



NORTHWEST ISD

Annual Review for High School Academic Planning Guide, 2026-2027

October 7, 2025

Secondary Course Guide Review

Secondary Academic Planning Guide Review includes an annual review of courses including:

- State or Local changes to course requirements
- Review Endorsements, Programs of Study, graduation requirements, etc.
- Course descriptions, prerequisites and grade levels
- Summer enrichment assignments
- Professional certification opportunities
- List of fees/special supplies for the course



Academic Planning Guide

Northwest ISD offers a variety of coursework at different levels of academic intensity and rigor. Many of the courses listed in the Academic Planning Guide are offered as:

- On-Level
- Honors
- Gifted & Talented
- Dual Credit
- Practicums
- Online Delivery
- Inclusion/Applied
- Advanced Placement
- Sheltered ESL
- On-Ramps Dual Enrollment
- Internships
- Blended Delivery



Academic Planning Guide Timeline

2025-2026	Task
September 12	Deadline for proposed changes to the APG Principals, Associate Principals, Content Coordinators
September 12-15	Meet with Content Coordinators and Executive Directors
September 22	NISD Board Report on Timeline of APG
September 23	Secondary Principals - Review, Revise and Propose Changes to Final APG
October 7	Board Report - Final APG Presentation - Action
October 13-24	Academy Tour Nights
November 11	High School Showcase
November 4	2026-2027 courses imported from Career Planner into Course Requests
February 27	High School Course Selections Complete



APG Changes - CTE

Remove or Add	Course	Rationale
Add	PLTW Engineering Design & Process	TEA change to replace Innovative course PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design; no curriculum or programmatic changes.
Add	PLTW Aerospace Design I	TEA change to replace the Innovative course PLTW Aerospace Engineering I; no curriculum or programmatic changes.
Add	PLTW Civil Engineering I	TEA change to replace the Innovative course PLTW Civil Engineering & Architecture; no curriculum or programmatic changes.
Add	PLTW Design & Problem Solving	TEA change to replace the Innovative course PLTW Eng. Design & Development; no curriculum or programmatic changes.
Add	Digital Design & Media Production	New 1 credit course offered to Seniors in the Digital Communications program. This will increase CCMR completion for all students that do not have availability for a 2 credit practicum course.
Add	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems	Innovative course for UAV Drone Pilots 4th year
Remove	Printing & Imaging Tech II/Lab	We combined this program with Commercial Photography last year and removed Print & Image I for 25-26; this is the phase out plan for removing one course per year to allow the current cohort of students to complete their program of study.
Remove	Accounting & Financial Services Program page	We no longer offer Accounting at any high school. Accounting topics are covered in business classes for Business Management students. Deletion from Academic Planning Guide will reflect correct offerings.

APG Changes - CCMR

Remove or Add	Course	Rationale
Add	OnRamps Government	Addition of an OnRamps option that would allow students to take an in-person dual-enrollment Government senior year, pairs well with economics or personal financial literacy as a half credit.

EIC (Regulation) Update

Starting in the 2026-2027 school year, freshmen who entered the ninth grade in the fall of 2024 or after will have the option to exempt up to two elective courses from their GPA and class rank calculation during their junior and senior years.

- Students may use the GPA exemption in a core subject (English, math, science, social studies, economics, and languages other than English) when the course is not needed as a graduation requirement.
- This optional course exemption will be communicated to students and families this Fall as they prepare to finalize their course selections for next year.



Questions?

