The R10-12 presentation will begin at 7:15pm

10-12th Woodson Curriculum Night

January 30, 2023

Welcome!

- Academics
- Activities
- Thinking ahead

Agenda

- Academics
- What to think about with college and scheduling.
- Thinking ahead

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High School

Who do we want our students **to be** when they graduate?

Graduation requirements and course options

Standard Diploma

	Standard Credit	Verified Credit
English	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Laboratory Sciences	3	1
History and Social Sciences	3	1
Health and Physical Education	2	
World Language, fine arts, or CTE	2	
Economics and Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
Total	22 credits	5 verified credits

Other diploma options available for students with an IEP

Advanced Studies Diploma

	Standard Credit	Verified Credit
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	1
Laboratory Sciences	4	1
History and Social Sciences	4	1
Health and Physical Education	2	
World Language	3	
Fine Arts/CTE	1	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Total	26	5

Standard Courses

- Based on rigorous program of studies from VA state and FCPS
- Courses provide students with the opportunity to meet graduation requirements while focusing on college/future readiness.

Honors Courses

- Expands upon the standard course curriculum
- More rigor, higher expectations , faster pace
- Prepare students for higher levels of the content
- Receive a 0.5 GPA bump
- Students should **be prepared to:**
  - Be self-motivated
  - Think critically and write analytically
  - Study and know basic study skills
  - Be motivated to learn and work with others

What are AP Courses?

- **College-level courses** taught in high school.
- National Curriculum set by *College Board* with collaboration from Universities across the country
- Designed to prepare students for College Rigor and content
- Students have opportunity to take an end of year exam and earn college credits.

Why take AP Courses?

- Rigorous Coursework
  - Develop skills that will increase success in college
- Explore a subject to determine if it is a potential path to study in college
- Can earn college credits towards a degree while in high school

AP Courses we offer:

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics C

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Statistics
- AP Pre-Calculus

- AP World History:Modern
- AP US History
- AP US Government
- AP Economics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- AP African American Studies

- AP Spanish Language
- AP French Language

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature

- AP Art: Drawing
- AP Art: 2D Design
- AP Art: 3D Design
- AP Music Theory

AP Courses

- FCPS will pay for 6 AP exams for a student their entire high school career:
  - Individuals can pay $96 per exam beyond that.

- Most AP Courses are for Juniors and Seniors (prerequisites are needed for many)

Things to know:

- AP Courses are equivalent to 1-2 college courses (3-8 college credits)
  - Content and rigor varies between courses

- Choose wisely. Think about Time Commitments.

Considerations when choosing AP Courses:

- What is the student interested in or thinking of studying in college?
- How strong are the student's study and reading skills?
- How much time does the student have to devote to the course? (what are their other commitments?)

Common Misconceptions

Myth: My student needs to take as many AP Courses as possible to get into a good university.

- **Fact: Choose the AP Courses and number they can do well.**

Myth: All AP Courses are the same workload.

- **Fact: Some are 1 college course, others are equivalent to 2.**

Dual Enrollment Classes (DE)

- Dual Enrollment (DE) allows high school students to enroll in postsecondary coursework while earning high school and college credit simultaneously.
- Students take classes through Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) at their high school, through the Online Campus, or at an Academy with an FCPS credentialed instructor.
- Currently, there is no cost to parents and students to take Dual Enrollment courses through Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) for the 2023-2024 school year

Dual Enrollment Classes (DE)

- **We offer the following DE courses <u>at Woodson</u>:**

<u>Career & Technical Education (CTE)</u>

- Entrepreneurship I (11-12)
- Entrepreneurship II (12)

<u>World Languages</u>

- Latin 4 (11-12)
- Spanish 4 (11-12)

Application process and earned credit will vary by department and course.

Dual Enrollment Classes (DE)

Note for World Language Dual Enrollment classes

Regular Spanish 4 and Latin 4 still offered

Dual Enrollment classes

- greater time commitment outside class
- faster paced and more rigorous
- **keep balance with AP and Honors classes in mind**

Special Education

- Courses are determined by IEP team placement
- Contact case manager or school counselor with questions

Fairfax County Academies

- Fairfax County Academies are available starting in 10th grade
- Wide options including:

Automotive Technology

Classroom-on-the-Mall
(Marketing Management & Fashion Merchandising)

Cosmetology

Health Sciences

Cybersecurity

Criminal Justice

Engineering

Carpentry

Online Classes

Students can take two online classes per year through FCPS

Available to students in grades 9-12

Self-motivation and discipline are important

Economics and Personal Finance

- Recommend taking in 11th or 12th grade
- Summer options are available
- Course is available in the classroom, online, or self-paced
- Classroom option is an Honors course

Electives

All departments offer electives!

A typical sophomore has space for 1 or 2 electives.

Juniors and seniors have much more choice.

Colleges

What are colleges looking for in terms of rigor?

How best to strive to balance rigor vs. performance?

Schedule to your interests and strengths and not just HN/AP classes.

Upcoming Student Services Events

What does the scheduling process look like?

Counselors will meet individually with students

- Rising Seniors: February 6-February 16 (through US History)
- Rising Juniors: February 17-February 24 (through PE10)
- Rising Sophomores: February 27-March 9 (through PE9)

Teacher feedback days: Feb 2-3

Review Academic Advising Padlet

How can you help your student make wise and healthy class choices?

Listen	Ask	Be	Use
Listen and be involved.	Ask your student what they are interested in.	Be realistic about your student's study skills	Use the Academic Advising padlet

A Message from our Registrar

Welcome to Woodson High School!

- New families to Fairfax County Public Schools: see the Woodson Website to register for *Special Registration* afternoons on **March 16th and 28th**

- If you live in our boundary and are coming from a middle school other than Frost, make sure your current school counselor is aware you will be coming to Woodson and uses our course selection guide

- If you do not live inside the Woodson boundary, unfortunately, we are closed to student transfers. Please see the FCPS student transfer website for more information.

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Remember:

We want our students to be challenged AND to thrive and feel healthy

Balance of life, academics, rigor is key

Thank You for your partnership

We appreciate your time. Thank you for attending!