



Parent Night Class of 2029

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WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Class of 2029

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Principal, West High School

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When you hear “We are...”, you respond with “One West.”

MISSION STATEMENT

West High School provides a safe, orderly, and respectful learning environment that fosters open-minded and caring young people.

Students are provided a diverse, international curriculum, a student-centered schedule, and an environment of accountability where instruction and assessments are research-based and data-driven.

First step toward graduation...



It starts
Day 1!



Your 9th Grade Support Team



Dr. Ashley Speas
Executive
Principal



Nate Martin
9th Grade
Assistant
Principal






Lisa Roberts
9th Grade
Counselor



Nat Scott
9th Grade
Lead

IB at West High School

|  Middle Years Programme |  Diploma Programme |  Career-related Programme |
|--|--|---|
| <p>8 Subject Groups Every student 9th and 10th</p> | <p>6 IB courses: 3 SL + 3 HL</p> | <p>2 IB courses: (1 must span two years)</p> |
| <p>5-Year Programme Implemented in partnership with Bearden Middle School</p> <p>Inclusive by design Students of all interests and academic abilities can benefit from participation</p> <p><i>The MYP aims to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who can empathize with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning.</i></p> <p><i>The programme empowers students to inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance locally, nationally and globally. The result is young people who are creative, critical, and reflective thinkers.</i></p> | <p>Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Junior and Senior year</p> | <p>Personal and Professional Skills (PPS) Junior and Senior year</p> |
| | <p>Extended Essay (EE) 3,000 - 4,000 words (student choice)</p> | <p>Reflective Project 3,000 words on ethical dilemma</p> |
| | <p>Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)</p> | <p>Community Engagement 70 hours</p> |
| | <p>IB Language B: Acquisition (French or Spanish)</p> | <p>Language & Cultural Studies 50 hours</p> |
| | <p>Earning the Diploma: Earn a minimum of 24 points across 6 subject's exams, Theory of Knowledge, and Extended Essay</p> | <p>Career-related Studies Choice: Aligned with KCS/WHS 865 Academies: Audio/Visual Production, Digital Arts, Digital Marketing Management, Cosmetology, Dietetics and Nutrition, Nursing Services, Sport and Human Performance, Engineering, Coding, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Systems, JROTC</p> |
| <p>Personal Project Culminating self-selected learning project completed by all Year 5 (10th) students</p> | | |

11th/12th grade students may also participate in IB by taking individual IB courses

Registration and Class Selection



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2025-2026 Scheduling Calendar

8th Graders Visit West High School: March 7th

Course Selection in Aspen due: March 2
Contact lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org with changes after that.

Private school students zoned for West may register beginning in **March**.
Contact Kim Iglehart, Registrar, at kim.iglehart@knoxschools.org or 865-594-4477.

Transfer notifications will be mailed out in the spring semester (**usually the first week of April**). Transfer parent night will be scheduled after transfer notifications are mailed out.

Schedule adjustments: June-July schedule change requests may sent to lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org or delivered in writing on Wednesday mornings the summer.

Schedules will be published to Aspen in late July.

No changes will be granted after 2nd week of school.

9th Grade Orientation ½ day: Tuesday, August 5th

First whole school ½ day: Thursday, August 7th

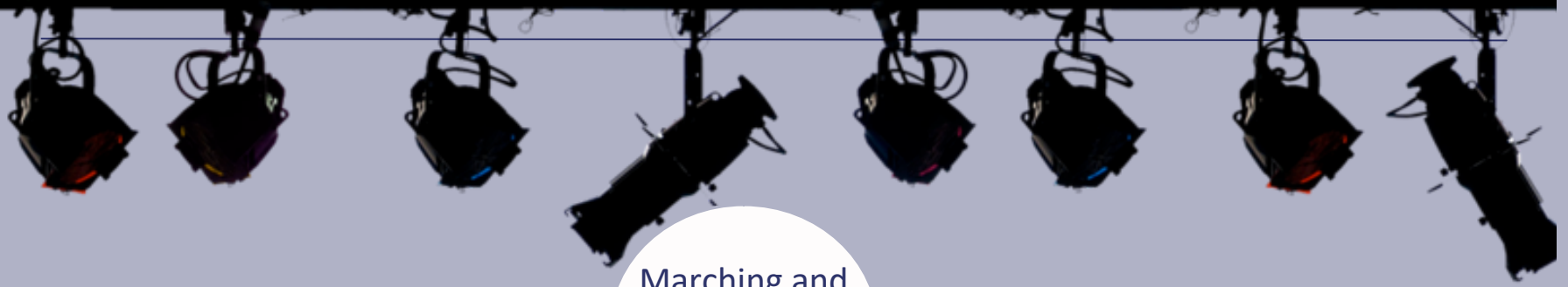
Graduation Requirements

| CORE SUBJECTS | TOTAL CREDITS |
|---|---------------|
| English: English I, II, III, IV | 4 |
| Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one high level math | 4 |
| Science: Biology, Chemistry or Physics, one additional Lab science | 3 |
| Social Studies: World History and Geography or AP Human Geography | 1 |
| US History and Geography | 1 |
| US Government and Civics | ½ |
| Economics | ½ |
| Physical Education | ½ |
| Lifetime Wellness | 1 |
| Personal Finance | ½ |
| Elective Focus (Career Pathway will count for this) | 3 |
| Computer Science Elective | 1 |
| University Admissions | |
| Students must complete two units of the same world language and one unit of fine/performing arts in order to meet college/university admission requirements | 3 |
| Additional Elective Credits | 5 |
| TOTAL | 28 |

All students are required to take the ACT or SAT to meet graduation requirements.
A Civics test and a project-based Civics assessment are also graduation requirements.

1 Unit
Required
for Graduation

West High Fine Arts



Marching and
Concert Band
(Takes 2 spots)

Theatre Arts
1

Vocal
Music 2

Orchestra
(New with Ms.
Pena from
BMS!)

Advanced Art
General

Visual Art
1

Dev of
Rock &
Roll



Advanced Art vs Visual Art 1:

- Some students have already completed Visual Art I in middle school for high school credit. They may enroll in Advanced Art General (Art 2).
- Art 2 rotates through four types of art with four different teachers - ceramics, photography, painting and drawing, and printmaking. Also available to 10th graders if taking Visual Art I in 9th grade.

Aspen View

ary requests

| | Subject area | SchoolCourse > CrsNo | SchoolCourse > Description | Alternate? | Priority | Alt 1 > CrsNo | Alt 2 > |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------|---------------|---------|
| Select... | English | 300204000 | HON ENGLISH 2 | N | 0 | | |
| Select... | Math | 310304000 | HON ALGEBRA 2 | N | 0 | | |
| Select... | Science | 321004000 | HON BIOLOGY | N | 0 | | |
| Select... | Social Studies | 344505000 | AP GOV/POLITICS | N | 0 | | |
| Select... | Elective Courses | 302304000 | HON SPANISH 3 | N | 0 | | |
| | | 344005000 | AP US HISTORY | N | 0 | | |
| | | 352100100 | ADV THEATRE ARTS | N | 0 | | |
| | | 593100000 | MARKETING 1 | N | 0 | | |

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|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------|---------------|---------|
| Select... | Alternate Courses | 352100300 | ADV THEATRE | Y | 1 | | |
| | | 591000000 | ACCOUNTING 1 | Y | 2 | | |
| | | 330100000 | PHYS ED | Y | 3 | | |

s for counselor

**Only students can change their course requests until 3.2.25.
Parent logins will not work.**

Determining Course Readiness

If you have courses pre-selected for you on your course selection sheet they came from the following:

- Teacher recommendations
- District recommendations
- WHS recommendations based on classes previously taken and grade earned
- WHS recommendations based on special education needs
- WHS recommendations based on predicted test scores

Questions about a pre-selected course, email Lisa Roberts at lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org

Determining Course Readiness

A Word from Ms. Lundy, AP Human Geography EmberLundy@knoxschools.org

- What is Human Geography?
 - The course focuses on topics such as culture (religion, language, etc.), economics, cities, population, and migration. It is a look at how people interact within these contexts.
 - This course is NOT focused on history. It is much more focused on current real-world patterns.
- Why take APHuG?
 - AP HuG is a college-level class that gives students the opportunity to earn college credit (if they take and pass the AP exam in May). Taking the AP exam also earns them an additional 5 points on your final grade (an 80% C becomes an 85% B).
- Warning!
 - Interested students should have an interest in social studies and need self-motivation because there is a lot of independent work (reading and completing reading guides, studying, etc.).
 - I can't stress enough that students must be motivated to be successful. It is not an easy class and making an A in middle school social studies does not guarantee an A in this class.

Academic Release

- Every student deserves a challenge
- High school honors/AP/IB different than middle school honors
- Parents who disagree with course recommendations can complete an academic release form, found on our Rising 9th site beginning Monday, March 3rd, 2025.

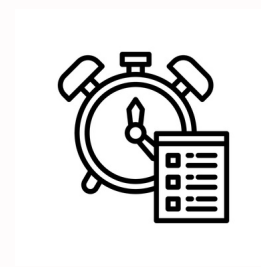
What makes FRAC Special?

- FRAC: FReshman ACademy
- Small group of teachers who LOVE freshmen and are focused on their success.
- Collaboration for student support
- Every student is known
- Offer tutoring

Freshman Seminar

- **Topics covered:**

- Transition to High School
- Social/Emotional Relationships
- Knowledge of School Pathways
- YouScience/Career Exploration
- Personal/Professional Skills



Guest speakers from every pathway will be included in this class. You will also get to go on a field trip to an area business!



**Aligned with IB CP!
11 CP Career-related
Studies**

WHS Academy Coach:

Gina Hodges

gina.hodges@knoxschools.org

The Academy of Health Science and Human Services

- Cosmetology
- Dietetics & Nutrition
- Nursing Services
- Sport & Human Performance

The Academy of Global Commerce and Communication

- Marketing Management
- Digital Arts & Design
- Audiovisual Production

The Academy of Creative and Technical Innovation

- Engineering
- Coding
- Electrical

• **JROTC**

Transitioning to High School...

- Multiple tutoring opportunities
 - Tutoring schedule to be released within first couple weeks of school and posted online
- Counseling help: lisa.roberts@knoxschools.org
 - Class selections, organization, study skills, grade check-ins, stress management, counseling needs
- Freshmen team meetings with freshmen teachers
- Weekly newsletter from PTSO: to join, contact onewestnews@gmail.com



Final Thoughts...

- When you hear “We are...”, you respond with “One West.”
- If you fail a class, you have to retake it...4 years in high school does not = graduation.
 - 28 credits to graduate (the right 28)
 - 1 class = a credit
- Red and Blue days - 4 classes each day - 8 total credits
 - Year-long classes
 - Cumulative grades are final in May
- Three pieces of advice:
 - Show up | Get connected | Get involved



Join Company West!!!

**CLASSES OFFERED: THEATRE ONE, MUSICAL THEATRE (MT2 & MT3),
ACTING (T2 & T3) & STAGE TECH (PLAY & MUSICAL)**



Learn about West Athletic Council and our phenomenal West teams at this site: <https://www.westhighsports.com/>. All parents are welcome to get involved!



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West Athletics

Live Stream

ONE WEST NETWORK

The West Athletic Council, WAC, was formed to promote and support all athletic teams at West High School by cultivating a positive culture and environment to enable West student athletes to succeed.





West High Football
Rising 9th Parent Meeting
WHS Football Fieldhouse
Tuesday, April 29th, 2025
6 PM
Scan this code to sign up!



WEST HIGH SCHOOL

25/26 CHEER TRYOUTS

Show off your spirit and skills at our upcoming cheerleading tryouts. Bring water, athletic shoes and wear athletic clothing.



Clinic Days: April 14th - 16th
Official Tryout Day: April 17th



4/14-4/16: 4- 6:15pm
4/17: 4-8pm



WHS Agee Gym



Mandatory Pre Tryout Meeting March 26th at 5:30 in Room VB2

Join the band for required tryout forms and information



 **contact for questions:**
Coach Amaya: aloya2019@gmail.com

8th Grade Visit Day

Friday, March 7th, 2025



West High School
Class Meeting
Tour the School
Fine Arts
Sports
Clubs

Freshman Orientation



Tuesday, August 5th, 2025
West High School

8:30-12

***Run through your
schedule - red and blue day
Buses will run that day***

Questions?



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