

# Rising 10th-12th Curriculum Night



## Academic Advising/Course Selection 24-25

# Tonight's Agenda

- Advanced Academics (Dr. Weech)
- Understand graduation requirements
- 2024-25 course registration process
- Learn about the various Advanced Academic opportunities at WPHS
- Factors and inputs to consider to select required and elective courses next year.



# Student Services Staff



**WEST POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL**



# **Advanced Academics**

## **January 9, 2024**

# What is the Advanced Academics Program?

- ★ Provides challenging and creative learning experiences to uncover and develop learners
- ★ Academic exploration and knowledge beyond the standard course of study
- ★ Requires time and effort outside of class
- ★ Open access to all students

College preparatory (Honors), college-level (AP) courses,  
Dual Enrollment(DE)



# Honors Courses

- ★ Use to prepare students for AP Courses or where a comparable AP course does not exist.
- ★ Provides foundation for AP success
- ★ Have a +0.5 weighted grade overall.





# Advanced Placement (AP)

- ★ College-level courses offered in high school. Reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- ★ AP Exams- standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work, taken in May.
- ★ Students are allowed to take up to 6 AP exams at no cost.
- ★ Have a +1.0 weighted grade overall (upon successful completion of the course and AP exam.)



# What are the benefits of Advanced Classes?

- ★ Rigor of high school curriculum is linked to success in college
- ★ Expand a student's ability to *read, write, and think critically*; analyze and solve problems; and build 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- ★ Advanced Academics courses can bolster a HS transcript and improve college acceptance.
- ★ Many colleges grant credit for courses in which students earn a qualifying score on AP examinations.





# Expectations for Success in Honors and AP Classes?

- ★ Demands greater effort
- ★ Fast-paced and more comprehensive in scope and depth
- ★ More time outside of class required.
- ★ Strong expectation for students to:
  - think critically
  - analyze and synthesize facts and data
  - Read and write extensively
  - Work independently and/or collaboratively



# When Considering Advanced Academics:

- ★ Advanced Academics is for the PREPARED
- ★ Rigor  $\neq$  More work...BALANCE is key
- ★ Time Management and organizational skills
- ★ Play to strengths and interest areas when selecting courses



# What West Potomac Offers Students To Help Them Succeed?

- ★ **Strong Professional Learning Staff and Team Culture:** Working collaboratively, teachers can structure common activities, interventions, and instruction based on analysis of assessments.
- ★ **Diverse Instructional Approaches:** Project-based learning (PBL), Blended learning, Hands-on and other strategies that encourages student collaboration
- ★ **Silver Day Rotation:** Remediation/intervention period on every Silver day during which student can visit teachers.



# What West Potomac Offers Students To Help Them Succeed?

- ★ **Mastery Learning Policies:** Opportunities to relearn and show mastery of material already covered.
- ★ **WICOR Strategies:** WICOR strategies stem from AVID philosophy and are becoming a mainstay of West Potomac instructional culture
- ★ **Peer Tutoring:** NHS student tutoring program provide after school tutoring support



# Graduation Requirements

# Differences between Diploma Types

- Number of credits
  - Core classes
- World Language sequence
  - 3 credits or 2+2
- Which one? Impact on FCPS transcript vs. college application process
- All students start out on the Advanced Diploma track. We do not change diploma types without consulting with the student/family.

## Graduation Requirements

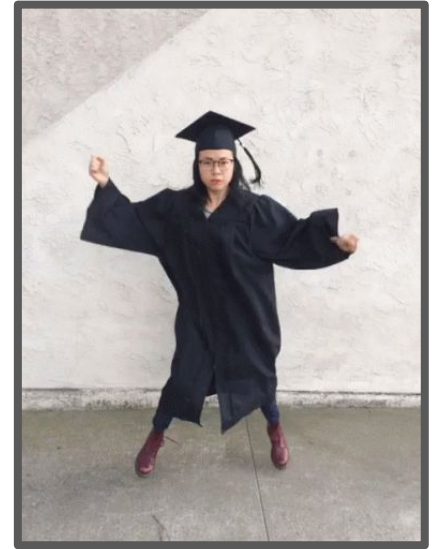
Advanced Diploma		Standard Diploma	
Content Area	Credits	Content Area	Credits
English	4	English	4
History	4	History	3
Math	4	Math	3
Science	4	Science	3
Health and PE	2	Health and PE	2
World Language	3 or 2+2	Fine Arts OR CTE OR World Language	2
Fine Arts OR CTE	1	Electives (including sequential)	4
Electives (including sequential)	3	Economics and Personal Finance	1
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>



## Graduation Requirements (cont.)

ALL diplomas also require:

- 5 verified credits (SOLs)
- AP/IB/HN course OR CTE credential
- First Aid/CPR/AED
  - Typically through HPE 9
- Virtual course
  - Economics and Personal Finance satisfies this requirement
- What about service learning?
  - It is NOT a separate graduation requirement
  - Students CAN pursue special recognition (cord, civics seal, etc.)



# Verified Credits = SOL Credits

SOL requirements for both Standard and Advanced Diplomas

English	2
Math	1
Science	1
History	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>



# Academic Advising 24-25

## What to consider...

- **Graduation Requirements**

- Standard vs. Advanced

- **Interests**

- Which courses are you excited/passionate about?

- **Input**

- Talk to your current teachers - what do they suggest?
- Ask your school counselor - students will meet with their HS counselor to discuss their class selections

- **Balance**

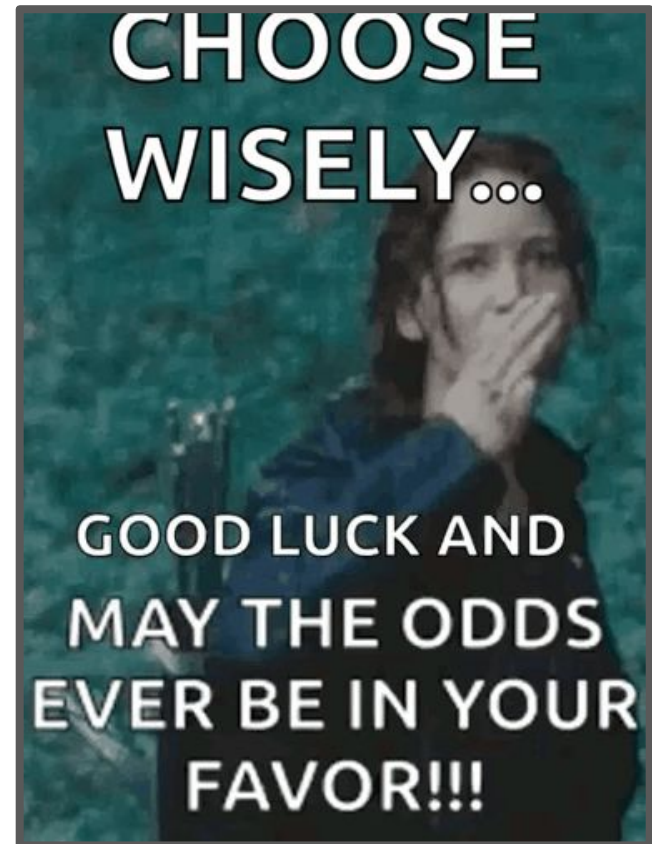
- Consider schoolwork, activities, work and/or other commitments

# Academic Advising

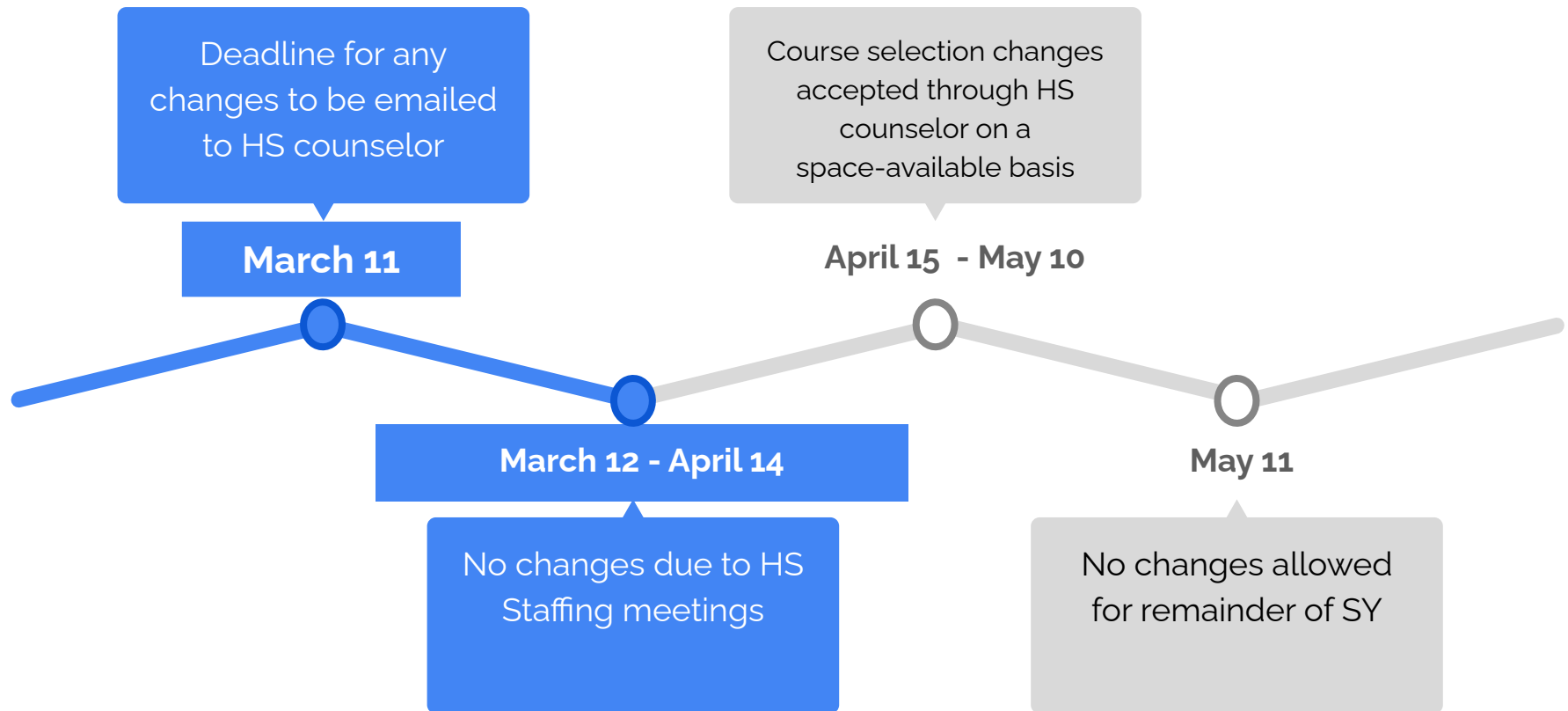
- **What is it?**
  - Process to select your 7 classes for 2024-25
- **Why is it important?**
  - Determines staffing at WPHS to ensure you get the classes you select
- **In September there are no guaranteed class changes! So take time to make these important decisions**

## Academic Advising

- **Individual Meetings with School Counselors**
  - Rising 12th (via English 11) - Jan 29-Feb 9
  - Rising 11th (via PE 10) - Feb 12-23
  - Rising 10th (via PE 9) - Feb 20 - March 1
- **Academy Priority Registration Deadline - 3/6/24**



# Academic Advising





# Online Course Selection

- Course selection in StudentVue for 2024-25 is now live and can be accessed under “Course Request.”
- Directions posted on WPHS Academic Advising website
- Course selection cannot be done through the app – it must be via a computer web browser.
- After student meeting with counselor course selections will be “locked.” Any changes would need to go through HS alpha counselor.
- Parents/Guardians can see course selections in ParentVue.

## Academy Courses

- **Academy options to consider primary in your junior and senior year:**
  - West Potomac Academy
    - Health/Medical Science classes, Criminal Justice, TV Production, Music Production, Dance, and more! (New next year: Welding!)
  - Edison Academy
    - Automotive, Cyber classes, Culinary, Cosmetology, HVAC, Electrical, Construction, Vet Science, and more!

**Priority deadline is March 6th!**

## Dual Enrollment (DE)

- Dual Enrollment allows students to earn high school and college credits at the same time. Students earn college credit through NOVA.
- Students must meet GPA requirements to qualify, as well as complete the Dual Enrollment registration process through NOVA by the deadline.
- AP vs. DE

For more information on DE, Mr. Gaffney will be hosting a breakout session **TONIGHT in room 322!** Or, you can visit the WPHS Academic Advising website (Dual Enrollment tab-coming soon).

## Additional Course Options

- **FCPS Online Campus (summer and school year)**
  - Open to all grades - you may take up to two FCPS online courses during the school year.
  - Any school year courses beyond 7 credits will cost tuition; all summer courses cost tuition
    - Cost: \$375, Reduced: \$187.50, Free: \$37.50
- **Self-Directed Online Econ & Personal Finance (6120SD)**
  - 8th course, fee required, summer options available, counselor approval required
    - Cost: \$130, Reduced: \$65, Free: \$13
    - Pass/Fail only

# Academic Advising Website



## Save the Dates!

<b>Electives Fair (for students)</b>	Friday, January 12th (during school day)
<b>Academic Advising Student Lesson</b>	Wednesday, January 17th (during Advisory classes)
<b>Edison Academy Open House</b>	Saturday, February 3rd 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (at Edison HS)
<b>WP Academy Open House</b>	Wednesday, February 28th 6-8 p.m.



# Thank you and Go Wolverines!!





# Breakout Session Schedule

Topic	Department	Teacher Presenting	Room
English - 9th Grade Diploma Requirement Options	English	Symone Jenkins	416
English - 10th-12th Diploma Requirement Options	English	Colin O'Grady	434
Social Studies - 9th Grade Diploma Requirement Options	Social Studies	Mike Landis	437
Social Studies - 10th-12th Diploma Requirement Options	Social Studies	Heather O'Grady	433
HN Econ/Personal Finance & AP Econ	Social Studies	James Dahlgren	404
Math - 9th Grade Diploma Requirement Options	Math	Ivan Johnson	604
Math - 10th-12th Diploma Requirement Options	Math	Lou Ann Aepelbacher	317
Science - 9th Grade Diploma Requirement Options	Science	Moiria Mazzi	608
Science - 10th-12th Diploma Requirement Options	Science	Garrett Hubbard	610
AP World Languages - Spanish, Latin, French, German	World Language	Yamalie Rodriguez Figueroa	454
AVID	AVID	Dana Hubbard	324
Northern Virginia Community College Dual Enrollment Information	NOVA	Tom Gaffney, NOVA Dual Enrollment Coordinator	322

# Plan for Tonight

- **Break Out Sessions - three sessions**

- Learn more about specific content area
- **300 rooms**
  - Through new connector, past cafeteria
- **400 rooms**
  - Through new connector and up atrium staircase
- **600 rooms**
  - Past 300 rooms lower level new addition

- **Electives Open House - Cafeteria**