NORTHWEST ISD

Annual Review for High School Academic Planning Guide, 2027-2028

September 28, 2026

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

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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

2026-2027	Task
September 10-15	Meet with Content Coordinators and Executive Directors for Proposed Changes
September 28	Board Report: 2027-2028 Academic Planning Guide - Discussion Item
September 29	Secondary Principals - Review, Revise and Propose Changes to Final APG
October 12	Board Report: 2027-2028 Academic Planning Guide - Action Item
October 14-21	CTE Academy Tour Nights
November 3	2027-2028 courses imported from Career Planner into Course Requests
January 12	High School Showcase
February 26	High School Course Selections Complete

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APG - ELA

Remove or Add	Course	Rationale
Add	English II/AP Seminar	A college preparatory course that integrates the English II curriculum with the inquiry, research, argumentation, and communication skills of AP Seminar.
Remove	Journalism/Newspaper (All)	Students take Creative Writing or CTE Media Courses.
Remove	Public Speaking	Students take either Communication Applications or Professional Communication for Speech credit in High School.

APG - Social Studies

Remove or Add	Course	Rationale
Add	DC US History	Currently only offered at SECHS. Will now be offered at all High School campuses as a TCC Online course offered in the Fall and Spring.
Remove	AP Human Geography (Semester Only)	Students take the two semester AP Human Geography course as freshman. The course was initially offered for upperclassmen who did not take AP Human Geography as freshman, however the class has never made.
Remove	AP Comparative Government (Semester Only)	Students take AP US Government and Politics, DC US Government, or OnRamps US Government.

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APG - Special Education

Remove or Add	Course	Rationale
Add	Making Connections I&II	The course will help students develop a deeper understanding of friendships and social relationships.
Add	Activities of Daily Living I&II	The course provides students with instruction and practice in foundational daily living skills needed to increase independence at home and in the community.
Add	Functional Math	A senior level course that provides students with instruction and practice in functional math skills needed for increased independence in adult life.

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APG Changes - CTE

Remove or Add	Course	Campus	Rationale
Add	TALA Academy: Automotive Basics, Automotive Tech I, Automotive Tech II, Practicum	Davis HS	New CTE Academy at Davis HS. Will open with first course, Automotive Basics & a new course will become available each subsequent year.
Add	JROTC I, II, III, IV, PES00004	Davis HS	New program at Davis HS *(pending approval with Air Force)*. Will open with first course, JROTC I / PE S00004 & a new course will become available each subsequent year.
Add	DC Introduction to Aviation (AIRP 1313)	Eaton HS	Currently offered in APG, but has not been used. This will allow freshman to earn dual-credit and not have redundancy in taking college course later.
Add	DC Introduction to Aviation (AERM 1101)	Eaton HS	Currently offered in APG, but has not been used. This will allow sophomores to earn dual-credit and not have redundancy in taking college course later.

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APG Changes - CTE

Remove or Add	Course	Campus	Rationale
Remove	Graphic Design I	Byron Nelson HS Eaton HS	Currently an additional opportunity course with low enrollment and no pathway continuation option upon completion. Course will remain as a NHS CMP Academy course only.
Remove	Business Communications & Technologies	Byron Nelson HS Eaton HS Northwest HS	Business Management pathway has three senior year course choices. Reducing to two course options (Business Law & Practicum) due to low enrollment & efficiency. This course will remain at SECHS.
Remove	Practicum of Printing & Imaging Tech II/Lab	Byron Nelson HS Eaton HS Northwest HS Steele ECHS	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	Networking	Byron Nelson HS Eaton HS Northwest HS	We phased this program out starting in 24-25 due to duplicative offerings in Software Programming. This is the third year of phase out of the Networking program to allow current cohort of students to complete.

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APG Changes - CCMR

Remove or Add	Course	Rationale
Add	Path College Career I & II	An elective course that can be offered to provide additional instructional support for students taking college-level courses or for students needing additional TSI supports.

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Questions?