

Westside High School

10th 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

Tenth 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, and four classes will be elective courses requested by the student, if available. All of the classes offered for 10th grade students, except Study Hall, aide periods, and athletics after the 1st year, 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 10th 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 courses if the failed course is needed towards graduation. Credit recovery can be achieved through summer school or during 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 are offered to 10th grade students in the subjects of English and Science. Enhanced courses cover the same curriculum as regular 10th grade core courses, but Enhanced courses are designed to prepare students for higher intellectual engagement. These courses will prepare students for the honors program at Westside High School.

Enhanced English 10 and Enhanced Biology are required for all WHS students who want to graduate with honors. Summer work may be required for these courses, and if it's assigned, 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 honor course. If the summer work is not completed and submitted on time, the student will be removed from the honor course and placed in the regular education course of that subject.

Tenth grade students are eligible to take elective courses at the NEA Career and Technical Center at Jonesboro High School. These courses are included in the student's schedule and will take the place of 3 elective courses. Our students who take courses at NEACTC travel to the center everyday by bus and take classes there during our third and fourth block class periods. Then, they return to WHS campus by bus in time for their fifth block class. Students who take courses at NEACTC have the opportunity to take elective courses for concurrent college credit, compete in competitions for scholarships, and acquire certifications in different job areas. If you are interested in taking courses at NEACTC during the 2020-2021 school year, please complete a NEACTC Registration Form, which is attached at the end of the course selection guide, and bring it to the WHS High School office.

NEACTC Recruitment Video and Tour: <https://youtu.be/WZsbMgERoXQ>

Class schedules for 10th 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 10th Grade Students

English:

1. English 10
2. Enhanced English 10 - required for Honor Graduates

Math:

1. Geometry (if taken Algebra I in the 9th grade)
2. Algebra II (if taken Geometry in the 9th grade)

Science:

1. Biology Integrated
2. Enhanced Biology - required for Honor Graduates

Social Studies:

1. American History (taken by all 10th grade students)

Elective Courses:

Fine Arts

Art I (must be taken before any other Art class)

Art II

Ceramics

Printmaking

Vocal Music I (Choir)

Vocal Music II (Choir)

Instrumental Music I (Marching Band)

Instrumental Music II (Marching Band)

Jazz Band I

Jazz Band II

Piano I (Music Lab)

Piano II

Theatre I

Theatre II

Technical Theatre I

Technical Theatre II

Agriculture

Survey of Agriculture (required before any other agri course)

Agri Mechanics

Plant Science

Agri Structures

Animal Science

Leadership and Communications

Computer Business

Survey of Business (required before any other business class)

Marketing

Foreign Language

Spanish I

Spanish II

Social Sciences

Psychology (one semester)

Sociology (one semester)

Preparing for Adult Life (one semester)

Air Force JROTC

AFJROTC I (for P.E./Health Credit or Career Focus Credit) if not taken in 9th grade

AFJROTC II

AFJROTC Activity (can be taken in addition to AFJROTC II, if approved by Major Norman)

Athletics and P.E./Health

Cheerleading

Sr. Boys Athletics - Football and Basketball (Baseball - Only 2nd semester)

Sr. Girls Athletics - Volleyball and Softball (Softball - Only 2nd semester)

Health (one semester - if not taken in the 9th grade)
Personal Fitness for Life (one semester - if not taken in the 9th grade)
Recreational Sports (one semester - if not in athletics)

Technology

EAST I

EAST II (if taken EAST I in 9th grade)

Computer Science Programming I

Computer Science Programming II

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

Other

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

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

Oral Communications (one semester, required for graduation)

Creative Writing (one semester)

Student Council (must be an elected member)

NEA Career and Technical Center Courses

-Areas of Study Include: Engineering, Automotive Collision Technology, Automotive Service Technology, Computer Repair, Networking, and Security, Drones, Medical Professions, Robotics and Automation Technology, Culinary Arts, HVAC, and Welding Technology (Please see course descriptions on application.)

Westside High School Course Request Form 2023-2024
10th 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 10

Enhanced English 10 (required for Honors)

SOCIAL STUDIES

American History (10th)

MATH

Geometry

Algebra II

SCIENCE

Biology Integrated

Enhanced Biology (required for Honors)

ELECTIVES

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Psychology (.5 credit)

Preparing for Adult Life (.5 credit)

Sociology (.5 credit)

AFJROTC

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

AFJROTC I (non Health/P.E)

AFJROTC II

AFJROTC Activity (year II cadets only)

FINE ARTS

Art I (must be taken before any other Art class)

Art II

Ceramics

Printmaking

Choir

Marching Band

Jazz Band

Piano I

Piano II

Theatre I

Theatre II

Technical Theatre I

Technical Theatre II

AGRICULTURE

Survey of Agri (required before any other agri course)

Ag Mechanics

Plant Science

Ag Structures

Animal Science

Leadership and Communications

COMPUTER/BUSINESS

Survey of Business (required before other business classes)

Marketing (10th -12th Only)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I

Spanish II

HEALTH/P.E.

*Health (.5 credit)

*Recreational Sports (.5 credit)

* Fitness for Life (.5 credit)

Cheerleading

Sr. Girls Athletics (volleyball/basketball)

Sr. Boys Athletics (football/basketball)

Sr. Girls Athletics (softball only)

Sr. Boys Athletics (baseball only)

TECHNOLOGY

EAST I

EAST II (EAST I required)

Computer Science Programming I

Computer Science Programming II

AP Computer Science Principles

OTHER

Yearbook Staff (application only)

Driver's Education (.5 Credit)

Oral Communications (.5 credit)

Creative Writing (.5 credit)

Student Council (.5 credit)

NEA Career and Tech Classes

(replaces 3 electives) - (10th)