IH Website Statement:

The Institute for the Humanities (IH) at WOHS is a special honors program that provides a rigorous academic experience for a select cohort of students. IH is interdisciplinary and thematic, integrating the English and Social Studies curricula. Focused on preparing students for post-secondary academic work, the institute emphasizes humanities-related skill sets.

IH is focused on the belief that philosophy, literature, religion, art, music, history, and language are essential to recording and understanding our world. In grade 9, students must enroll in I.H. Honors English 9, I.H. Honors World History, and related IH electives. In grade 10, students must enroll in I.H. Honors English 10, I.H. Honors United States History 1, and related IH electives.

To be accepted into the program, 8th graders should complete an application along with writing samples for evaluation. The program concludes after 10th grade, with the expectation that students will continue in Humanities-based Honors and Advancement Placement courses offered at WOHS. IH students will explore careers through field trips, guest speakers, and career talk opportunities. They are also encouraged to join our co-curriculars that support the Humanities. Those include the Mock Trial Club, the Music Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, the Escriptus Honor Society, the Rho Kappa Honor Society, and the Thespian Honor Society.

IH students are expected to interpret the impact of the humanities on the world from historical and contemporary perspectives. IH students develop bonds with their cohort classmates and teachers that support their learning experiences. They are encouraged to attend school events such as concerts, plays, musicals, and art shows. Lastly, IH students who have graduated have ultimately been accepted into the following prestigious post-secondary schools:

Drew University
Fairleigh Dickinson
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Muhlenberg College
NJ Institute of Technology
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Seton Hall University
The College of New Jersey
Temple University
University of Delaware
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
Vassar
Villanova
Yale University