



# WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Registration Information

It is our goal for all West High students  
to graduate, prepared for  
college/career plans.

# HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

- Come to school and be on time.
- Attend all classes.
- Do your work and turn it in.
- Ask for help when needed.
- Get involved!
  - Clubs
  - Athletics
  - Community Service



# Typical Day at West



## WEST HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES 2023-2024

### FIRST LUNCH

CLASS	TIME
1	8:45 a.m. – 10:09 a.m. [84 MIN]
2	10:16 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. [89 MIN]
LUNCH	11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. [30 MIN]
3	12:22 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. [83 MIN]
4	1:52 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. [83 MIN]

### SECOND LUNCH

CLASS	TIME
1	8:45 a.m. – 10:09 a.m. [84 MIN]
2	10:16 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. [89 MIN]
3	11:52 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. [83 MIN]
LUNCH	1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. [30 MIN]
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# PAC

West High PAC is a school-wide program where we:

- foster relationships
- develop social and emotional competency
- build connection in the West High community.

At West, we have a plan for success today, tomorrow and after graduation.

At West, we advocate for ourselves and our community.

At West, we work to build community and connection.

PAC DAY FIRST LUNCH	
CTC, 1ST + 2ND FLOOR, TECH WING, FIELD HOUSE, DRIVER'S ED, SEMINARY	
CLASS	TIME
1	8:45 a.m. - 9:56 a.m. [71 MIN]
PAC	10:03 a.m. - 10:53 a.m. [50 MIN]
2	11 a.m. - 12:11 p.m. [71 MIN]
LUNCH	12:11 p.m. - 12:41 p.m. [30 MIN]
3	12:48 p.m. - 1:58 p.m. [70 MIN]
4	2:05 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. [70 MIN]

PAC DAY SECOND LUNCH	
3RD + 4TH FLOOR OF MAIN BUILDING	
CLASS	TIME
1	8:45 a.m. - 9:56 a.m. [71 MIN]
PAC	10:03 a.m. - 10:53 a.m. [50 MIN]
2	11 a.m. - 12:11 p.m. [71 MIN]
3	12:18 p.m. - 1:28 p.m. [70 MIN]
LUNCH	1:28 p.m. - 1:58 p.m. [30 MIN]
4	2:05 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. [70 MIN]

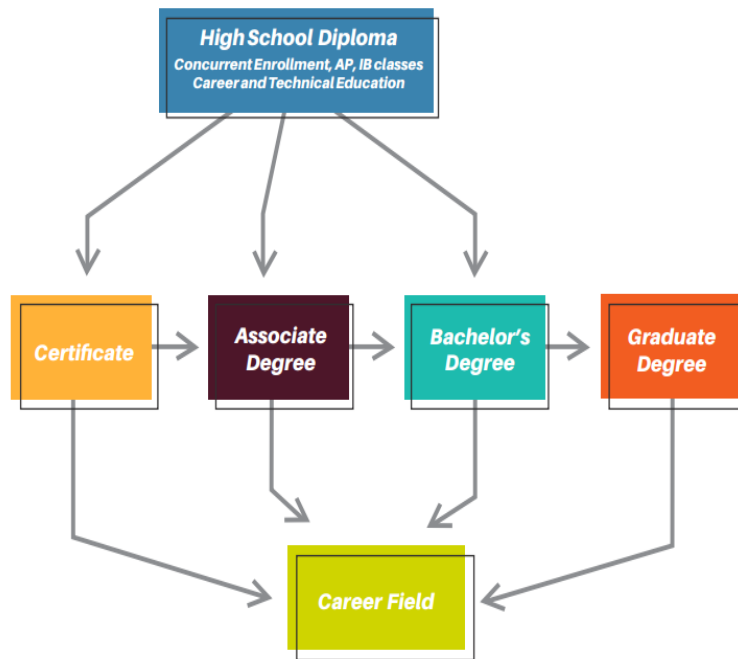
# High School is your opportunity to start your next step early!

## COLLEGE = OPPORTUNITY

### WHAT IS COLLEGE?

Certificates, Associate Degrees, Bachelor's Degrees

Most jobs today require college education beyond high school. Think of college as one year, two years, four years, or more: college certificates can be earned in one year or more, associate degrees in two years, bachelor's degrees in four years, and graduate degrees in more than four years. The chart below shows how college credentials can build on each other to get you where you want to go.



### High School Diploma

Provides foundational skills for success in life, college, and the workplace.

Examples:

- High school Career and Technical Education
- College-prep classes
- Work-based learning

# 1

**Certificates and other Credentials**

1 year or more (depending on program)

Provides preparation for specific jobs and careers. Programs can typically be completed in a few weeks to a little over a year of full-time attendance. Many certificates build into and count toward associate degrees.

Examples:

- Certificates of Proficiency
- Certificates of Completion
- Apprenticeships
- Licenses
- Professional Certifications

# 2

**Associate Degrees**

2 years

Provides preparation for employment or a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in two years of full-time attendance.

Examples:\*

- Associate of Applied Science
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Arts

# 4

**Bachelor's Degrees**

4 years

Provides a well-rounded education for success in a career or for graduate study. Programs can typically be completed in four years of full-time attendance.

Examples:

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Professional Bachelor's Degree

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**Graduate and Professional Degrees and Credentials**

Typically 1-6 years beyond a bachelor's degree

Provides advanced preparation in a variety of careers that require education beyond a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in one to six years of full-time attendance, depending on the field of study.

Examples:

- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees
- Graduate Certificates

**\* There are two types of associate degrees:**

#### **Associate of Applied Science**

This degree provides basic preparation and related instruction for career development and entry into the job market, and in some cases for bachelor's degrees.

#### **Associate of Science and Associate of Arts**

This degree provides the first two years of a bachelor's degree and can be earned at a community college and then transferred to a university.

It is never too early to start planning!

The more you know now the better-informed decisions you can make!

What college is right for you?

DR  
EA  
M

What is your dream job?

Find out what interests you most by taking the Interest Profiler Assessment through the Keys to Success app.

GR  
AD  
UA  
TE

What kind of certificate or degree will get you to your dream job?

Visit [UtahMajors.org](http://UtahMajors.org) to figure out which colleges offer the program to get you where you want to go.



CA  
MP  
US

What type of college campus is best for you?

- Close to home or far away
- Big city or small town
- Small college or large university
- Live in the dorms or off campus

The best way to know if a college campus is right for you is to visit colleges you're interested in. Use the college directory information at [ktsutah.org/resources](http://ktsutah.org/resources) to find how to schedule a tour.

What advice do your family, friends, and community have for you about college?

AD  
VI  
CE



# Graduation Information: What Counts for What???

<b>Language Arts 9</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Language Arts 10</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Language Arts 11</b>	<b>1.00</b>	IB Language & Literature HL 1, IB Literature HL 1
<b>Language Arts 12</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Creative Writing, Journalism, Debate, Business Communication, Level 3 or higher World Language, Humanities, Reading, English 1010, AP Literature, IB HL 2 *Universities only accept LA 12 or higher for this credit.
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Secondary Math I or higher
	<b>1.00</b>	Secondary Math II or higher
<b>Mathematics Applied, Adv.</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Decision Making, Accounting, Statistics, College Prep, Computer Programming, Math 1030, 1040, IB Math, AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus *Universities require Secondary Math III or higher It is also highly recommended to take a 4 <sup>th</sup> year of math
<b>Science</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Earth, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Environmental, AP Computer Science Principles, Comp. Sci. 2+
	<b>1.00</b>	Same as above, IB options
<b>Science Applied, Advanced</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Electronics, Robotics, Engineering, Anatomy, Forensics, AP Computer Science Principles, Astronomy, Zoology, IB options *Universities prefer 3 lab sciences, which are Biology, Physics, and Chemistry
<b>Geography</b>	<b>0.50</b>	AP Geography
<b>World History</b>	<b>0.50</b>	World History I or II, IB History of the Americas HL 1 & 2
<b>United States History</b>	<b>1.00</b>	AP History, IB History of the Americas HL 1 & 2
<b>US Gov't and Citizenship Honors</b>	<b>0.50</b>	
<b>Social Studies Elective</b>	<b>0.50</b>	Law Enforcement, IB Theory of Knowledge or Personal and Professional Skills, Psychology, Economics, Ethnic, Clemente Humanities, Student Government
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1.50</b>	Commercial Arts, Digital Art, Art History, Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Choir, Photography, Band, Dance, Theatre, Clemente Humanities, AP Studio Art, Commercial Art 2, Commercial Art 3, IB options
<b>Career and Technical Ed</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Numerous options to pick your CTE pathway!
<b>Digital Studies</b>	<b>0.50</b>	Exploring Computer Science, Digital Business Applications, Business Office Specialist, Computer Programming, AP Computer Science Principles, CE CS 1400
<b>Financial Literacy</b>	<b>0.50</b>	
<b>Health</b>	<b>0.50</b>	Health, Advanced Health Science, Intro to Health Sciences 1.00
<b>Participation Skills &amp; Fitness</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Completion of a sanctioned sport may substitute PE Skills. No substitution for Fitness for life
<b>Lifetime Activities</b>	<b>0.50</b>	JROTC, Yoga, Weights, Dance, 2 years on a sports team, Cheer, Drill, Team activities, Lifetime Activities, or petition with the district
<b>Electives</b>	<b>5.50</b>	Anything may count as an elective.
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.00</b>	*Most classes offer an honors option/Class offering are subject to change each year



## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS SCHEDULE

You must choose one of each of the following core classes:

- Language Arts (1.0)
- Math (1.0)
- Geography (0.5-1.0)
- Science (1.0)
- Fitness for Life (0.5)
- PE Skills (0.5)

And then, you may choose 3 elective courses from the following:

- World Languages
- Fine Arts
- Career & Technical Education
- Miscellaneous:
  - JROTC
  - Seminary
  - AVID

**TOTAL: 8 Credits**

# West High College Prep Options



- Honors courses: Challenging courses that help prepare you for college.
- AP (Advanced Placement) courses: Advanced courses that help you earn 3-8 college credits when you pass the end of year exam.
- West High IB (International Baccalaureate) program: Diploma Program (DP), Career-Related Program (CP) and IB Courses. These rigorous courses help you earn 3-12 college credits when you pass the end of year exam. Completing a full DP/CP program provides the college credit, and helps you stand apart in college/career applications.
- CE (Concurrent Enrollment) courses: These courses are offered to high school students through Salt Lake Community College and Weber State. Most classes are a semester in length, but some may be full year courses. Students are charged by the colleges \$5 per credit hour (3 credit hours = \$15) and a possible Textbook fee. Each course is graded a little bit differently, some will have projects while others will have tests throughout the course. Students earn twice as much high school credit while earning the college credit.



- 6 IB courses (11th & 12th grade)

Courses are across all curricular areas.

- Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

How do we know what we know?

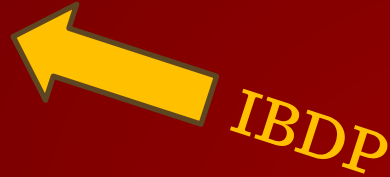
- Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS)

18 months of student learning outside of the classroom.

- Extended Essay (EE)

4,000 word college level research paper on any topic of interest to the student.

# Which IB Program Works Best For You?



9th Grade students planning to do an IB program usually take Honors classes, a World Language, and sometimes AP classes like AP Geography, AP Precalculus or AP Computer Science Principles



- Complete CTE pathway  
3 credits in a career concentration
- 2 IB courses in 11th & 12th grade  
Students pick 2 IB courses
- Personal & Professional Skills  
How do we interact effectively and ethically in the work place?
- Service Learning  
50 hours of student developed service activities related to the career field (internship)
- Reflective Project  
Written, visual, or oral presentation of an ethical dilemma in the student's career field.
- Language Development  
50 hours of world language study related to the student's career field.



- CTE (Career and Technical Education) courses are designed to help students gain the knowledge and skills they can then use to gain employment in a high wage, high demand job field. The goal of CTE programs offered through the Salt Lake City School District is to help students explore a variety of possible career fields and then to select which one best fits your personal goals and then complete that CTE Pathway.
- Many students may not know what type of career/job that they want to have as they get older so why not try a few different classes and see which ones you like more. It is much easier to explore different Career Pathways while in high school rather than waiting until you are an adult and a high school graduate.
- Students who complete a CTE Pathway can earn a scholarship and will earn a CTE Medallion to wear at Graduation.

# Programs at West to Support YOU!

## PACE

- The Partnership for Accessing College Education (PACE) Scholarship Program is a mentoring and scholarship program created to increase college participation and graduation rates for high school students.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- College-readiness opportunities
- Career exploration and job shadowing
- Individualized mentorship in high school (four years)
- Earn a six-semester scholarship to SLCC upon graduation! (Estimated value: \$15,000)

WRITE “PACE” ON THE BACK OF YOUR COURSE SELECTION SHEET IF INTERESTED! We will connect you with the advisor.

## GEAR UP

- GEAR UP Utah works in changing lives by helping students prepare for long-term postsecondary success.
- Through active learning and mentoring, the GEAR UP Utah program helps local students prepare for and to successfully graduate from high school, establish a college-going attitude, gain knowledge about postsecondary education, and prepare students to enter and succeed in their post-secondary education.

WRITE “GEAR UP” ON THE BACK OF YOUR COURSE SELECTION SHEET IF INTERESTED! If you would like the class in your schedule write “GEAR UP class”, you don’t need the class to be in the program.

## AVID

- AVID is a program designed to help underserved, first generation college-bound students with high academic potential participate in rigorous course work in preparation for entrance to colleges and universities. Students receive support through tutoring by trained tutors and a proven curriculum based on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading.

**SELECT “AVID 9” UNDER Miscellaneous ON YOUR COURSE SELECTION SHEET!**

# NCAA Information

If you are interested in playing a sport in college, you need to plan your schedule carefully!

## Courses you take your 9<sup>th</sup> grade year make a big difference!

- Make sure you sign-up for the following classes for 9<sup>th</sup> grade!
  - Language Arts (1.0)
  - Mathematics (1.0)
  - Science (1.0)
  - Social Studies (at least 0.5)
  - World Language (1.0)

Most importantly...TELL YOUR COUNSELOR!!!!  
We will help you with the entire process...IF WE KNOW!

# School Clubs & Student Clubs

This is a fantastic way to get involved at school. A “student club” is a unique club, that is not necessarily tied to an academic subject. If a student wants to start a student club, they can! More details will be available at the beginning of each school year if you are interested in starting a new club of your own.

## 2023-2024 Student Clubs

- Authentic Relating
- Black Student Union,
- Beamline
- Book Club
- Buddy Club
- Chess Club
- Crochet Club
- Drama Club
- ENGIN
- Equity Student Advocacy Club
- HOPE Squad
- Improvisation Club
- Key Club
- Krakens Ultimate Club
- Magic the Gathering Club
- Red Cross HOSA Club
- Running Club
- Science Fair Club
- SheTech Club
- Seminary
- Space Monkeys
- Table Tennis Club
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Queer History Club
- West High Curling Club
- West High Ghana Club
- West High Samsung Team
- West High Mountain Bike Team
- Women’s Alliance Club
- Writer’s Club
- Yu-Gi-Oh! Club

# School Clubs

This is a fantastic way to get involved at school. A “school club” is an academic club that is tied to a specific core subject.

- Academic Decathlon,
- American Sign Language,
- Biology Club,
- Computer Science Club,
- Chinese Club,
- Esports,
- Environmental Club,
- French Club,
- German Club,
- Math Club,
- ELP Math Club,
- MESA, Mock Trial,
- Model Arab League,
- Model United Nations,
- National Honor Society,
- Panther Pals,
- Robotics,
- West High Rocketry Club,
- Salt Lake Peer Court,
- Science Olympiad,
- Spanish Club,
- Tutoring Club,
- West Winds
- Literary Arts Magazine,
- CTE Skills Club,
- DECA,
- FBLA,
- FCCLA,
- HOSA

## IN CONCLUSION...

- All students are welcome to participate in Honors classes. We encourage students to strive to do their best while maintaining a balance between academics, extracurricular activities, and family responsibilities.
- Core academic coursework and CTE/career focus should also be considered when selecting student classes.
- Creating a balance is necessary to achieve student success.



ONCE A PANTHER...

*Always a Panther!*