WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Multi-Disciplinary

College Prep Release

Prerequisite: Students must be enrolled in at least three AP, ACP/ BSU or PLTW Capstone courses; Students must have a 95% attendance rate in grade 11; students must be in good standing.
Open to: 12
A One Semester or Full Year Course
A No Credit Bearing Course

WHS encourages students to continue to engage in rigorous courses during their senior year. Research indicates students who do are more successful at the college and university level and are more likely to complete college in four years. Rigorous college-level coursework typically requires additional hours outside of class time for collaboration, research, completing course assignments, projects, papers, studying for exams, participating in career related activities, etc. Seniors engaging in the rigor of AP, ACP/BSU and/or Capstone PLTW can elect to take College Prep Seminar to allow flexibility in their schedule to commit the extra time needed for success in these courses. Students must request this course prior to the schedule change deadline. It will not be added to a students schedule after the May deadline. College Prep Release will be offered during periods 1, 4, 5, & 8.

Personal Financial Responsibilities (4540)

Prerequisite: None
Open to: 11 &12
A One Semester Course
Embedded in All Economics Courses

Personal Financial Responsibility addresses the identification and management of personal financial resources to meet the financial needs and wants of individuals and families, considering a broad range of economic, social, cultural, technological, environmental, and maintenance factors. This course helps students build skills in financial responsibility and decision making; analyze personal standards, needs, wants, and goals; identify sources of

income, saving and investing; understand banking, budgeting, record-keeping and managing risk, insurance and credit card debt. A project based approach and applications through authentic settings such as work based observations and service learning experiences are appropriate. Direct, concrete applications of mathematics proficiencies in projects are encouraged.

Preparing for College & Careers (5394)

Prerequisite: None
Open to: 12
A One Semester Course

Preparing for College and Careers addresses the knowledge, skills, and behaviors all students need to be prepared for success in college, career, and life. The focus of the course is the impact of today's choices on tomorrow's possibilities. Topics to be addressed include twenty first century life and career skills; higher order thinking, communication, leadership, and management processes; exploration of personal aptitudes, interests, values, and goals, examining multiple life roles and responsibilities as individuals and family members, planning and building employability skills, transferring school skills to life and work; and managing personal resources. This course includes reviewing the 16 national career clusters and Indiana's College and Career Pathways, in-depth investigation of one or more pathways, reviewing graduation plans, developing career plans, and developing personal and career portfolios. A Project based approach, including computer and technology applications, cooperative ventures between school and community, simulations, and real world experiences, is recommended.