

WEST ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL

- Parent Guide to the Road to Readiness

8th GRADE

GOAL | PREPARE

SOPHOMORE

GOAL | IDENTIFY

JUNIOR

GOAL | PLAN

SENIOR

GOAL | DECIDE



Things you should know...

- Graduation Requirements:
 - Keystone Exam [Requirement](#)
 - CEW Standards Requirement
 - [IBL Indicator Requirement](#)
- What are [College & Career Pathways](#)?
- What does Future Ready mean?
- What is ACCELERATE?
- What is a high school transcript?

- Career & College Pathway**
 - Complete Career Interest Inventory & Project (CEW) *
 - Complete Career & College Interest Survey (CEW) *
 - Familiarize yourself with the available Early College in High School Academy (ECHSA) programs aligned to your Career/College Pathway ***
 - Explore the programs available at Parkway West CTC ***

- ACCELERATE (Advancing Career Connections through Experiential Learning & Exposure to Real-world Applications, Training, & Exploration)**
 - Explore your career and college interests ***
 - Complete Virtual Job Shadows (CEW) *

- Future Ready**
 - Complete preliminary 4-year plan of study **
 - Participate in Move Up Day *
 - Engage in exploration/enrichment opportunities such as *volunteering (NHS requirement)*, shadowing, internships **

- Graduation Requirements**
 - Schedule a minimum of 7 credits *
 - Earn at least 5 credits*
 - Complete Keystone Biology Exam *
 - Complete Keystone Algebra 1 Exam (if enrolled in course) *
 - Complete Career Cluster Survey (CEW) *

- Career & College Pathway**
 - Register for ECHSA college credits aligned to Career/College Pathway *
 - Visit a 2-year Post-Secondary Institution (CEW) *
 - Complete Career & College Interest Survey (CEW) *
 - Take AP Exams (for enrolled courses) *

- ACCELERATE**
 - Participate in Immersive Career Experiences aligned to Career/College Pathway **
 - Review IBL requirements & document evidence (Canvas "Class of 202#") **

- Future Ready**
 - Review/update 4-year plan of study **
 - Participate in Move Up Day *
 - Engage in exploration/enrichment opportunities such as *volunteering (NHS requirement)*, shadowing, internships **
 - Take the PSAT 8/9 *

- Graduation Requirements**
 - Schedule a minimum of 7 credits *
 - Earn at least 10 credits (cumulative) *
 - Complete Keystone Literature Exam *
 - Complete Keystone Algebra 1 Exam (if enrolled in course) *
 - Complete Civics Exam (embedded in American Government/AP Government) *

- Career & College Pathway**
 - Register for ECHSA college credits aligned to Career/College Pathway *
 - Attend WAHS Career & College Fair *
 - Complete Strengths Explorer (CEW) *
 - Visit a 4-year Post-Secondary Institution (CEW) *
 - Complete Career & College Interest Survey (CEW) *
 - Explore ECHSA dual enrollment **
 - Take AP Exams (for enrolled courses) *

- ACCELERATE**
 - Participate in Immersive Career Experiences aligned to your Career/College Pathway **
 - Review IBL requirements & document evidence (Canvas "Class of 202#") **
 - Complete Leadership Inventory (CEW) *

- Future Ready**
 - Review/update 4-year plan of study **
 - Participate in Move Up Day *
 - Engage in exploration/enrichment opportunities such as *volunteering (NHS requirement)*, shadowing, internships **
 - Take the PSAT NSMQT *
 - Review PSAT Score Report and link to Khan Academy **
 - [Begin researching post-secondary institutions and review desired college program requirements before scheduling \(including NCAA\) +](#)

- Graduation Requirements**
 - Schedule a minimum of 7 credits *
 - Earn at least 17.25 credits (cumulative) *
 - Complete Career Seminar (CEW embedded in World Cultures/AP World History) *
 - Confirm all CEWs are completed and documented (Canvas "Class of 202#") **

- Career & College Pathway**
 - Register for ECHSA college credits aligned to Career/College Pathway *
 - Visit Post-Secondary Institutions +
 - Attend WAHS Career & College Fair *
 - Attend the National College Fair **
 - Participate in the College Workshop *
 - Complete Career & College Interest Survey (CEW) *
 - Explore ECHSA dual enrollment **
 - Take AP Exams (for enrolled courses) *

- ACCELERATE**
 - Participate in Immersive Career Experiences aligned to your Career/College Pathway **
 - Review IBL requirements & document evidence (Canvas "Class of 202#") **
 - Apply for internships related to goal **

- Future Ready**
 - Review/update 4-year plan of study **
 - Participate in Move Up Day *
 - Engage in exploration/enrichment opportunities such as *volunteering (NHS requirement)*, shadowing, internships **
 - Take the PSAT NSMQT *
 - Take the SAT/ACT if pursuing college **
 - Take the ASVAB if pursuing military **
 - Continue researching/visiting post-secondary institutions and review desired college program requirements before scheduling (including NCAA) +
 - Research scholarship opportunities +

- Graduation Requirements**
 - Schedule a minimum of 7 credits *
 - Earn at least 26.25 credits (cumulative) *
 - Confirm IBLs are completed and documented (Canvas "Class of 202#") **

- Career & College Pathway**
 - Register for ECHSA college credits aligned to Career/College Pathway *
 - Participate in lessons focused on the college application process **
 - Take AP Exams (for enrolled courses) *

- ACCELERATE**
 - Participate in Immersive Career Experiences aligned to your Career/College Pathway **
 - Review IBL requirements & document evidence (Canvas "Class of 202#") **
 - Apply for internships related to goal **

- Future Ready**
 - Declare plans at Senior Celebration *
 - Engage in exploration/enrichment opportunities **
 - Take the SAT/ACT/ASVAB **
 - Meet with an armed forces recruiter if pursuing military +
 - Apply & take necessary exams if pursuing a local trades union +
 - Apply to Post-Secondary Institutions+
 - Request letters of recommendations**
 - [Request HS transcripts](#); & arrange to have ECHSA transcripts sent to Post-Secondary institutions **
 - [Learn about the financial aid process & Complete your FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)+](#)
 - Complete the Senior Exit Survey ** +

Suggested items in italics - * denotes items that will be completed in school - + denotes a recommendation for students to complete at home with parents/guardians