

SPECIAL OPTIONS

COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAM PREPARATION

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

ACT PREPARATION

V670 ACT English .25 CREDIT

V671 ACT Mathematics .25 CREDIT

V672 ACT Reading .25 CREDIT

V673 ACT Science Reasoning .25 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

SAT PREPARATION

V675 SAT Mathematics .25 CREDIT

V676 SAT Reading .25 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 by West Allegheny in that area. The school district will only consider a program if the student is able to meet all requirements for graduation as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Students must be able to demonstrate the educational significance of their participation in an independent study program.

Only students demonstrating exceptional talents or needs for acceleration can qualify. All possible efforts should be made to meet these needs through the regular curriculum. Students must complete an independent study application, following all required steps, and have the application approved prior to beginning an independent study course.

Independent study courses cannot replace a required or existing course offered. Freshman and sophomore students may only schedule independent study courses in the event of a conflict in their schedule and/or with prior approval of a counselor and an administrator. The High School Principal shall act as final authority regarding questions related to independent studies.

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

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EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM

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NO CREDIT**

Senior students are eligible for early release based on dual enrollment, employment, or for special circumstances. Junior and sophomore students are eligible for early release for dual enrollment purposes only. The early release program will only be used for students who are making adequate progress toward graduation requirements and whose class schedule permits the early release. Early release requests will only be considered after sixth period. All early release requests require administrator approval and will not take effect until approved by 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

Juniors and seniors may enroll in college courses outside of the concurrent/dual enrollment offerings available through West Allegheny affiliated programs (Early College in High School Academy – CCAC (concurrent), Early College in High School Academy – PTC (concurrent/dual), and the Aviation Academy (dual)) 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.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT
1 CREDIT**

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: 11, 12