

Class of 2014

Welcome to Western High School

Administrative Staff

Principal

Mr. Heller

Assistant Principal

Mr. Sevener

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Sullivan

Assistant Principal/

Athletic Director

Mr. Thayer

Our Trimester Schedule

- 5 classes a day approx. 72 minutes in length
- Three terms 12 weeks in length
- Possibility of 15 courses a year
- 7.5 credits possible per year

State Requirements

Applies to class of 2011 and future classes

Effective 2007-2008 School Year

.5 credit = each course

There are 30 credits possible in a standard 5-period schedule over a four-year span

State Requirements

All Students required to earn:

- 4 Credits of English (English 9, 10, 11, 12)
- 4 Credits of Mathematics (Algebra I & II, Geometry, Elective)
- 3 Credits of Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Elective)
- 3 Credits of Social Studies (World History, US History, Economics/Civics)
- 1 Credit of Physical Education/Health
- 1 Credit in the Visual, Performing and Applied Arts (VPAA)
(Art, Band, Choir, Drama, Machine Trades, Mechanical Drawing, Woodworking)
- An Online Experience (20 hours)

****Foreign Language – DOES NOT APPLY(until 2016)****

What does this look like?

English	Eng 9	Eng 10	Eng 11	Eng 12	State Requirements 16 credits	
Math	Alg I	Geom	Alg II	Math		
Science	Bio	Chem /Phys	Sci	VPAA		Visual, Performing & Applied Arts
Social Studies	Glob	US Hist	Econ Civics	PE & Health		Physical Education & Health

BCPS Requirements

In addition to the State Requirements, BCPS requires:

1 Credit of Technology

0.5 Credit of Communications

0.5 Credit of Career-Based Learning

(Co-op, Career Center, Career Opportunities, Other Elective Courses)

9 Credits of Electives

12 Volunteer Hours

(Coordinator: Mrs. Riffel...hours must be earned outside of the school day)

Requirements

**Total of 27 Credits required
for Graduation from BCPS
(16 State of Michigan + 11 BCPS)**

Word of Caution

Failing a Class (even 1) can severely limit your options!! If you do not pass a required course, you **MUST** retake it!

Success Strategies:

Come to school every day

Do your homework

Ask questions and get help when you need it

Co-op, Career Center, Band/Choir, Advanced Placement

All are possible with a little planning...

Work with the counselors to come up with the best plan of action

Some programs will fulfill other requirements

*Please note that if planning on taking Band there is a mandatory band camp scheduled for the week of August 1st – 6th.

Opt-Out / Course Exam

Credit earned through passage of course exam.

Only offered three per year at certain times -
Week of August 17 for Fall Term
Week of November 16 for Winter Term
Week of March 1 for Spring Term

WMS students- Algebra, Earth Science, and English End of Course testing will be available before the end of the school year

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Support Class

Math Connections:
Support class

English Connections:
Support Class

9th grade schedule

Need a total of 15 term classes

Math

Science

Social Studies

English

Electives (can pick any class from course guide, but often times Freshman take PE and Health and Technology I, and then fill-in their schedule with other electives)

The goal is for students to have 3 core courses and 2 elective courses per term. This isn't always possible due to failures or scheduling limitations, but counselors strive to have this schedule if possible.

Example Schedules

Fall Tern	Winter Term	Spring term
Biology	Biology	Foods & Nutrition 1
Honors English 9	PE	Honors English 9
Technology 1	Honors Algebra	Honors Algebra
Honors World History	Honors World History	Health
Band	Band	Band

Example Schedules Cont.

Fall Tern	Winter Term	Spring term
Physical Science	Physical Science	Intro. to Visual Arts
World History	Health	World History
PE	English 9	English 9
Algebra	Algebra	Algebra
Math Connections	Math Connections	Math Connections

Class Selection

Now it is time to make your class selections with your student.

Counselors will be available to answer any questions.

Please turn in the counselor copy of the course selection sheet before you leave .