

**West Essex High School
8th Grade Orientation
Night**

January 12, 2023

Overview

- ❑ Principal's Introduction
 - ❑ Assistant Principals: Ms. Hoebee & Ms. Westervelt
- ❑ Guidance
- ❑ Advanced Placement
- ❑ Department Supervisors
- ❑ Athletics
- ❑ Questions & Answers

Benefits of Attending WEHS

- ❑ Academics
- ❑ Support
 - ❑ Counselors
 - ❑ Peer Leader Program - UKnight
 - ❑ Freshman Orientation & Club Fair - Wednesday, August 23
 - ❑ Academic tutoring
- ❑ Athletics
- ❑ Arts & Music
- ❑ Clubs, Honor Societies, Academic Leagues
- ❑ 1100 Students
- ❑ School Spirit

Preparedness for College and Careers

- ❑ Individualized course of study and high interest electives
- ❑ AP courses
 - ❑ Annually approximately 200+ students take 700+ AP exams across 26 subjects
- ❑ Courses offered for dual credit in association with Syracuse University and Rutgers
- ❑ Off campus vocational programs and cooperative education programs
- ❑ **Highly qualified, passionate faculty and staff**

Major Differences Noticed on Day 1

- ❑ Freedom
- ❑ Higher Expectations
 - ❑ Encourage students to advocate for themselves
 - ❑ Independence
 - ❑ Time management is critical

Guidance Department

Lisa Hulse, Director

The Guidance Team

Counselor	Grade 9
Ms. Amanda Lentino	A-Con
Mrs. Riley Gallagher	Corc - G
Mrs. Kimberly Greulich	H - Mas
Mr. Jon Sibilias	Mau - Rom
Mrs. Crystal Tremaroli	Ron - Z

Student Assistance Counselor	Mr. Anthony Emering
Guidance Secretary	Mrs. Sarah Pisano
Guidance Secretary	Mrs. Patty Smith

The Guidance Department keeps you informed



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Make sure to read our monthly newsletters for information, upcoming events, updates, and much more!

Program of Studies 2023-2024

- ❑ Board of Education approved informational booklet for parents and students to reference
 - ❑ Policies and procedures
 - ❑ Course level recommendation procedures
 - ❑ Add/Drop dates and withdrawal procedures
 - ❑ Summer school for remediation and acceleration procedures
 - ❑ Course level change and waiver procedures

Graduation Requirements

4 years of English (Language Arts Literacy) - 20 credits

3 years of Mathematics - 15 credits

3 years of Science (Biology and two additional lab sciences) - 18 credits

3 years of Social Studies: U.S. History - 10 credits, World History - 5 credits

1 year of World Language - 5 credits

1 year of Visual or Performing Arts - 5 credits

1 year of 21st Century Life and Careers - 5 credits

4 years of Health/Physical Education - 20 credits

½ year Financial Literacy - 2.5 credits

Total of 135 Credits

Note: Only courses taken from September of 9th grade through 12th grade count towards high school graduation

NJGPA- New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment: ELA and Math

The Course Selection Process

January

- 8th grade science class visits: **January 11th and 12th** to discuss the PROGRAM of STUDIES.
- Select elective requests via Course Selection Sheet

February

- Receive an invite for date/time of scheduling conference via USPS mail
- Scheduling Conferences: **February 6th – February 13th**
- 8th grade students & their parents will meet with HS Counselor at the Middle School to discuss course selections.

June

- Students receive their 2023-2024 class schedule on **MOVE UP DAY - Friday, June 9th**
- 8th grade students visit the high school to follow their schedule for upcoming year.

Advanced Placement Program

The AP Program provides students with an opportunity to take college-level courses in high school.

AP students take an end-of-course exam in May to demonstrate college level proficiency. Many U.S. colleges & universities grant credit and/or advanced placement for scores of 3 and above.

27 AP Course Offerings

9th Grade- 1 AP offering - AP Computer Science Principles

Benefits of AP Courses

College-Ready

- ❑ Earn college credits and/or test out of introductory courses
- ❑ Complete degree early
- ❑ Transition smoothly to college-level rigor/expectations

Build Skills and Confidence

- ❑ Dive deep into the subjects students love
- ❑ Learn time management and study skills needed at the college level

Strengthen College Application

- ❑ Weighted courses will improve GPA
- ❑ Colleges recognize the rigorous schedule

Considerations

Academic interests

Schedule

- ❑ Academic
- ❑ Extracurricular

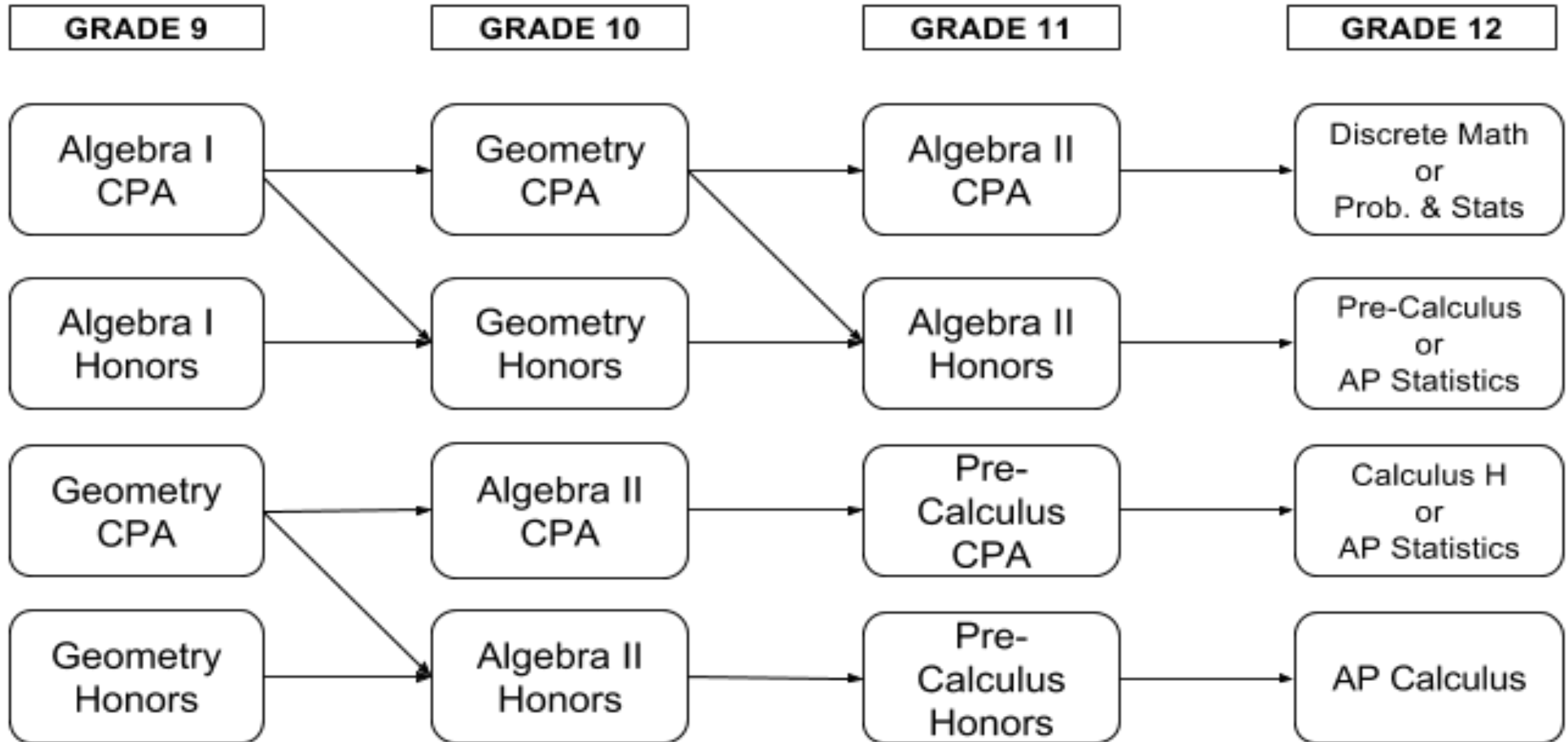
Consultation with guidance counselor



Mathematics & Business Departments

Greg Aschoff, Supervisor

Math Course Sequence



Mathematics & Business Electives

❑ Mathematics Electives

- ❑ *Intro to Computer Science*
- ❑ *Cybersecurity*
- ❑ *Animation and Game Design*
- ❑ Probability and Statistics
- ❑ SAT Prep (with English)

❑ AP Electives

- ❑ AP Calculus AB
- ❑ AP Calculus BC
- ❑ AP Computer Science A
- ❑ *AP Computer Science Principles*
- ❑ AP Statistics
- ❑ Calculus III (through Syracuse U.)

❑ Business Electives

- ❑ Business Law
- ❑ Business Management
- ❑ *Entrepreneurship*
- ❑ *Digital Marketing and Social Media*
- ❑ Financial Accounting I and II
- ❑ *Introduction to Business and Business Applications*
- ❑ *Personal Finance*
- ❑ *Sports and Entertainment Marketing*
- ❑ Sport Management (through Syracuse U.)

English, Reading, & Libraries

Department

Stacy Casais, Supervisor

English Courses

Required Courses

- ❑ *English I-IV* CPA or Honors
 - ❑ Half-Year Course Options for Senior Year

AP Courses

- ❑ AP Language and Compositions (Grade 11)
- ❑ AP Literature and Composition (Grade 12)

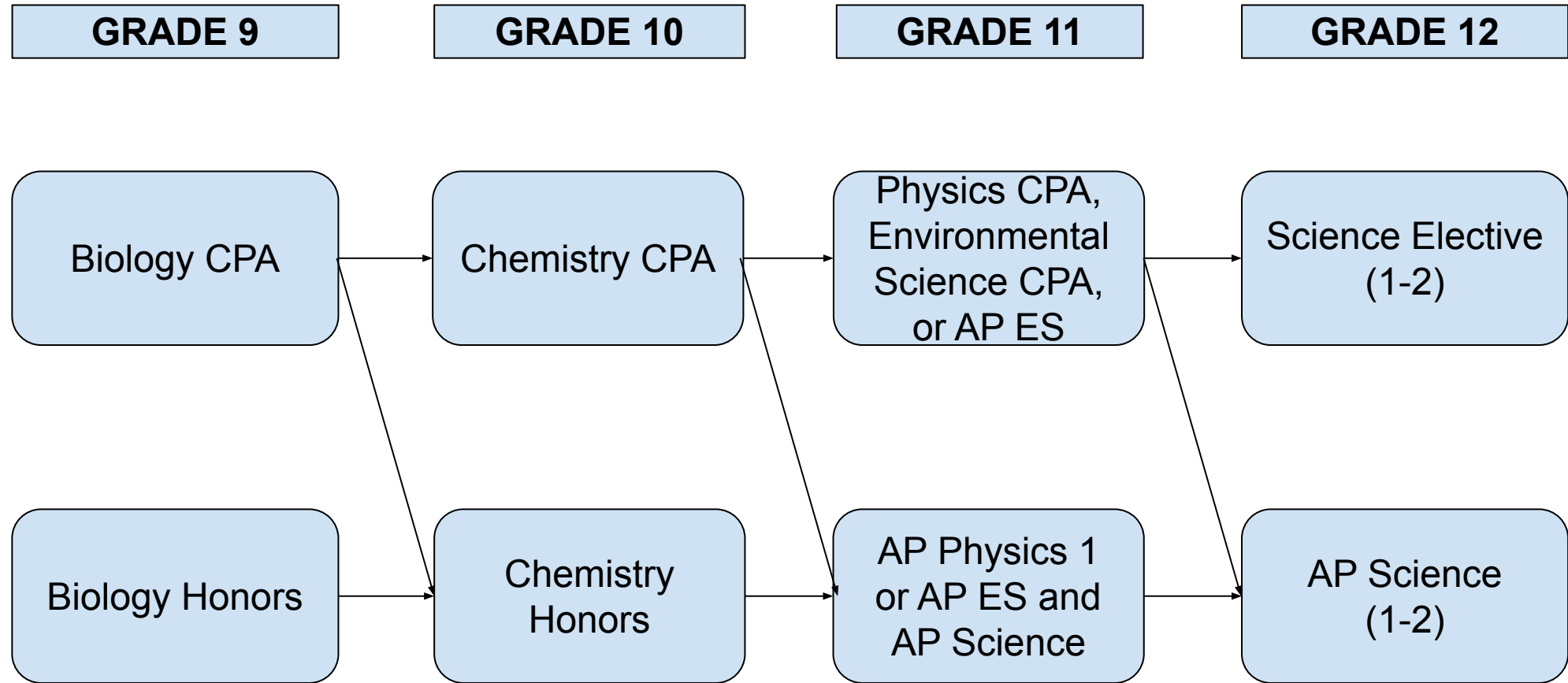
Electives

- ❑ *Creative Writing I and II*
- ❑ *Film Review*
- ❑ *Journalism I, II, III/IV*
- ❑ *Public Speaking*
- ❑ SAT/ACT Prep (with math)

Science Department

Jason Lerner, Supervisor

Science Course Sequence



Science Electives

❑ CPA Electives

- ❑ Astronomy
- ❑ Forensic Science
- ❑ Marine Science
- ❑ Sports Medicine

❑ AP Electives

- ❑ AP Biology
- ❑ AP Chemistry
- ❑ AP Environmental Science
- ❑ AP Physics 1
- ❑ AP Physics 2

❑ Honors Electives

- ❑ Anatomy & Physiology
(through Rutgers University)
- ❑ *Big History*
- ❑ Biotechnology
- ❑ Forensic Science
(through Syracuse University)

Sample Schedule

	A	B	C	D
Block 1	English I	Personal Finance	Biology	Algebra I
Block 2	Algebra I	English I	Personal Finance	Biology
Block 3	Biology	Algebra I	English I	Personal Finance
Unit Lunch	Lab	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Block 4	Italian I	World History	PE/Health	Computer Graphics I
Block 5	Computer Graphics I	Italian I	World History	PE/Health
Block 6	PE/Health	Computer Graphics I	Italian I	World History



Social Studies & World Languages Departments

Laura Drago, Supervisor

Social Studies Courses

❑ Required Courses

- ❑ *World History CPA & Honors*
- ❑ US History I CPA, H, & AP
- ❑ US History II CPA, H, & AP

❑ AP Electives

- ❑ American Government & Politics
- ❑ European History
- ❑ Human Geography
- ❑ Macro/Micro Economics

❑ Electives

- ❑ Constitutional Law
- ❑ *Global Studies*
- ❑ Holocaust & Genocide Studies
- ❑ Modern American History
- ❑ Social Psychology

World Language Courses

❑ CPA and Honors Courses

- ❑ Chinese I-IV
- ❑ French II-IV
- ❑ Italian I-IV
- ❑ Spanish I-IV

❑ AP Courses

- ❑ Chinese
- ❑ French
- ❑ Italian
- ❑ Spanish

Visual, Performing & Practical Arts Department

Julie Hoebee and Kimberly Westervelt,
Interim Supervisors

Visual & Performing Arts Courses

Visual Arts

- ❑ *Graphic Design I-II* CPA, III Honors
- ❑ *Digital Photography* CPA
- ❑ *Studio Art I-II* CPA, III-IV Honors
- ❑ Yearbook CPA
- ❑ AP Art History
- ❑ AP Art and Design

Performing Arts

- ❑ *Band* CPA/Honors
- ❑ *Choir (SATB/SSA)* CPA/Honors
- ❑ *Guitar* CPA
- ❑ *Orchestra* CPA/Honors
- ❑ *Theater Arts* CPA
- ❑ *Music Technology* CPA
- ❑ AP Music Theory

21st Century Life & Careers Courses

Technology Education

- ❑ Architectural Design Honors
- ❑ Engineering Design and Robotics Honors
- ❑ *Foundations of Engineering and Architectural Design CPA*
- ❑ Engineering Graphics Honors: 3D Modeling and Rapid Prototyping
- ❑ *Multimedia Design CPA*
- ❑ *Woods Technology I-II CPA, III-IV Honors*

Family and Consumer Science

- ❑ Culinary Arts I-II CPA
- ❑ Culinary Arts II Honors
- ❑ *Fashion Design I-II CPA*
- ❑ Fashion Design II Honors
- ❑ Food and Sports Nutrition CPA



Physical Education, Health, & Athletics Department

Anthony Minnella, Director

Physical Education

Individual Activities

- Weight Room Levels I-IV
- Aerobic Fitness
- Yoga Levels I & II
- Tennis Levels I-IV
- Dance
- Ping Pong

Adventure Education - Promotes positive communication within groups and creative thinking amongst individuals. AE, builds self confidence, practices life skill such as; problem solving, leadership, listening, critical thinking, collaboration.

Team Activities

- Pillo Polo
- Adventure Education Levels I- IV
- Football
- Handball
- Basketball
- Frisbee
- Boccer
- Volleyball
- Floor Hockey
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Wiffleball
- Backyard Games

Health Education

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
MP IV	MP I	MP III	MP II
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alcohol & Substance Abuse• Suicide Prevention• Cyber Bullying• Human Sexuality• Physical Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NJ Motor Vehicle Driver's Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nutrition• American Red Cross: AED & CPR Certification• Mental Health Disorders• Stress Management & Mindfulness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health & Media Literacy• Adulthood & Personal Care• Baby Think It Over Project

Athletics

West Essex High School offers a variety of sports for boys and girls.

Athletic Experience

- ❑ Winning/Losing
- ❑ Commitment
- ❑ Self-Discipline
- ❑ Self-Confidence

Coaches

- ❑ Instruction
- ❑ Strategy
- ❑ Fitness
- ❑ Sportsmanship

Upcoming Transitional Events

- ❑ Move up Day – Tentatively June 9, 2023
- ❑ Freshman Orientation – Wednesday, August 23, 2023
 - ❑ Freshmen meet peer leaders and peer groups

Questions?