

Western Branch High School



Rising 9th Grade Scheduling Information 2023-2024

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Mission Statement

The mission of Western Branch High School is to prepare students for a dynamic, global world. At the core of our beliefs is a commitment to the celebration of cultural diversity, the honoring of our rich traditions and legacy of excellence, and the provision of a vibrant and innovative learning environment.

We Aim To:

- promote excellence in rigor, relevancy, and relationships.
- create a responsible and respectful student body of critical thinkers.
- provide open communication with parents and community members.
- develop the talents of students through extracurricular activities, the fine arts, and athletics.

Greetings from the WESTERN BRANCH High School Counseling Department!

Enclosed, you will find information regarding scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents/Guardians, please review this information with your child in order to make the best course selections for the upcoming school year.

Scheduling Timeline

- Mid-January: Current 8th grade teachers will recommend core courses for rising freshmen
- Mid-January: Rising 9th grade scheduling video and elective video will be posted on middle school website and in grade level Schoology group. PAS and Peachjar flyer will be sent notifying parents when videos are posted.
- February 15: Middle School Counselors will verify courses requested.
- March 3: Course Request Verification forms will be posted in Synergy. PAS, email, and PeachJar flyer will be sent notifying parents/guardians the course requests are available to verify.
- March 7: Deadline to request changes/verify courses requested. Please choose courses wisely, as changes may not be accepted after March 7, 2023.
- August Final Schedules will be available to students in August, before school starts.

Administrative Team

Principal: Mr. Quentin Hicks
Assistant Principal of Instruction Ms. Amanda Biittner
Assistant Principal: Mr. Al Alexander
Assistant Principal: Dr. James Avery
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Johanna Howell
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Counseling Department

Director: Mrs. Amy Legg
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School Counselor: Mrs. Kim Thomas
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School Counselor: Mrs. Eve Bell
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Scheduling Guidelines

Please read the following before making course choices:

1. All students must take eight classes.
2. Students may take only one of the following required courses each year: English, history, and physical education. Students may take more than one math, science, foreign language, or other elective per year, keeping within the course sequence. Math students should take Part A and Part B classes during the same school year.
3. Straight Algebra I (21011) and Honors Geometry (22011) are classes designed for students who typically earn A's and B's in their math classes. These two math classes are extremely accelerated and are designed for students gifted in math. By spending a semester each in Part A and B math classes, students will: (1) earn two credits (one math credit and one elective credit); (2) have more time to master the material; (3) have more time with the teacher to review difficult topics.
4. Part A math classes count as electives and Part B math classes count as math credits.
5. **Special Education** students will be scheduled according to their Individual Education Plan (IEP). Students will be scheduled by their special education case managers and/or their school counselors. Their proposed schedules must match their IEP's. **Students or parents who want to change the number of special education classes a student receives must first change the IEP with the special education case manager and IEP team.** Students may take support classes one or both semesters.
6. Our school encourages all students to be successful in their first attempt at a class. If a student fails a class in the fall semester, it is likely that the student will not be able to repeat the same class in the spring semester without the permission of the principal.
7. Performance music classes (band, orchestra, and chorus) will be scheduled with the A/B modified block configuration. These courses will alternate with PE/Health 9.
8. Students playing sports or participating in any Virginia High School League activity must have passed at least three new credit-bearing classes the previous semester be enrolled in three new credit-bearing classes and also maintain a 2.0 "C" average.
9. **Choose alternate elective courses carefully.** On the occasion when a chosen class cannot be offered an alternate course will be used to complete the schedule.
10. The next section contains important information regarding online courses offered through Chesapeake Virtual Academy (CVA).

Western Branch High School Course Selections 2023-2024

**** CVA = Chesapeake Virtual Academy Classes – online asynchronous classes**

English				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
10011, 10011CVA	English 9, CVA English 9	9	English 8	
10021, 10021CVA	Honors English 9, CVA Honors English 9	9	English 8 or Honors English 8	
16111	Dramatics I	9 – 12	English 9	
16711	Acting Techniques	9 – 12	English 9	
15611	Photo Journalism I	9 – 12	English 9	
17011 17011CVA	Public Speaking CVA Public Speaking	9 – 12	English 9	
15511CVA	CVA Creative Writing	9-12	English 9	
Mathematics				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
21011, 21011CVA	Algebra 1, CVA Algebra 1	9 – 12	Pre-Algebra	
21111, 21111CVA	Algebra 1A, CVA Algebra 1A	9 – 12	Pre-Algebra	
21211, 21211CVA	Algebra 1B, CVA Algebra 1B	9 – 12	Algebra 1A	
22011 22011CVA	Geometry CVA Geometry	9 – 12	Algebra 1	
22021, 22021CVA	Honors Geometry, CVA Honors Geometry	9 – 10	Algebra 1	
22111, 22111CVA	Geometry A, CVA Geometry A	9 – 12	Algebra 1 or 1B	
22211, 22211CVA	Geometry B, CVA Geometry B	9 – 12	Geometry A	
23011, 23011CVA	Alg/Funcion/Data CVA Alg/Function/Data	9 – 12	Geometry	
23111, 23111CVA	Algebra II, CVA Algebra II	9 – 12	Geometry/AFDA	
24011, 24011CVA	Trigonometry, CVA Trigonometry	9 – 12	Algebra II	
Science				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
30011CVA	CVA Earth Science	9		
30021, 30021CVA	Honors Earth Science CVA Honors Earth Science	9		
30311, 30311CVA	Environmental Science CVA Environmental Science	9		No SOL
31011CVA	Biology CVA Biology	9 – 12		
31021, 31021CVA	Honors Biology CVA Honors Biology	9 – 12		

Social Studies				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
40011, 40011CVA	World History I, CVA World History I	9		
40021, 40021CVA	Honors World History I, CVA Honors World History I	9	Hnrs Soc Studies 8 Recommended	
48041, 40020CVA	AP Human Geography, CVA AP Human Geography	9 – 12	Hnrs Soc Studies 8 Recommended	
48011CVA	CVA World Geography	9-12		
Health & PE				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
59011, 59011CVA	Health & PE I, CVA Health & PE I	9		
59010, 59010CVA	Health & PE I, CVA Health & PE I alt day	9		For Music Students
59511, 59511CVA	Personal Fitness I, CVA Personal Fitness I	9	Health & PE I	
Music				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
65010	Orchestra	9		
66010	Band	9		
64010	Chorus	9		
67011, 67011CVA	Beginning Guitar, CVA Beginning Guitar	9 – 12		
67012	Guitar II	9 - 12	Beginning Guitar	
67211, 67211CVA	Music Theory, CVA Music Theory	9 – 12		Experience in Performance Music Class is Recommended
World Language				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
50111, 50111CVA	French 1, CVA French 1	9 – 12		
50212, 50212CVA	French 2, CVA French 2	9 – 12	Level 1	
50323, 50323CVA	French 3, CVA French 3	9 – 12	Level 2	
52111, 52111CVA	Latin 1, CVA Latin 1	9 – 12		

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2212, 52212CVA	Latin 2, CVA Latin 2	9 – 12	Level 1	
53323 53323CVA	Latin 3, CVA Latin 3	9 - 12	Level 2	
53111, 53111CVA	Spanish 1, CVA Spanish 1	9 – 12		
53212, 53212CVA	Spanish 2, CVA Spanish 2	9 – 12	Level 1	
53323, 53323CVA	Spanish 3, CVA Spanish 3	9 – 12	Level 2	
51111, 51111CVA	German 1, CVA German 1	9 – 12		
51212, 51212CVA	German 2, CVA German 2	9 – 12	Level 1	
51323, 51323CVA	German 3, CVA German 3	9 – 12	Level 2	

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Art

Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
60011, 60011CVA	Art 1, CVA Art 1	9 – 12		
60012, 60012CVA	Art 2, CVA Art 2	9 – 12	Art 1	
60111, 60111CVA	Ceramics I, CVA Ceramics I	9 – 12		
60112, 60112CVA	Ceramics II, CVA Ceramics II	9 – 12	Ceramics I	
60611 60611CVA	Drawing CVA Drawing	9 - 12	Art 1	
60711	Painting	9-12	Art 1	

Aerospace Science

Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
70011	Aerospace Science 1 (JROTC)	9 – 12		

Business & Marketing

Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
70311, 70311CVA	Principles of Business and Marketing, CVA Principles of Business and Marketing	9 – 10		
75811, 75811CVA	Intro to Marketing, CVA Intro to Marketing	9-10		

71611, 71611CVA	Digital Appl & Keyboarding CVA Digital App & Keyboarding	9 – 12		
76211 76211CVA	Digital Marketing CVA Digital Marketing	9 - 12		
73911	Education for Employment I	9 - 11		
76411CVA	CVA Sports & Entertainment Marketing	9-12		
71411CVA	CVA Information Tech Fundamentals	9-10		

Family & Consumer Science

Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
75011 75011CVA	Intro to Interior Design CVA Intro to Int Design	9 – 12		
75111	Intro to Fashion Careers	9 – 12		
75211, 75211CVA	Nutrition and Wellness, CVA Nutrition and Wellness	9 – 12		
75411 75411CVA	Child Devlp & Parenting CVA Child Devlp & Parenting	9 – 12		
75311 75311CVA	Life Planning CVA Life Planning	9 – 12		

Technology

Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
77611, 77611CVA	Imaging Tech (Photography) CVA Imaging Technology	9 – 12		
77711	Technology of Robotic Design	9 – 12		
77911	Manufacturing Systems	9 – 12		
78011	Construction Technology	9 – 12		
77811	Materials/Proc Tech	9 – 12		
78111	Electronics Systems I	9 – 12		
78211, 78211CVA	Technical Drawing and Design, CVA Technical Drawing and Design	9 – 12		
78711 78711CVA	Communication Sys CVA Communication Sys	9 – 12		
78821	Digital Visualization	9 – 12		
77511CVA	CVA Video Media Tech	9-12		
78911CVA	CVA Graphic Communications	9-12		

Special Education				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
90001/ 90002	Academic Support (SLD)	9 - 12		Fall and Spring
90201/ 90202	Learning Environment Adapted and Differentiated (LEAD)	9 - 12		Fall and Spring
90301/ 90302	Resource Seminar (ID)	9 - 12		Fall and Spring
90401/ 90402	Developmental Workshop (ED)	9 - 12		Fall and Spring
59001	Adaptive PE/Health 9	9 - 12		Applied Studies Diploma Only
60001	Art I A	9 - 12		Applied Studies Diploma Only
16101	Drama 1 A	9 - 12		Applied Studies Diploma Only
78701	Communication Systems A	9 - 12		Applied Studies Diploma Only
75201	Nutrition and Wellness 1 A	9 - 12		Applied Studies Diploma Only
71101	Keyboarding A	9 - 12		Applied Studies Diploma Only
Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)				
Course Number	Course Title	Grade Levels	Prerequisites	Notes
69111	Dance (Fall)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69112	Dance (Spring)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69411	Music Vocal (Fall)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69412	Music Vocal (Spring)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69511	Music Instrument (Fall)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69512	Music Instrument (Spring)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69211	Visual Arts (Fall)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required

69212	Visual Arts (Spring)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69311	Theatre (Fall)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69312	Theatre (Spring)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69011	Musical Theatre (Fall)	9 - 12		Application/Audition Required
69012	Musical Theatre (Spring)	9- 12		Application/Audition Required