## Academic Planning Overview

 Instructions for Students

Wakefield Counseling Department

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## Access Wakefield Counseling Canvas Page

- Log into Canvas
- Accept invite to "Wakefield High SchoolCounseling" course if you haven't already
- Go to the "Wakefield High SchoolCounseling"homepage
- Click "Academic Planning + Course Scheduling 2024-2025" (green box)


## Welcome Page- WHS Counseling

Welcome to the Wakefeild High School Counseling Page! Please see below for resources available to all students, as well as grade-level information.
*Students: Please visity your school counselor's Canvas Page for instructions to schedule your planning meeting with them*

Students/Staff can self-enroll in the Wakefield High School-Counseling Canvas Course:
https://apsva.instructure.com/enroll/WFHAGY

## Course Selection Process + Timeline

1. Beginning the week of January 16th: Counselors will schedule individual student meetings with current 10th and 11th grade students.

- Use this time to speak with your teachers about their recommendations
- Draft your seven courses (and three alternates) in your Naviance Course Planner as a draft. Do not submit for approval until you meet with your counselor.

2. Beginning January 16th: Counselors will present to 9th graders in English classes and will continue to meet one-on-one with all students to review course selection and academic plan

- Student will make selections on paper CRF form AND enter course request in Naviance Course Planner

3. February $\mathbf{2 9}^{\text {th }}$ : Deadline for students to submit course planner in Naviance and/or email changes to your counselor for a submitted plan.
4. **No matter when you meet with your counselor, all students will have the same opportunity to choose their courses.

## Course Selections: Things to Consider

- Choose classes carefully- changes may not be possible later!
- We try to honor student course selections, however, sometimes courses do not receive enough requests and so are not ultimately offered.
- Make choices based on individual strengths and interests, not based on what your friends are taking or what others have "said" about a course and/or teacher
- Consider other activities that also require time (sports, clubs, work, theater, band, etc.)
- Challenge yourself!...WITHIN REASON!
- "Challenges" will be different for each individual student
- Intensified, DE, and AP courses expect 45 min. to 1.5 hours of homework every day
- Use the Core Content Sequence Chart as a guide


## English Sequence

- English 9
(Standard or Intensified)
- English 10
(Standard or Intensified)
- AP Seminar: English 10
- English 11
- Am. Civ. English 11 Inten.
- English 11 DE
- English 11 AP
- English 12
- World Literature (Eng. 12 Intensified)
- English 12 DE
- English 12 AP


## Social Studies Sequence

- World History II
(Standard or Intensified)
- AP World History

Students that took/passed World Geography in $\mathbf{8}^{\text {th }}$ grade, should take:

- Economics/Pers. Fin.
- AP Economics

Students that did not take/pass World Geography in $8^{\text {th }}$ grade and want the Adv. Diploma, should also take:

- World History I, AP Human Geography, AP European History
(Standard or Intensified)
- US/VA History
- American Civ. History Intensified
- AP US/VA History (APUSH)
- US/VA Government
- AP US/VA Government


## Math Sequence

- Algebra I Pt. I*
- Algebra I Pt. II*
- Algebra I
- Principles of Geometry
- Geometry
(Standard or Intensified)
- Alg. Functions \& Data Analysis (AFDA)
- Algebra II (Standard or Intensified)
- Algebra I Pt. I*
- Algebra I Pt. II*
- Algebra I
- Principles of Geometry
- Geometry
(Standard or Intensified)
- Alg. Functions \& Data Analysis (AFDA)
- Algebra II
(Standard or Intensified)
- Algebra III
- Precalculus
(Standard or AP)
- Algebra I Pt. II*
- Algebra I
- Principles of Geometry
- Geometry
(Standard or Intensified)
- Alg. Functions \& Data Analysis (AFDA)
- Algebra II
(Standard or Intensified)
- Algebra III
- Precalculus (Standard or AP)
- Calculus AP (AB or BC)
- Probability \& Statistics
- AP Statistics
- Algebra I Pt. II*
- Algebra I
- Principles of Geometry
- Geometry
(Standard or Intensified)
- Alg. Functions \& Data Analysis (AFDA)
- Algebra II (Standard or Intensified)
- Data Science
- Algebra III
- Precalculus
(Standard or AP)
- Calculus AP (AB or BC)
- Probability \& Statistics
- AP Statistics
- Quantitative Analysis DE
- Multivariable Calculus DE
- ALL math courses require a teacher recommendation. Please check with your math teacher about your placement.
- Students must have a C or better to move onto the next level of math

| $g^{t h}$ | $10^{\text {th }}$ | $11^{\text {th }}$ | $12^{\text {th }}$ |
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| Science Sequence |  |  |  |
| - Biology <br> (Standard or Intensified) <br> - Biology Intensified Immersion <br> - Environmental Science <br> - EL Environmental Science | - Biology ( $\left.10^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}\right)$ <br> - EL Environmental Science <br> - Prin. of Physics <br> - EL Prin. of Physics <br> - Earth Science <br> - Chemistry (Standard or Intensified) <br> - Chemistry Intensified Immersion <br> - Physics (Standard or Intensified) <br> - Anatomy/Physiology DE | - Biology ( $10^{\mathrm{th}}-12^{\mathrm{th}}$ ) <br> - EL Environmental Science <br> - Principles of Physics <br> - EL Principles of Physics <br> - Earth Science <br> - Earth Science Int. $\left(11^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}\right)$ <br> - Earth Sci. II: Oceanography <br> - Ecology <br> - Chemistry (stand. or inten.) <br> - Physics (stand. or inten.) <br> - Anatomy/Physiology DE <br> - Astronomy <br> 2 Period AP Sciences: <br> - AP Biology <br> - AP Chemistry <br> - AP Environmental Science <br> - AP Physics I <br> - AP Physics C | - Biology $\left(10^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}\right)$ <br> - EL Environmental Sci. <br> - Principles of Physics <br> - Earth Science <br> - Earth Sci. Int. (11 $\left.{ }^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}\right)$ <br> - Earth Sci. II: <br> Oceanography <br> - Ecology <br> - Chemistry (stand. or inten.) <br> - Physics (stand. or inten.) <br> - Anatomy/Physiology DE <br> - Astronomy <br> 2 Period AP Sciences: <br> - AP Biology <br> - AP Chemistry <br> - AP Environmental Science <br> - AP Physics I <br> - AP Physics C |
| Key: AP: Ad | Placement DE- Dual Enro | nt *: IEP Hours Required | EL: English Learners |

- It is strongly recommended that students pass Algebra II and have a teacher recommendation to take intensified, DE, or AP science classes


## Scheduling

- Students can refer to the Course Request Form to see all courses offered at Wakefield
- Did your student attend the electives fair on Thursday, Jan. 18th in Town Hall?
- You will be making your course selections via the yellow CRF form and/or in Naviance
- For English, math, science, history, and world language courses, counselors rely on:

1. Student's grades
2. Student's input/commitment
3. Teacher recommendation
4. Parent input

- Please review course selections with your parent/guardian and email your counselor any comments, questions, or changes no later than February 29th.



## Need help advising your student?

Consult the 2024-2025 APS Program of Studies for questions about...

- *Course offerings
- Course descriptions
- Prerequisites
- Course sequences
*Not all courses in the Program of Studies will necessarily be offered at Wakefield next year. Cross check against the course request form.


## Course Selections: Planning for your post-secondary education or career

## Strength of Schedule

- How strong is your schedule?
- Intensified Classes
- Dual Enrollment (DE)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Career Center
- Did you take challenging classes in order to prepare for college-level work?
- Higher-level classes can give you an additional quality point on your GPA


## Grades



- Consistency: Did you maintain good grades?
- Progression: Did your grades improve from $9^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ Grade?


## Spanish Immersion

You must take $\mathbf{2}$ core classes from the following options:

- Algebra 1 immersion or Geometry immersion
- Senior Project in Spanish immersion
- Biology intensified immersion or Chemistry intensified immersion

3 years of Spanish language immersion

- Including Spanish 9 immersion and AP Spanish


## Final Reminders

- Select a total of 7 credits/classes and 3 alternate credits/classes (on bottom of your Naviance Course Planner page)
- Talk to your teachers about your English, history, science, and math recommendations (counselors default to their recommendations)
- Please build a schedule draft and wait to be called down by your counselor for your one-on-one meeting.
- Your Course Plan will be finalized when you meet with your counselor.

