

2024-25 WHS Course Requests

Class of 2025

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

Tues 2/6, Thurs 2/8 & Mon 2/12

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 through the Weston High School 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. As a senior you may choose to focus your interests slightly, although taking courses in at least four disciplines is recommended. Choose honors and AP courses wisely, considering your schedule as a whole and activities in which you participate.
- **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 non-AP Science 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. Five credits of English and Math are required. The maximum number of credits per semester is 20 and per year is 40. Students typically take between 33.5 and 36.5 credits per year. To avoid numerous frees 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: Please indicate the priority of your top 5 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 12							
Subject Area	Course Name	Course #	Credits	Priority REQ	Alternate Course 1 (Name) REQUIRED	Alternate Course 2 (Name) REQUIRED	
English	(full year or sem1)						
English	(semester 2)						
Social Studies	(full year or sem)						
Social Studies	(full year or sem)						
Math	(full year or sem1)						
Math	(full year)						
Science							
World Language							
Elective 1	(academic or other)						
Elective 2	(academic or other)						
Elective 3	(academic or other)						
Elective 4	(academic or other)						
Physical Education	(optional if approved)		2				
Special Education: Academic Strategies (enter credits)							
Total credits (minimum of 33.5 and maximum of 40)							

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

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

Senior 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 AP English Literature are based on the average of grades for common assessments (major writing/tests taken by ALL students in their current course).

History/Social Studies: Recommendations are not needed for either AP Psychology, AP European History, or the honors-level electives.

Mathematics: Seniors recommended for AP Calculus may, in addition, take AP Statistics. Seniors who have not completed Honors Pre-Calculus and are recommended for AP Statistics must complete the fall semester of Introduction to Calculus as well. Please see the Department Head for recommendations for AP Computer Science or AP Computer Science Principles.

Science: Current electives are Environmental Science, DNA Science/Biotech (H), Anatomy and Physiology, Forensics (CP and H) and Engineering (Intro and Advanced). Seniors are encouraged to consider any of these electives. Recommendations for AP science courses are noted in the recommendations.

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 senior year, and is noted above. Students who opt out commit to participating in sports senior year, and if they do not, will be placed in a PE class for graduation. Even if eligible for the opt-out, seniors 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.