

West Geauga High School
2013-2014 Course Selection Instructions

DUE TO MRS. TIMMONS IN GUIDANCE ON MONDAY, FEB 25TH

STEP 1 - Name and Parent Phone:

Remember to write your name and parent phone number at the top of the Class of 2017 Scheduling Worksheet.

STEP 2 - Look at Grade Level Requirements:

There are certain courses in which you have to enroll in based on your grade level. Please see the Grade Level Requirements Chart below.

Grade Level Requirements Chart

Class of 2017

9 th Grade
English
Math
Science
Social Studies

- All students must take ½ credit of Health & either take two ¼ credit PE classes to graduate or meet the requirements to waive PE.
- All students in the class of 2017 must take 4 credits of math and eventually take a course in Financial Literacy (Personal Finance or Intro to Business) and 1 credit in a Fine Arts course to graduate.
- All students in the class of 2017 must take 6 credits of electives to graduate.
- The WGHS Administration & Guidance Department HIGHLY recommends that all 9th grade students take a full year study hall.
- This chart lists the minimum requirements for graduation, if you would like to know the Recommended College-Prep Curriculum or Honors Diploma Criteria; please consult the Program of Studies on the WGHS website.

STEP 3 - Look at Teacher Recommendations:

These recommendations were thoughtfully submitted by your current teachers based on your performance along with their knowledge of the curriculum in the higher level courses. We strongly advise that you take these recommendations seriously when you are scheduling your classes. If you have any questions regarding a teacher's recommendation, please contact the teacher directly.

- Course Override Instructions:

Overriding a course should only happen when a student wants to move to a course at a higher level than what was recommended. After speaking with the recommending teacher, if you would still like to override the recommendation, you need to complete a Course Override Form. Please staple any Course Override Forms you may have to your Class of 2017 Scheduling Worksheet. A separate override form is required for each course you wish to override. Override forms are available in the middle school office.

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STEP 4 - Select Your English, Math, Science, & Social Studies:

Based on the Grade Level Requirements and Teacher Recommendations, you are now ready to fill in your English, Math, Science, & Social Studies courses. **Clearly circle your chosen courses in the chart on the Class of 2017 Scheduling Worksheet.**

STEP 5 - Possibly Select Other Graduation Requirements:

There are several other requirements for graduation that do not necessarily need to be completed in the freshman year, but need to be completed sometime throughout high school. If you wish to take one of these in your freshman year, please **clearly write the course's name in one of the elective boxes on the Class of 2017 Scheduling Worksheet.**

Health:

Most 9th grade students take health, which is a semester course. When selecting health, please write it in one of the elective boxes and then ALSO write in what you wish to take in the opposite semester.

STEP 6 - Choose Your Remaining Elective Courses:

Based on the number of remaining periods and credits you have to fill, your interests, and future goals, you are now ready to make elective class choices for yourself. **Clearly write the course's name in one of the electives boxes on the Class of 2017 Scheduling Worksheet.**

Study Halls:

If you want a study hall you need to write either "study hall (year)" or "study hall (sem)" in one of the elective boxes on the Class of 2017 Scheduling Worksheet.

Semester Courses:

When selecting a semester course, please write it in one of the elective boxes and then ALSO write in what you wish to take in the opposite semester.

STEP 7 - Choose Your Back-Up Elective Courses:

You may not always be able to get in to every elective course you wish to have. Therefore we need you to choose back-up courses. **Please write 3 Back-Up choices in the Elective Back-Up box.**

<p>THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT EVERY NINTH GRADE STUDENT TAKE A FULL YEAR STUDY HALL.</p>

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do students have to take Health & PE as freshmen and PE as sophomores? NO- All students must take ½ credit of Health & two ¼ credit PE classes or waive PE before they can graduate, but it can be at any time during high school.

If a class is recommended to me that is not one of my grade level requirements, do I have to put it on my schedule? NO- If it is not a grade level requirement and you don't want it, you don't have to take it.

What about Lunch? You will be given a lunch automatically, you do not need to schedule one.