WHS Advanced Opportunities: The AP® Program & Dual-Credit Program
WHAT ARE ADVANCED COURSES LIKE?

*Advanced courses demand more of students than regular courses.

*Classes tend to be fast-paced and cover more material than typical high school classes.

*More time, inside and outside of the classroom, is required to complete lessons, assignments and homework.

*Teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, weigh competing perspectives, and write clearly and persuasively.
THE BENEFITS OF ADVANCED COURSEWORK

*Advanced courses can be challenging, but it’s work that pays off.
*They are often the most interesting and fulfilling courses a student takes in high school
*Teachers are among the most prepared, dedicated, and inspiring teachers at their schools
*Students develop confidence, and learn the study habits and time management skills essential for success in college
AP BASICS

*Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) courses are college-level courses offered in high school. AP courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses

*At the end of the course, students take AP Exams—standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work

*Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college
**AP Basics**

*To have the best possible experience in any advanced class, good attendance and effort are a must!*

*Attendance is vital. In classes such as AP Biology and AP Chemistry, missing a laboratory means missing a learning experience that cannot be made up and may affect your grade.*
| AP Biology | AP Language and Composition |
| AP Chemistry | AP Literature andComposition |
| AP World History (may be taken in lieu of World History) | AP Music Theory |
| AP Human Geography (may be taken in lieu of World Geography) | AP Psychology |
| AP United States History (may be taken in lieu of United States History) | AP Statistics |
| | AP Spanish Language and Culture |
**Dual-Credit Basics**

*Dual-Credit courses are also college level courses taught at Windsor High School and reflect what is taught in freshman level courses at the University of Northern Colorado*

*WHS teachers are considered adjunct professors of UNC*

*Students who receive a grade of “C” or better in the course may receive college transferrable credit for a fee.*
UNC DUAL-CREDIT

Calculus
College Algebra
College Trigonometry
College Composition
College Literature

Geology
Digital Earth (CSU Dual-Credit)
Spanish IV
**WEIGHTED GPA**

To receive the weighted grade for GPA calculations, a student must COMPLETE the AP or Dual Credit Class and earn a C or above.

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ACADEMIC HONORS

Beginning with the class of 2015, the following criteria will be used to honor students during graduation ceremonies:

- Students who have achieved a weighted GPA of 4.1 or above will be honored as Summa Cum Laude
- Student who have achieved a weighted GPA of 3.8-4.09 will be honored as Magna Cum Laude
- Students who have achieved a weighted GPA of 3.5-3.79 will be honored as Cum Laude

**The graduation speaker will be any member of the senior class who is eligible for graduation, and will be determined by an audition in March of their senior year.**
AP EXAMS

- AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates each May
- It is expected that each student will take the AP exam that matches their course(s)
- Exams usually last around three hours
- Each AP Exam contains:
  - Multiple-choice questions
  - Free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response)
AP CREDIT POLICY INFORMATION

Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is available at www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy.

1. Search by college or university name or by letter of the alphabet
2. You will see two things for each school:
   ■ A link to the college’s own Web page that details its AP credit and placement policies.
   ■ A statement by the college or university about its AP policy.
DUAL-CREDIT EXAMS

*Final exams are part of the dual-credit curriculum
*There are no fees associated with the exam
*Final exams are not optional for students participating in the class
*Grades received on final exams are included in the final grade for the course
DUAL-CREDIT TRANSFER INFORMATION

*High school credit will count towards Windsor High School graduation requirements and is free of charge

*College credit is provided by the University of Northern Colorado and students have the option of purchasing credit for approximately $60 per credit hour (example: 4 credits = $240)
Students are beginning their college experience by choosing to take dual-credit coursework.

Students should be mindful that when purchasing college credit from UNC, they are beginning their college transcript and GPA.

Transfer of UNC credit to other universities will depend upon the policy of the receiving university.

Per UNC policy: Students must earn a C or higher to continue to take classes for credit through UNC. (High School credit may still be earned.)
**Extra Costs**

Due to the nature of AP and Dual Credit courses, extra costs may be incurred. These costs may include:

- Purchasing a textbook
- Purchasing a workbook
- Purchasing novels (English classes)
- Lab fees (For AP Biology and Chemistry)
- The cost of taking an AP test is $91 (including an online registration fee, the cost will be $96-$100)
- Please check with the instructor for course specific costs
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Concurrent Enrollment is an opportunity to take college coursework at AIMS Community College or UNC in a class or discipline not offered at WHS.

- Must have exhausted the curriculum at WHS (example: students wanting to take Calculus II)

OR

- Must have a conflict in the schedule (example: AP Chemistry and Calculus are taught in the same hour)

OR

- Must be in a subject that WHS does not offer (example: photography, nursing, anatomy)

AND must be in line with the student’s ICAP

Up to 6 credit hours per semester may be taken in Concurrent Enrollment
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COSTS

WHS pays for tuition for students

Student is responsible for any fees, books, or other related expenses.

Student is responsible for his or her own transportation

If a student earns a grade lower than a C, the student must reimburse the school for the cost of tuition.
AIMS Career Pathways New Options

WHS is pleased to offer new pathways in Public Safety:

- Fire Sciences (juniors or seniors)
- Emergency Medical Services (seniors only)
- Criminal Justice (juniors or seniors)

Classes will result in certification towards career readiness.

Taught on WHS Campus
Learn More

*Advanced coursework teachers are now available to answer specific questions about individual courses.
*You may also contact your student’s counselor regarding AP exams, transfer of credits, etc:

Libba James: last names A-G  686-8123
Keely Garren: last names H-L  686-8122
Amanda LePage: last names M-O and exceptional Services  686-8126
Angie Rizzuto: last names P-Z  686-8124