WCASD High School Course Selection 2022-2023 Launch

January 26, 2023

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

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West Chester Area School District

COURSE SELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

Course Selection Parent Kick-Off
January 26, 2023

2023-24 COURSE SELECTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY–FEBRUARY
- Digital Course Selection Guides released online - week of January 16
- Administrator/counselor virtual meeting with students (middle to late January).
- Parent Course Selection Video Released – January 26
- Teacher Recommendation Window - January 30 through February 10
- High Schools will have individual Parent Information nights on February 15 @ 6:30 pm.
- On-line Course Selection window – current eighth through eleventh grade students and parents - February 13 through February 26. (View teacher recommendations and select electives).

MARCH
- Recommendations may be viewed on the Parent Portal. All requests to change course selections and/or recommendations must be submitted to the student's counselor between March 6 and March 17.
- Elective change and course level waiver deadline: March 24

MAY–EARLY AUGUST
- Master schedule developed
- Course conflicts resolved

LATE AUGUST
- Schedules available through Parent Portal

Parents may contact or conference with teachers or counselors throughout the process.

▶ **Interactive and pdf versions**

▶ **Excellent resource for you and your student**

▶ **Timeline and important dates**

▶ **Credit requirements**

▶ **Policies and guidelines**

▶ **Available on the district and high school home pages**

SCHEDULING PROCESS

FEBRUARY/MARCH: Course Selection

APRIL: Staffing

MAY/JUNE: Master Schedule Built

JULY/AUGUST: Schedule Issues Resolved and schedules available on line by mid-August

GRADE LEVEL CREDIT BENCHMARKS

9th Grade: 6.0 credits

10th Grade: 6.0 credits

11th Grade: 6.4 credits

12th Grade: 5.4 credits

Graduation minimum: 23.8 credits

JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 10

➢ **Teachers will make recommendations for english, social studies, math , science, and world language**

➢ **This includes cyber course recommendations in core curricular areas! Students should inform their current teacher of their intent to take a cyber course.**

➢ **All recommendations will be based on your child's performance/potential in the present class**

➢ **All ap and accelerated honors courses require a teacher recommendation***

➢ **Some electives require a teacher recommendation- check the course selection brochure.**

2023-2024
LEVELS OF RIGOR

- **Career & College Prep (CCP)**

- **Honors**

- **Accelerated Honors / Advanced Placement (AP)**

HIGH SCHOOL CYBER PROGRAM

- **High School students can choose a combination of in person and cyber courses in both core area content and elective areas.**

- **Students should let their teacher(s) know of their intention on taking a cyber course in a core area.**

- **Any student currently in a cyber course for the 2022-2023 school year will be recommended for the next course in sequence in cyber if you don't let your teacher know you want to move back to in person.**

- **Cyber courses offerings are designated by a ↻ icon next to each course in the Course Selection Guide.**

- **The deadline for choosing between cyber and in-person courses in all content areas is March 24, 2023**

FEBRUARY 13-26
YOU REQUEST ELECTIVES

Powerschool

Online

Instructions
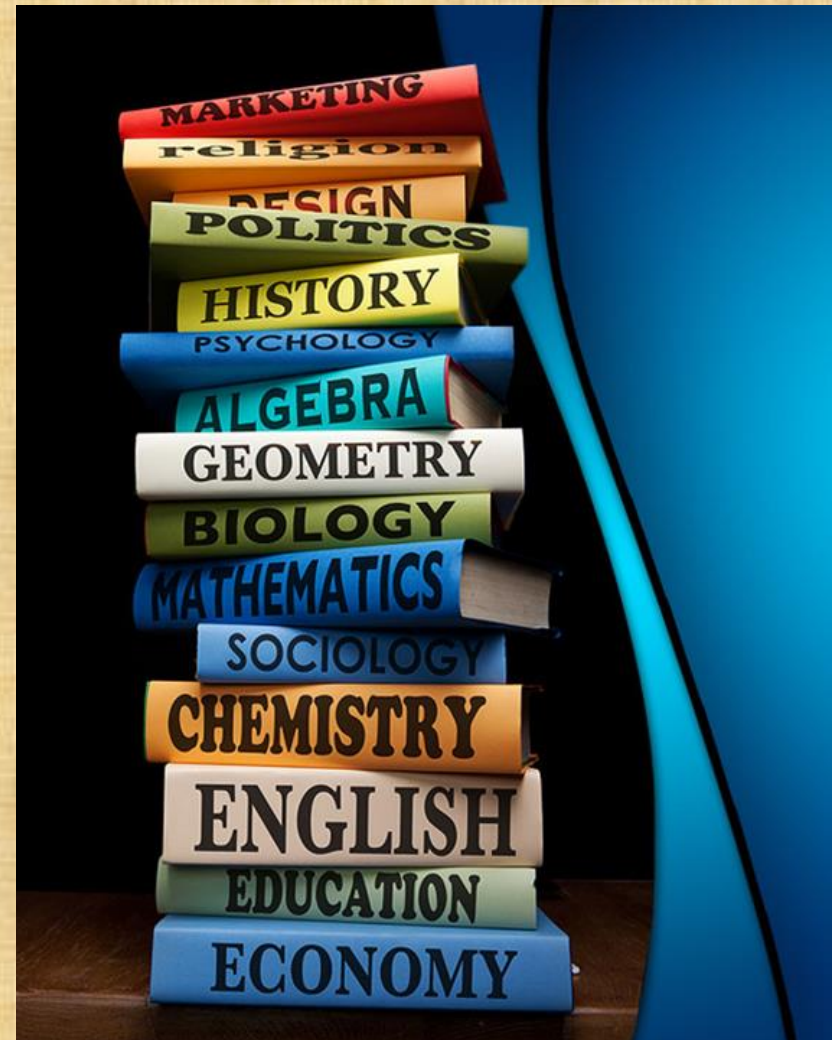
POWERSCHOOL & STUDENT COURSE REQUESTS

ENTERING COURSE REQUESTS ON-LINE:

1. Go to: **https://ps.wcasd.net/public/** and log into PowerSchool.

   a. Access can be obtained using the student's WCASD network username and password **OR**

   b. Access can be obtained using the parent created username and password

   PowerSchool

   Username

   Password

   Forget your member name or password?

   Enter

2. Click the Class Registration icon.

   Class Registration

3. You will be welcomed to your school's Class Registration System. Click on the link to View Course Requests to view courses recommended by your teachers or click on the pencil icon to choose electives. The course requests screen will open.

Welcome to the B. Reed Henderson High School Class Registration System for 2022-2023 School Year

DO NOT SIGN UP FOR MORE THAN 8 CREDITS TOTAL! Please select electives to ensure that you meet the minimum of 6.0 credits including teacher recommendations.

View course requests

Electives

The elective courses listed here are taught in our school buildings. Cyber electives, which are taken completely online, can be selected in the section titled 'Cyber Electives'.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course ➡

Cyber Electives

The courses listed here are taken entirely online. Please do not select the same course from both the Elective and Cyber Elective Sections.

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Alternate Electives

Please select two additional credits worth of electives as alternates in case your original elective choices cannot be scheduled.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course ➡

No Lunch

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR MORE THAN 7 CREDITS, YOU WILL NOT HAVE A SCHEDULED LUNCH EVERY DAY. If you would like to opt out of lunch, please click the pencil to the right and select course 9998 - No Lunch.

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Additional Requests

Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.

Click the edit button to request a course ➡

Requires at least 0 credit hours.
Requesting 0 credit hours.

4. Click on the box for the elective/electives you wish to choose. View additional pages of the electives by clicking on "Next" or a page number. Click on Okay to submit your selections.

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☐	Acct. 1 Hon	0580		1		
	Adv Clothing	0605		1		❗Prerequisites have not been met
☐	Afri-Am His(S)	0139		0.5		
☐	Am Mil His1(S)	0143		0.5		
☐	Am Mil His2(S)	0144		0.5		
☐	AP Art History	0537		1		
☐	AP Capstone Seminar	0157		1		
☐	AP Comp Sci Principles	0272		1		
☐	AP Human Geography	0156		1		
	AP Music Theory	0725		1		❗Prerequisites have not been met

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✔ You may select up to 6 courses. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel   Okay

5. Repeat the process to choose alternate electives and/or cyber courses or no lunch.

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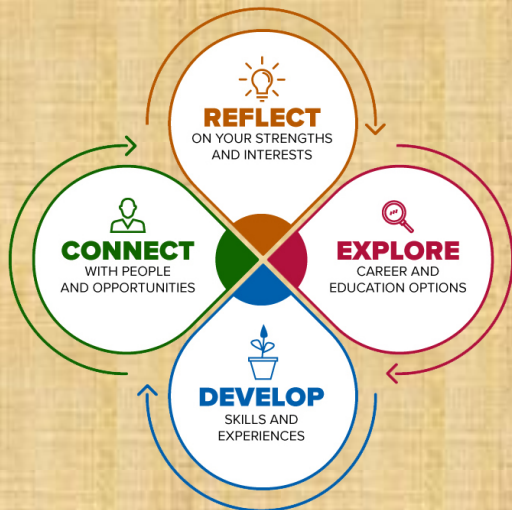Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

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MAKE SURE YOU PAY ATTENTION TO: ELECTIVE ALTERNATE SELECTIONS

- **More choices are better than less**
- **Pick at least 2 alternate electives – Admin or Counselor may touch base individually if too few or too many are selected**

ELECTIVE COURSE & LEVEL CHANGES AFTER FEBRUARY 25

USE THIS FORM TO INDICATE:

▶ Elective course request changes

▶ Changes in rigor

▶ Changes between Cyber and in-person classes

▶ Turn this form into your counselor

▶ <mark>Deadline for all changes: March 24, 2023</mark>

Forms available in your school's counseling office and online at the WCASD Course Selection webpage

2023-24 Course Selection

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COURSE PLACEMENT WAIVER AGREEMENT

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During the course selection process, teachers make recommendations for individual students carefully after considering a variety of data. If you have questions about the course and/or level that you feel would be most appropriate for your child, or would like more information on your child's current recommendation, it is strongly encouraged that you contact your child's recommending teacher or counselor. If after consideration, you still wish to override the teacher recommendation, please complete the following section of this form:

Student's Name : _____ Current School: _____

School Counselor: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Recommended Course/level to be changed: Parent/Student Selected Course/Level to be added:

Course Name/Level: _____   Course Name/Level: _____

Course Name/Level: _____   Course Name/Level: _____

Course Name/Level: _____   Course Name/Level: _____

- I request that my child be placed in the courses I have selected and listed above. I have discussed the selections with my child's teacher and understand why my child did not meet the criteria for the particular courses. However, after careful consideration of these criteria, I still believe that the courses we have selected represent the appropriate placement for my child.

- I understand and accept full responsibility to provide my child with any support or remediation that may be needed to ensure his/her success in this course.

- I fully understand that a request to reverse this waiver and place my child in the class originally recommended by the teacher is not guaranteed. Placement in the original teacher recommended course after my request is approved is based upon availability, considering predetermined class sizes. If the original teacher recommended course has reached the maximum capacity, my child will remain in the course I requested.

- I fully understand that waiving into this course does not guarantee placement in this course.

- I understand that this agreement does not allow a student to skip prior coursework needed to fulfill a course prerequisite.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

WHAT IS THIS GPA INCLUSION THING FOR ELECTIVE COURSES?

APPLIES TO ALL CCP LEVEL ELECTIVES

- **No quality points for any elective course offered at the CCP level automatically does not count towards GPA.**

- **If a student wants the quality points towards GPA you must fill out the GPA Inclusion Form for those courses**

- **Forms available in your school's counseling office and on-line at the WCASD Course Selection Information Center**

GPA INCLUSION FORM

Request for High School CCP Elective Course GPA Inclusion

Student Name: _____   Grade for 22-23 school year: _____

Course Name: _____   Course Name: _____

Course Name: _____   Course Name: _____

To receive CCP quality points for neutrally weighed courses, this form must be signed by the student and their parent/guardian and returned to the student's counselor no later than **Tuesday, April 12, 2022.**

- Neutrally weighted elective courses are identified as such in the Course Selection Guide in each content area. This applies to both in-person and cyber courses
- The term "**Neutrally Weighted**" will appear beneath the course title of all eligible courses.
- Credits and grades earned in neutrally weighted courses will appear on the transcript regardless of whether or not a student submits a GPA Inclusion Form.
- Career & College Prep level 1 & 2 World Language courses are automatically Neutrally Weighted.

_____   _____
Student Signature/Date   Parent Signature/Date

_____   _____
Counselor Signature/Date   Administrator Signature/Date

- ❖ By signing this form, I understand that this student will receive the quality points at the CCP rigor level towards their GPA upon completion of the course(s).

- ❖ Once this form is submitted the quality points can not be removed from GPA.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY...
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Go to the WCASD homepage ->click **2023-24 Course Selection**

Students and parents are encouraged to discuss questions with their student's school counselor or building scheduler.

East Building Scheduler: Sean Ryan (sryan1@wcasd.net)

East's School Counseling office: 484-266-3811

Henderson Building Scheduler : Andy Grear (agrear@wcasd.net)

Henderson's School Counseling office: 484-266-3308

Rustin Building Scheduler : Mrs. Erin Stephen(estephen@wcasd.net)

Rustin's School Counseling office: 484-266-4318

THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!

Course Selection Open House Nights will be February 15 @ 6:30pm for All High Schools