G.W. Hewlett High School

PPS/Counseling Newsletter — February 2026

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 16th- Feb. 20th
Schools Closed for Winter Break

Feb. 2nd- March 12th
Individual Counselor Meetings for Course Selection 26-27

March 5th
College Night for Juniors

Attention Seniors:

Mid-Year Grades to Colleges Request Form

Name Verification for High School Diploma

College Scholarships

Important Links:

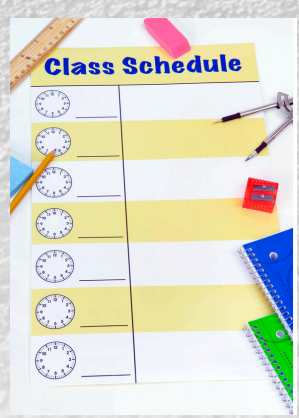
Course Guide 2026-2027

Curriculum Night 2026

Extra-Help Schedule

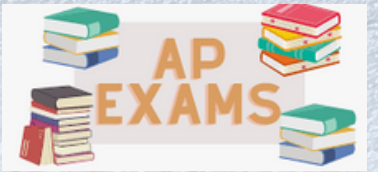
Course Scheduling for 2026-2027

- School Counselors met in caseload groups to review graduation requirements and share the many course offerings for the next school year.
- Department Chairs presented their respective course offerings during Virtual Curriculum Night on January 26th. Click here to view the presentation.
- Mrs. Harrison is currently visiting ELA classes to answer any lingering questions to remind students of upcoming appointments.
- Senior students joined Mrs. Harrison, when available, in ELA 11 classes to share their experiences in current and past courses and answer questions from a student perspective.
- Individual meetings are scheduled with school counselors to review all course options and make any necessary adjustments through PE class as follows:
  - Grade 10 meetings: February 2 - February 11
  - Grade 11 meetings: February 12 - February 27
  - Grade 9 meetings: March 2 - March 12
- The portal will reopen on March 18 for final verification of courses.
- After April 1, any course request changes will be limited to the seats available.
- No course request changes will be honored after April 1.



AP Exam Payment is Due!

At this time, all AP students should have received a packet in the mail detailing the upcoming AP test administration and the payment process. Click here to view the online site to pay via credit card. Credit card, checks, and money orders are all acceptable forms of payment. Checks and money orders should be made out to HWUFSD–PPS and submitted to Mrs. Bavaro in the PPS Office. Please contact Mrs. Harrison or Mrs. Bavaro if you have any questions regarding the AP Administration.



AP Exam Schedule
May 2026

Week One	Morning 7:25 AM	Afternoon 12:00 Noon
Monday, May 4	Biology	European History Microeconomics
Tuesday, May 5	Chemistry Human Geography	U.S. Government
Wednesday, May 6	English Literature (Gr. 12)	Comparative Gov'tand Politics Physics 1
Thursday, May 7	World History	Statistics
Friday, May 8	United States History	Macroeconomics Chinese Studio Art* - *Submission Deadline*
Week Two	**Morning** **7:25 a.m.**	**Afternoon** **12:00 Noon**
Monday, May 11	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Seminar
Tuesday, May 12	French Language	
Wednesday, May 13	English Language & Composition	Physics C: Mechanics
Thursday, May 14	Spanish Language	Physics C: Electricity
Friday, May 15	Environmental Science	Computer Science A

AP Prep Online Resources

Khan Academy: Partnered with College Board to provide tutorial support for most of the AP exams.

Shmoop: Offers academic review in all AP courses!

Bozeman Science: Ideal for AP Science courses; no login required.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

HHS AND NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS IN 2026-2027

Hewlett High School now offers a concurrent enrollment program with Nassau Community College that allows selected seniors the opportunity to take their senior year graduation requirements on the Garden City college campus. Students can have a full college experience while still enrolled at Hewlett High School!

Guidelines for Enrollment:

- Must be in good academic standing at Hewlett HS with a minimum GPA of 80
- Parent/guardian, school counselor, and school principal permission is required
- Student must be motivated for the challenge and rigor of college-level work and positively interact with college professors, academic staff, and college-age classmates
- Tuition cost is the obligation of the family; click here to view current costs
- Transportation: TBD based on # of applicants. Students are permitted to drive to campus with valid license
- Students remain eligible to participate in HHS clubs, athletics, senior prom, and graduation and can join NCC clubs and activities; NCC Varsity sports are not an option during this concurrent year
- Classes run Monday - Thursday; Fridays designed for homeschool check-in
- Other dual enrollment courses and AP credit(s) taken at HHS are transferable to NCC and can apply towards an Associate's Degree
- Click here for information about the application process and more



Sample Schedule:

Semester 1	Semester 2
ELA 101	ELA 102
Government	Economics
PE	PE
Elective	Elective

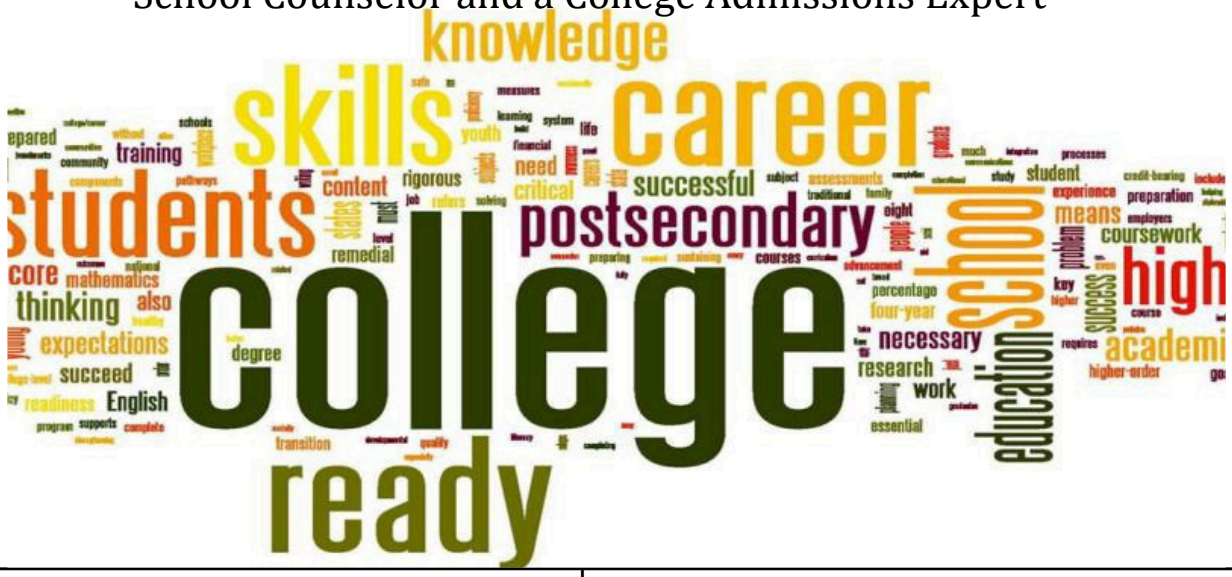
Virtual Information Meeting with NCC Admissions Director:
Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 PM: Join Meeting Here

Junior College Night

MARCH 5th

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

This program marks the college/career planning **'kick off'** for **Hewlett High School Juniors** Parents and students will meet in small groups with their School Counselor and a College Admissions Expert



Counselor	Meeting Location
Mr. Bonanno	Choral Room
Mr. Damiani	Library
Mrs. Leder	Band Room
Mrs. Murphy	Yoga Room
Mrs. Rotella	LittleTheatre

Earlier Presentations:

College Planning for Students with Special Needs

6:30 PM in Little Theatre

College Planning for Spanish Speaking Families

6:30 PM in Choral Room

Post High School Military Options: All Branches

7:00 PM in the Main Lobby

ATTENTION SENIORS

As your college results roll in…

- Share all your results with your School Counselor and Recommending Teachers!
- Continue to update your Naviance account to reflect all admissions decisions.
- Students with Early Decision acceptances must withdraw open applications.
- Students with Deferrals should focus on mid-year grades, as they can be a determining factor in gaining admission.
- Meet with your counselor to devise a game plan on moving ahead. Click here for great tips !

AVOID SENIORITIS AT ALL COSTS!

sen·ior·i·tis: a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.



Read 5 Tips for battling senioritis!

All admission acceptances are contingent on your final senior-year GPA.

College acceptances are NOT final decisions until final transcript is reviewed!

Junior Jump-Start the College Research:

For those parents and students who are excited to get the college process started,the links below are great introductory resources. *Be sure to attend Hewlett HS College Planning Night on March 5th.*

CLICK on the links below for detailed information on the college admissions process

7 Steps to Choosing the Right College: Learn what's really important in the college search.

Fair Test: Colleges and Universities that are test optional; SAT or ACT are not needed for admission.

15 Ways to Find Your Calling: A 'must read' Forbes article for students starting the college admissions process.

Common Application: Junior students will create accounts in their ELA 11 class in late May/early June.

Self Reported Transcripts: View which colleges require this extra step of retyping your transcript.

Method Test Prep: Each student has access to an online SAT and ACT prep in their Castle Learning account

JUMPSTART

Words Worth Repeating

A Heartwarming Note to Survive the College Admissions Madness

As a parent navigating the college acceptance season, you may find yourself feeling the same emotions as your college-bound child: ecstatic about their acceptance to the school of their dreams or disheartened over a rejection. One thing is for sure: each year there are record numbers of applicants yearning for acceptance at an elite school around the country, and most will be turned down. The realization is that graduating students rejected from their dream school will find themselves attending an engaging school that will fulfill their academic and personal college experiences.

We recently came across a wonderful article written by Frank Bruni, New York Times columnist and author of, "***Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania."*** The article dissects the madness and pressure of the college admissions game, while encouraging parents and students to accept the hand dealt as the college you attend is not the single factor in determining your professional achievements. Within the article, Bruni references a letter delivered to an accomplished student by his parents on the eve of the college acceptance letter season.

The letter reads as follows:

Dear Matt,

On the night before you receive your first college response, we wanted to let you know that we could not be any prouder of you than we are today. Whether or not you get accepted does not determine how proud we are of everything you have accomplished and the wonderful person you have become. That will not change based on what admissions officers decide about your future. We will celebrate with joy wherever you get accepted and the happier you are with those responses, the happier we will be. But your worth as a person, a student, and our son is not diminished or influenced in the least by what these colleges have decided.

If it does not go your way, you'll take a different route. There is not a single college in this country that would not be lucky to have you, and you are capable of succeeding at any of them.

We love you as deep as the ocean, as high as the sky, all the way around the world and back again — and to wherever you are headed.

Love,

Mom & Dad

The wisdom, pride, and sincerity of this letter is a message worth spreading to our children and grandchildren as they face the college acceptance season. It's important to remember that rejection will pass, but these kind and supportive words will live with our children well beyond their college years and into their professional and personal lives.

Summer 2026 Adventure-Based Programs

Organizations promoting many opportunities:

Summer Programs that Help You Chose A Major

Pre-College Summer Program

DoSomething.org

Individual Organizations:

Abbey Road Programs
Where: Across the World
Who: Teenagers
Website: https://www.goabbeyroad.com/

Action Quest
Where: British Virgin Islands, Caribbean, Galapagos and Ecuador, Australia, and Thailand
Who: Students 14 and up
Website: http://www.actionquest.com/

AIFS Summer Advantage
Where: San Jose, London, Paris, Rome, and Granada
Who: Students ages 16-18
Website: www.summeradvantage.com

American Trails West
Where: Across America
Who: Teenagers
Website: http://www.atwteentours.com/

American Collegiate Adventures
Where: Wisconsin, Washington, DC., Seville, Florence, London, DC/Philly/Boston, Costa Rica, Panama, and Barcelona
Website: www.acasummer.com

Broadreach
Where: Across the Globe
Who: Middle School ,High School, and College students
Website: http://www.gobroadreach.com/

CIEE
Where: China, France, Japan, and Spain/South Korea Foundation Scholarship program
Eligibility varies by program
Website: www.ciee.org

Experiment in International Living
Where: Across the World
Who: High School students
Website: http://www.experiment.org/

Global Works
What: Cultural Exchange and Service Language Immersion and Community Service
Website: www.globalworkstravel.com

Global Leadership Adventures
Where: Ghana, Tanzania, Bali, Thailand, India, China, Fiji, Galapagos, Peru, Costa Rica
Website: www.experiencegla.com

Summer 2026 Adventure-Based Programs

Putney Student Travel

Where: TBA
Website: https://goputney.com/

REIN Tours

Where: Community Service Programs available in California, Hawaii, and Indiana
Website: https://www.reinteentours.com

Rustic Pathways

What: Community Service, Adventure, and Language Immersion programs all over the world
Website: www.rusticpathways.com

Sail Caribbean

Who: High School students Website:
https://www.sailcaribbean.com/

SCAD Summer Seminars

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors Locations in Atlanta, Hong Kong, and Savannah
Website: www.scad.edu/academics/pre-college-summer

Summer Discovery *(Musiker)*

Where: Programs throughout the United States
Who: Students ages 15 and 16 year old Website:
www.summerdiscovery.com

Teen Life

What: A comprehensive list of summer programs around the world.
Website: www.teenlife.com

Travel for Teens

Where: Across the world
Website: http://www.travelforteens.com/

Visions Service Adventures

What: Combines Community Service and Cultural Immersion into exciting adventure programs
Website: www.visionsserviceadventures.com

West Coast Connections

Website: http://westcoastconnection.com/

Where There Be Dragons

Website: http://wheretherebedragons.com/

World Strides

What: Academic and adventure program around the world
Website: https://worldstrides.com/

Summer 2026 Academic-Based Programs

ALABAMA

- ***University of Alabama Early College Program***
  High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors
  Website: www.uaearlycollege.ua.edu

CONNECTICUT

- ***Summer Scholars Program at Fairfield University***
  High school students entering their junior and senior years that have a GPA of a 3.2
  Website: Summer Pre-College Programs (SHS) < Fairfield University
  Yale University: *Ivy Scholars Program*
  Rising Seniors with exceptional grades
  Website: https://www.ivyscholars.com/yale-university-guide/

DELAWARE

- ***University of Delaware*:** Summer College Honors Program
  Sophomores and Juniors
  Website:www.summercollege.honors.udel.edu

DISTRICTOFCOLUMBIA (Washington, D.C.)

- ***Georgetown University:*** College Prep, College Courses
  Website: http://scs.georgetown.edu/departments/21/summer-programs-for-high-school-students

FLORIDA

- ***Summer for Success at Beacon College***
  High School Juniors and Seniors Website: www.beaconcollege.edu/admissisons/beacon-college-high-school-program
- ***Summer Scholars Program at University of Miami***
  Website: https://precollege.dcie.miami.edu/index.html

ILLINOIS

- ***Northwestern University:*** College Prep
  High School Sophomore and Juniors
  Website: http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/summer/high-school-programs/
- ***University of Chicago***
  Accomplished high school students
  Website: summer.uchicago.edu/pre-college/pre-college/

INDIANA

- ***Indiana University***: Summer College Program
  Website: http://precollege.indiana.edu/

MARYLAND

- ***Johns Hopkins University***
  Must be at least 16 years old with a 3.0 GPA or higher
  Website: 2025 Pre-College Summer Programs | Summer at Hopkins
- ***University of Maryland:*** Young Scholars Program
  Rising Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors
  Website: https://oes.umd.edu/pre-college-programs

MASSACHUSETTS

- ***Boston College***
  Must have completed junior year and compiled an outstanding academic record
  Website: https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/sites/bc-experience.html
- ***Boston University***
  Website: http://www.bu.edu/summer/high-school-programs/
  PROMYS: Program for Young Scientists
  Website: PROMYS – PROMYS |Programin Mathematicsfor YoungScientists

Summer 2026 Academic-Based Programs

MASSACHUSETTS

- Brandeis University: Jewish studies, academics, and the arts
  Students entering Grades 10 - 12 Visit website to learn about necessary documentation in order to apply.
  Website: www.brandeis.edu/genesis
- Harvard University: College Prep, College credited courses
  Website: http://www.summer.harvard.edu/high-school
- Smith College Summer Program for High School Girls
  Open to girls entering grades 9 through 12
  Website: www.smith.edu/academics/precollege-programs
- Tufts University
  Summit Program
  Takes place at the Tufts University European Center in Talloires, France
  Website: https://universitycollege.tufts.edu/high-school
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute: WPI Frontiers and Launch programs
  WPI Frontiers - juniors and seniors in high school WPI Launch – Students entering their freshman or sophomore years in high school
  Website: www.wpi.edu/academics/pre-collegiate/summer

MICHIGAN

- University of Michigan
  Programs in Art, Architecture and Urban Planning, Music, Theatre, and Dance
  Website: https://stamps.umich.edu/pre-college/summer

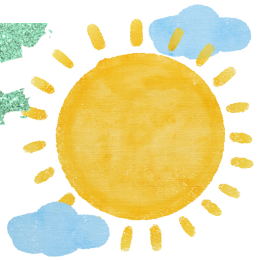
MISSOURI

- Washington University of St. Louis: Summer Scholars Program
  Must be a current Sophomore or Junior. Program is competitive and selective.
  Website: https://precollege.wustl.edu/

NEW YORK

- **Adelphi University**
  Current high school students
  Website: www.precollege.adelphi.edu
- **Alfred University**
  Students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior years of high school
  Website: https://www.alfred.edu/about/community/summer-camps/
- B**arnard College:** Summer in New York City/Young Women's Leadership Institute
  Website: https://barnard.edu/admission-aid/high-school-pre-college-programs/summer-programs
- C**olumbia University:** Study in New York
  Website: https://www.teenlife.com/l/summer/columbia-univ-summer-programs-for-high-school-students/
- **Cornell University**
  Grades 10, 11 and 12 – depending on selected program
  Website: www.sce.cornell.edu/sc/programs
- **Fordham University**
  High school students entering their senior year with a 3.0 GPA or better.
  Website: www.Fordham.edu/summer
- **Hobart and William Smith Colleges**
  Environmental Studies Summer Youth Institute
  Website: http://essyi.hws.edu/
- **Hofstra University**
  Website: https://www.hofstra.edu/academics/summer/summer_hsclasses.html

Summer 2026 Academic-Based Programs



NEW YORK

- **Ithaca College**
  Website: www.ithaca.edu/summercollege
- **Marist College**
  Website: http://www.marist.edu/summerinstitutes/
- **Molloy College**

  High school students entering their junior or senior year, and students entering college as freshmen
  Website: https://www.molloy.edu/admissions-aid/first-year-admissions/info-for-families/pre-college/summer-academies/
- **New York University**

  Rising Juniors and Seniors
  Website: http://www.nyu.edu/admissions/precollege.html
- **Pratt Institute**
  Website: https://www.pratt.edu/academics/continuing-education-and-professional/precollege/summer-programs/
- **Skidmore College**
  Website: https://www.skidmore.edu/precollege/?utm_source=teenlifeindex.php
- **Stony Brook University**
  High School Students interested in Journalism who will be juniors or seniors in September 2017
  Website: Pre-College Summer Program | Stony Brook University
- **Syracuse University**
  Website: http://summercollege.syr.edu/

NORTH CAROLINA

- **Duke University**: Talent Identification Program (TIP)
  Open to high school students in grades 9-12
  Website: https://learnmore.duke.edu/precollege/all-programs

PENNSYLVANIA

- **University of Pennsylvania**
  Wharton School Pre College Program Website:
  http://www.wharton.upenn.edu/pre-college-programs. Summer at Penn
  Program for High School Students Website:
  https://hs.sas.upenn.edu/summer-programs

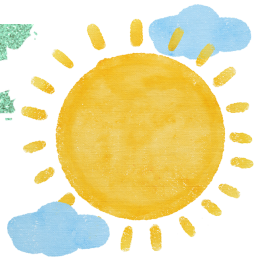
RHODE ISLAND

- **Brown University**
  Website: https://precollege.brown.edu/
- **Rhode Island School of Design**
  Website: https://www.risd.edu/academics/summer-programs

ENGLAND

- **Oxford University**
  Website: http://www.oxfordscholastica.com

Summer 2026 Art & Music Programs



Summer Guide to Music Camps, Institutions and Programs

Summer Guide to Art Camps

- ACTEEN - Film and Acting Program in Manhattan
  Website: www.ritalitton.com
- Berridge Programs in Normandy, France
  Website:https://www.berridgeprograms.com/
- Boston Conservatory – Dance/vocal
  Website: http://www.bostonconservatory.edu/high-school-and-collegiate-intensive-programs
- The Catholic University of America: Drama/Acting/Musical Theatre/Opera (new)
  Website: https://drama.catholic.edu/academics/summer-programs
- CampEncore, Maine
  Website: http://www.encore-coda.com/
- EasternSummer Music Camp at Colgate University
  Website: http://www.easternusmusiccamp.com/ Contact person: Mr. Tom Brown
- FrenchWoods Festival of the Performing Arts
  Website: www.frenchwoods.com
- Hofstra Summer Musical Theater Intensive
  Website:https://www.hofstra.edu/academics/ce/summer-camp/specialty_musical_theater.html
- IndianaUniversity –Piano, Recorder, or String Academies
  Website: http://music.indiana.edu/precollege/summer/music-clinic/
- IthacaCollege
  Website: https://www.ithaca.edu/summer-college-high-school-students
- MaristCollege
  Theater: https://www.marist.edu/liberal-arts/english-theatre
  Film /TV Production: https://www.marist.edu/admission/pre-college/film-tv-production
- MPulse Summer Performing Arts Institute- Anne Arbor Michigan-musical theater
  Website: https://smtd.umich.edu/programs-degrees/youth-adult-programs/youth-programs/mpulse/
- National High School Institute-Northwestern University's Evanston campus-theater/film
  Website:https://nhsi.northwestern.edu/theatre-arts-division/
- New York Film Academy
  Website: https://www.nyfa.edu/summer-camps/
- New York State Summer School of the Arts - theater, dance, music, voice
  Website: http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa
- Media Arts at SUNY Oswego
  Website: http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa/
- Parsons School of Design—Summer Intensive Studies
  Website: www.newschool.edu/parsons/summer-programs
- Pratt Institute
  Website: Summer PreCollege - Continuing and Professional Studies
- Rhode Island School of Design—RISD
  Website: www.risd.edu/precollege
- Rutgers Summer Acting Conservatory
  Website: https://em.rutgers.edu/ncp/search/ProgramDetails.aspx?id=391&src=browse
- Savannah College of Art and Design—Rising Star
  Website: http://www.scad.edu/admission/pre-college/index.cfm
- School of Visual Arts
  Website: Pre-College Program | School of Visual Arts | SVA NYC
- SUNY @ Purchase—Summer Visual Arts Institute
  Website: https://www.purchase.edu/Departments/AcademicPrograms/CE/Youth/
- UCLA Acting and Performance Summer Institute
  Website: https://www.summer.ucla.edu/institutes/ActingandPerformance