

Westside High School

9th Grade Course Selection Guide

2023 - 2024



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**WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
A & B DAY BELL SCHEDULE
2023 - 2024**

TRIBE TIME BELL SCHEDULE (Mon-Thurs)

7:50	First Bell
7:55-9:25 (90)	1st Block
9:30-10:00 (30)	Tribe Time (Every day but Friday)
10:05-12:05 (90-95 of class)	2nd Block (1st Lunch 11:00-11:30) (2nd Lunch 11:35-12:05) 5 min cleaning
12:10-1:40 (90)	3rd Block
1:45-2:30 (45)	4th Block
2:35-3:20 (45)	5th Block

FAST FRIDAY BELL SCHEDULE

7:50	First Bell
7:55-8:40 (45)	1A
8:45-9:30 (45)	1B
9:35-10:20 (45)	2A
10:25-12:05	2B 2nd Block (1st Lunch 11:00-11:30) (2nd Lunch 11:35-12:05) 5 min cleaning
12:05-12:50 (45)	3A
12:55-1:40 (45)	3B
1:45-2:30 (45)	4th Block
2:35-3:20 (45)	5th Block

Ninth grade students at Westside High School will be enrolled in eight classes. Four classes will be academic core classes, such as English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Three classes will be elective courses requested by the student, if available, and lastly, the final class will be P.E. and Health (one semester each). P.E. and Health are required by all Westside High School students for graduation, and it is recommended that students meet that requirement in the 9th grade. All of the classes offered for 9th grade students, except Study Hall and aide periods, will be taken for high school credit. **It is important to know that high school credit courses will appear on the student's permanent high school transcript, and the 9th grade student's final grades will be taken into account when/if determining honor graduate status. Please see the WHS Student Handbook for more information.**

A Westside High School student must have 24 credits in order to qualify for graduation. The breakdown of the required credits can be found in the student handbook. In addition, each year, a student must meet the minimum requirement of credits in order to move up in grade classifications. The credit requirements for each grade are as follows:

- 10th Grade - 6 credits
- 11th Grade - 12 credits
- 12th Grade - 18 credits

If a student does not have the minimum credit requirements needed for a certain grade, the student will be classified in the lower grade until additional credits are acquired.

Students are required to make-up any failed high school credit course if the failed course is needed towards graduation. Credit recovery can occur through summer school or the following school year. If it is planned for the following school year, the make-up course will take the place of an elective course. Please know if a student continually fails courses and is not consistently progressing towards graduation, it may be recommended that the student attend SUCCESS Academy for credit recovery throughout the semester/school year.

Enhanced courses (formerly PreAP Courses) are offered to 9th grade students in the subjects of English, Science, and Social Studies. Enhanced courses cover the same curriculum as regular 9th grade core courses, but Enhanced courses are designed to prepare students for higher intellectual engagement. In addition, summer work may be required for Enhanced courses. These courses will prepare students for the honors program at Westside High School, but they are not required. Summer work will be posted to the school's website, www.westsideschools.org, by June 1st. Summer work must be completed by the student and submitted to the teacher by the deadline in order for students to remain in the Enhanced course. If the summer work is not completed and submitted on time, the student will be removed from the Enhanced course and placed in the regular education course of that subject.

Class schedules for 9th grade students with IEPs will be created based on the recommendations of the student's Special Education team. Special Education students are encouraged to complete a Course Request Form, but the finalized schedule will have to be approved by the appropriate stakeholders.

Course Offerings for 9th Grade Students

English:

1. English 9
2. Enhanced English 9

Math:

1. Algebra I

Science:

1. Physical Science Integrated
2. Enhanced Physical Science

Social Studies:

1. World History
2. Enhanced World History

P.E. and Health:

1. Personal Fitness (one semester)
2. Health (one semester)

OR

1. AFJROTC I (can be taken for full year for P.E and Health credit OR taken in addition to regular P.E. and Health for Career Focus credit)

Elective Courses:

Fine Arts

Art I (must be taken before any other Art class)
Vocal Music I (Choir)
Instrumental Music I (Marching Band)
Jazz Band I
Music Lab I (Piano)
Theatre I
Technical Theatre I

Agriculture

Survey of Agriculture (required before any other agriculture course)
Agri Mechanics
Plant Science
Agri Structures
Animal Science
Agri Business Management
Natural Resources

Computer Business

Survey of Business (required before any other computer business class)

Foreign Language

Spanish I

Social Sciences

Psychology (one semester)
Sociology (one semester)

Air Force JROTC

AFJROTC I

Athletics

Jr. Boys Athletics (Football and Basketball Only) must be a member of the team
Jr. Girls Athletics (Volleyball and Basketball Only) must be a member of the team
Cheerleading - must be a member of the squad
Sr. Boys Athletics (Baseball - Only 2nd semester) must be a member of the team
Sr. Girls Athletics (Softball - Only 2nd semester) must be a member of the team

Technology

EAST I

Computer Science Programming I

AP Computer Science Principles (all grade levels, 9-12, are able to take the course)

Other

Yearbook Staff (by application only, please see Mrs. Cureton is interested)

Driver's Education (one semester - must have written test completed)

Creative Writing (one semester)

Student Council (must be an elected member)

Oral Communications (one semester)

Weightlifting (boys' class and girls' class)

Westside High School Course Request Form 2023-2024
9th Grade

Student Name: _____

Grade (next school year): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Directions: Please circle the classes you need to take or would like to take during the 2023-2024 school year. You must circle enough classes for 8 full class periods.

CORE CLASSES

ENGLISH

English 9
Enhanced English 9

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History (9th)
Enhanced World History (9th)

MATH

Algebra I

SCIENCE

Physical Science Integrated
Enhanced Physical Science

ELECTIVES

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Psychology (.5 credit)
Sociology (.5 credit)

AFJROTC

*AFJROTC I (Health/P.E. Credit)
AFJROTC I (non Health/P.E)

FINE ARTS

Art I
Vocal Music I (Choir)
Instrumental Music I (Marching Band)
Jazz Band I
Music Theory
Piano I (Music Lab)
Theatre I
Technical Theatre I

AGRICULTURE

Survey of Agri (required before any other agri course)
Ag Mechanics
Plant Science
Ag Structures
Animal Science
Leadership and Communications
Natural Resources Management

COMPUTER/BUSINESS

Survey of Business (required before other business classes)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I

HEALTH/P.E.

*Health (.5 credit)
*Recreational Sports/Personal Fitness (.5)
Jr. Boys Athletics (football/basketball)
Jr. Girls Athletics (volleyball/basketball)
Cheerleading
Sr. Boys Athletics -Baseball (2nd semester)
Sr. Girls Athletics - Softball (2nd semester)
Weightlifting (boys)
Weightlifting (girls)

TECHNOLOGY

EAST I
Computer Science Programming I
AP Computer Science Principles

OTHER

Yearbook Staff (application only)
Driver's Education (.5 credit)
Oral Communications (.5 credit)
Creative Writing (.5 credit)
Student Council (must be elected)

