

Freshman Registration Guide (2025 - 2026)

To assist you in your course selection please fill out this worksheet.

New students: Please bring it to the high school office.

Directions:

This is for planning only and does not guarantee classes. For planning, circle/write your class choices below. The blank lines are where your elective choices will go—please use the [Course Offerings](#) page and the [Course Catalog](#) to help you pick your electives. Please also transfer these options to your four year plan.

SEMESTER 1

1. English
 - a. Composition I (0.5)
 - b. Reading (0.5)
2. Math (choose 1) (0.5)
 - a. Algebra I Concepts
 - b. Algebra I
 - c. Geometry
3. Science (choose 1) (0.5)
 - a. Physical Science
 - b. Biology (Advanced track)
4. Social studies: any social studies offered to 9th graders(0.5)
5. PE (0.5): Highly recommended to take as a freshman, but not mandatory. **It is required for graduation.** If you want to take 1 class in 9th grade, circle it.
 - a. General PE - anyone to be in pe
 - b. Athletic Leadership - Must be on a sports team
 - c. Independent Fitness - non athletes that want to lift weights
 - d. Weight Training - Must be on a sports team
 - e. Substance Abuse Prevention - Non sweating PE class

SEMESTER 2

1. English
 - a. English (0.5) Please select:
 - i. Dystopian Literature
 - ii. General English
 - iii. Headlines Hub
 - iv. Myths & Legends
 - v. Shakespeare in Pop Culture
 - vi. Sketchbook Composition
 - vii. Adv. English II (teacher recommendation only); both semesters
 - b. Reading (0.5) (match semester 1)
2. Math (must match Semester 1) (0.5)
 - a. Algebra I Concepts
 - b. Algebra I
 - c. Geometry
3. Science (must match Semester 1) (0.5)
 - a. Physical Science
 - b. Biology (Advanced track)
4. Social studies: If you choose to take another 0.5 social studies class offered to 9th graders
5. Health (0.5): Highly recommended to take as a freshman, but not mandatory. **It is required for graduation.**

Elective Choices: Choose from course offerings sheet. For a full-year class, use two blanks.

1. _____(0.5)
2. _____(0.5)
3. _____(0.5)
4. _____(0.5)
5. _____(0.5)

Yes No

Please circle if you want to take it as a freshman.

Watford City High School: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The total number of credits needed to graduate from Watford City High School is twenty-four (24). All students must complete eight semesters as required by the McKenzie County Public School District #1.

Watford City High School Graduation Requirements

- English: 4 credits
- Mathematics: 3 credits
- Science: 3 credits in one of two tracks (Track 1: Physical Science, Biology, and one other credit of science, computer programming, or cybersecurity OR Track 2: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- Social Studies: 3 credits (World History, U.S. History, and Problems of Democracy)
- Physical Education: 0.5
- Health: 0.5
- 3 Credits Career Technical Education (CTE), Fine and Performing Arts, and/or Foreign Language
- Electives: 7 or more additional credits equalling at least 24 credits overall
- Computer programming/Cybersecurity 2 (.5) credits of 4 offered at WCHS or other entity

All students must enroll in a minimum of seven courses each semester, except juniors & seniors who must enroll in a minimum of six courses each semester.

North Dakota University System Course Requirements

Students wishing to enroll in the four-year campuses of the North Dakota University System--Dickinson State University, Mayville State University, Minot State University, North Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota, and Valley City State University--must have taken the following high school courses:

- English: 4 credits
- Mathematics: 3 credits, at least through Algebra II
- Laboratory Science: 3 credits, including at least 2 in biology, chemistry, physics, or physical science
- Social Studies: 3 credits, including US History and Government/Economics

These and possibly additional college preparatory courses qualify you for admission to many universities throughout the country. (Check the requirements of the school that you plan on attending. Many schools outside of North Dakota REQUIRE at least two years of a modern or classical language for admission.) The North Dakota University System strongly recommends that entering students take Algebra 2 and at least 2 units of modern or classical language. Students who have not taken the required courses are welcome to attend any of the state's two-year campuses: Bismarck State College, North Dakota State College of Science, MSU-Bottineau, Lake Region State College, Williston State College. Upon satisfactory completion of 24 academic credits there, such students will be eligible for transfer to a four-year university.

It is important that you investigate and review admission requirements in schools/universities where you may have interest in attending so you can choose your classes accordingly.

NCAA and NAIA Participation Requirements

Students who wish to be eligible to participate in sports during college need to be aware of the requirements for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Divisions I, II, and III and for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Please note that NCAA Divisions I, II, and III have additional graduation requirements and do not recognize any high school credits received prior to entering the 9th grade. Please consult NCAA rules and eligibility at: <http://ncaa.org>