

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

2020-2021



Student Registration Guide

BILLINGS WEST HIGH SCHOOL
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STUDENT REGISTRATION GUIDE

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Welcome to West High! Each year it is important for you to reflect on your academic accomplishments and plan for the coming year. Plan seriously. Choosing courses is one way of saying who you are and where you are going. It is the general practice of Billings High Schools to allow students who meet enrollment standards to enroll in the courses and programs of their choice.

You will register for courses once a year. Prior to registration you will be informed of the curriculum offerings for the coming year. At that time you will be advised and assisted by your counselors and teachers in completing your course selections for the coming year. Time for selection and possible revision of course selections will be provided but all course decisions will be final as of an announced date—usually around May 1. It is from your course selections that the final determination for the number of sections per subject and district requirements for the hiring of teachers is made.

WEST HIGH ADMINISTRATION

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DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS GUIDE

Credit:

In the high school years, grades nine through twelve, a unit of credit (one credit) is awarded for the successful completion of the work in any class meeting one full period per school day for an entire school year. A course meeting one full period per school day for one semester is worth .5 (one-half) credit.

A Required Course:

A required course is one which must be successfully completed before graduation.

Extra-Curricular Activity:

Any student activity offered outside the regular school curriculum but sponsored and supervised by the high school is an extra-curricular activity. No credit is granted for extra-curricular activities.

Pupil Load:

All students will be enrolled in six periods of approved scheduling. In addition, each student must be enrolled in a minimum of five credit-bearing classes.

Prerequisite:

A prerequisite is a requirement that must be fulfilled before a particular course may be taken—usually the completion of a more basic course. Some courses have prerequisites; others do not.

Enriched (Honors):

An enriched course is one that follows the Billings Public Schools curriculum at an accelerated or enriched pace. It is recommended that students meet established criteria prior to enrollment (standardized test scores, middle school grades, writing assessment, etc.), but it is not required. Testing generally recommends scores above the 90th percentile.

Value Added (Weighted Grades)

Our district transitioned to a weighted grading system at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. All honors and Advanced Placement classes for which a student earns an A, B, or C will receive an extra value point in their GPA (A=5, B=4, C=3). This system was implemented to reflect the increased rigor of our honors and AP curriculum.

Valedictorian Criteria

Starting with the class of 2019, the valedictorian is the students(s) with the highest weighted grade point average after 8 semesters. All honors and AP classes will receive a “value added” point for calculating GPA as described above.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from a Billings public high school, a student:

1. Shall have earned in four years of high school, the following required fourteen (14) credits plus an additional seven (7) elective credits:
 - 4 credits in English
 - 2 credits in Mathematics
 - 1 credit in World History
 - 1 credit in U.S. History
 - ½ credit in American Government and
 - ½ credit in a Senior Social Studies course
 - 2 credits in Science (1 Biological and 1 Physical)
 - 1 credit in Physical Education and Health
 - 1 credit in Visual or Performing Arts
 - 1 credit in Career and Technical Education (formerly Practical Arts)
2. Shall have earned a minimum of (21) credits in grades nine through twelve.
3. Shall have been in attendance in grades 9-12 in an accredited junior and/or senior high school for no fewer than 8 semesters.

NOTES:

- a. A student complying with the above meets the graduation requirements of the Montana State Board of Education.
- b. A senior transfer student who does not desire a Billings public high school diploma should, at the time of enrollment, make arrangements with the principal for the eventual transfer of credits earned in Billings to the school from which the student does desire to graduate.
- c. Not more than one semester of attendance or two (2) credits earned through approved correspondence or extension courses from accredited institutions may be applied toward graduation from a Billings public high school. (This exception to rule (3) must have the **PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL.**)
- d. The following courses will meet the definition of “Visual or Performing Arts”

Art 1	Digital Photo
Art 2	Digital Illustration
Ceramics 1,2	Exploring Visual Media
Painting 1,2	Meistersingers
Draw/Design	Chamber Choir
Graphics 1,2	Chantrelles
Design Advertisement	Cantus
Jewelry 1,2	Concert Choir
Advanced Art	Chamber Band
AP Art & Design	Symphonic Band
Sculpture	Concert Band
Theatre 1,2	Philharmonic Orchestra
Acting 1,2	Chamber Orchestra
Technical Theatre 1,2	Music Theory/Music Improv
Musical Theatre	Percussion Ensemble
Animation Lab 1 & 2	

- e. The following courses will meet the definition of Career and Technical Education (formerly Practical Arts):

Business

Computer Apps
Accounting 1,2
Personal Finance
Business Law
College Adv Comp Apps
College Accounting
Managerial Science
Marketing
College Intro to Business

Computer

Computer Programming 1,2,3,4
Tech Lab

Industrial Arts

Building Tech 1,2
Construction Trades 1
Drafting 1,2
Architect Drafting
Engineer Drafting
Engineer Drafting

Family & Consumer Sciences

Foods & Nutrition
Textiles & Design 1 & 2
Child Development
Housing & Design
Culinary Arts 1, 2, & 3
Individual & Family Wellness
Intro to Teaching
Adulting

Career Center

Construction 1 & 2
Mechanics 1 & 2
JMG
Interior Design
Digital Photo (also visual art)
Digital Illustration (also visual art)
Horticulture
Geometry in Construction
Engineering Design (5 classes)
Electronics
Café Protégé
Manufacturing 1 & 2
Home Improvement
Urban Ag/Botany
Medical Careers (.5 credit)
Biomedical Science (3 classes)
Animation Lab (also visual art)
Web Page
CNC Machining
Early Childhood Education
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
Graphics & Design (also visual art)
Bio-Med
Agricultural Science
College Medical Terminology
Intro to the Operating Room
CNA
College Basic Human Biology
Exploring Visual Media (also visual art)

- f. A student who drops a course after the seventh week of any semester will receive a failing grade in that course on their transcript.

CLASS ASSIGNMENT:

A student's class assignment (grade level) is based on the number of years a student has been in high school. To make appropriate progress toward graduation, the following guidelines are provided:

Freshman	fewer than 5 credits
Sophomore	5 or more credits
Junior	10 or more credits
Senior	14 or more credits

RECOMMENDED COLLEGE PREP-COURSE OF STUDY PLAN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

9th Grade

10th Grade

1. Honors English 1 or English 1

Honors English 2 or English 2

2. Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, or
Honors Geometry, or Honors Algebra 2

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2,
Honors Algebra 2, or Honors

Pre-Calculus

3. Earth Science or Honors Earth Science
(Biology or Honors Biology for the
Health Sciences Pathway)

Biology 1 or Honors Biology (may add Chemistry or
Honors Chemistry)

4. Health Enhancement I (Full Year)

World History (Full Year) or AP World History

5. Visual and Performing Arts, or
Career and Technical Ed, or Elective

World Language or other Elective

6. World Language or other Elective

*Health Enhancement I (If not completed in 9th
grade; must be completed by the end of 10th grade)

11th Grade

12th Grade

1. AP English Lang or English 3

AP English Lit or College Writing/Eng. 4

2. Algebra 2, or Pre-Calculus or Honors Pre-Calculus

Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus or AP Stats

3. Chemistry or Honors Chemistry or
AP Physics 1 or Physics 1, Human Anatomy,
Environmental Science, Geology, AP Biology

AP Physics or Physics 1 or AP Physics 2
or Biology 2, Human Anatomy, Environmental
Science, Geology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry

4. U.S. History or AP U.S. History or College
American History

Government and Senior Social Studies (AP Govt)
College American Govt

5. World Language or other Elective

World Language or other Elective (AP Spanish or

German)

6. Elective

Elective

AP

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CLASSES

We are working on expanding our concurrent enrollment classes, which are taught at West and/or the Career Center, for which students can earn both high school and college credit. College fees may apply. Current offerings include:

College Algebra

College Intro to Business

College American Government

College Med Terminology

College Trigonometry

College American History

College Accounting

College Biology

College Intro to Public Speaking

College Writing/Eng. 4

College Adv Comp Apps

College Math for Health Care

College Education Courses

College Psychology

College Technical Math

College Automotive

College Welding

College EMT

College Interior Design

College Web Design

College Communication

RECOMMENDED VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL COURSE OF STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

9th Grade

1. English 1
2. Pre-Algebra or Algebra or Geometry
3. Health Enhancement I (Full Year)
4. Earth Science or Honors Earth Science
5. Visual or Performing Arts, or Career and Technical Ed, or Elective
6. Elective

10th Grade

- English 2
- Algebra or Geometry or Algebra 2
- World History
- Biology or Honors Biology
- Visual or Performing Arts, or Career and Technical Ed, or Elective
- *Health Enhancement I (If not completed in 9th grade; must be completed by the end of 10th grade)

11th Grade

1. English 3
2. American History
3. Elective
4. Elective
5. Elective
6. Elective

12th Grade

- English Electives
- Government & Senior Social Studies
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

ELECTIVES:

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| Industrial Education | Business Education | Theatre |
| Family & Consumer Sciences | Music | Reading Foundations |
| Social Sciences | Career Center | Technology Education |
| Health & Fitness | Art | Computer Programming |
- Foreign Language—(Spanish, French, German)

Required Courses for Freshman Year

- English (1 Credit) Science (1 Credit) Math (1 credit)
- Health Enhancement 1 (1 credit, must complete by end of 10th grade) Electives (2 Credits)

