

# WESTERN BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL

**RISING 9TH GRADE**

SCHEDULING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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# WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS PRESENTATION

- DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
- DIPLOMA TYPES AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- HOW TO KNOW WHICH CLASSES TO PICK
- INFORMATION ON CHESAPEAKE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

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This presentation along with the WBHS Scheduling Booklet can be found on the WBHS website: <https://cpschools.com/wbh/>

# APPLYING TO GOV. SCHOOL, I.B. OR AN ACADEMY?

- FOR NOW, EVEN IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM (GOV. SCHOOL, IB, STEM, SCIENCE & MEDICINE) WE WILL ASSUME EVERYONE IS COMING TO WBHS NEXT YEAR.
- YOU WILL PICK YOUR CLASSES AS IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING WBHS.
- IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED INTO I.B. OR AN ACADEMY, WE WILL TRANSFER YOUR INFORMATION TO THE NEW SCHOOL AND THEY WILL THEN GET YOU SCHEDULED ACCORDINGLY. IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL, WE WILL ADJUST YOUR SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

# HIGH SCHOOL VS. MIDDLE SCHOOL

What's the difference???

- MORE PEOPLE
  - MORE FREEDOM BUT MORE RESPONSIBILITY
  - CLASSES ARE 90 MINUTES LONG AND YOU ONLY HAVE 4 CLASSES PER DAY
  - 4 X 4 SCHEDULE: 4 CLASSES IN THE FALL & 4 NEW CLASSES IN THE SPRING
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# TYPES OF DIPLOMAS

- STANDARD DIPLOMA (22 CREDITS)
  - ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA (26 CREDITS)
  - APPLIED STUDIES DIPLOMA (AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH AN IEP WHO DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER DIPLOMAS)
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Subject	Standard Diploma	Advanced Studies Diploma
English	4 Credits (2 SOLs)	4 Credits (2 SOLs)
Math	3 Credits (1 SOL)	4 Credits (1 SOL)
Science	3 Credits (1 SOL)	4 Credits (1 SOL)
History/Social Science	3 Credits (1 SOL)	4 Credits (1 SOL)
PE	2 Credits	2 Credits
Foreign Language	0 Credits	3 Credits (of one language) or 2 and 2 (of two different languages)
Econ/Personal Finance	1 Credit (taken in 11 <sup>th</sup> grade, includes the online component and WISE test)	1 Credit (taken in 11 <sup>th</sup> grade, includes the online component and WISE test)
Fine Art/ CTE/ F. Lang	2 Credits	1 Fine Art or CTE Credit
Sequential Elective	2 Credits	2 Credits
	Must complete one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pass an Honors or AP course</li> <li>- Pass an Industry Certification Test</li> <li>- Complete Work Based Learning Experience</li> </ul>	Must complete one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pass an Honors or AP course</li> <li>- Pass an Industry Certification Test</li> <li>- Complete Work Based Learning Experience</li> </ul>
Total Credits	22	26

# HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

## 4 X 4 BLOCK SCHEDULE

STUDENTS TAKE 4 CLASSES EACH SEMESTER

FOR A TOTAL OF 8 CLASSES FOR THE YEAR

CLASSES ARE 90 MINUTES LONG

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# TYPICAL 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE

(JUST AN EXAMPLE, SCHEDULES CAN VARY)

	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (Sept- Jan)</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER (Feb- June)</b>
BELL 1	English 9	World History I
BELL 2	PE 9	Elective or Foreign Language
BELL 3	Algebra 1 Part A	Algebra 1 Part B
BELL 4	Elective or Foreign Language	Science (Environmental Science or Biology)

# REQUIRED 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSES

- **ENGLISH 9** (REGULAR OR HONORS)
  - **1 OR 2 MATH CLASSES** (YOU CAN TAKE ONE SEMESTER OR BOTH)
  - **SCIENCE** (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR BIOLOGY)
  - **WORLD HISTORY I** (REGULAR OR HONORS) OR AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
  - **PE 9**
  - **2-3 ADDITIONAL CLASSES** (ELECTIVES, FOREIGN LANGUAGE, SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES, ETC.)
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# HONORS vs. REGULAR

HONORS COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- HAVE CONSISTENTLY RECEIVED GRADES OF “B” OR BETTER IN THAT SUBJECT IN THE PAST
  - HAVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR CURRENT TEACHER
  - HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THEIR PARENTS
  - HAVE A GOOD WORK ETHIC AND WANT TO BE CHALLENGED
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# AP CLASSES

## AP COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- HAVE CONSISTENTLY RECEIVED GRADES OF “B” OR BETTER IN **HONORS** COURSES IN THE PAST
  - ARE PREPARED FOR THE DEMANDS OF COLLEGE LEVEL COURSEWORK
  - HAVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR CURRENT TEACHER
  - HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THEIR PARENTS
  - HAVE A GOOD WORK ETHIC AND WANT TO BE CHALLENGED BEYOND THE HONORS LEVEL
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- AP COURSES ARE WEIGHTED .05 PER CREDIT
  - STUDENTS TAKE AP EXAM IN MAY FOR POTENTIAL COLLEGE CREDIT

# DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES

WBHS HAS THE FOLLOWING DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES:

- **COLLEGE COMPOSITION** (12th Grade)
  - TWO SEMESTERS: STUDENTS MUST TAKE BOTH COLLEGE COMP 1 AND COLLEGE COMP 2
  
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE** (12th Grade)
  - ONE SEMESTER
  
- **DE VA/US HISTORY** (11th Grade)
  - TWO SEMESTERS: STUDENTS MUST TAKE BOTH DE VA/US HISTORY 1 AND DE VA/US HISTORY 2

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## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DE CLASSES:

STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT & APPLY TO TCC

**PROJECTED COST is \$135 PER SEMESTER**

DE courses are weighted .05 per credit

# ENGLISH, SOCIAL STUDIES, & PE 9

- ENGLISH 9 (REGULAR OR HONORS)
  - WORLD HISTORY I (REGULAR OR HONORS) OR AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
  - PE 9 (EVERYONE TAKES)
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# ENGLISH

## **ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE 4 YEARS OF ENGLISH:**

- **ENGLISH 9** (REGULAR OR HONORS)
  - **ENGLISH 10** (REGULAR OR HONORS)
  - **ENGLISH 11** (REGULAR, HONORS, OR AP)
  - **ENGLISH 12** (REGULAR, HONORS, AP, OR DUAL ENROLLMENT I & II)
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# SOCIAL STUDIES

## **STANDARD DIPLOMA** REQUIRES 3 SOCIAL STUDIES CREDITS

- 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: **WORLD HISTORY 1** (REGULAR OR HONORS) OR AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: **VA/US HISTORY** (REGULAR, HONORS, DUAL ENROLLMENT, OR AP)
- 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: **VA/US GOVERNMENT** (REGULAR, HONORS, OR AP)

## **ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA** REQUIRES 4 SOCIAL STUDIES CREDITS

- 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: **WORLD HISTORY 1** (REGULAR OR HONORS) OR AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: **WORLD HISTORY II** (REGULAR OR HONORS) OR AP EUROPEAN HISTORY/ AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

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- 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: **VA/US HISTORY** (REGULAR, HONORS, DUAL ENROLLMENT, OR AP)
- 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: **VA/US GOVERNMENT** (REGULAR, HONORS, OR AP)



# CHOOSING A MATH

ALGEBRA 1 AND GEOMETRY ARE OFFERED TWO WAYS:

- **FAST-PACED** (ALL IN ONE SEMESTER) or **IN PARTS** (SPLIT INTO TWO SEMESTERS)  
WHEN TAKEN IN PARTS: PART A COUNTS AS AN ELECTIVE CREDIT  
PART B COUNTS AS THE MATH CREDIT
  - WE RECOMMEND PARTS TO THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS. FAST-PACED MATH CLASSES ARE DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHO CONSISTENTLY MAKE A'S AND B'S IN MATH.
  - STUDENTS WHO TAKE MATH IN PARTS SHOULD SIGN UP FOR **BOTH** PART A AND PART B
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MATH COURSES ARE TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Algebra 1, Geometry, (AFDA Optional), Algebra 2, Trig, etc.

# MATH CONTINUED...

## STANDARD DIPLOMA

- REQUIRES 3 MATH CREDITS
- MOST STUDENTS TAKE: **ALGEBRA 1** (FAST PACED OR PARTS), **GEOMETRY** (FAST PACED OR PARTS, AND **AFDA**).

## ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

- REQUIRES 4 MATH CREDITS (THROUGH AT LEAST ALGEBRA 2)
  - OPTIONS INCLUDE:
    - ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY, AFDA, ALGEBRA 2 or
    - ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY, ALGEBRA 2, TRIG
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# CHOOSING A 9th GRADE SCIENCE

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>BIOLOGY</b>
NO HONORS AVAILABLE	HONORS AVAILABLE
MOSTLY 9th GRADERS	9th and 10th GRADERS
NO SOL TEST	SOL TEST
COUNTS FOR STANDARD OR ADV STUDIES DIPLOMA	COUNTS FOR STANDARD OR ADV STUDIES DIPLOMA
TOPICS INCLUDE: Human population growth, natural resources, and ecosystems. GOAL: to increase students' knowledge of the environmental challenges of today, while continuing to enhance scientific method thinking skills.	TOPICS INCLUDE: The study of living systems, identification of life processes; relationships among organisms; and the study of the changes in organisms through time.

# SCIENCE

## STANDARD DIPLOMA

- REQUIRES 3 SCIENCE CREDITS (FROM AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT SCIENCE DISCIPLINES)

## ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

- REQUIRES 4 SCIENCE CREDITS (FROM AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT SCIENCE DISCIPLINES)

SCIENCE DISCIPLINES	CLASSES WITHIN THE DISCIPLINE		
EARTH SCIENCE	EARTH SCIENCE	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	
BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY	BIO II ECOLOGY	BIO II ANATOMY
CHEMISTRY	CHEMISTRY		
PHYSICS	PHYSICS		

# ELECTIVES FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- MUSIC
- ART
- DRAMA
- ROTC
- FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
- TECHNOLOGY
- BUSINESS & MARKETING

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A FULL LIST OF ELECTIVES CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHEDULING INFORMATION BOOKLET ON THE WBHS WEBSITE

# MUSIC CLASSES

- BAND, ORCHESTRA, AND CHORUS CLASSES MEET ON AN A/B SCHEDULE
  - THESE CLASSES ARE YEAR-LONG BUT MEET EVERY OTHER DAY AND WILL ALTERNATE WITH PE 9
  - STUDENTS SIGNING UP FOR A MUSIC CLASS SHOULD CHOOSE ALT DAY PE 9 (COURSE #59010)
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# ONLINE OPTIONS

## CHESAPEAKE VIRTUAL ACADEMY (CVA)

- CVA courses are online and asynchronous which means students are not required to log in at a specific time or place for live instruction. While students will have the ability to work at a pace that is personalized to their needs, students are expected to adhere to a weekly schedule with assignments due at various times during the week.
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- All high school students in grades 9-12 are eligible to take courses through Chesapeake Virtual Academy. Students may select CVA courses as a part-time or full-time virtual student.

# CHESAPEAKE VIRTUAL ACADEMY (CVA)

- Students interested in enrolling in CVA courses should complete the **CVA Course Request Form** found on the CPS website at:  
[https://cpschools.com/teaching-learning/cva\\_high\\_school/](https://cpschools.com/teaching-learning/cva_high_school/)
  - Space is limited and course availability is determined by enrollment so the earlier students submit their course requests the greater chance they have to secure a seat.
  - **The deadline to submit CVA course requests is March 1st.** Students who wish to enroll in a CVA course after the 2023-24 scheduling window may do so if seats are available. Contact your school counselor for more information.
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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO CONSIDER

## COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS

- UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL STUDIES (UCGS)
- SOCIAL SCIENCE TRANSFER DEGREE (MUST HAVE COMPLETED ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY, AND 1 CREDIT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL)
- MECHATRONICS CERTIFICATE

THESE PROGRAMS REQUIRE STUDENTS TO TAKE SPECIFIC COURSES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THESE PROGRAMS, SPEAK WITH YOUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COUNSELOR.

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THINKING AHEAD...

## CHESAPEAKE CAREER CENTER

- **FREE** PROGRAMS ARE FREE TO ALL CHESAPEAKE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
- **TRANSPORTATION** BUS TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED TO AND FROM
- **TWO BLOCKS** STUDENTS ATTEND FOR BELLS 1 & 2 OR BELLS 3 & 4
- **FULL YEAR** PROGRAMS TAKE 1 FULL YEAR OR 2 FULL YEARS TO COMPLETE
- **11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** MUST BE A JUNIOR OR SENIOR TO ATTEND

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Additional information can be found on the CPS website at: <https://cpschools.com/ccc/>

# CHESAPEAKE CAREER CENTER

## Course Offerings Include:

- Auto Body
  - Auto Technology
  - Cosmetology
  - Cybersecurity
  - Dental Assistant
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Electricity
  - Emergency Dispatch
  - EMT
  - Firefighting
  - HVAC
  - Mechatronics
  - Nail Tech
  - Nurse Aide
  - Pharmacy Tech
  - Welding
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# REMINDERS

- IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SCHEDULING PROCESS, CONTACT YOUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COUNSELOR
  - IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC HIGH SCHOOL QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR DESIGNATED HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR
  - BE SURE TO ALSO PUT DOWN ALTERNATE ELECTIVES IN CASE SOMETHING YOU PICKED DOESN'T FIT IN YOUR SCHEDULE.
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# THE SCHEDULING PROCESS

- THE SCHEDULING PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETELY PAPERLESS AGAIN THIS YEAR
  - STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THEIR COURSE REQUESTS INTO STUDENTVUE **FEBRUARY 9th-24th**
  - COUNSELORS WILL THEN REVIEW STUDENTS' REQUESTS.
  - COURSE REQUESTS WILL BE LOADED TO PARENTVUE FOR PARENT APPROVAL MARCH 3rd
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- PARENTS CAN REQUEST COURSE REQUEST CHANGES VIA THE GOOGLE FORM MARCH 3rd-7th. **THE GOOGLE FORM WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 7th.**

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## SCHEDULING INFORMATION NIGHT

and Course Fair

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 18, 2023

5:00-6:00 Course Fair

6:00-7:00 Scheduling Presentation

- Rising 9th Grade Presentation  
in the Auditorium
- Rising 10th-12th Presentation  
in the Cafeteria



# THANK YOU!!!

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR BRUIN FAMILY  
HERE AT WBHS!

