

WELCOME RISING FRESHMAN FAMILIES WAHS CLASS OF 2027!!!



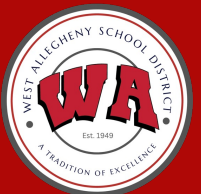
West Allegheny School District

*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.

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

Algebra 2

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

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

READY
college. career. life.

GPA 2.8

Maintain a GPA of 2.8 or above

Co-Curricular Activities

Participate in 2 or more organized co-curricular activities

Community Service

Participate in 25 or more hours of Community Service

Career Pathways

Engage in learning aligned to their 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

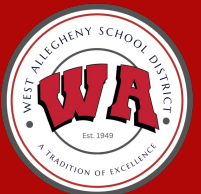
Attendance

Maintain 90% or above attendance rate



Agenda

1. Scheduling Process & Timeline
2. Career & College Pathways
3. Summary of WAHS Academic Programs
4. Graduation Requirements
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 2. What's required for a 9th grade student?
 3. PDE Act 158 Graduation Requirements (Keystones)
 4. Career Readiness Graduation Requirements
5. Summary of Supports
6. Clubs and Activities
7. Questions & Answers



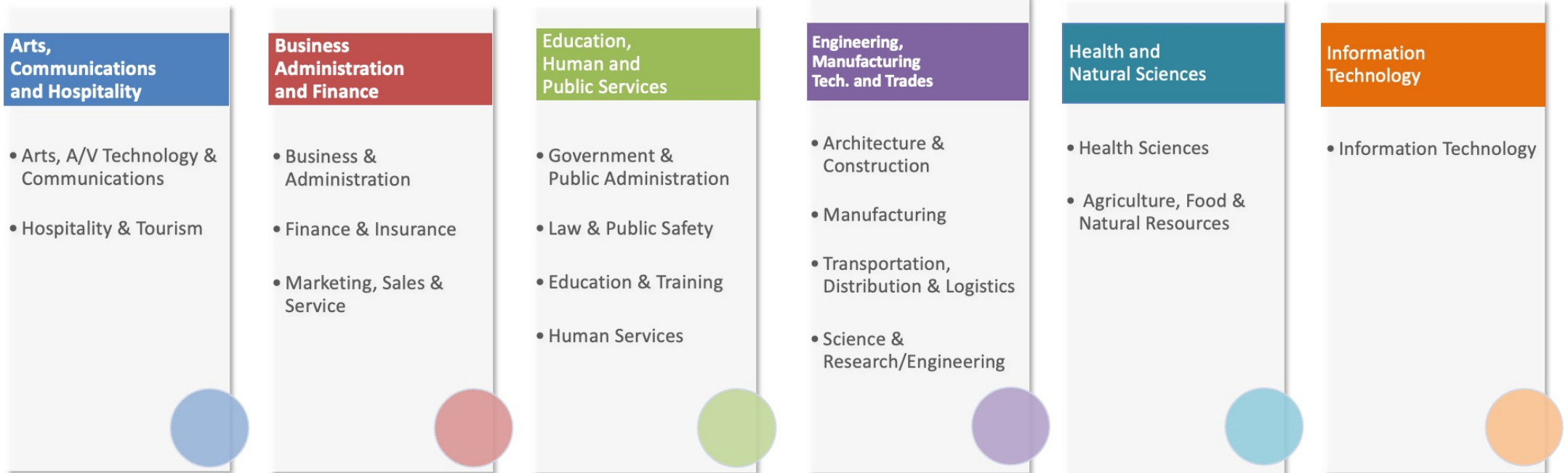
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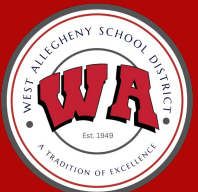
West Allegheny High School

Career & College Pathways and aligned PA Career Clusters



At WAHS, we offer

- 16 Career & Technical Education Programs in partnership with Parkway CTC (grades 9-12)
- JROTC
- 28 Early College in High School Academy (ECIHSA) programs (grades 9-12)
- Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Program including 23 AP Courses (exam fees paid by the District) (grades 10-12)
- WAVA & WALC (alternative educational programming) (grades 9-12)



Parkway West Career & Technology Center Programs



Auto Body Repair

Cyber Security & Networking Technology

Automotive Technology

Diesel Technology

Cosmetology

Graphic Design & Production Technology

Culinary Art

Healthcare Occupations Technology

Construction Technology: Carpentry

Power Motorsports

Construction Technology: Electrical Systems
Technology

Public Safety Technology

Construction Technology: HVAC/R

Sports Medicine & Rehab Therapy Technology

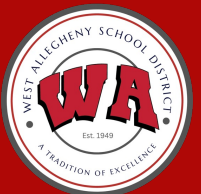
Construction Technology: Welding

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.
- *New Course for 2023-24—Foundations in Leadership (grades 11 and 12)*

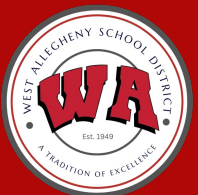


West Allegheny Early College In High School Academy (ECIHSA)

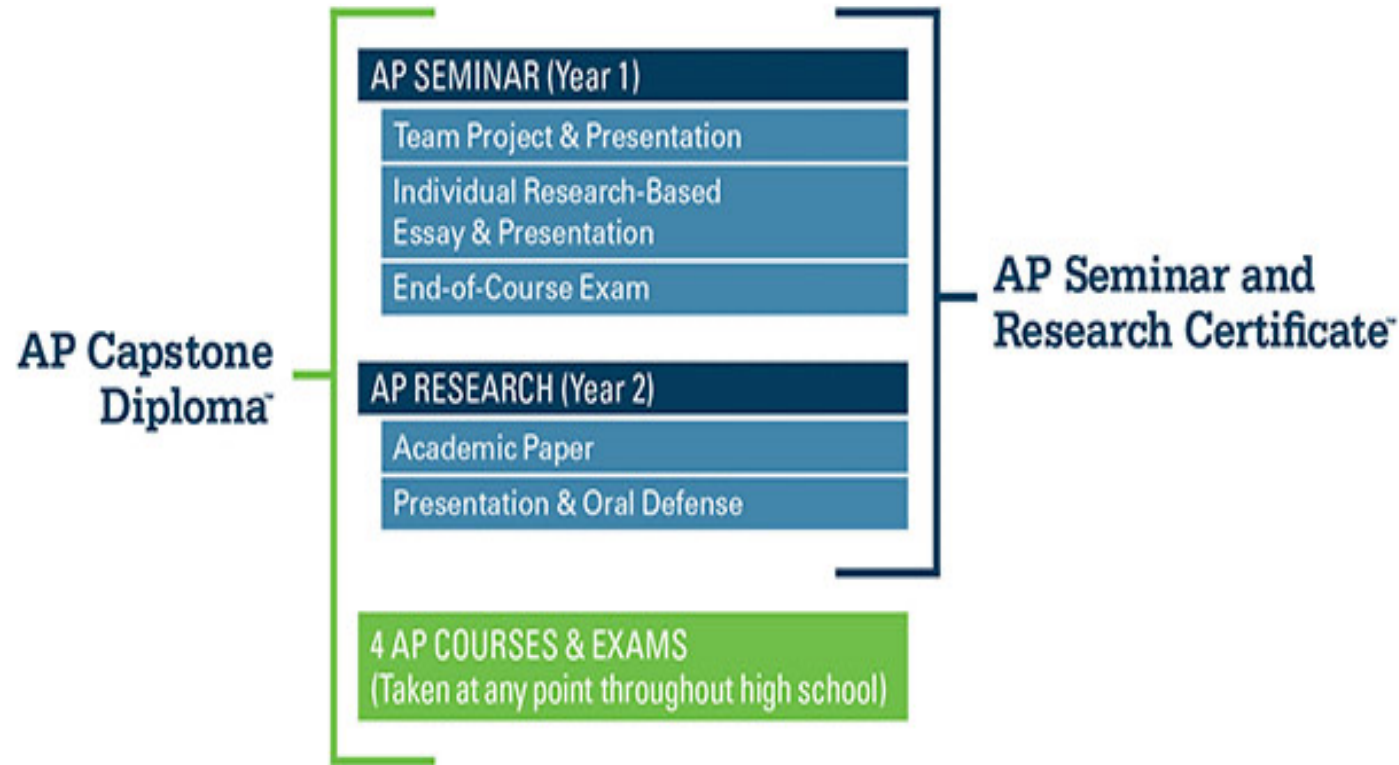
Overview of Programs

 <p>Students may start in 9th grade</p>	 <p>Grades 10 – 12</p>	 <p>Grades 11 – 12</p>	 <p>Grades 11 – 12</p>	 <p>Grade 12</p>
<p><u>Associate Degree Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Multimedia Programming, Simulation & Gaming -General Studies <p><u>Certificate Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Multimedia Game Simulation -Mechatronics Technology -General Education 	<p><u>Accelerated Bachelor Degree Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Early Childhood Education -Business Administration -Engineering -Cybersecurity -Special Education <p><u>Certificate Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Business -Cybersecurity Fundamentals 	<p><u>Associate Degree Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nursing (10-12) -Surgical Technology (10-12) -Welding Technology -HVAC Technology -CAD Mechanical Engineering Technology -CAD Architectural Engineering Technology -Robotics & Autonomous Engineering Technology <p><u>Certificate Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Practical Nursing -Therapeutic Massage Practitioner (12 only) -Electrician Technology -Welding Technology -HVAC Technology 	<p><u>Associate Degree Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aerospace Management -Professional Pilot -Air Traffic Controller 	<p><u>Associate Degree Options:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Automotive Technology -Collision Repair Technology -Diesel Technology

New program for 2023-24 school year

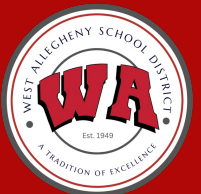


AP Capstone Diploma Program



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 one of ONLY a few high schools in the region that offers this prestigious program.



AP Course Offerings

AP Capstone	Arts	English
<i>AP Seminar</i> AP Research	AP Drawing	AP English Language & Comp* AP English Literature & Comp*
History & Social Science	STEM	World Languages
<i>AP US Gov & Politics*</i> AP Economics* AP Psychology* <i>AP US History (WAVA)</i> AP World History	<i>AP Biology*</i> AP Calculus AB* AP Calculus BC* AP Chemistry* <i>AP Computer Science A*</i> <i>AP Computer Science Principles</i> AP Physics 1* AP Physics 2 <i>AP Precalculus</i> <i>AP Statistics*</i>	AP Spanish Language & Culture AP German Language & Culture AP French Language & Culture (WAVA)

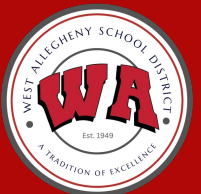
Red italics denotes available to sophomores

* Denotes course is part of ECIHSA and college credits available

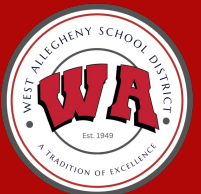


West Allegheny Virtual Academy (WAVA)

- 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

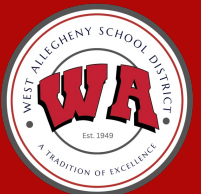


Graduation Requirements



Academic Requirements

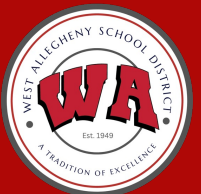
- 4 high school credits in English, Math, Science, & Social Studies
(students that attend Parkway are required to take 4 years of English & Math and 3 years of Science & Social Studies)
 - Minimum courses per subject include:
 - English: Grade-level credit each year
 - Math: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and 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 0.25 credits of each taken in 9th and 10th grade)
- Minimum of 26.25 total credits (min. of 9.25 elective credits)



What's required for a student in 9th grade?

Enrolled in a minimum of 7 credits

- 1 credit of English – English 9 or Honors English 9
- 1.5 credits of Science – Biology or Honors Biology
- 1 credit of Math – Intro to Algebra, Algebra 1, HEC Algebra 2, Algebra 2
- 1 credit of Social Studies – US History or Honors US History (*can be taken asynchronously through Parkway for those enrolled in a PWCTC program*)
- 0.25 credits of Health 9
- 0.25 credits of Physical Education – Phys Ed, Phys Conditioning, Dance, Dance Company
- **AT LEAST** 2 credits of electives (see provided handout)



Sample 9th Grade Schedules

Possible Business Admin & Finance Pathway or Military Pathway

Requirement	Selected Course	Credits
ELA	English 9	1.0
Math	Algebra 1	1.0
Science	Honors Biology	1.5
Social Studies	US History	1.0
Health	Health 9	0.25
PE	Phys Ed	0.25
Elective 1	JROTC	1.0
Elective 2	Spanish 2	1.0
Elective 3	Princ of Business	1.0
Lunch	Lunch	0.0
Total Credits		8.0

Possible Arts, Communication & Hospitality Pathway

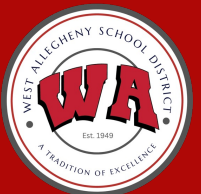
Requirement	Selected Course	Credits
ELA	English 9	1.0
Math	HEC Algebra 2	1.0
Science	Biology	1.5
Social Studies	US History @ Pkwy	1.0
Health	Health 9	0.25
PE	Phys Ed	0.25
Elective 1	Culinary Arts @ Pkwy	4.0
Elective 2	----	----
Elective 3	----	----
Lunch	Lunch	0.0
Total Credits		9.0



PDE Act 158 (Keystones)

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

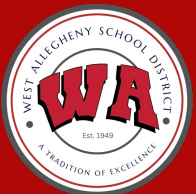
1. Keystone Proficiency Pathway (Algebra 1, Literature, and Biology)
2. Keystone Composite Pathway
3. Career and Technical Education Concentrator Pathway
4. Alternative Assessment Pathway
5. Evidence Based Pathway



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)



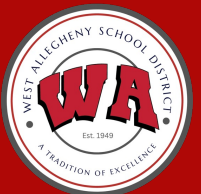
Grade	Career Readiness Graduation Requirements
9	Post-Secondary Institution Visit
9	Freshman Transition Program Activities
9	Career Exploration Activities
10	Post-Secondary Institution Visit
10	Strengths Explorer Lesson
10	Student Services Lesson: Leadership Inventory
10	Civics Exam
11	WA Career & College 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

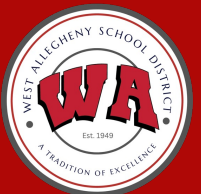
Successful completion of Industry Based Learning Indicator by completing one (1) of the following:

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**



Summary of Supports

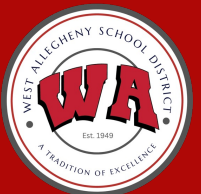
- Career and College Readiness Teaming
- Career Seminar Course (embedded within World Cultures/AP World History courses)
- Familylinks Counseling Services
- Freshman Academy
- Guidance Team Support (QR code, Career/College Ready Curriculum)
- Peer Tutoring
- West Allegheny Learning Center (WALC)



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!

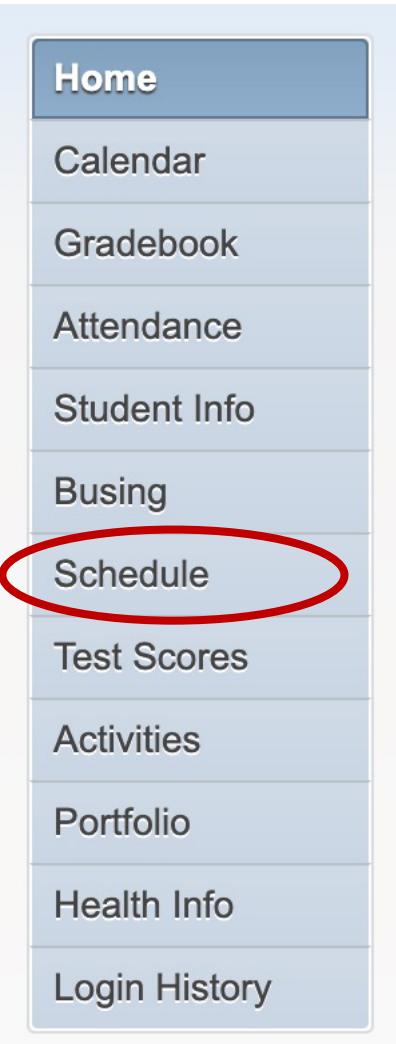
- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Fall Production
- Future Educators
- Garden Club
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Math Club
- Model United Nations
- Model European Union
- Model African Union
- National Honor Society
- Ski & Snowboard Club
- Speech & Debate
- Spring Musical Production
- Stage Crew
- Stand Together
- Student In Action (SIA)
- Varsity iLead



Teacher Recommendations

How do I see the courses my child(ren) have been recommended for?

Step 1, Click on Schedule in your Skyward.



Step 2, Click on the hyperlink "Request Courses for 2023-2024..."



Please contact your school counselor to make changes to your course requests for the 2023-24 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

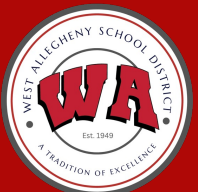
0523 HONORS EC GERMAN IV**
1.000 Credits

0742 ART III
1.000 Credits

Step 3, View the course requests listed.

Please Note:

To make a change in a recommendation students will need to submit an Academic Waiver (for any core course level change) or email their school counselor (for elective courses).



Q & A

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