

# *White Plains High School Program Planning Calendar*

**January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>: Counselors go to all Social Studies classes to discuss program planning.**

**February 11<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>: Students meet with counselors to select courses for 2019-2020**

- Core course requests (English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Languages) are based upon the recommendations of the academic coordinators. Please see information regarding Honors and AP courses below.
- Students choose electives, which can be supplemental courses in the above departments and/or courses in business, the arts, music, technology or physical education.
  - Students must provide **at least** three elective choices in case we cannot schedule their first or second choice.
  - In addition to other elective choices, all juniors and seniors must provide three choices for P.E.
  - Students should make their selections carefully. Once they have put in a request for a course, if we are able to schedule it, they are obligated to take it.
- Parents/Guardians should receive a copy of their child's program planning sheet including all core and elective course requests. Please sign and return that form to your child's counselor by March 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - If you disagree with a course that has been selected or have any questions, please call your child's counselor.
  - If you wish to meet with your child's counselor during program planning, please schedule an appointment.

***\*If your child has not brought home his or her program planning sheet for your signature by March 27<sup>th</sup>, please call your child's counselor.***

## **Honors/Advanced Placement**

**All students not currently enrolled in Honors or AP courses will be automatically be evaluated for placement for the following year based upon their performance in class through the end of the second quarter. An application is not necessary.**

- Students who have a 90 average or higher (80 or higher for LOTE courses) in their Regents-level course at the end of the first semester will be recommended for the corresponding Honors/AP course for the following school year during program planning (late February through March)\*.
- Students/parents may choose to opt out of an Honors or AP class for which they have been recommended. This should be communicated to the guidance counselor during program planning.
- All Honors/AP recommendations are contingent upon a student maintaining or improving upon his/her current performance level through the end of the school year.

*\* Science requirements may differ somewhat because they may include math prerequisites in addition to the student's level of achievement in prior, related science courses.*

**All students will be re-evaluated following the third quarter. At that time:**

- Students recommended for Honors/AP during program planning whose performance has dropped significantly may have their course request changed from an Honors/AP to a Regents level course.
- Students not initially recommended for Honors/AP during program planning whose performance in class has improved so that their course average had reached 90 or above will be contacted with a recommendation that the student change their course request Regents-level to Honors/AP.

**Honors Appeals**

- Students whose performance does not meet or exceed the criteria stated above may appeal to the appropriate coordinator to be admitted to an Honors or AP course. Any appeal must demonstrate extraordinary extenuating circumstances that had a direct impact on the student's performance. Appeals forms are available in guidance offices and online. Appeals must be received by April 10<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered.

**Students currently in Honors or AP courses**

All students currently in Honors or AP courses may plan their academic program for the following year continuing in their honors/AP-level courses. However, those students must earn a final average of 80 or above in their current honors/AP-level course in order to remain in those courses the following year.

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