do not have to take all the courses for which you were recommended.** Generally, students take five credits in each academic subject area, although you may take an elective to focus your interests. Choose honors and AP courses wisely, considering your schedule as a whole and activities in which you participate. It can be beneficial to have some open time.
- **You need a teacher recommendation to sign up for most honors or AP-level courses.** *Note: Recommendations are not required for AP Psychology, AP European History, honors semester Social Studies electives or junior/senior Science non-AP electives.*
- You can only sign up for academic courses **for which you have been recommended** or that do not require recommendations.
- **If you would like to take an honors or AP course but were not recommended, you should complete the override request process by the February 29, 2024 Priority Deadline.** To request an override, download the Override Request Form available on the Guidance & Counseling section of the high school website. *Students should begin the override process as soon as course recommendations are available and not wait for their course selection meetings with counselors.*
- **Students must register for a minimum of 33.5 credits per year and provide priorities and alternates** as indicated below. English, U.S. History and Math are required. Chemistry is strongly recommended as one of the three years of required Science. The maximum number of credits per semester is 20 and per year is 40. Students typically take between 33.5 and 36.5 credits. *Note – students enrolled in fewer than 35.5 credits will likely have at least 5 and as many as 9 open blocks/study halls per 8-day rotation.* To avoid numerous study halls or free blocks in one semester, students should request at least 35.5 credits.
- **Only students with an “Eligible for PE Substitution” recommendation may elect to not take PE.** *See the Program of Studies for more information.* Whether or not students are eligible for opt-out, they may choose to take one or even two semesters of PE.

Priority and Alternates:

Where appropriate, please indicate the priority of your course selections in numbered rank order, as it may be necessary to go to your alternates if conflicts arise. **If you do not list priorities and alternates, and the course you are requesting is not available, a choice may be made for you without your input.** You must list *different* courses in the “alternate” columns.

Course Requests for Grade 11							
Subject Area	Course Name	Course #	Credits	Priority REQ	Alternate Course 1 (Name) REQUIRED	Alternate Course 2 (Name) REQUIRED	
English							
Social Studies							
Math							
Science							
World Language							
Elective 1 <i>(Academic or other)</i>							
Elective 2 <i>(Academic or other)</i>							
Elective 3 <i>(Academic or other)</i>							
Elective 4 <i>(Academic or other)</i>							
Physical Education <i>(optional if approved)</i>			2				
Junior courses: Health and Guidance Seminar 11			1.5				
Special Education: Academic Strategies <i>(enter credits)</i>							
Total credits <i>(minimum of 33.5 and maximum of 40)</i>							

NOTE: Schedules with fewer than 35.5 credits will result in one semester with numerous study halls. If you do not want the possibility of numerous study halls or free blocks in your schedule, you should request at least 35.5 credits.

Student Name *(print)*: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Junior Year Recommendations

Notes about the recommendation page...

- “*Required Courses*” is a default Infinite Campus heading. The courses listed are a combination of required and recommended courses.
- “*Courses with program priority displayed in bold.*” is a default message in Infinite Campus and is not applicable to recommendations.
- There is no need to sign and return this page, as parents/guardians should sign the bottom of the completed **Course Request Form**.

Special Notes by Department:

English: Recommendations for American Literature Honors are based on the average of grades for common assessments (major writing/tests taken by ALL students in their current course). Juniors are strongly encouraged to take an American Literature course.

History/Social Studies: Recommendations are necessary for AP United States History. Recommendations are not needed for either AP Psychology, AP European History, or the honors-level electives. Students will be placed in electives on a space-available basis.

Mathematics: Juniors recommended for Honors Pre-Calculus may, in addition, take AP Statistics. Please see the Department Head for recommendations for AP Computer Science or AP Computer Science Principles.

Science: Juniors may enroll in any of the science electives ONLY if they are taking Chemistry concurrently with the elective and there is space available. (Engineering MAY be taken as an alternative to Chemistry ONLY if space is available.) Overrides are necessary for students interested in taking AP Biology in addition to Chemistry.

World Language:

- Language instruction is proficiency-based. Students are recommended for the next level if they earn a C+ or better in the Novice and Intermediate I courses (Latin I and II) or a B- or better in Intermediate II (Latin III). Students may repeat a course for credit if they are recommended to do so.
- The designation of another language denotes that the student, due to excellent performance in the current language, might consider taking a second world language.

Physical Education: Students who have participated in MIAA interscholastic fall or winter sports this year are eligible for a “sports substitution” of a PE course junior year, and is noted above. Students who opt out commit to participating in sports junior year, and if they do not, will be placed in a PE class for graduation. Even if eligible for the opt-out, juniors may choose to take PE. The athletic office will notify counselors if students become eligible for the sports substitution based on participating in a spring sport; these students should pick a PE class for course selection meetings and make note of their desire to opt out.