

Program Planning: A Guide for Parents/Guardians

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Student Program Planning Meeting

All students will have an individual program planning meeting with their school counselor (meetings will take place mid-February through late March)

At this meeting, the counselor and student will discuss:

- Their current progress regarding earning credits required for graduation
- Their current progress regarding Regents exams required for graduation
- Post-secondary interests (college, major, career, vocational, work)
- Their academic program/course request for next year
- Their elective requests for next year – and alternates in case you don't get your first choices

How Should they Prepare for their Program Planning Meeting?

- Counselors will be giving program planning presentations to ALL English classes over the next two weeks
- Before the individual program planning meeting, student/parent/guardian should:
 - Review the complete course booklet online
 - Select courses that:
 - Challenge you
 - Reflect your interests and support your potential college major
 - Make you competitive for college admission

2020-2021 White Plains High School Course Guide

- <https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/cms/lib/NY01000029/Centricity/Domain/178/Course%20Catalog%202020%20to%202021%20.pdf>

White Plains High School Graduation Requirements/NYS Requirements

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- <https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/20315>

NYS Regents Diploma Requirements: 22 Credits

Required Credits:

4 Credits in English

4 Credits in Social Studies

3 Credits in Math

3 Credits in Science

1 Credit in World Lang.

1 Credit in Fine Arts

2 Credits in P.E.

½ Credit in Health

3½ Elective Credits

5 Required Regents Exams:

English

Social Studies

Math

Science

+1

NYS Advanced Regents Diploma Requirements: 22 Credits

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- 4 Credits in English
- 4 Credits in Social Studies
- 3 Credits in Math
- 3 Credits in Science
- 3 Credit in World Language
- 1 Credit in Fine Arts
- 2 Credits in P.E.
- ½ Credit in Health
- 1½ Elective Credits

9 Required Regents Exams:

- English
- Global History & US History
- 3 Math
- 2 Science
- World Language Checkpoint B Exam

Students Should be Thinking About:

- What they want to do after high school (college or post-secondary plans)
- What they might want to major in when they go to college
- What career they might want to pursue
- What they do now can help them get where they want to go

Student Program Planning Worksheet: Must be completed for the meeting

- https://liveshpcsdk12ny-my.sharepoint.com/personal/erinharrison_wpcsd_k12_ny_us/Documents/2020%20Current%20Freshmen%20Program%20Planning%20Form%5b32086%5d.docx

AP Classes

AP = The Advanced Placement Program, commonly known as Advanced Placement, or AP, is a United States and Canada-based program that offers high school students the opportunity to receive university credit for their work during high school, as well as a standard measure of achievement in a course. A student must pass the exam to earn the college credit. AP classes are taught by White Plains High School Teachers.

Dual Enrollment Classes

Dual Enrollment = Dual Enrollment is a program that allows high school students to take college courses and earn college credit prior to high school graduation. In most cases, college credits earned through Dual Enrollment can be transferred to other colleges or universities. The Dual Enrollment courses are taught by WPHS teachers. Students must pay tuition costs for Dual Enrollment courses.

The cost is significantly cheaper compared to the cost of taking a course directly at the college or university.

Why take AP/Dual Enrollment Classes?

- Dual Enrollment and AP classes can save time and money
- students like the rigor reflected on a transcript with AP/Dual Enrollment classes
- Students like accelerated learning and more rigorous classes
- AP Classes and most Dual Enrollment classes are weighted (1.3 multiplier to final class average)

Honors/Advanced Placement/ECE Courses

- WPHS provides access to honors, ECE and Advanced Placement (AP) courses to all students.
- Students currently in an AP or honors course may plan their academic program for the appropriate subsequent AP or honors course.
- Since honors, AP courses and ECE are rigorous, with increased expectations regarding the level of student work, conversations should take place between the student, parent, and school counselor to determine if placement in one or more of these courses is in the best interest of the student. Students will, however, still be required to have taken prerequisite courses where applicable.
- Please note that our dual enrollment courses taken for college credit from Westchester Community College, SUNY Albany, Syracuse University, Marist College and Rochester Institute of Technology have specific prerequisites which can be found in the course description.

Honors/Advanced Placement/ECE Courses CNTD.

- Know that the challenge is worth the effort! Ask your counselor to share with you all the ways the experience will be valuable to you.
- If you are recommended for multiple Honors/AP classes and you are concerned that the workload might be overwhelming, discuss this with your counselor, parent and subject area coordinator!
- If you are not recommended for an AP/Honors class and you think that would be the appropriate placement for you **speak to your counselor!**

Weighted Grade Scale

A+ 97-100% (4.5) X 1.3 =(5.85)

A 93-96% (4.0) X 1.3 =(5.20)

A- 90-92% (3.8) X 1.3 =(4.94)

B+ 87-89% (3.5) X 1.3 =(4.55)

B 83-86% (3.0) X 1.3 =(3.90)

B- 80-82% (2.8) X 1.3 =(3.64)

C+ 77-79% (2.5) X 1.3 =(3.25)

C- 70-72% (2.0) X 1.3 =(2.60)

WPHS AP and Dual Enrollment Courses

- On the next slide is a list of the 20 AP Courses and the 10 Dual Enrollment courses offered to WPHS Students
- The Dual Enrollment courses are through SUNY Albany, Marist College, Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY WCC and Syracuse University

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics C, SUPA Forensics Science

Science: Science Research (SUNY Albany)

Math: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

Math: College Algebra w/Trig, Pre-Calculus, Calculus (SUNY WCC),
Multivariable Calculus (Marist College)

History: World History, U.S History, *U.S. Government & Politics, *Comparative Government & Politics, Psychology
(* offered in alternate years)

History: Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy, U.S. History 1, U.S. History 2 (Syracuse University), African American Studies (SUNY WCC)

English: English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition

English: English 4 (SUNY WCC), English Writing & Textual Studies, Presentational Speaking (Syracuse University)

World Language: French Language & Culture, Italian Language & Culture, Spanish Language & Culture, Spanish Literature, Chinese Language & Culture

Art: Studio in Art

Students: Go to your counselor's link to
schedule your appointment



You cannot miss class to meet with your
counselor!

<https://calendly.com/erinharrison> (Ms. Harrison)

<https://calendly.com/ecafaro> (Mr. Cafaro)

<https://calendly.com/mariacsikortos/20min-program-planning> (Ms. Csikortos)

<https://calendly.com/genlittle/program-planning> (Ms. Little)

<https://calendly.com/michellebason> (Ms. Bason)

<https://calendly.com/emilyfalber> (Ms. Falber)

<https://calendly.com/ldiazwphs/program-planning-2020> (Ms. Diaz)

<https://calendly.com/karenday> (Ms. Day)

<https://calendly.com/hirschj/programplanning> (Mr. Hirsch)

<https://calendly.com/monteagudoschedulingappointments> (Mr. Monteagudo)

<https://calendly.com/silvanalazala/programplanning> (Ms. Lazala)

Be Thoughtful as you make your
course selections.

And remember, we are here to help.