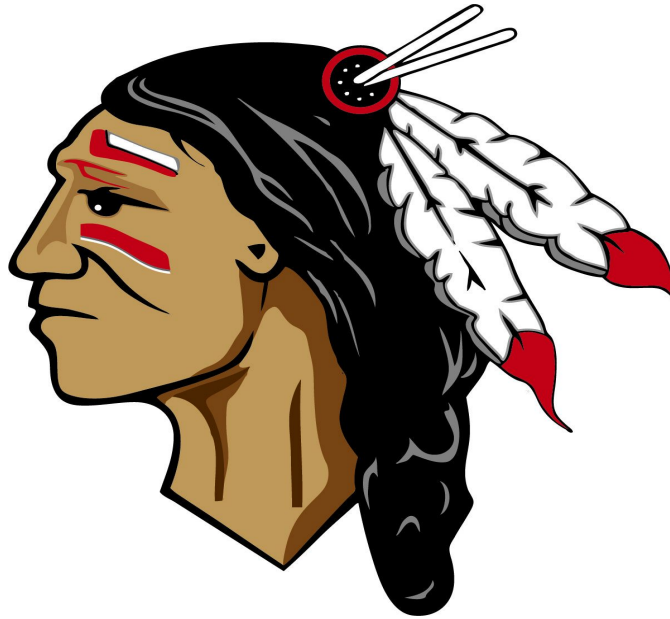


# **WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

## **9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION GUIDE**

**2019-2020**



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# Westside High School

## 2019-2020 Bell Schedule

<b>“A” Day</b>	<b>“B” Day</b>
1st Block (A): 8:00am-9:35am	1st Block (B): 8:00am-9:35am
Second Chance Breakfast 9:35am-9:45am	Second Chance Breakfast 9:35am-9:45am
2nd Block (A): 9:45am-11:50am (includes lunch period)	2nd Block (B): 9:45am-11:50am (includes lunch period)
3rd Block (A): 11:55am-1:30pm	3rd Block (B): 11:55am-1:30pm
4th Block: 1:35pm-2:25pm	4th Block: 1:35pm-2:25pm
5th Block: 2:30pm-3:20pm	5th Block: 2:30pm-3:20pm

\*The first bell rings at 7:55am every morning.

\*A student’s lunch period is determined by their 2nd block teacher. (First Lunch: 10:40am-11:10am    Second Lunch: 11:20am-11:50am)

Ninth grade students at Westside High School will be enrolled in eight classes. Four classes will be academic core classes, such as English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Three classes will be elective courses requested by the student through their Home Access Center account. Lastly, the final class in a 9th grade student's schedule will be P.E. and Health (one semester each). P.E. and Health are required by all Westside High School students for graduation, and it is recommended that students meet that requirement in the 9th grade. All of the classes offered for 9th grade students, except Study Hall and aide periods, will be taken for high school credit. **It is important to know that high school credit courses will appear on the student's permanent high school transcript, and the 9th grade student's final grades will be taken into account when/if determining honor graduate status. Please see the WHS Student Handbook for more information.**

PreAP courses are offered to 9th grade students in the subjects of English, Science, and Social Studies. PreAP courses cover the same curriculum as regular 9th grade core courses, but PreAP courses are designed to prepare students for higher intellectual engagement. In addition, summer work may be required for PreAP courses. These courses will prepare students for the honors program at Westside High School, but they are not required. Summer work will be posted to the school's website, [www.westsideschools.org](http://www.westsideschools.org), by June 1st.

A Westside High School student must have 24 credits in order to qualify for graduation. The break down of the required credits can be found in the student handbook. In addition, each year, a student must meet the minimum requirement of credits in order to move up in grade classifications. The credit requirements for each grade are as follows:

- 10th Grade - 6 credits
- 11th Grade - 12 credits
- 12th Grade - 18 credits

If a student does not have the minimum credit requirements needed for a certain grade, the student will be classified in the lower grade until additional credits are acquired.

Students are required to make-up any failed high school credit course if the failed course is needed towards graduation. Credit recovery can occur through summer school or the following school year. If it is planned for the following school year, the make-up course will take the place of an elective course. Please know if a student continually fails courses and is not consistently progressing towards graduation, it may be recommended that the student attend SUCCESS Academy for credit recovery throughout the semester/school year.

## Course Offerings for 9th Grade Students

### **English:**

1. English 9
2. PreAP English 9
3. Resource English (Special Education)

### **Math:**

1. Algebra I
2. Geometry (if taken Algebra I in the 8th grade)
3. Resource Math (Special Education)

### **Science:**

1. Physical Science Integrated
2. PreAP Physical Science

### **Social Studies:**

1. World History
2. PreAP World History

### **P.E. and Health:**

1. Physical Education (P.E) (one semester)
2. Health (one semester)

OR

1. AFJROTC I (can be taken for full year for P.E and Health credit OR taken in addition to regular P.E. and Health for Career Focus credit)

## **Elective Courses:**

### Fine Arts

Art I

Vocal Music I (Choir)

Instrumental Music I (Marching Band)

Jazz Band I

Music Technology

Piano I

Music Appreciation (one semester)

ELA Drama (one semester)

Theatre I

Stagecraft I

### Agriculture

Survey of Agriculture (required before any other agri course)

Agri Mechanics

Plant Science

Agri Structures

Animal Science

Electricity (one semester)

Small Gas Engines (one semester)

Agri Business Management

Leadership (one semester)

Forestry (one semester)

Vet Science

### Computer Business

Survey of Business (required before any other business class)

### Foreign Language

Spanish I

Spanish II

### Social Sciences

Psychology (one semester)

Sociology (one semester)

Culinary Geography (one semester)

### Air Force JROTC

AFJROTC I (for P.E./Health Credit or Career Focus Credit)

### Athletics

Jr. Boys Athletics (Football and Basketball Only)  
Jr. Girls Athletics (Volleyball and Basketball Only)  
Cheerleading  
Sr. Boys Athletics (Baseball Only - 2nd semester)  
Sr. Girls Athletics (Softball Only - 2nd semester)

### Technology

EAST I  
Mobile App Development  
Computer Science 1 and 2  
Computer Science 3 and 4

### Other

Yearbook Staff (by application only)  
Driver's Education (one semester - must have permit)  
Journalism I  
Creative Writing (one semester)  
Student Council (must be an elected member)

