

Attention Class of 2023, Students and Parents

Senior Chats will begin the week of September 26th. Chats will occur with Seniors and Guidance Counselors during the student's English class. Students who do not have an English course on campus will need to contact Mrs. Paterson, Senior Guidance Counselor, to schedule a meeting with her individually.

Senior Chats are held each year to ensure the following topics are discussed, however the list below is not all inclusive.

- Graduation requirements will be met by May 2023 (credits, GPA, state testing)
- Online course requirement met in Economics course
- Important Senior Dates to remember
- Merit/Scholar Designation criteria (not a graduation requirement)
- FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) - opens online October 1st
- Bright Futures Requirements (community services hours, ACT/SAT scores and GPA requirements)
- Post-Secondary Planning (colleges, universities, vocational, military, employment)
- Senior Parent Night – October 18th 6:00-8:00PM at WHS Media Center
- Scholarship opportunities and when to start inquiring and applying

Flyers for most of the above-mentioned will be sent home with students during Senior chats.

24 Credit Standard Diploma
4 Credits ELA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELA 1, 2, 3, 4• ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement
4 Credits Mathematics* <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)• An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one mathematics credit (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)
3 Credits Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of which must be Biology 1, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses• Two of the three required course credits must have a laboratory component• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)• An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)
3 Credits Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 credit in World History• 1 credit in U.S. History• 0.5 credit in U.S. Government• 0.5 credit in Economics
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts*
1 Credit Physical Education* <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To include the integration of health
8 Elective Credits
1 Online Course
Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments unless a waiver of assessment results is granted by the IEP team for students with disabilities.

Scholar Diploma Designation
In addition to the requirements of section (s.) 1003.4282 , Florida Statutes (F.S.), a student must satisfy the following requirements (per. s. 1003.4285 , F.S.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous course• Pass the Geometry EOC• Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course• Pass the Biology 1 EOC*• Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics• Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics• Pass the U.S. History EOC*• Earn 2 credits in the same World Language• Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course <p>*A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course; takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and earns the minimum score to earn college credit.</p>

Merit Diploma Designation
Where is information on financial aid located? <p>The Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships.</p> <p>Office of Student Financial Assistance</p>

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