

2023-24 WHS Course Requests

Class of 2025

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

Mon 2/6, Tues 2/7 & Wed 2/8

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 in order 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 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 17, 2023 Priority Deadline.** To request an override, see 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 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 School Committee is considering expanding the PE Opt-Out to juniors. Only students with an “Potential for PE Opt-Out” recommendation may elect to not take PE.* See the Program of Studies for more information (currently written for seniors only). Whether or not students are eligible for opt-out, they may choose to take one or even two semesters of PE.
- 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. *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 frees in one semester, students should request at least 35.5 credits.

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>							
Junior courses: Health and Guidance Seminar 11			1.5	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 in your schedule, you should request at least 35.5 credits. As of January 2023, juniors are required to take Physical Education for one semester, however there is the possibility that the waiver will be extended to the Class of 2025. Please provide PE selections now as well as alternate courses.			
Special Education: Academic Strategies <i>(enter credits)</i>							
Total credits <i>(minimum of 33.5 and maximum of 40)</i>							

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____