

# SPECIAL OPTIONS

## COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAM PREPARATION

The following College Admission Exam Preparation courses are offered through the West Allegheny Virtual Academy.

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### ACT PREPARATION

V670 ACT English .50 CREDIT

V671 ACT Mathematics .50 CREDIT

V672 ACT Reading .50 CREDIT

V673 ACT Science Reasoning .50 CREDIT

Each ACT Preparation course is a semester long, online course aligned to the topics that are assessed on the ACT (American College Testing) Subject Exams. Students should possess strong time management skills and self-motivation to be successful in this online course. **This course is graded Pass/Fail.**

*Grade level: 10, 11, 12*

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### SAT PREPARATION

V675 SAT Mathematics .50 CREDIT

V676 SAT Reading .50 CREDIT

Each SAT Preparation course is a semester long, online course designed for the college bound student who desires to increase his or her level of preparedness for the taking the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test). Each course will focus on topics found on the corresponding SAT exam. Students should possess strong time management skills and self-motivation to be successful in this online course. **This course is graded Pass/Fail.**

*Grade level: 10, 11, 12*

## INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

The Independent Study Program is designed to meet the needs of junior and senior students who have exhausted the options in a particular curriculum area or desire to pursue course work not offered within the available course offerings. Independent Study courses may be considered when a student is on track to meet all requirements for graduation. Independent Study courses cannot replace a required or existing course offered.

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### INDEPENDENT STUDY

FULL YEAR 6 DAY 1 CREDIT

3 DAY .50 CREDIT

HALF YEAR 6 DAY .50 CREDIT

3 DAY .25 CREDIT

Students will receive credit toward elective requirements for independent study courses but will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis – **not** assigned a letter grade. Independent study courses are **not** calculated into a student's GPA.

*Grade level: 11, 12*

## ACCELERATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

An internship is a highly structured, sustained professional learning experience in which students work closely with an industry professional for a defined period of time at an established workplace to participate in and observe meaningful, practical work related to a student's field of study or career interest. Internships differ from Independent Studies by allowing students the opportunity to apply the learning they have received, gain experience in the workforce, and learn from practicing industry professionals.

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### INTERNSHIP

120 HOURS = 1 ELECTIVE CREDIT

West Allegheny School District offers several internships on-site and is continuing to develop new internships as interests and needs are identified. Students may submit a request for a specific internship or apply for existing internships when posted.

*Grade level: 11, 12*

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## EARLY RELEASE/LATE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

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**EARLY RELEASE/LATE ARRIVAL  
NO CREDIT**

Senior students are eligible for early release or late start based on dual enrollment, employment, or for special circumstances. Only students who are on track for graduation may apply for an Early Release or Late Start. Junior and sophomore students wishing to participate in a dual enrollment program outside of ECIHSA may also be eligible for early release or late start. All early release requests require administrator approval and will not take effect until approved by the administration. The student is expected to follow their current schedule until notified by their school counselor.

**Approval of early release is not guaranteed.**

**Grade level: 12**

## DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Students may enroll in college courses outside of the concurrent/dual enrollment offerings available through West Allegheny Early College In High School Academy (ECIHSA) while simultaneously completing all West Allegheny credit requirements for graduation. This option will provide students with the opportunity to earn college credits as well as high school elective credit (one West Allegheny credit may be awarded per three-credit college course passed with a grade of "C" or better) if desired.

Students wishing to have West Allegheny credit awarded are responsible for informing their school counselor and providing an official copy of their final grade transcript for the college course. **Dual enrollment courses taken outside of West Allegheny affiliated enrollment programs may not replace West Allegheny core courses.** Students who pursue this option are responsible for their own transportation, fees, books, and tuition. Students must complete any forms required by the college.

Students may take courses at any college or university that offers a dual enrollment program. In the past, students have taken courses at such places as Community College of Allegheny County, Penn State – Beaver, and Robert Morris University.

Any student wishing to participate in dual enrollment must complete an application process, which includes approval by the student's school counselor and the high school administration and may be asked to provide ongoing proof of course enrollment.

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**DUAL ENROLLMENT  
1 WA CREDIT for 3 COLLEGE CREDITS**

Students may request to receive credit towards West Allegheny elective requirements for dual enrollment courses taken outside of West Allegheny affiliated programs in which they earned a "C" or better. The letter grade earned in the college course will appear on the West Allegheny transcript.

**Grade level: 10, 11, 12**