9TH GRADE
PATHFINDER PROGRAM

Building confident, independent learners through structure, accountability, and support.

PATHFINDER PILLARS

WRITING / ACADEMICS

Develop strong academic habits and writing skills. Demonstrate academic integrity and take ownership of learning.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Plan, prioritize, and manage time effectively to meet deadlines and balance responsibilities.

RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

Use technology appropriately to support learning and protect digital well-being.

HELP-SEEKING

Build confidence in asking questions, seeking support, and advocating for your academic success.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Attend a 90-minute cohort meeting once each week.
- Attend a 90-minute weekly teacher meeting.
- Attend weekly math and science support as assigned.
- Self-manage study time for approximately 4 hours per day (20–25 hours per week).
- Access daily online support.
- Non-academic support to develop independent study skills through the Pathfinder Pillars.

WHY WALNUTWOOD?

- A small, safe learning environment
- Small-group support and individualized instruction
- Online or traditional curriculum options
- Flexibility to pursue outside interests during the school day
- Opportunity to participate in concurrent enrollment and activities at a student's neighborhood high school

OUTCOMES

- Confident, independent learners
- Strong self-management and study skills
- Increased personal responsibility and accountability
- College, career, and life readiness
- Potential to progress through coursework at an accelerated pace

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