

2023 YOUR NEW STUDENT GUIDE TOBECOMING AN AHS TIGER


## WELCOME!

## WE'RE EXCITED TO MEET YOU.

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In this section, we'll show you the other stuff you'll want to know.


## Principal Shannon Abraham

＂We have a long－standing motto at Arlington High，＇There is something for everyone，＇and I see that in person every single day．From the stellar academic programs to the $50+$ clubs， organizations and sports，I＇m proud to say we set the bar high at AHS，and our students continually step up to the plate．

## Emma Sheridan

＂AHS provides so many opportunities for students to take higher－level classes，like AP， Honors and Dual Enrollment，and I think that really prepares you for a college experience． Those classes have really challenged me and have pushed me to study harder and be more disciplined．＂


Jordan Batts
＂Being involved really helps you get out there and meet a lot of new people．By joining different clubs， I＇m able meet people outside the classroom and build unexpected bonds and friendships．I met one of my best friends through DECA，and I don＇t think that would have happened had it not been for the club．＂

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To meet state and local requirements for graduation, all students shall have received the specified 22 units of credit, completed the ACT, SAT or other l1th grade assessment as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and have satisfactory record of attendance and discipline.

## Required Course Required Credits Description

| English | 4 | Students must be enrolled in an English course each year. <br> Including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and a fourth, higher level math <br> course. Students must be enrolled in a mathematics course each year. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Science | 4 | Including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab course |
| Social Studies | 3 | 1 | | Includes one credit in U.S. History \& Geography (Standard, Honors, AP, or |
| :--- |
| Dual Enrollment), one credit in World History \& Geography (Standard, |
| Honors, AP) or AP European History or AP Human Geography, and $1 / 2$ |
| credit from U.S. Government and Civics (Standard or AP), and $1 / 2$ credit |
| from Economics (Standard or AP). |

## High School Courses Taken in Middle School

Students who have taken the equivalent of a high school level course in middle school (i.e. Algebra I Honors, Physical Science Honors, Spanish I Honors, Etymology/Creative Writing and/or STEM I) shall receive high school credit for graduation, provided that the students receive a passing grade in the course (as explained in ACS Policy 4.604). The credit will be placed on the student's transcript and calculated in the high school GPA. Students must take the semester examination for the course as required for students in grades 9-12 who earn credit for graduation.

## Diploma Types \& Recognitions

Arlington Community Schools offers seven different high school diplomas: General Education Diploma, State Diploma with Honors, State Diploma with Distinction, Honors Diploma, Special Education Diploma, Occupational Diploma, and an Alternate Academic Diploma. There are also five diploma recognitions: Tennessee Tri-Star Scholar, Seal of Biliteracy, Community Service Recognition, National Career Readiness Recognition, and Work Ethic Recognition.

Read more about the diploma types and recognitions in the AHS Program of Studies by scanning the QR code to the right.


## STEPS TO SELECTING YOUR COURSES

Students must complete a Four-Year Plan of Study and the Grade-Level Course Selection Worksheet.

The Four-Year Plan Worksheet helps students map out their courses for all their years at AHS - this is meant as a planning guide only. It can, and probably will, change during your high school career.

The Grade-Level Course Selection Worksheet is used to determine your courses each. This worksheet includes a list of required courses, elective courses of your choosing and alternate courses in case courses fill up.

## STEP \#1 - CHOOSE YOUR AREA OF FOCUS

View Page \#6 of the OneBook to view the Areas of Focus. Students in middle school may work with their counselor(s) to help make a decision.

## STEP \# 2 - FILL IN YOUR 4-YEAR PLAN

This step will be completed with your grade-level counselor to help map out your years at AHS.

## STEP \# 3 - SELECT YOUR COURSES

After completing your 4-Year Plan, you're ready to begin selecting courses for your first year at AHS! View pages 7-10 of the OneBook to see the courses offered to rising freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.


## 2023-2024 AREAS OF FOCUS

An Area of Focus is designed to peak a student's interest. High school is a time to explore - to see what you like but to also identify the subjects you don't like. Students must choose a Focus Area that will allow them to concentrate on a particular subject beyond the core requirements. We know this can be a big decision, especially for incoming students, so that's why we've built in wiggle room. A Focus Area may be changed during the course selection process towards the end of your freshman year.

Focus Areas require a minimum of three (3) elective courses on a particular concentration in one of the following areas:
*Available as Semester Courses (o.5 credit) | **Available as Standard \& Honors

Advanced Placement (ACA)
AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science: Principles
AP Environmental Science
AP European History
AP French
AP Human Geography
AP Music Theory
AP Physics A
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Psychology
AP Research
AP Seminar
AP Spanish
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP World History
BioSTEM (AEI)
BioSTEM I
BioSTEM II
BioSTEM III
Business Management
Intro to Business \& Marketing* Business Communications Accounting Business Management Work Based Learning Work Based Learning Dual Enrollment

## Coding (AEI)

Computer Science Foundations Coding I
Coding II
Coding Practicum

## Criminal Justice \&

Corrections
Criminal Justice I
Criminal Justice II
Criminal Justice III
Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment

## Cybersecurity (AEI)

Computer Science Foundations Cybersecurity I Cybersecurity II AP Computer Science: Principles

## Entrepreneurship

Introduction to Entrepreneurship
Marketing \& Management I: Principles Entrepreneurship
Entrepreneurship Dual Enrollment* Business \& Entrepreneurship Practicum* Work Based Learning
Work Based Learning Dual Enrollment*

## Fine Arts (PAVE)

Art I**
Art II**
Art III**
Art IV**
AP Art History
AP Studio Art
Graphic Media**
Intro to Theatre**
Acting**
Acting Workshop**
Production Workshop**
Band**
Percussion**
Orchestra**
Strings Orchestra**
Color Guard*
Winter Guard*
Vocal Music**
General Music
AP Music Theory
Intro to Film \& Video**
Media Production
Film Theory
TV Production Workshop
Digital Journalism
Sports Media Production
Intro to Film Dual Enrollment*

## Human \& Social Sciences

Introduction to Human Studies
Lifespan Development
Family Studies
Psychology*
Sociology*
Work Based Learning
Work Based Learning Dual Enrollment*

## Humanities

African American History* African American Literature*
Ancient History*
AP European History
AP Human Geography
AP Psychology
AP Research
AP Seminar

## Mechatronics (AEI)

Mechatronics I Dual Enrollment Mechatronics II Dual Enrollment Mechatronics III Dual Enrollment

## Office Management

Computer Applications* Business Communications Business Management Advanced Computer Applications
Work Based Learning
Work Based Learning Dual Enrollment*

## Nursing Services

Health Science Education
Medical Therapeutics
Human Anatomy \& Physiology Pre-Nursing Dual Enrollment

## STEM (AEI)

STEM I: Foundation
STEM II: Applications
STEM III: STEM in Context
STEM IV: STEM Practicum

## Therapeutic Services

Health Science Education Medical Therapeutics
Human Anatomy \& Physiology Clinical Internship

## Welding (AEI)

Welding I
Welding II
Welding Dual Enrollment

AEI - Academy of
Engineering \& Innovation
ACA - Arlington
Collegiate Academy
PAVE - Performing Arts \& Visual
Experience Academy

Biology Dual Enrollment
Earth \& Space Science
Organic Chemistry Honors
Physics**

## COURSES OFFERED TO RISING FRESHMEN

Subject

English
Math
Science
Wellness

Social Studies
World
Languages

Fine Arts

Career \& Technical

Additional
Course
Offerings

## Courses

English 9
Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra IA**
Biology
Physical Science
Lifetime Wellness

World History \& Geography

English 9 Honors
Algebra I Honors
Geometry Honors

Biology Honors

JROTC I (Requires 2 years to meet grad requirements)

World History \& Geography may be taken 9th or 10th grade. AP Human Geography and AP World History may be substitution courses for the required World History \& Geography graduation requirement.


Scan to Read Course Descriptions in the Program of Studies

AP Human Geography AP World History

World History \& Geography Honors

Latin I
Latin I Honors

Spanish I
Spanish I Honors
Spanish II
Spanish II Honors
*World Language may begin 9th or 10th grade. Students must take two years of the same world language in grades 8-12 to meet graduation requirements.
Art I
Art I Honors

Chorus
General Music
Intro to Theatre
Intro to Theatre Honors
$\frac{\text { BioSTEM }}{\text { BioSTEM I }}$

Business Management
Intro to Bus. \& Marketing*
Coding
Computer Science-
Foundations
Coding I
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice I

African AmericanHistory*
African AmericanLiterature*

Concert Band***
Concert Band Honors***
Percussion***
Percussion Honors***
String Orchestra***
String Orchestra Honors***
Color Guard*/***
Winter Guard*/***
Cybersecurity
Computer Science Foundations
Cybersecurity I
Entrepreneurship
Intro to Entrepreneurship
Human \& Social Sciences
Intro to Human Studies
JROTC
JROTC I
Nursing Services
Health Science Education

Creative Writing*
Etymology Honors*
Introduction to Bible*
Intro to Communication

Intro to Film \& Video
Intro to Film \& Video Honors
Media Production

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## COURSES OFFERED TO RISING SOPHOMORES

Subject
English

Math

Science

World Languages

Social Studies

Fine Arts

Career \& Technical

English 10

Algebra I B** Geometry

Biology IA**
Physical Science
French I \& II
French I \& II Honors

World History \& Geography

English 10 Honors

Algebra II Honors Geometry Honors

Chemistry Chemistry Honors

Latin I \& II
Latin I \& II Honors


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World Language may begin 9th or 10th grade. Students must take two years of the same world language in grades 8-12 to meet graduation requirements.
Art I \& II**
Art I \& II Honors**
AP Art History
Chorus
Concert Choir***
Concert Choir Honors***
Chorale***
Chorale Honors***
Show/Jazz Choir***
General Music

BioSTEM
BioSTEM I \& II^
Business Management
Intro to Bus. \& Marketing*/^
Business Communications^ or
Accounting^
Business Management^
Coding
Computer Science- Foundations $\wedge$ Coding I^

Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice I \& II

Color Guard*/***
Winter Guard*/***
Concert Band***
Concert Band Honors***
Varsity Band***
Varsity Band Honors***
Percussion***
Percussion Honors***
String Orchestra***
String Orchestra Honors***
Orchestra***
Orchestra Honors***
Cybersecurity
Computer Science Foundations $\wedge$
Cybersecurity I^
Entrepreneurship
Intro to Entrepreneurship^
Marketing \& Management I^
Human \& Social Sciences
Intro to Human Studies
Lifespan Development^
JROTC
JROTC I^ \& II
Nursing Services
Health Science Education
Medical Therapeutics

Intro to Theatre
Intro to Theatre Honors
Acting***
Acting Honors***
Intro to Film \& Video
Intro to Film \& Video Honors***
Media Production
Advanced Film \& Video**
TV Production**
Sports \& Media Production**

Office Management
Computer Applications*/^
Business Communications^
Business Management^
STEM Education
STEM I: Foundation^
STEM II: Applications^
STEM III: STEM in Context

Therapeutic Services
Health Science Education
Medical Therapeutics
Welding
Welding I \& II

Journalism - Newspaper**
Journalism - Yearbook**
Preparing for the ACT, Post-
Secondary \& Career
Sociology*
Speech Honors

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# COURSES OFFERED TO RISING JUNIORS 

## Subject

## Courses

English
Math Science

Social Studies

English 11

Geometry A**

Biology B**
Chemistry Chemistry Honors
Organic Chem. Honors
AP Chemistry
U.S. History \& Geo.

World
Languages

Fine Arts

Career \& Technical

Additional
Course Offerings

French I \& II
French I, II \& III Honors

Art I \& Art I Honors
Art II-III \& Art II-III Honors**
Graphic Media**
Graphic Media Honors**
AP Art History
AP Studio Art**

Chorus
Concert Choir***
Concert Choir Honors***
Chorale***
Chorale Honors***
Show/Jazz Choir***

BiosTEM
BioSTEM I^ \& II^
Business Management
Intro to Bus. \& Marketing*/^
Business Communications^ or
Accounting^
Business Management^^
Coding
Comp. Science- Foundations $\wedge$
Coding I^
Coding II
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice II \& III

Accounting
ACT Prep*
African American History*
African American Literature*
Ancient History*
AP Art History
AP Comp. Science Principles

English 11 Honors

Algebra II
Algebra II Honors

Earth \& Space Science
Human A\&P
Human A\&P Honors
U.S. History \& Geo. Honors

Latin I \& II
Latin I, II \& III Honors

General Music
AP Music Theory
Color Guard*
Winter Guard*
Concert Band***
Concert Band Honors***
Varsity Band***
Varsity Band Honors***
Percussion***
Percussion Honors***

AP English 11

Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus Honors**

BioSTEM II
Physics
Physics Honors
AP Physics A

AP U.S. History Geo.

Spanish I \& II
Spanish I - IV Honors

String Orchestra***
String Orchestra Honors***
Orchestra***
Orchestra Honors***
Media Production**
Film Theory
Digital Journalism**
TV Production**
Advanced Film \& Video**
Sports \& Media Production**

AP Pre-Calculus AP Statistics

AP Biology AP Environmental Science

AP Spanish

Intro to Theatre Intro to Theatre Honors*** Acting***
Acting Honors***
Acting Workshop***
Acting Workshop Honors***
Theatre Production
Workshop***
Theatre Production
Workshop Honors***

Cybersecurity
Comp. Science Foundations^
Cybersecurity I^
Cybersecurity II
AP Comp. Science:
Principles**/^
Entrepreneurship
Intro to Entrepreneurship^
Marketing \& Management I^
Entrepreneurship^
DE Entrepreneurship*/^,
Business \& Entrep. Practicum
Work Based Learning**
DE Work Based Learning**

Human \& Social Sciences
Intro to Human Studies Lifespan Development^

JROTC
JROTC I^
JROTC II \& III

Machining Technology.
DE Machining Tech I^
Mechatronics
DE Mechatronics I^
Nursing Services
Medical Therapeutics

AP European History
AP Psychology
AP Seminar
AP World History Classical Mythology*
Contemporary Issues*

Creative Writing*
Etymology Honors* Humanities Honors Introduction to Bible* Intro to Communication Journalism - Newspaper**

Office Management
Computer Applications*/^
Business Communications^
Business Management^
STEM Education
STEM I: Foundation^
STEM II: Applications^
STEM III: STEM in Context
STEM IV: STEM Practicum^

Therapeutic Services
Medical Therapeutics
Welding
Welding I^ \& II
DE Welding

Journalism - Yearbook**
Lifetime Sports
Psychology*
Recreational Games*
Sociology*
Speech Honors
Weightlifting*

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## COURSES OFFERED TO RISING SENIORS

Subject

| English | English 12 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Math | Geometry B** <br> Calculus <br> Mathematical <br> Reasoning for <br> Decision Making |
| Science | Chemistry <br> Chemistry Honors <br> Organic Chem. Honors <br> AP Chemistry |
| Social | Economics |
| Studies | U.S. Government |


| World | French I \& II |
| :--- | :--- |
| Languages | French I - IV Honors |

Fine Arts

| Career \& | BioSTEM |
| :--- | :--- |
| Technical | BioSTEM I^ \& II^ |

Additional
Course Offerings

Business Management Intro to Bus. \& Marketing*/^ Business Communications^ or Accounting^
Business Management^
Work Based Learning DE Work Based Learning**

## Coding

Comp. Science- Foundations $\wedge$
Coding I^ \& II
Coding Practicum
Criminal Justice
Crim. Justice III: Investigation
DE Criminal Justice

## Courses

U.S. Government

Art I, Art II-IV**
Art I, Art II-IV Honors**
Graphic Media**
Graphic Media Honors**
AP Art History
AP Studio Art: Drawing**
Chorus
Concert Choir***
Concert Choir Honors*** Chorale***
Chorale Honors***
Show/Jazz Choir***

## BioSTEM I^ \& II^

Accounting
ACT Prep*
African American History*
African American Literature* Ancient History*
AP Art History
AP Comp. Science Principles
$\left.\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { English 12 Honors } & \text { AP English 12 } \\ \text { Pre-Calculus } \\ \text { Pres-Calculus Honors** } & \begin{array}{l}\text { AP Calculus AB } \\ \text { AP Calculus BC } \\ \text { Statistics }\end{array} \\ \text { AP Comp. Science: } \\ \text { Principles }\end{array}\right] \begin{array}{l}\text { Earth \& Space Science } \\ \text { Human A\&P } \\ \text { Human A\&P Honors } \\ \text { Personal Finance }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Bhysics } \\ \text { Physics Honors } \\ \text { AP Physics A }\end{array}\right\}$

Latin I \& II
Latin I - IV Honors

General Music
AP Music Theory
Color Guard*
Winter Guard*
Concert Band***
Concert Band Honors***
Varsity Band***
Varsity Band Honors***
Percussion***
Percussion Honors***
Cybersecurity
Comp. Science Foundations^
Cybersecurity I^
Cybersecurity II
AP Comp. Science:
Principles**/^
Entrepreneurship
Intro to Entrepreneurship^
Marketing \& Management I^
Entrepreneurship^
DE Entrepreneurship*/^,
Business \& Entrep. Practicum
Work Based Learning**
DE Work Based Learning**

Hospitality \& Tourism
DE Hospitality \& Tourism:
Management^

AP European History
AP Psychology
AP Seminar
AP World History
Classical Mythology*
Contemporary Issues*

AP English 12<br>AP Calculus AB<br>AP Calculus BC<br>AP Comp. Science:<br>BioSTEM II<br>Physics<br>Physics Honors<br>AP Physics A<br>AP Macroeconomics AP U.S. Government

Spanish I \& II
Spanish I - IV Honors

String Orchestra***
String Orchestra Honors***
Orchestra***
Orchestra Honors***
Media Production**
Film Theory
Digital Journalism**
TV Production**
Advanced Film \& Video**
Sports \& Media Production**
DE Intro to Film

Human \& Social Sciences
Lifespan Development^
Family Studies
Work Based Learning**
DE Work Based Learning**
JROTC
JROTC I^
JROTC II \& IV

Machining Technology
DE Machining Tech I^ \& II
Mechatronics
DE Mechatronics I^ \& II
Nursing Services
DE Pre-Nursing

Creative Writing*
Etymology Honors*
Humanities Honors
Introduction to Bible*
Intro to Communication
Journalism - Newspaper**

DE English

AP Pre-Calculus AP Statistics
DE College Algebra \&
Elementary Calculus

AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Biology
AP Environmental Science
DE A\&P
DE Biology

AP French
AP Spanish

Intro to Theatre
Intro to Theatre Honors***
Acting***
Acting Honors***
Acting Workshop***
Acting Workshop Honors***
Theatre Production
Workshop***
Theatre Production
Workshop Honors***

Office Management
Computer Applications*/^
Business Communications^
Business Management^
Advanced Comp. Apps
Work Based Learning**
DE Work Based Learning**
STEM Education
STEM I: Foundation^
STEM II: Applications^
STEM III: STEM in Context
STEM IV: STEM Practicum^
Therapeutic Services
Clinical Internship

## Welding

Welding I^ \& II
DE Welding
Journalism - Yearbook**
Lifetime Sports
Psychology*
Recreational Games*
Sociology*
Speech Honors
Weightlifting*
*0.5 credit of Alternate P.E. credit may be earned through sports, band, or JROTC by submitting the Alternate P.E. Credit Form

## ACADEMIES

## ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING \& INNOVATION

The Academy of Engineering \& Innovation (AEI) offers a unique insight for students interested in engineering, computer science, STEM and any field related to engineering. Students enrolled in the AEI will major in one of three branches: Civil, Mechanical, Electical Engineering (CME), Computer Science or Engineering Technology. These branches of engineering help students identify which career paths they may want to pursue after graduating from Arlington High School.

## ARLINGTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

The Arlington Collegiate Academy (ACA), open to entering freshmen only, is a challenging academic and career leadership program allowing students to prioritize college credit and career leadership experiences while in high school. Joining the ACA streamlines the process for students to take advantage of dual enrollment, Honors and Advanced Placement courses and dual credit, all while being mentored by instructors with proven test results. Many of our ACA students leave high school with enough credits to be labeled college sophomores.

## PERFORMING ARTS \& VISUAL EXPERIENCE ACADEMY

The Performing Arts \& Visual Experience (PAVE) Academy is a fine arts program fast-tracking students to a successful future in the arts and beyond. With some of the most experienced educators in the region, our fine arts program has been recognized at the regional, state and national levels. PAVE offers numerous Advanced Placement and Honors courses in the arts, multiple showcase opportunities, one-on-one personalized mentoring, as well as a culminating capstone project.


## PROGRAMS



Robotics Engineer
Aircraft Designer
Solar Technician
Biomedical Engineer

## WELDING

Underwater Welder
Nuclear Welder
Welder Instructor
Automotive Racing Welder

## BUSINESS \& OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Chief Financial Officer
Human Resources Manager
Project Manager
Business \& Ethics Lawyer

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FBI Agent
Lawyer
Forensic Accountant
Park Ranger

## NURSING SERVICES

Nurse
Medical Doctor
Athletic Trainer
Cosmetic Aesthetician

## CODING

Software Developer Computer Programmer Website Developer Mobile App Developer Data Scientist

## MACHINING

Aerospace Machinist
Defense Contractor
Firearms Machinist
Biomedical Machining

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Business Consultant
Research \& Development Non-Profit Fundraiser Salesperson

## STEM \& BIOSTEM EDUCATION

Zoologist \& Wildlife Biologist Engineer
Computer Systems Analyst
Statistician

## HUMAN \& SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Worker
Counselor
Psychiatrist
Public Relations Specialist

## THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Physical Therapist
Speech Language Pathologist
Anesthesiologist
Audiologist

## BECOMING A



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BECOMING AN AHS TIGER GOES BEYOND THE ACADEMICS. WE WANT OUR STUDENTS INVOLVED AND ENGAGED, AND WITH MORE THAN 50 CLUBS \& ORGANIZATIONS AND $20+$ SPORTS, EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO EARN THEIR TIGER STRIPES.


## AHS CLUBS \& ORGANIZATIONS

- AHS Ethics Bowl
- AHS Science Bowl
- DECA
- Facing History
- Family, Career \& Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- French
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Educators of America
- Graphic Media
- HOSA - Future Health

Professionals

- Junior Classical League (JCL) Latin
- Knowledge Bowl
- Model UN
- Portfolio Club
- Science Olympiad
- Skills USA
- Spanish
- Speech Team
- Technology Student Association (TSA)
- Active Minds (Student Mental Health Advisory Council)
- AHS Multicultural Club
- AHS Quidditch/Hogwarts
- AHS Student Ministry
- Arlington Fashion Club
- Arlington High Young

Democrats

- Arlington High Young Republicans
- Arlington Student Council
- Battle of the Books!
- Best Buddies
- BlueCrew
- Bridge Builders
- Diamond Girls
- Environmental
- Fellowship of Christian

Athletes (FCA)

- Gaming
- Princesses for Patients
- SAGA
- Skating
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- SWAT (Students Working to Advance Technology)
- Advocates for Human Rights
- Young Life
- Youth Court
- AHS Ambassadors
- Key Club
- Leo Club
- Film Appreciation Society


## SCAN WITH PHONE TO LEARN MORE



## AHS ATHLETICS

Fall Sports

Boys \& Girls Cross Country
Boys \& Girls Golf
Girls Soccer
Football
Freshman Football
Volleyball
Competitive Cheer Dance/Pom Team

# SCAN WITH PHONE FOR SPORTS WEBSITE 

## Spring Sports

Baseball
Boys \& Cirls Tennis
Boys Soccer
Boys \& Girls Track Softball

Lacrosse (Club)

## AHS

## PERFORMING

## Band

## Color Guard

## Orchestra/Strings

Theatre
Winter Guard

## Vocal Music

Digital Media Arts


# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 

## When will I receive my schedule?

- Students will receive schedules during the August Student Enrollment Verification/New Student Registration Day.
- If a student cannot attend Enrollment Verification/New Student Registration, they will receive it on the first day of school.
- Dates for student enrollment verification are located on www.acsk-12.org.


## What is a credit?

- Students earn credits in high school for courses in which they earn a grade of "D" or higher.
- Credit is earned each semester (0.5) when a student earns a grade of "D" or higher for each course.
- A student must earn 1.0 to successfully complete a yearlong course.
- If a student does not pass semester one of a yearlong course, semester grades may be averaged together to obtain 1.0 credit for the year.


## How many credits do I

 need to graduate?- To meet state and local requirements, all students shall have achieved the specified 22 units of credit.
- Students must earn 4 English credits, 4 Mathematics credits, 3 Science credits...


## How many credits do I need to graduate? (cont.).

- 3 Social Studies credits, 1 Lifetime Wellness credit, 0.5 credit additional Physical Education, 2 credits in the same World Language, 1 Fine Arts credit, 3 Focus Area credits, and 0.5 credit in Personal Finance.
- Students who have taken the equivalent of a high school level course in middle school shall receive high school credit for graduation, provided that the students receive a passing grade in the course (as explained in ACS Policy 4.604). The credit will be placed on the student's transcript and calculated in the high school GPA.
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## What is an Alternate P.E. credit?

- The Tennessee Diploma Project requires 1.5 credits in Lifetime Wellness/Physical Education
- Lifetime Wellness ( 1.0 credit) is earned in 9th grade.
- The additional 0.5 credit may be earned through Recreational Games, Lifetime Sports, Weightlifting, J.R.O.T.C. or Alternate PE.
- Alternate P.E. = Participation in band, sports, JROTC with 80 hours...


## What is an Alternate P.E. credit? (cont.)

- of physical activity. The coach/sponsor must sign off on the Alternative Credit PE form.
- Lacrosse and swimming are clubs offered at AHS. They are not TSSAA sanctioned sports. However, they may count toward the Alternate PE credit.


## What is the purpose of the 4-Year Plan?

- The 4-year plan helps students plan out their four years of high school. It gives them an opportunity to map out where all the required 22 credits will be placed.
- Students will have an opportunity to reevaluate, update, and make corrections every year of high school.
- Students also have the opportunity to see where they have space for additional course options beyond the required 22 credits during their four years of high school.


## What is the difference between required courses and elective courses?

- Required courses meet graduation requirements set by the Tennessee Diploma Project through the Tennessee Department of Education
- Focus area courses are required courses for graduation. Three (3) credits must be earned in one Focus area


# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 

## What is the difference between required courses and elective courses? (cont.)

- Electives are any additional course options students use to fill their schedule each year. Each student will accrue between 24 and 28 credits during their four years of high school. Students who take HS credit bearing courses in MS may earn up to 31 credits. These additional courses past the 22 required are called electives.


## How do I select a World Language?

- Students are required to take two years of the same world language.
- A world language may be started either 9th or 10th grade.
- Students may select among the following options: French, Latin or Spanish.
- For 8th graders taking Spanish I Honors, they will earn one credit toward graduation requirements, as this course may count as one of the two required world language credits needed for graduation. The student should continue with Spanish II in 9th grade to complete the world language requirement. Students are encouraged to continue with Spanish II Honors.
- The other option for 8th graders taking Spanish I Honors is to select a new world language 9th grade or 10th grade...

How do I select a World Language? (cont.)

...The student would still be required to obtain 2 credits in the same world language to meet graduation requirements. Spanish is a great basis for either Latin or French!

How many courses dol take each year? How many study halls can I have each year?

- All students are scheduled for 7 courses and a lunch.
- AHS operates on a 7 course rotation schedule, with one course scheduled daily and six block courses scheduled on alternating days.
- Students are allowed to take only one study hall each semester in a school year. Students typically do not take a Study Hall in 9th grade but wait until 11th and 12 th because of more difficult course work.


## What is STRIPES?

- STRIPES = System To Reach Intervene Push and Enrich Students
- STRIPES is a stand-alone intervention and enrichment period that occurs approximately 45 minutes each day Monday Thursday to meet the needs of all students.
- Students are released to a pre-determined teacher assigned destination in order to attend intervention or enrichment sessions based on individual evidence of learning.


## What is an EPSO?

- We believe ALL students should have access to rigorous and relevant early postsecondary opportunities (EPSO).
- Types of EPSOs include: Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit, Industry Certification


## What are the benefits of earning EPSOs?

Early postsecondary opportunities allow students to:

- earn postsecondary credits while in high school
- become familiar with postsecondary expectations
- develop confidence and skills for success in postsecondary
- make informed postsecondary and career decisions
- possibly decrease the time and cost of completing a certificate or degree


## What are the

 differences among the EPSOs?- An Advanced Placement class offers college-level coursework through the college board. Students will take an exam in May with a fee required. Students may earn college credit based on the score they earn and the postsecondary institute in which they attend. Five points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.


## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What are the differences among the EPSOs? (cont.)

- A Dual Enrollment course is taught in partnership with either the University of Memphis, Southwest Tennessee Community College, The University of Tennessee at Martin or The Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT). These courses allow students to participate in college courses conducted during the school day on the AHS campus. Students will have the opporunity to obtain college credits, which are transferrable after graduation. Students must contact the university to obtain transcript information. Four points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.


## What are the differences among the EPSOs? (cont.)

## - A Local Dual Credit

course offers students the opportunity to earn college credit at a specific post-secondary institute. Students must pass a challenge exam in order to obtain college credit from that specific postsecondary institute. Four points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.

- Industry Certifications may be earned in certain courses, enabling students to succeed in their postsecondary academic/career path. Four points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.


## What is a Grade Point Average (GPA)?

- A student's Grade Point Average (GPA) is determined by grades/courses completed each semester.
- GPA is calculated twice a year at the end of August and the end of January.
- GPAs will be calculated with the first high school credit-bearing course.
- Students who participate in Honors and EPSO courses will have both a weighted and unweighted GPA as a result of the added value associated with Honors and EPSO courses.


## Friday

1st-7:00-7:48
2nd-7:54-8:41

3rd- 8:47-9:34
4th - 9:40-10:27
5th - 10:34-12:15

6th - 12:21-1:07

7th - 1:13-2:00

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 

What is the Laude System? (ACS Policy. 4.605)

- Effective with the graduating class of 2022, a laude system, rather than a class ranking system, will be used to delineate three categories of High Academic Distinction for 12th grade graduating students.
- The categories shall be determined by cumulative weighted grade point average. All high school credit grades earned in grades $8-11$ and the first semester of the 12th grade year will be counted toward the student's grade point average. The final semester of the 12th grade year shall not be taken into account when determining the grade point average.
- The categories of High Academic Distinction shall be as follows:
- Summa Cum Laude ("With Highest Honors") - GPA of 4.4 and above
- Magna Cum Laude ("With Great Honor") - GPA of 4.10 4.39
- Cum Laude ("With Honors")
- GPA of 3.90-4.09


## What is the Arlington Collegiate Academy. (ACA)?

- ACA is an academic and career leadership program allowing students many avenues to obtain college credit and career leadership experiences while in high school...


## What is the Arlington Collegiate Academy? (cont.)

- ACA is open only to entering freshmen.
- Obtain up to 24 hours of college credit before leaving high school
- Get early access to more than 60 academic courses including Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit and Honors Courses.
- Get early access to the college admission process and college-level academic coursework
- Leave high school with a professional leadership portfolio detailing community \& high school experiences
- Access to Collegiate Academy Leadership and Career Speaker Series
- Partnerships with a peer and teacher mentor
- Receive an Arlington High School Honors Diploma
- For more information about joining the ACA, visit the Arlington High School website.


## What is the PAVE Academy?

- PAVE, a Performing Arts \& Visual Experience Academy, is a fine arts program fasttracking students to a successful future in the arts and beyond.
- Gain access to more than 50 Fine Arts Course offerings including numerous Advanced Placement and Honors courses


## What is the PAVE Academy?

- Multiple showcase opportunities
- One-on-one personalized mentoring with seasoned arts educators
- A culminating capstone project at the end of the fine arts strand
- Challenging experiences that prepare students for their future
- For more information about joining the PAVE Academy, visit the Arlington High School website and click on the Academics menu.


## What is the Academy of Engineering and Innovation (AEI)?

- AEI offers a unique insight for students who are interested in engineering. The goal of this program is to prepare our Academy students to be career and college ready for STEM and Engineering careers of the future.
- Through innovative measures of learning, engaged communities of practice and real-world problem solving, AEI students will be prepared learners for the future.
- Integrated Projects
- One-to-one personalized mentoring


## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the Academy of Engineering and Innovation (AEI)? (cont)

- Challenging experiences that prepare students for their future in Civil/Mechanical/Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, or Engineering Technology
- For more information about joining the AEI, visit the Arlington High School website.


## What is JROTC?

- JROTC - Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps - prepares high school students for responsible leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens.
- Offered to students in grades 9-12
- Stimulus for promoting leadership and provides instruction and rewarding opportunities that benefit the student, community, and nation
- Successful completion of two years of JROTC satisfies the graduation requirements for Lifetime Wellness.
- Successful completion of three years of JROTC satisfies the graduation requirements for Lifetime Wellness, Physical Education, Personal Finance and U.S. Government.


## What is JROTC? (cont.)

- Students successfully completing two or more years in the program may receive advanced promotions upon enlistment into a branch of the armed services.
- This is not a recruitment for the military services.
- There is no military obligation for participating in the program.


## ACT Frequently Asked Questions

- Sophomores will be enrolled in the Preparing for the ACT, Post-secondary and Career semester course.
- The course may be waived if a student scores a 25 or higher Composite and meets all 4 ACT College Readiness Benchmarks prior to enrollment in the course.
- Visit www.act.org for information regarding the College Readiness Benchmarks.


## When Should Students

 Take the ACT?- Students may take the ACT as soon as they are ready but no later than the 2nd semester of the year they take Geometry or as soon after they complete Geometry.


## How many times can a student take the ACT?

- Students may take the ACT up to 12 times.


## Where do I get practice/test prep information?

- Register for ACT's Test Question of the Day
- Students may stop by the AHS Counseling Office for free materials and check out our Counseling Cove for college/scholarship resources.


## When do students send ACT scores to colleges?

- ACT sends test scores to places the student requests when they register at no cost.
- Scores are typically sent to colleges and universities once the student applies to college their 12 grade year.
- For more information, visit www.act.org.


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