

West Allegheny High School

Class of 2026

Course Requests 2022-2023 and Building a Freshman Schedule

Scheduling FAQs

Entering RECOMMENDED courses into Skyward

- **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE: 1 ENGLISH, 1 MATH, 1 SCIENCE, 1 SOCIAL STUDIES, .25 CREDIT PE AND .25 HEALTH 9 ON THEIR SCHEDULE. THIS LEAVES ROOM FOR 2 TO 3 ELECTIVE CREDITS.**
- When inputting course requests, add the teacher recommended course. You and your parent/guardian have the option to submit an academic waiver (*found in the appendix of the Program of Studies*) if you disagree with the recommended course.
- If you plan to take an enrichment course over the summer to either advance to a next level course or to free up a period for an additional class on your 2022-23 schedule, you must enter the original course on your course requests until you pass the summer enrichment course.
- You do not need to enter a lunch period, it will be entered for you.
- If you plan to waive your lunch period, you must keep it on your schedule until the waiver has been received and **approved** by Dr. Roche.

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

English 9/Honors English 9	1 credit
Intro to Alg/ Alg 1/HEC Alg 2	1 credit
U.S. History/Honors U.S. History	1 credit
Biology w/lab/Honors Biology w/lab	1.50 credits
Phys Ed 9 (S1) and Health 9 (S2)	.50 credit

Lunch

+ 2 elective credits
= 7.0 total credits
**1 period study hall*

+ 3 elective credits
= 8.0 total credits
**no study halls*

**** ROOM FOR 2 or 3 ELECTIVE CREDITS**

1 Credit does not always equal 1 CLASS

TYPICAL SCHEDULE (Parkway)

English 9/Honors English 9	1 credit
Intro to Alg/Algebra I/HEC Alg 2	1 credit
Biology w/ Lab	1.5 credits
Phys Ed 9 (S1) and Health 9 (S2)	.50 credit
Lunch	

PARKWAY- PERIODS 6-9

*4 credits per year per program and
students must take 1 credit of U.S. History*

CLASSES versus CREDITS

Most elective classes (Art I, Media Arts, Yearbook, ROTC, Spanish II, German I, etc.) are 1 credit (6 days)

ONE CLASS = 1.0 CREDIT

Some classes such as Band, Chorus, and Physical Conditioning, can be taken for 1 full credit (6 days) or for .50 credits (3 days); or some classes, such as Guitar and Piano, are only offered for .50 credits (3 days).

TWO .50 CLASSES = 1 FULL CREDIT

3 days of Band (.50) and 3 days of Chorus (.50) = 1 full credit

MATH

Current 8th Grade Course	9th Grade Course
MATH 8	INTRO TO ALGEBRA/ALGEBRA 1
ALGEBRA I	ALGEBRA 2 or HEC ALGEBRA 2
GEOMETRY	HONORS EC ALGEBRA 2

9th grade courses are based on the student's performance in the current course and teacher recommendation.

ENGLISH

9th Grade English Courses:

English 9

Honors English 9

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in the current course and teacher recommendation.*

SCIENCE

9th Grade Science Courses:

Honors Biology with Lab (1.5 credits)
Biology with Lab (1.5 credits)

9th grade courses are based on the student's performance in the current course and teacher recommendation.

SOCIAL STUDIES

9th Grade Social Studies Courses:

Honors U.S. History

U.S. History

9th grade courses are based on the student's performance in the current course and teacher recommendation.

WA Graduation Requirements for FULL-TIME WA Students

Total Credits: 26.25

MATH-4 COURSES-MUST TAKE AND PASS: ALGEBRA 1,
ALGEBRA 2, GEOMETRY, AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE

SCIENCE-4 COURSES-MUST TAKE AND PASS: BIOLOGY
W/LAB, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE

SOCIAL STUDIES-4 COURSES-MUST TAKE AND PASS:
U.S. HISTORY, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, WORLD
CULTURES, AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE

ENGLISH-4 COURSES-MUST TAKE AND PASS: 4 ENGLISH
CREDITS

WA Graduation Requirements for FULL-TIME WA Students

Total Credits: 26.25

- **Physical Education:** minimally 0.25 credits in 9th and in 10th grade= .50 credit total
 - Dance and Physical Conditioning count towards PE Credits
 - Any additional Dance, Phys Ed, and Physical Conditioning credits count towards the necessary 9.25 elective credit requirement
- **Health:** 0.5 total credits- Health in 9th Grade (0.25 credit) and Health in 10th Grade (0.25 credit)
- **Electives:** 9.25 credits
- **Total Credits Required:** 26.25 credits

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- State Assessments- Proficient or Advanced on the Keystone Exams in Algebra I, Biology, and Literature, OR Demonstration of proficiency through an alternate pathway.
- Completion of Civics Exam taken during American Government or AP U.S. Government and Politics.
- Successful completion of the Career and Education Work Standards (CEWs) Portfolio including Career Seminar requirements.
- Successful completion of Industry Based Learning (IBL) Experience.

CHECK YOUR WORK!

TOTAL CREDITS (not courses) **ENTERED:**

7.0 Credits (Minimum)

8.0 Credits (Maximum)

Please note: You may schedule 9 credits after your lunch waiver is submitted and approved.