

# 2022

## FRESHMAN

### ONEBOOK

YOUR FRESHMAN GUIDE TO BECOMING A TIGER





CLASS OF 2026,  
WE'RE EXCITED  
TO MEET YOU.



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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To meet state and local requirements for graduation, all students shall have received the specified 22 units of credit, completed the ACT, SAT or other 11th grade assessment as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and have satisfactory record of attendance and discipline.

Required Course	Required Credits	Description
English	4	Students must be enrolled in an English course each year.
Math	4	Including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and a fourth, higher level math course. Students must be enrolled in a mathematics course each year.
Science	3	Including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab course
Social Studies	3	Includes one credit in U.S. History & Geography (Standard, Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment), one credit in World History & Geography (Standard, Honors, AP) or AP European History or AP Human Geography, and 1/2 credit from U.S. Government and Civics (Standard or AP), and 1/2 credit from Economics (Standard or AP).
Wellness	1	
Physical Education	0.5	The Physical Education requirement may be met by substituting a documented and equivalent time of physical activity in JROTC, marching band, cheerleading, dance team, or TSSAA interscholastic athletics.
Personal Finance	0.5	Course taken senior year
World Language	2	Two credits must be obtained in the same language
Fine Arts	1	
Focus Area	3	Electives focused on a particular concentration beyond the CORE requirements.

## High School Courses Taken in Middle School

Students who have taken the equivalent of a high school level course in middle school (i.e. Algebra I Honors, Physical Science Honors, Spanish I Honors, Etymology/Creative Writing and/or STEM I) shall receive high school credit for graduation, provided that the students receive a passing grade in the course (as explained in ACS Policy 4.604). The credit will be placed on the student's transcript and calculated in the high school GPA. Students must take the semester examination for the course as required for students in grades 9-12 who earn credit for graduation.

## Diploma Types & Recognitions

Arlington Community Schools offers seven different high school diplomas: General Education Diploma, State Diploma with Honors, State Diploma with Distinction, Honors Diploma, Special Education Diploma, Occupational Diploma, and an Alternate Academic Diploma. There are also five diploma recognitions: Tennessee Tri-Star Scholar, Seal of Biliteracy, Community Service Recognition, National Career Readiness Recognition, and Work Ethic Recognition.

Read more about the diploma types and recognitions in the AHS Program of Studies by scanning the QR code to the right. Refer to Pages 9, 10, and 11 of the Program of Studies.





# 2022-2023 AREAS OF FOCUS

An Area of Focus is designed to peak a student's interest. High school is a time to explore - to see what you like but to also identify the subjects you don't like. Incoming freshmen must choose a Focus Area that will allow them to concentrate on a particular subject beyond the CORE requirements. We know this can be a big decision, especially for incoming students, so that's why we've built in wiggle room. A Focus Area may be changed during the course selection process towards the end of your freshman year.

**Focus Areas require a minimum of three (3) elective courses on a particular concentration in one of the following areas:**

*\*Available as Semester Courses (0.5 credit) | \*\*Available as Standard & Honors*

## Advanced Placement (ACA)

AP Biology  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Computer Science: Principles  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP European History  
 AP French  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Music Theory  
 AP Physics  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Research  
 AP Seminar  
 AP Spanish  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Studio Art: Drawing  
 AP World History

## BioSTEM (AEI)

BioSTEM I  
 BioSTEM II  
 BioSTEM III

## Business Management

Intro to Business & Marketing\*  
 Business Communications  
 Accounting  
 Business Management  
 Work Based Learning  
 Work Based Learning Dual - Enrollment

## Coding (AEI)

Computer Science Foundations  
 Coding I  
 Coding II  
 Coding Practicum

## Criminal Justice & Corrections

Criminal Justice I  
 Criminal Justice II  
 Criminal Justice III  
 Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment

## Cybersecurity (AEI)

Computer Science Foundations  
 Cybersecurity I  
 Cybersecurity II  
 AP Computer Science: Principles

## Entrepreneurship

Introduction to Entrepreneurship  
 Marketing & Management I: Principles  
 Entrepreneurship  
 Entrepreneurship Dual Enrollment\*  
 Business & Entrepreneurship Practicum\*  
 Work Based Learning  
 Work Based Learning Dual Enrollment\*

## Fine Arts (PAVE)

Art I\*\*  
 Art II\*\*  
 Art III\*\*  
 Art IV\*\*  
 AP Art  
 Graphic Media\*\*  
 Intro to Theatre\*\*  
 Acting\*\*  
 Acting Workshop\*\*  
 Production Workshop\*\*  
 Band\*\*  
 Percussion\*\*  
 Orchestra\*\*  
 Strings Orchestra\*\*  
 Color Guard\*  
 Winter Guard\*  
 Vocal Music\*\*  
 General Music  
 AP Music Theory  
 Intro to Media Analysis\*\*  
 Intro to Media Production  
 Film Theory  
 TV Production Workshop  
 Digital Journalism  
 Sports Media Production  
 Intro to Film Dual Enrollment\*

## Human & Social Sciences

Introduction to Human Studies  
 Lifespan Development  
 Family Studies  
 Psychology\*  
 Sociology\*  
 Work Based Learning  
 Work Based Learning Dual Enrollment\*

## Humanities

African American History\*  
 African American Literature\*  
 Ancient History\*  
 AP European History  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Research

## Humanities (cont.)

AP Seminar  
 AP World History  
 Classical Mythology\*  
 Contemporary Issues\*  
 Creative Writing\*  
 Etymology Honors\*  
 Facing History & Ourselves\*  
 Humanities Honors  
 Introduction to Bible\*  
 Introduction to Communication  
 Newspaper  
 Prep for Post-Secondary\*  
 Psychology\*  
 Sociology\*  
 Speech Honors  
 World Languages (above graduation requirements)  
 Yearbook

## Leadership in Government

JROTC I  
 JROTC II  
 JROTC III  
 JROTC IV

## Machining Technology (AEI)

Principles of Manufacturing  
 Machining Technology I Dual Enrollment  
 Machining Technology II Dual Enrollment

## Math & Science (AEI & ACA)

Anatomy & Physiology\*\*  
 Anatomy & Physiology Dual-Enrollment  
 AP Biology  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Computer Science: Principles  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP Physics  
 AP Statistics  
 BioSTEM I  
 BioSTEM II  
 Biology Dual Enrollment  
 Earth & Space Science  
 Organic Chemistry Honors  
 Physics  
 Physics Honors

## Mechatronics (AEI)

Principles of Manufacturing  
 Mechatronics I Dual Enrollment  
 Mechatronics II Dual Enrollment

## Office Management

Computer Applications\*  
 Business Communications  
 Business Management  
 Advanced Computer Applications  
 Work Based Learning  
 Work Based Learning Dual Enrollment\*

## Nursing Services

Health Science Education  
 Medical Therapeutics  
 Human Anatomy & Physiology  
 Pre-Nursing Dual Enrollment

## STEM (AEI)

STEM I: Foundation  
 STEM II: Applications  
 STEM III: STEM in Context  
 STEM IV: STEM Practicum

## Therapeutic Services

Health Science Education  
 Medical Therapeutics  
 Human Anatomy & Physiology  
 Clinical Internship

## Welding (AEI)

Principles of Manufacturing  
 Welding I  
 Welding II  
 Welding Dual Enrollment

AEI - Academy of  
Engineering & Innovation

ACA - Arlington  
Collegiate Academy

PAVE - Performing Arts  
& Visual  
Experience Academy



# STEPS TO SELECTING YOUR FRESHMAN COURSES

Incoming freshmen must complete a Four-Year Plan of Study and the 9th-Grade Course Selection Worksheet.

The Four-Year Plan Worksheet helps students map out their courses for the next four years - this is meant as a planning guide only. It can, and probably will, change during your high school career.

The 9th-Grade Course Selection Worksheet is used to determine your freshman year courses. This worksheet includes a list of required courses, elective courses of your choosing and alternate courses in case courses fill up.

## STEP #1 - CHOOSE YOUR AREA OF FOCUS

View Page #4 of the OneBook to view the Areas of Focus. Students may work with their middle school counselor(s) to help make a decision.

## STEP #2 - FILL IN YOUR 4-YEAR PLAN

This is the white sheet (4-Year Plan) you were given by your counselor. Refer to Pages #4 and #6 of the OneBook to fill in your 4-Year Plan.

## STEP #3 - SELECT YOUR 9TH GRADE COURSES

This is the blue sheet (Course Selection Sheet) you were given by your counselor. View the back of the blue sheet for further guidance. View Page #6 of the OneBook to see the courses offered to rising freshmen.

## STEP #4 - SIGN THE HONORS/AP CONTRACT

If you plan to take Honors or AP courses, you must attach the completed Honors/AP Contract to your 9th-Grade Selection Worksheet & 4-Year Plan Worksheet.



# COURSES OFFERED TO RISING FRESHMEN

## Subject      Courses

<b>English</b>	English 9	English 9 Honors**	
<b>Math</b>	Algebra I Geometry Algebra IA**	Algebra I Honors** Geometry Honors**	
<b>Science</b>	Biology Physical Science	Biology Honors**	
<b>Wellness</b>	Lifetime Wellness	JROTC I (Requires 2 years to meet grad requirements)	
<b>Social Studies</b>	World History & Geography	World History & Geography Honors**	AP Human Geography** AP World History**
	<i>World History &amp; Geography may be taken 9th or 10th grade. AP Human Geography and AP World History may be substitution courses for the required World History &amp; Geography graduation requirement.</i>		
<b>World Languages</b>	French I French I Honors**	Latin I Latin I Honors**	Spanish I Spanish I Honors** Spanish II Spanish II Honors**
	<i>*World Language may begin 9th or 10th grade. Students must take two years of the same world language in grades 8-12 to meet graduation requirements.</i>		
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Art I Art I Honors**  Chorus General Music  Intro to Theatre Intro to Theatre Honors**	Concert Band*** Concert Band Honors*** Percussion*** Percussion Honors*** String Orchestra*** String Orchestra Honors*** Color Guard*/*** Winter Guard*/***	Intro to Media Analysis Intro to Media Analysis Honors**
<b>Career &amp; Technical</b>	<u>BioSTEM</u> BioSTEM I  <u>Business Management</u> Intro to Bus. & Marketing*  <u>Coding</u> Computer Science-Foundations Coding I  <u>Criminal Justice</u> Criminal Justice I	<u>Cybersecurity</u> Computer Science Foundations Cybersecurity I  <u>Entrepreneurship</u> Intro to Entrepreneurship  <u>Human &amp; Social Sciences</u> Intro to Human Studies  <u>JROTC</u> JROTC I  <u>Nursing Services</u> Health Science Education	<u>Office Management</u> Computer Applications* Business Communications  <u>STEM Education</u> STEM I: Foundation STEM II: Applications  <u>Therapeutic Services</u> Health Science Education  <u>Welding</u> Principles of Manufacturing
<b>Additional Course Offerings</b>	African American-History* African American-Literature*	Creative Writing* Etymology Honors*/** Introduction to Bible* Intro to Communication	Journalism - Newspaper** Sociology* Speech Honors**



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\*0.5 credit of Alternate P.E. credit may be earned through sports, band, or JROTC by submitting the Alternate P.E. Credit Form

\*Semester Courses (0.5 credit)

\*\*Prerequisite Criteria & Teacher Recommendation Required

\*\*\* Audition & Teacher Recommendation Required

# ACADEMIES &

## ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING & INNOVATION

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The Academy of Engineering & Innovation (AEI) offers a unique insight for students interested in engineering, computer science, STEM and any field related to engineering. Students enrolled in the AEI will major in one of three branches: Civil, Mechanical, Electrical Engineering (CME), Computer Science or Engineering Technology. These branches of engineering help students identify which career paths they may want to pursue after graduating from Arlington High School.



## ARLINGTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

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The Arlington Collegiate Academy (ACA) is a challenging academic and career leadership program allowing students to prioritize college credit and career leadership experiences while in high school. Joining the ACA streamlines the process for students to take advantage of dual enrollment, Honors and Advanced Placement courses and dual credit, all while being mentored by instructors with proven test results. Many of our ACA students leave high school with enough credits to be labeled college sophomores.



## PERFORMING ARTS & VISUAL EXPERIENCE ACADEMY

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The Performing Arts & Visual Experience (PAVE) Academy is a fine arts program fast-tracking students to a successful future in the arts and beyond. With some of the most experienced educators in the region, our fine arts program has been recognized at the regional, state and national levels. PAVE offers numerous Advanced Placement and Honors courses in the arts, multiple showcase opportunities, one-on-one personalized mentoring, as well as a culminating capstone project.





# & PROGRAMS



Career & Technical Education (CTE) allows students to dive deep into various career paths before ever leaving high school. AHS offers more than a dozen unique CTE programs for students to gain knowledge and experience. Below each CTE program are some jobs connected to the industry, and trust us, this is only the beginning of what you can become!

## FUTURE CAREERS IN CTE

### CYBERSECURITY

- Information Security
- Crime Investigator
- Ethical Hacker
- Network Administrator
- Information Technology

### CODING

- Software Developer
- Computer Programmer
- Website Developer
- Mobile App Developer
- Data Scientist

### MECHATRONICS

- Robotics Engineer
- Aircraft Designer
- Solar Technician
- Biomedical Engineer

### MACHINING

- Aerospace Machinist
- Defense Contractor
- Firearms Machinist
- Biomedical Machining



### WELDING

- Underwater Welder
- Nuclear Welder
- Welder Instructor
- Automotive Racing Welder

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

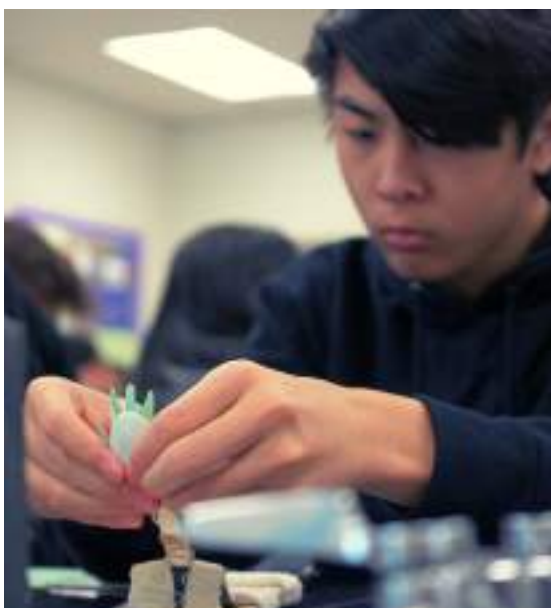
- Business Consultant
- Research & Development
- Non-Profit Fundraiser
- Salesperson

### BUSINESS & OFFICE MANAGEMENT

- Chief Financial Officer
- Human Resources Manager
- Project Manager
- Business & Ethics Lawyer

### STEM & BIOSTEM EDUCATION

- Zoologist & Wildlife Biologist
- Engineer
- Computer Systems Analyst
- Statistician



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- FBI Agent
- Lawyer
- Forensic Accountant
- Park Ranger

### HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Social Worker
- Counselor
- Psychiatrist
- Public Relations Specialist

### NURSING SERVICES

- Nurse
- Medical Doctor
- Athletic Trainer
- Cosmetic Aesthetician

### THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

- Physical Therapist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Anesthesiologist
- Audiologist





# BECOMING A TIGER

BECOMING AN AHS TIGER GOES BEYOND THE ACADEMICS. WE WANT OUR STUDENTS INVOLVED AND ENGAGED, AND WITH MORE THAN 50 CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS AND 20+ SPORTS, EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO EARN THEIR TIGER STRIPES.





## AHS CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

- AHS Ethics Bowl
- AHS Science Bowl
- DECA
- Facing History
- Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- French
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Educators of America
- Graphic Media
- HOSA - Future Health Professionals
- Junior Classical League (JCL) - Latin
- Knowledge Bowl
- Model UN
- Portfolio Club
- Science Olympiad
- Skills USA
- Spanish
- Speech Team
- Technology Student Association (TSA)
- Active Minds (Student Mental Health Advisory Council)
- AHS Multicultural Club
- AHS Quidditch/Hogwarts
- AHS Student Ministry
- Arlington Fashion Club
- Arlington High Young Democrats
- Arlington High Young Republicans
- Arlington Student Council
- Battle of the Books!
- Best Buddies
- BlueCrew
- Bridge Builders
- Diamond Girls
- Environmental
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- Gaming
- Princesses for Patients
- SAGA
- Skating
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- SWAT (Students Working to Advance Technology)
- Advocates for Human Rights
- Young Life
- Youth Court
- AHS Ambassadors
- Key Club
- Leo Club
- Film Appreciation Society

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# AHS ATHLETICS

## Fall Sports

Boys & Girls Cross Country  
Boys & Girls Golf  
Girls Soccer  
Football  
Freshman Football  
Volleyball  
Competitive Cheer  
Dance/Pom Team

## Winter Sports

Boys & Girls Bowling  
Basketball Cheer  
Boys & Girls Basketball  
Freshman Boys Basketball  
Swimming (Club)  
Wrestling

## Spring Sports

Baseball  
Boys & Girls Tennis  
Boys Soccer  
Boys & Girls Track  
Softball  
Lacrosse (Club)

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# AHS

## PERFORMING

# ARTS

Band

Color Guard

Orchestra/Strings

Theatre

Winter Guard

Vocal Music

Digital Media Arts



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **When will I receive my 9th Grade schedule?**

- Students will receive schedules during the Arlington High School Freshman Orientation. The date for Freshman Orientation is still to be determined. The date will be shared in the Spring. If a student cannot attend this date, they will need to report for Student Enrollment Verification/New Student Registration Day.

## **What is a credit?**

- Students earn credits in high school for courses in which they earn a grade of "D" or higher.
- Credit is earned each semester (0.5) when a student earns a grade of "D" or higher for each course.
- A student must earn 1.0 to successfully complete a yearlong course.
- If a student does not pass semester one of a yearlong course, semester grades may be averaged together to obtain 1.0 credit for the year.

## **How many credits do I need to graduate?**

- To meet state and local requirements, all students shall have achieved the specified 22 units of credit.
- Students must earn 4 English credits, 4 Mathematics credits, 3 Science credits...

## **How many credits do I need to graduate? (cont.)**

- 3 Social Studies credits, 1 Lifetime Wellness credit, 0.5 credit additional Physical Education, 2 credits in the same World Language, 1 Fine Arts credit, 3 Focus Area credits, and 0.5 credit in Personal Finance.
- Students who have taken the equivalent of a high school level course in middle school shall receive high school credit for graduation, provided that the students receive a passing grade in the course (as explained in ACS Policy 4.604). The credit will be placed on the student's transcript and calculated in the high school GPA.
- Students must take the semester examination for the course as required for students in grades 9-12 who earn credit for graduation.

## **What is an Alternate P.E. credit?**

- The Tennessee Diploma Project requires 1.5 credits in Lifetime Wellness/Physical Education
- Lifetime Wellness (1.0 credit) is earned in 9th grade.
- The additional 0.5 credit may be earned through Recreational Games, Lifetime Sports, Weightlifting, J.R.O.T.C. or Alternate PE.
- Alternate P.E. = Participation in band, sports, JROTC with 80 hours...

## **What is an Alternate P.E. credit? (cont.)**

- of physical activity. The coach/sponsor must sign off on the Alternative Credit PE form.
- Lacrosse and swimming are clubs offered at AHS. They are not TSSAA sanctioned sports. However, they may count toward the Alternate PE credit.

## **What is the purpose of the 4-Year Plan?**

- The 4-year plan helps students plan out their four years of high school. It gives them an opportunity to map out where all the required 22 credits will be placed.
- Students will have an opportunity to reevaluate, update, and make corrections every year of high school.
- Students also have the opportunity to see where they have space for additional course options beyond the required 22 credits during their four years of high school.

## **What is the difference between required courses and elective courses?**

- **Required courses** meet graduation requirements set by the Tennessee Diploma Project through the Tennessee Department of Education
- **Focus area courses** are required courses for graduation. Three (3) credits must be earned in one Focus area



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the difference between required courses and elective courses? (cont.)

- **Electives** are any additional course options students use to fill their schedule each year. Each student will accrue between 24 and 28 credits during their four years of high school. Students who take HS credit bearing courses in MS may earn up to 31 credits. These additional courses past the 22 required are called electives.

## How do I select a World Language?

- Students are required to take two years of the same world language.
- A world language may be started either 9th or 10th grade.
- Students may select among the following options: French, Latin or Spanish.
- For 8th graders taking Spanish I Honors, they will earn one credit toward graduation requirements, as this course may count as one of the two required world language credits needed for graduation. The student should continue with Spanish II in 9th grade to complete the world language requirement. Students are encouraged to continue with Spanish II Honors.
- The other option for 8th graders taking Spanish I Honors is to select a new world language 9th grade or 10th grade...

## How do I select a World Language? (cont.)

...The student would still be required to obtain 2 credits in the same world language to meet graduation requirements. Spanish is a great basis for either Latin or French!

## How many courses do I take each year? How many study halls can I have each year?

- All students are scheduled for 7 courses and a lunch.
- AHS operates on a 7 course rotation schedule, with one course scheduled daily and six block courses scheduled on alternating days.
- Students are allowed to take only one study hall each semester in a school year. Students typically do not take a Study Hall in 9th grade but wait until 11th and 12th because of more difficult course work.

## What is STRIPES?

- STRIPES = System To Reach Intervene Push and Enrich Students
- STRIPES is a stand-alone intervention and enrichment period that occurs approximately 45 minutes each day Monday – Thursday to meet the needs of all students.
- Students are released to a pre-determined teacher assigned destination in order to attend intervention or enrichment sessions based on individual evidence of learning.

## What is an EPSO?

- We believe ALL students should have access to rigorous and relevant early postsecondary opportunities (EPSO).
- Types of EPSOs include: Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit, Industry Certification

## What are the benefits of earning EPSOs?

Early postsecondary opportunities allow students to:

- earn postsecondary credits while in high school
- become familiar with postsecondary expectations
- develop confidence and skills for success in postsecondary
- make informed postsecondary and career decisions
- possibly decrease the time and cost of completing a certificate or degree

## What are the differences among the EPSOs?

- An **Advanced Placement** class offers college-level coursework through the college board. Students will take an exam in May with a fee required. Students may earn college credit based on the score they earn and the post-secondary institute in which they attend. Five points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What does a typical school week look like?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st 7:00 - 8:34	2nd 7:00 - 8:34	1st 7:00 - 8:34	2nd 7:00 - 8:34	1st - 7:00 - 7:48
3rd 8:40 - 9:28	3rd 8:40 - 9:28	3rd 8:40 - 9:28	3rd 8:40 - 9:28	2nd - 7:54 - 8:41
STRIPES 9:34 - 10:15	STRIPES 9:34 - 10:15	STRIPES 9:34 - 10:15	STRIPES 9:34 - 10:15	3rd - 8:47 - 9:34
4th 10:21 - 12:20	5th 10:21 - 12:20	4th 10:21 - 12:20	5th 10:21 - 12:20	4th - 9:40 - 10:27
6th 12:26 - 2:00	7th 12:26 - 2:00	6th 12:26 - 2:00	7th 12:26 - 2:00	5th - 10:34 - 12:15
				6th - 12:21 - 1:07
				7th - 1:13 - 2:00

## What are the differences among the EPSOs? (cont.)

- A **Dual Enrollment** course is taught in partnership with either the University of Memphis, Southwest Tennessee Community College, The University of Tennessee at Martin or The Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT). These courses allow students to participate in college courses conducted during the school day on the AHS campus. Students will have the opportunity to obtain college credits, which are transferrable after graduation. Students must contact the university to obtain transcript information. Four points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.
- **State Dual Credit Pre-Calculus**, sponsored through the Tennessee Department of Education, is available during...

## What are the differences among the EPSOs? (cont.)

- ...the 11th and 12th grade year. Students must pass a challenge exam in order to obtain college credit that is transferrable to any public TN post-secondary institution. Four points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.
- A **Local Dual Credit** course offers students the opportunity to earn college credit at a specific post-secondary institute. Students must pass a challenge exam in order to obtain college credit from that specific post-secondary institute. Four points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.
- **Industry Certifications** may be earned in certain courses, enabling students to succeed in their post-secondary academic/career path...

## What are the differences among the EPSOs? (cont.)

- ...Four points will be added to the student's grade per quarter and semester exam.

## What is a Grade Point Average (GPA)?

- A student's Grade Point Average (GPA) is determined by grades/courses completed each semester.
- GPA is calculated twice a year at the end of August and the end of January.
- GPAs will be calculated with the first high school credit-bearing course.
- Students who participate in Honors and EPSO courses will have both a weighted and unweighted GPA as a result of the added value associated with Honors and EPSO courses.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is the Laude System? (ACS Policy 4.605)**

- Effective with the graduating class of 2022, a laude system, rather than a class ranking system, will be used to delineate three categories of High Academic Distinction for 12th grade graduating students.
- The categories shall be determined by cumulative weighted grade point average. All high school credit grades earned in grades 8-11 and the first semester of the 12th grade year will be counted toward the student's grade point average. The final semester of the 12th grade year shall not be taken into account when determining the grade point average.
- The categories of High Academic Distinction shall be as follows:
- Summa Cum Laude ("With Highest Honors") - GPA of 4.4 and above
- Magna Cum Laude ("With Great Honor") - GPA of 4.10 - 4.39
- Cum Laude ("With Honors") - GPA of 3.90 - 4.09

## **What is the Arlington Collegiate Academy (ACA)?**

- ACA is an academic and career leadership program allowing students many avenues to obtain college credit and career leadership experiences while in high school...

## **What is the Arlington Collegiate Academy? (cont.)**

- ACA is an academic and career leadership program allowing students many avenues to obtain college credit and career leadership experiences while in high school.
- Obtain up to 24 hours of college credit before leaving high school
- Get early access to more than 60 academic courses including Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit and Honors Courses.
- Get early access to the college admission process and college-level academic coursework
- Leave high school with a professional leadership portfolio detailing community & high school experiences
- Access to Collegiate Academy Leadership and Career Speaker Series
- Partnerships with a peer and teacher mentor
- Receive an Arlington High School Honors Diploma
- For more information about joining the ACA, visit the Arlington High School website and click on the Academics menu.

## **What is the PAVE Academy?**

- PAVE, a Performing Arts & Visual Experience Academy, is a fine arts program fast-tracking students to a successful future in the arts and beyond.

## **What is the PAVE Academy?**

- Gain access to more than 50 Fine Arts Course offerings including numerous Advanced Placement and Honors courses
- Multiple showcase opportunities
- One-on-one personalized mentoring with seasoned arts educators
- A culminating capstone project at the end of the fine arts strand
- Challenging experiences that prepare students for their future
- For more information about joining the PAVE Academy, visit the Arlington High School website and click on the Academics menu.

## **What is the Academy of Engineering and Innovation (AEI)?**

- AEI offers a unique insight for students who are interested in engineering. The goal of this program is to prepare our Academy students to be career and college ready for STEM and Engineering careers of the future.
- Through innovative measures of learning, engaged communities of practice and real-world problem solving, AEI students will be prepared learners for the future.
- Integrated Projects
- One-to-one personalized mentoring

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is the Academy of Engineering and Innovation (AEI)? (cont)**

- Challenging experiences that prepare students for their future in Civil/Mechanical/Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, or Engineering Technology
- For more information about joining the AEI, visit the Arlington High School website and click on the Academics menu.

## **What is JROTC?**

- JROTC – Army Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps – prepares high school students for responsible leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens.
- Offered to students in grades 9-12
- Stimulus for promoting leadership and provides instruction and rewarding opportunities that benefit the student, community, and nation
- Successful completion of two years of JROTC satisfies the graduation requirements for Lifetime Wellness.
- Successful completion of three years of JROTC satisfies the graduation requirements for Lifetime Wellness, Physical Education, Personal Finance and U.S. Government.

## **What is JROTC? (cont.)**

- Students successfully completing two or more years in the program may receive advanced promotions upon enlistment into a branch of the armed services.
- This is not a recruitment for the military services.
- There is no military obligation for participating in the program.

## **ACT Frequently Asked Questions**

- Sophomores will be enrolled in the Preparing for the ACT, Post-secondary and Career semester course.
- The course may be waived if a student scores a 25 or higher Composite and meets all 4 ACT College Readiness Benchmarks prior to enrollment in the course.
- Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for information regarding the College Readiness Benchmarks.

## **When Should Students Take the ACT?**

- Students may take the ACT as soon as they are ready but no later than the 2nd semester of the year they take Geometry or as soon after they complete Geometry.

## **How many times can a student take the ACT?**

- Students may take the ACT up to 12 times.

## **Where do I get practice/test prep information?**

- Register for ACT’s Test Question of the Day
- Students may stop by the AHS Counseling Office for free materials and check out our Counseling Cove for college/scholarship resources.

## **When do students send ACT scores to colleges?**

- ACT sends test scores to places the student requests when they register at no cost.
- Scores are typically sent to colleges and universities once the student applies to college their 12 grade year.
- For more information, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).





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