CHOOSING WISELY

Scheduling for the 2024-2025 School Year

West Allegheny School District

A Tradition of Excellence...
A Vision for Tomorrow

WAHS Guiding Principles

Our primary goal is to ensure that every student is **_career and college ready_** with a **_viable post-secondary pathway_** at the time of graduation.

We believe that a K-14 model provides students with the skills to persist beyond high school as they enter the workforce, training, or college without the need for remediation.

CAREER + COLLEGE
readiness

West A students are **College Ready** if they maintain a 2.8 GPA and meet **one or more of the academic benchmarks** on the Road to Readiness.

West A students are **Career Ready** if they maintain 90% attendance and meet **one or more of the career benchmarks** on the Road to Readiness.

Standardized Testing

Earn qualifying scores on the following standardized tests:

- SAT Exam: Math (530) | Reading & Writing (480)
- ACT Exam: English (18) |Reading (22)
         Science (23)| Math (22)
- College Readiness Placement Tests

Algebra 2

Pass an Algebra 2 Course by earning an A, B, or C grade

College Credits

Pass a Dual Enrollment or Concurrent Enrollment English or Math Course by earning an A, B, or C grade or pass a College Developmental English or Math with an A, B, or C grade

Advanced Placement

Earn an A, B, or C grade in an advanced placement course and/or pass an advanced placement exam with a score of 3 or higher

Community Service

Participate in 25 or more hours of Community Service

Co-Curricular Activities

Participate in two or more organized co-curricular activities

GPA 2.8

Maintain a GPA of 2.8 or above

Career Pathways

Engage in learning aligned to a career interest, through participation in one of the following:

- Concurrent Enrollment Course Aligned to Career Interest
- Early College in High School Academy Course Aligned to Career Pathway
- Earning an Industry Credential
- Workplace Learning Experience

Attendance

Maintain 90% or above attendance rate

READY
college. career. life.

High School Benchmark
(Grades 9-12)

Agenda

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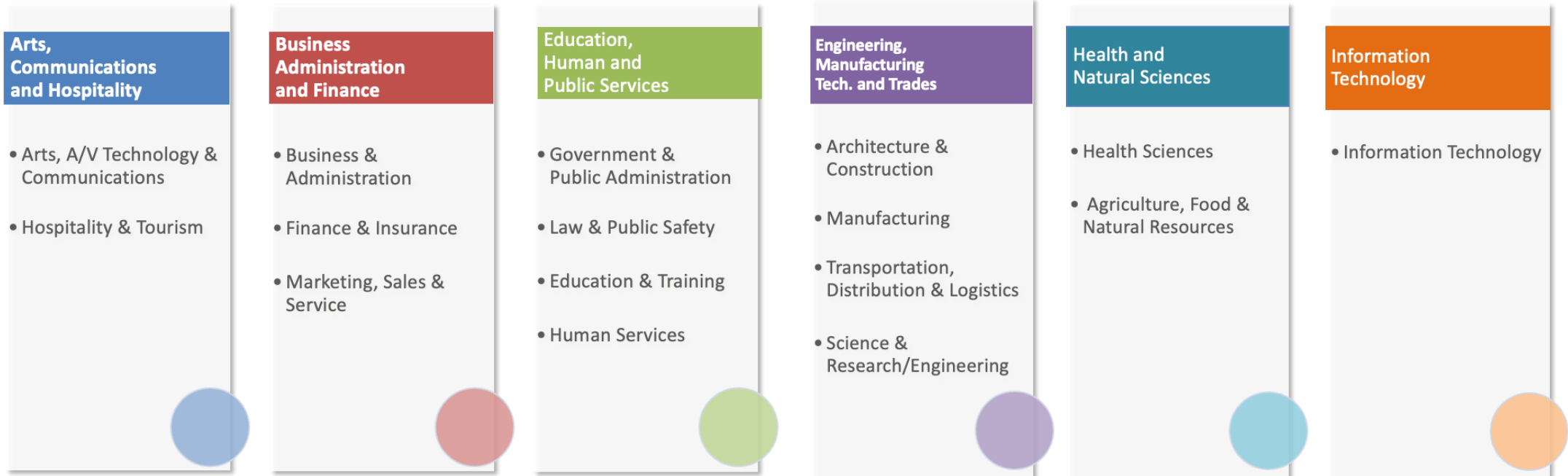8. Teacher Recommendations
9. Questions & Answers

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West Allegheny High School
Career & College Pathways and aligned PA Career Clusters

Arts, Communications and Hospitality
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Hospitality & Tourism

Business Administration and Finance
- Business & Administration
- Finance & Insurance
- Marketing, Sales & Service

Education, Human and Public Services
- Government & Public Administration
- Law & Public Safety
- Education & Training
- Human Services

Engineering, Manufacturing Tech. and Trades
- Architecture & Construction
- Manufacturing
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
- Science & Research/Engineering

Health and Natural Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Information Technology
- Information Technology

Education, Human and Public Services

Example Careers CONNECTED WA PROGRAMS	RECOMMENDED COURSES			
	9	10	11	12
Early Childhood Education ECIHSA-RMU: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	Technology Skills	Family & Com Relations Partners in Phys Ed[C]	Child Development 1 Partners in Explor Foods AP Psychology[C] AP Eng Lang & Comp[C]	Child Development 2 Tech for Aspir Teach AP Economics[C] Oral Communications[C]

Summary of Programs

- 16 Career & Technical Education Programs in partnership with Parkway CTC

- JROTC

- 27 Early College in High School Academy (ECIHSA) programs

- Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Program including 23 AP Courses (exam fees paid by the District)

- WAVA & WALC (alternative educational programming)

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

COLLEGIATE PREPARATORY
- Advanced Placement
- Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Program
- Concurrent Enrollment Programs
- Dual Enrollment Programs

ECIHSA - Concurrent Enrollment
- Business Admin (RMU)
- Criminal Justice and PreLaw (RMU)
- Cybersecurity (RMU)
- Early Childhood Education (RMU)
- Engineering (RMU)
- General Studies (RMU)
- Mechatronics (CCAC)
- Multimedia Game Simulation (CCAC)
- Special Education (RMU)

ECIHSA - Dual Enrollment
- Aviation Academy (CCBC):
  - Aerospace Mgmt.
  - Professional Pilot
  - Air Traffic Controller
- Health Sciences Academy (PTC):
  - Nursing
  - Practical Nursing
  - Surgical Tech
  - Massage Practitioner
- Skilled Trades Academy (PTC):
  - HVAC
  - Welding
  - Electrician
  - CAD Mechanical
  - CAD Architectural
  - Robotics & Auto Engr Tech
  - Culinary Arts
- Auto/Diesel Academy (RTC):
  - Automotive Technology
  - Collision Repair Technology
  - Diesel Technology

CAREER & TECH ED - Concurrent Enrollment
- Parkway West CTC:
  - Auto Body
  - Automotive Tech.
  - Construction
  - Cosmetology
  - Culinary Arts
  - Diesel Tech.
  - Graphic Design
  - Health Occ. Tech.
  - Cyber Security & Networking
  - Public Safety Tech.
  - Sports Med/Rehab
  - Vet Tech.

ALTERNATIVE ED PROGRAMS
- Work Study
- Work Force Development Program for Students w/ Disabilities (CCAC)
- WA Virtual Academy (WAVA)
- WA Learning Center (WALC)

Arts, Communications and Hospitality
PA Career Clusters: ◄ Arts, A/V Technology & Communication ◄ Hospitality & Tourism

Business Administration and Finance
PA Career Clusters: ◄ Business & Administration ◄ Finance & Insurance ◄ Marketing Sales & Service

Education, Human and Public Services
PA Career Clusters: ◄ Government & Public Administration ◄ Law & Public Safety ◄ Human Services ◄ Education & Training

Engineering, Manufacturing Technology and Trades
PA Career Clusters: ◄ Architecture & Construction ◄ Manufacturing ◄ Transportation, Distribution & Logistics ◄ Scientific Research/Engineering

Health and Natural Sciences
PA Career Clusters: ◄ Health Science ◄ Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Information Technology
PA Career Clusters: ◄ Information Technology

Parkway West
Career & Technology Center Programs

Auto Body Repair

Automotive Technology

Cosmetology

Culinary Art

Construction Technology: Carpentry

Construction Technology: Electrical Systems Technology

Construction Technology: HVAC/R

Construction Technology: Welding

Cyber Security & Networking Technology

Diesel Technology

Graphic Design & Production Technology

Healthcare Occupations Technology

Power Motorsports

Public Safety Technology

Sports Medicine & Rehab Therapy Technology

Veterinary Assistant Technology

Marine Corps Junior ROTC

- 4-year program that provides our students with much-needed skills in citizenship and leadership.

  - *Motivate* students to learn.

  - *Foster* a disciplined and constructive learning environment.

  - *Instill* essential skills like time organization, responsibility, goal setting, and teamwork.

- Studies have shown that students who participate in JROTC programs have better attendance, and grades.

West Allegheny Early College In High School Academy (ECIHSA)
Overview of Programs

WA + CCAC	WA + RMU	WA + PTC	WA + CCBC	WA + Rosedale
Students may start in 9th grade	Students may start in 9th grade	Grades 11-12	Grades 11-12	Grade 12
Associate Degree Options: -Multimedia Programming, Simulation & Gaming *Certificate Options:* -Multimedia Game Simulation -Mechatronics Technology	*Accelerated Bachelor Degree Options:* -Business Administration -Criminal Justice & Pre-Law -Cybersecurity -Early Childhood Education -Engineering -Special Education *Non-Degree Program* -General Studies	*Associate Degree Options:* -CAD Architectural Engineering Technology (12) -CAD Mechanical Engineering Technology (12) -Culinary Arts (12) -HVAC Technology (12) -Nursing (11-12) -Robotics & Autonomous Engineering Technology (12) -Surgical Technology (11-12) -Welding Technology (12) *Certificate Options:* -Culinary Arts (12) -Electrician Technology (12) -HVAC Technology (12) -Practical Nursing (11-12) -Therapeutic Massage Practitioner (12) -Welding Technology (12)	*Associate Degree Options:* -Aerospace Management -Professional Pilot -Air Traffic Controller	*Associate Degree Options:* -Automotive Technology -Collision Repair Technology -Diesel Technology

New program for 2024-25 school year

New ECIHSA Programs

 Criminal Justice & Pre-Law
General Studies
(non-degree track)

 Culinary Arts certificate
Culinary Arts assoc. degree
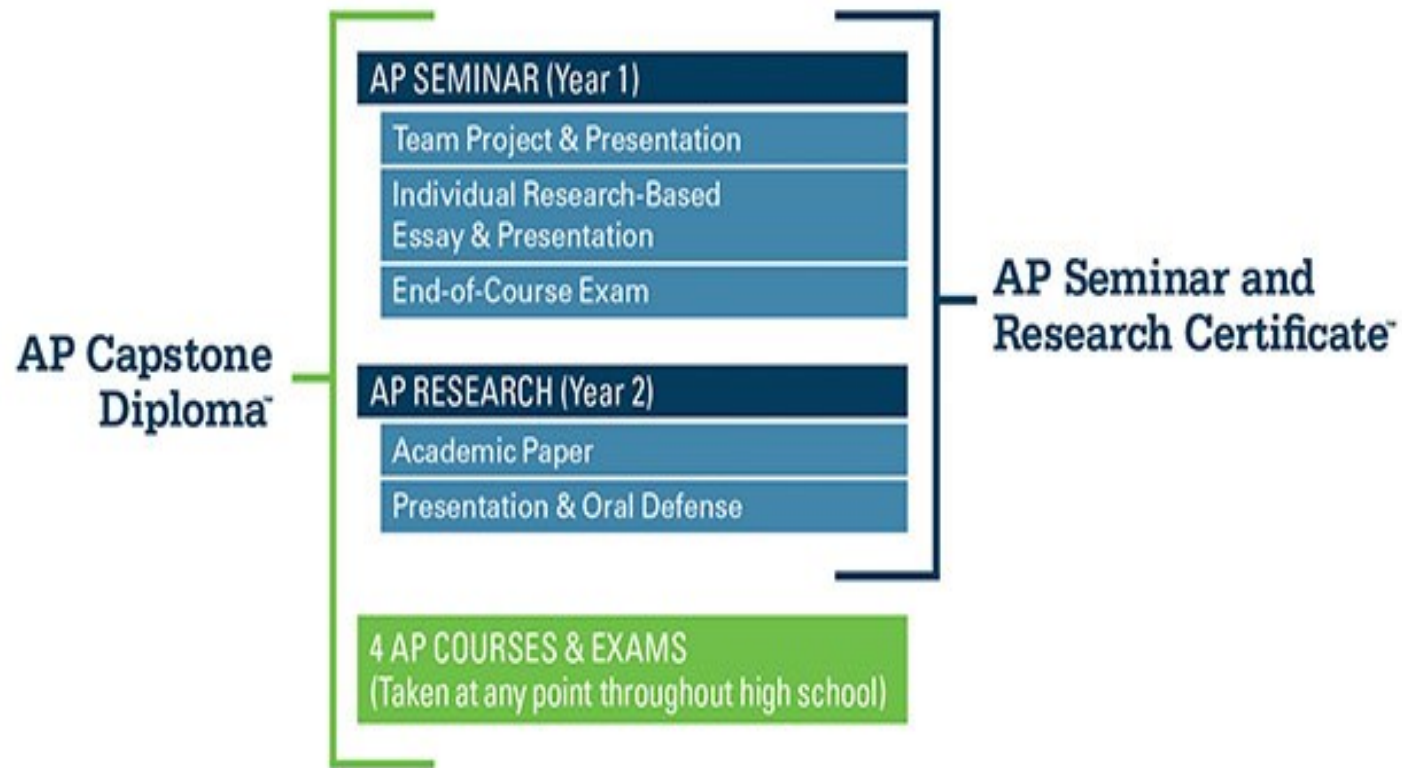(Both are for 12th grade only)

Course Availability

Starting this year (2024-25), students in 9th grade who meet the course prerequisites are permitted to take RMU classes for college credit.

AP Capstone Diploma Program

AP Capstone is an innovative program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges.

WAHS is 1 of 89 high schools in the state (1,416 schools) that offers this prestigious program.

AP Course Offerings

AP Capstone	Arts	English
AP Seminar AP Research	AP Drawing	AP English Language & Comp* AP English Literature & Comp*

History & Social Science	STEM	World Languages
*AP US Gov & Politics** AP Economics* AP Psychology* *AP US History (WAVA)* AP World History*	*AP Biology** AP Calculus AB* AP Calculus BC* AP Chemistry* *AP Computer Science A** *AP Computer Science Principles: Intro to Programming* AP Physics 1* AP Physics 2 *AP Precalculus** *AP Statistics**	AP Spanish Language & Culture AP German Language & Culture AP French Language & Culture (WAVA)

Red italics denotes available to sophomores
Blue italics denotes available to freshman

* Denotes course is part of ECIHSA and college credits available

West Allegheny Virtual Academy (WAVA)

- Courses are aligned with WA curriculum and monitored by certified WA teachers

- Full-time, hybrid, or singleton enrollment opportunities

- Summer enrichment and credit recovery courses available

- Students are welcome to participate in any available extracurricular activities and sports in which they are eligible

Course Changes

New Courses:

Sport Management (3 RMU credits)

Honors Geometry

Probability and Statistics

Physical Education 9

Competitive Games

Lifelong Fitness

Environmental Science

Corrections and Social Issues (6 RMU credits)

Course Modifications:

AP Computer Science Principles: Intro to Programming (now available to 9th graders)

Trigonometry and Precalculus (formerly Honors)

Honors German IV (no longer available for ECIHSA credit)

Honors Spanish IV (no longer available for ECIHSA credit)

Graduation Requirements

Academic Requirements

- 4 high school credits in English, Math, Science, & Social Studies
  (students that attend Parkway are required to take 4 years of English & Math and 3 years of Science & Social Studies)

  - Minimum courses per subject include:
    - English: Grade-level credit each year
    - Math: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry are required with a math credit each year
    - Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and at least 1 more science credit
    - Social Studies: US History, American Government, World Cultures, and at least 1 more social studies credit

- 0.5 credit of Physical Education and 0.5 credit of Health

- Minimum of 26.25 total credits (min. of 9.25 elective credits)

PDE Act 158 (Keystones)

PDE Act 158 expands the options for students to demonstrate post-secondary readiness beyond proficiency on all three Keystones Exams.

1. Keystone Proficiency Pathway (Algebra 1, Literature, and Biology)
2. Keystone Composite Pathway
3. Career and Technical Education Concentrator Pathway
4. Alternative Assessment Pathway
5. Evidence Based Pathway

Career Readiness Graduation Requirement

Students must satisfy the following:

- Completion of the Civics Exam (grade 10)

- Successful completion of the Career Education and Work Standards Portfolio (grades 9-11)

- Industry-Based Learning Experience(s) (grades 9-12)

Grade	Career Readiness Graduation Requirements
9	Post-Secondary Institution Visit
9	Freshman Transition Program Activities
9	Career Exploration Activities
10	Post-Secondary Institution Visit
10	Strengths Explorer Lesson
10	Student Services Lesson: Leadership Inventory
10	Civics Exam
11	WA Career & College Fair
11	Choosing Wisely: Academic Planning and Career and College Pathways
11	Career Seminar Artifacts
9-12	Evidence of successful completion of one of the Industry Based Learning Indicators

Industry Based Learning Experiences

Successful completion of Industry Based Learning Indicator by completing one (1) of the following:

1. Demonstrated a **high likelihood of success on the NOCTI** assessment administered through Parkway West Career & Technology Center as measured by the pre-NOCTI scores and/or successful completion of assigned program objectives

2. Earned an approved **industry recognized credential** aligned with his/her career path (e.g. Pet First Aid for Vet Assistant Tech)

3. Participated in a school approved **career mentoring experience** (e.g. ECIHSA-PTC Health Sciences Academy, CCBC Aviation Academy, Future Educators of America, Child Development, JROTC)

4. Participated in a **substantial service-learning experience** offered through the school and in partnership with an approved outside agency (e.g. Stand Together, Students In Action, Varsity iLead)

5. Completed a work-based learning experience through **three (3) job shadow experiences**

WEST ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL
- *Parent Guide to the Road to Readiness*

8th GRADE GOAL | PREPARE	FRESHMAN GOAL | EXPLORE	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?
	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)*
		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) *
			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#")*+
				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 ❑ Complete Career Interest Inventory & Project (CEW) * ❑ Complete Career & College Interest Survey (CEW) * ❑ *Familiarize yourself with the available Early College In High School Academy (ECIHSA) programs aligned to your Career/College Pathway *+* ❑ *Explore the programs available at Parkway West CTC *+*	**Career & College Pathway** ❑ *Register for ECIHSA 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) *	**Career & College Pathway** ❑ *Register for ECIHSA 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 ECIHSA dual enrollment *+* ❑ Take AP Exams (for enrolled courses) *	**Career & College Pathway** ❑ *Register for ECIHSA 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 ECIHSA dual enrollment *+* ❑ Take AP Exams (for enrolled courses) *	**Career & College Pathway** ❑ *Register for ECIHSA college credits aligned to Career/College Pathway ** ❑ Participate in lessons focused on the college application process *+ ❑ *Attend WAHS Career & College Fair ** ❑ Take AP Exams (for enrolled courses)*
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)*	**ACCELERATE** ❑ *Participate in Immersive Career Experiences aligned to Career/College Pathway *+* ❑ Review IBL requirements & document evidence (Canvas "Class of 202#") *+	**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)*	**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*+	**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 ❑ Complete preliminary 4-year plan of study *+ ❑ Participate in Move Up Day * ❑ *Engage in exploration/enrichment opportunities such as volunteering (NHS requirement), shadowing, internships *+*	**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 *	**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) +*	**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 +*	**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 ECIHSA 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*

Summary of Supports

- Career and College Readiness Teaming
- Career Seminar Course (embedded within World Cultures/AP World History courses)
- FamilyLinks Counseling Services
- Freshman Academy
- Guidance Team Support (QR code, Career/College Ready Curriculum)
- Peer Tutoring
- West Allegheny Learning Center (WALC)
- Zen Den

Student Activities & Clubs

Students connected to school through co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities are more likely to be Career and College Ready with high likelihood of post-secondary success!
subject to change annually

- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Fall Production
- Future Educators
- Garden Club
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Math Club
- Model United Nations
- Model European Union

- Model African Union
- National Honor Society
- Ski & Snowboard Club
- Speech & Debate
- Spring Musical Production
- Stage Crew
- Stand Together
- Student In Action (SIA)
- Varsity iLead

Teacher Recommendations

How do I see recommended courses?

Step 1, Click on Schedule in your Skyward.

Step 2, Click on the hyperlink "Request Courses for 2024-2025…"

Home

Calendar

Gradebook

Attendance

Student Info

Busing

Schedule

Test Scores

Activities

Portfolio

Health Info

Login History

Course Requests now open

Request Courses for 2024-2025 in West Allegheny High School

Please contact your school counselor to make changes to your course requests for the 2024-25 school year.

Total Requests/Scheduled: **4**   Total Credits: **4.000**

Selected Courses

0122 AP ENGLISH LANG & COMP**
      1.000 Credits

0238 AP WORLD HISTORY**
      1.000 Credits

0523 HONORS EC GERMAN IV**
      1.000 Credits

0742 ART III
      1.000 Credits

Step 3, View the course requests listed.

Please Note:

To request a change to a recommendation, students will need to complete the Google Form in their "Class of" page under "Academic Waiver" (for any core course level change)

To request a change to an elective, students will need to complete the Google Form in their "Class of " page under "Change in Interest."

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