

WEST FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY



Frequently Asked Questions

How many students are selected for the 9th grade class?

Approximately 400 students are selected, based on district guidelines. A percentage of eligible students will be accepted from each of the high school attendance zones. The Escambia County Office of Enrollment Services will use a lottery system to determine which eligible students are accepted to attend West Florida High School (WFHS).

Who may apply?

Applications are accepted from current 8th grade students only. Admission and application questions should be referred to Joey Truncale by phone or email: 850-876-7360 or jtruncale@ecsdfl.us

How are students selected?

Current 8th grade students meeting the WFHS admission requirements whose applications are received during the application window (October 27- December 5, 2025) will be eligible applicants. From this group of eligible applicants, the ECSD Office of Enrollment Services will conduct a lottery selection in February 2026. Students selected in this lottery will be notified. Students who do not meet the WFHS admission requirements will be notified by January 16, 2026, and those students not selected for admission by the lottery process will be notified by email (at the email address provided in the online application) on February 13, 2026.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Earned a C or higher in all core academic subjects throughout the first semester of their eighth-grade year
- Maintained a satisfactory attendance record
- Have had no serious discipline infractions or repeated infractions during the 8th grade.

When will a student be notified if they do not meet the admission requirements?

Students that do not meet the eligibility requirements will be notified by an email sent from the ECSD Office of Enrollment Services on January 16, 2026.

What is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be submitted online by December 5, 2025. The online application is at www.wfhs.net. Click on the link labeled "2026-2027 WFHS Application."

Are there any paper applications to apply?

No paper applications will be available or accepted. Applications must be submitted online at www.wfhs.net.

When will a student be notified if they have been selected?

Letters will be emailed February 13, 2026. Only one notification will be sent informing the parent/guardian of the student's designated school and career program for the coming year.

What sports are available at WFHS?

Students can participate in football, cross country, cheerleading, swim/dive, golf, volleyball, basketball, soccer, weightlifting, baseball, softball, lacrosse, track and field, and tennis.

Is WFHS Accredited?

West Florida High School is fully accredited by Cognia.

How do the bus routes work?

Some "TRUNK ROUTES" are available and provided by the school district, but transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Buses pick up WFHS students at selected schools throughout the county and bring them to campus. Additional information regarding buses can be found on the Escambia County School District's website (<http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/>) under Bus Transportation in the Quick Links section or by telephone at (850) 469-5591. Many students' carpool and/or drive after they obtain their driver's license.

What opportunities are available for students interested in Fine or Performing Arts?

For information, please contact:

- Band - Dustin Hicklen at DHicklen@ecsdfl.us
- Orchestra – Mrs. Christina Aldahondo at caldahondo@ecsdfl.us
- Theatre – Mr. Jason Privett at jprivett@ecsdfl.us
- Art- Mrs. April Matteis at amatties@ecsdfl.us

What Extracurricular Activities are available for students?

Student Government Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First Priority, Yearbook, Spanish Club, FFA, HOSA, Honor Guard, Table Top Gaming, Key Club, National Honor Society, Environmental Club, Electrathon Racing Team, and International Thespian Society are among the few available on campus. WFHS students have extracurricular activities just as in other high schools in the district, including dances and prom. Refer to the extracurricular activities' brochure for sponsors' contact information.

What does WFHS do to help with college preparation or scholarships?

Students will be eligible for Bright Futures, academic, and sports scholarships as in other schools. Additionally, WFHS students may apply for business and industry scholarships based on their career courses. For more information, visit www.wfhs.net and click on the guidance link.

Are there honors, gifted, dual enrollment, or AP classes available?

WFHS offers gifted, honors, AP and dual enrollment courses to eligible students. Guidance is available to answer questions concerning these programs.

What technology is available?

WFHS is a secure wireless facility with Chromebooks provided to students. Each student has secured electronic file storage on the Google Drive where assignments and work may be saved. ECPS utilizes Canvas as its web-based learning management system. All 9th grade students take Digital Information Technology or Computing Fundamentals.

What are the advantages and differences in attending WFHS?

In addition to all academic course requirements for high school graduation, WFHS students are enrolled in a career academy in one of 12 career areas (see Career Programs and Academies brochures). If career academy course work is successfully completed, a certificate of mastery is awarded. Blending academics with technical education helps students develop skills in math, communications, science, technology, etc. Career program courses will also help prepare students to achieve industry certification in their career fields. WFHS students are also given the opportunity to achieve the Florida Ready to Work credential. This credential proves that the student has the fundamental skills needed to succeed on the job. In addition, many of the career programs now offer industry certification exams to students. Capstone is a unique opportunity that WFHS students complete in their junior year. Capstone provides students with the opportunity to show mastery of skills learned in their career programs, demonstrating their strengths in writing, research, time management, budgeting, and oral communication. Additional information may be obtained at www.wfhs.net.

What is ACE?

ACE is an acronym for Advanced Career Experience, a program available to qualifying seniors. These students are dismissed from some classes to work in career related placements with business partners throughout the county. These students gain valuable, real-world experience and are often paid to learn. Students have worked/interned at the various job sites, including Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, Andrews Institute, Baptist Healthcare, Escambia County Public Schools, The Seven Project, and Escambia County Sheriff's Office – just to name a few.



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