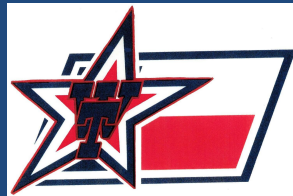


Wimberley High School 8th Grade Presentation

Welcome Students and Parents of
the WHS Class of 2025!

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Information to Know

- Who are we?

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- Why are we here?

To set your mind at ease about Wimberley High School scheduling...

3 Texas Graduation Programs

- Foundation Graduation Program - 22 Credits - Admin Placement
- **Foundation Graduation Program with an Endorsement - 26 Credits - WISD 4X4**
- Foundation Graduation Program with an Endorsement and a **Distinguished** Level of Achievement - 26 Credits (Algebra 2)

Foundation Program w/Endorsement

WISD 4X4 - 26 Credits (minimum)

English - 4 Credits - English I - IV

Mathematics - 4 Credits - Alg I, Geometry, 2 Adv

**** 5 Math Credits if Alg I at Danforth, 27 total****

Science - 4 Credits - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 1 Adv

Social Studies - 4 Credits - WGeography, WHistory, US History, Govt/Eco

Language Other Than English - 2 Credits

PE, Fine Arts - 1 Credit each, 2 total

Endorsements - 4 Credits

Enrichments - 2 Credits (½ Speech, ½ Health, 1 Add)

****ALL Students MUST be in an English, Math, Science and SS Class EACH YEAR of High School****

The 5 Endorsements

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
 - Business and Industry
 - Public Service
 - Arts and Humanities
- Multidisciplinary Studies

STEM Endorsement

- “Programs of Study”
 - Science: Biological
 - Science: Chemical and Physical
 - Engineering and Technology
 - Mathematics
- * **All STEM students must take Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics**

Business and Industry Endorsement “Programs of Study”

- Agribusiness
- Animal Science
- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Plant Science
- Applied Agricultural Engineering (Welding/Construction)
- Design and Multimedia Arts
- Digital Communications
- Accounting and Financial Services
- Business Management
- Marketing and Sales

Public Service Endorsement

- “Programs of Study”
 - Healthcare Therapeutic
 - Healthcare Diagnostic
 - Medical Therapy
 - Early Learning
 - Teaching and Training
 - Family and Community Services

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

- “Programs of Study”
 - Visual Arts
 - Performing Arts: Instrumental
 - Performing Arts: Jazz Band
 - Performing Arts: Vocal
 - Performing Arts: Theatre

Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

- This Endorsement requires one of the following:
 - 4 advanced courses defined as career and college ready from one or several endorsements not in a coherent sequence,
- OR**
- 4 credit minimum in each of four core subject areas including English IV and Chemistry or Physics,
- OR**
- 4 credit minimum in Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit Courses selected from English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Languages other than English, or Fine Arts

Getting into College

- A student must graduate at the **distinguished level of achievement** to be eligible for **automatic admission** to a Texas university or college through the **Top Ten Percent Rule**. (UT is exception, top 6%)
- A student who is not eligible for automatic admission may apply to any college or university if the student completes the Foundation Graduation Plan and achieves the appropriate admission requirements.

WHS GPA Credit Courses

For 9th Grade Students entering WHS 2020-2021 School Year and Thereafter (Seniors 2024)

- **English Language Arts**

- English I or Honors
- English II or Honors
- English III or AP or Dual Credit
- English IV or AP or Dual Credit

- **Mathematics**

- Algebra I or Honors
- Geometry or Honors
- Algebra II or Honors
- Pre-Calculus or Honors
- AP Calculus

- **Social Studies**

- World Geography or Honors
- World History or AP or Dual Credit
- U.S. History or AP or Dual Credit
- U.S. Government or AP or Dual Credit
- Economics or Politics & Economics or Honors or Dual Credit

- **Science**

- Biology I or Honors
- Chemistry I or Honors
- AP Biology or Dual Credit
- AP Chemistry or Dual Credit
- Physics or AP B1 or Dual Credit

Grade-Level vs. Advanced Coursework

- Pace of Instruction
- Rigor of Course Material
- Preparation Time Expected Outside of Class
- English Honors = Summer Reading
- GPA Weighting
 - Grade-Level – 4.0 scale
 - Honors – 5.0 scale
 - AP and Dual Credit Courses – 6.0 scale

Core Freshman Courses

- English I *
- Algebra I * (Geometry if Algebra I was taken in Jr. High)
- World Geography
- Biology * or IPC

*** Course has an End-of-Course (EOC) test**

Additional 9th Grade Courses

- The additional **Four** courses taken during the freshman year will be carefully selected to work toward earning an endorsement and to meet other graduation requirements.

Examples:

- Fine Arts
- Language other than English (LOTE), which is Spanish or ASL at WHS, 2 Years of same LOTE
- Physical Education
- Professional Communication (Speech)/Health
- Endorsement Elective

There is not a Cheer or Dance Class next school year. Both programs are still at WHS, just not during the school day. Those students will eventually need a PE Credit

JH Courses for HS Credit in Wimberley

JH Art - 1 HS Credit, satisfies your HS Fine Arts Credit

Spanish 1 - 1 HS Language other than English (LOTE) Credit

- So if you took Spanish I in 8th Grade, take Spanish II or Spanish II Honors in 9th Grade

Algebra I - 1 HS Math Credit, counts as an Honors Course

Coming This Summer

- WHS Fish Camp (early August)
 - Sponsored by WHS Student Leadership
 - Students receive their schedules and are provided the “scoop” from upperclassmen in leadership positions
 - Parents receive valuable information
 - You will receive information by email and @WimberleyHS Twitter this summer.

Things to Do Prior to Scheduling

Normally...there would be individual meetings. COVID-19 brings too many people into small spaces. We will do our best to mitigate the whole process online and directly in your students Texan Time and Social Studies Classroom.

2021-2022 Course Book is online, Under “Academics” on WHS Website

Watch the available presentations to make informed decisions on Endorsement and Elective Courses.

Talk to your students...start to make a four year plan. Changes will happen and that is ok; just visit with their counselor when those changes do occur.

Scheduling Dates and Info

During Texan Time on March 3 and March 4, the students will:

- Watch CTE Introduction/Information Video
- Watch Orientation Video (this information)

Students will receive a scheduling folder with:

- Course Selection Sheet
- Personal Graduation Plan
- Endorsement Sheet
- Sample documents to be more familiar with WHS
 - 2020 - 2021 Bell Schedule
 - A/B Schedule
 - 2021-2022 School Calendar

Your schedule...

WHS is on an A/B Block Schedule allowing for eight classes. There are some exceptions where students sign up for semester courses...meaning they may have nine, ten or even eleven selections. If you are in a double block class, like athletics, then you will only have seven selections: Here are some examples.

Professional Communication is a .5 credit that pairs with .5 credit of Health

Band Students sign up for two:

- MBPE 1 (Marching Band, PE ½ Credit. Will get the other ½ credit in 10th grade)
- Band 1

Choir Students: Choir 1

Physical Education: PE need 1 Credit total

Aerobics PE: Aerobics based class

PEITS: PE of Individual and Team Sports, more like JH PE

Athletics: Boys Athletics 1DB or Girls Athletics 1DB (counts as two classes, so would only have seven total)

Swim Athletics: Swim Ath 1D (counts as two classes, so would only have seven total)

Tennis Athletics: Team Tennis 1DB (counts as two classes, so would only have seven total)

*Track and Cross Country do not have to be in athletics. ALL team sports are required to be in double block athletics. If you do not participate in any sports, sign up for a PE course.

Sample Schedule

1. English I or English I Honors - 1CR (CR = Credit)
2. Algebra I or Algebra I Honors OR Geometry or Geometry Honors - 1CR
3. Biology or Biology Honors OR IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry) - 1CR
4. World Geography or Honors - 1CR

****Four Core Credits to start each schedule****

5. Endorsement Elective - 1CR
6. Girls Ath DB - 1CR (This counts as two classes in your schedule)
7. Professional Communication - .5CR
8. Health - .5CR

Alternate Choice (just in case there is a conflict, rare, but possible): LOTE, Art I, etc.

****Even though you may have 7, 8, 9 or 10 selections, please make sure there are only 8 classes per semester.****

Final Comments

- Parents: We are here to support you and your students beyond these formal meetings.
- Please do not hesitate to ask us questions as they arise.

Thank you for joining us in this virtual scheduling presentation!