

Coffee with the Counselors series

*Course selection
and the transcript*



Today's agenda



- Introduce counseling department
- Discuss course selection including graduation requirements, credits, and electives
- Review website and resources
- Introduce the transcript and building the transcript

The WA Counseling Department



Counselor Assignments 2023 – 2024

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Dean Assignments	Betsy Murphy- Dean	Robert Ware-Dean	Amanda Welch - Dean	Robert Ware - Gr 9 (A-F)
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				Betsy Murphy - Gr 9 (N-Z)

The Unofficial
(and most important)
Course Selection

Intro to getting READY for college:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- **Independently wake themselves up in the morning**
- **Independently pack their own lunch**
- **Independently do their own laundry**
- **Independently manage and understand their medication**
- **Independently schedule their own appointments: orthodontist, doctor, dentist, hairdresser, driving school, etc**

Intro to getting READY for college HONORS:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- **Identify and generalize a list of strategies to help manage their emotions (both prevention and intervention skills)**
- **Realize that deadlines are not a suggestion, they are a deadline. Not meeting deadlines can come with unwanted consequences that cannot be undone**
- **Be able to self-advocate for themselves. They will learn how to send an email to a teacher, counselor or administration using effective communication strategies.**

Intro to getting READY for college AP:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- **Caregivers will be able to let their child metaphorically fall down and scrape their knee. Let them feel what disappointment and/or failure looks and feels like when they are still in high school. Give them the gift of failure.**
- **Problem solve, hold themselves accountable and ask, “What will I do differently next time?”**
- **Effectively address conflict with peers. Have face-to-face conversations with peers to resolve conflict. Students will understand that utilizing text messaging to resolve conflict typically results in MORE conflict.**

Course selection

TIMELINE

- **Course selection
Advisory in February**
- **Teacher
recommendation/
student discussions
through February 26**
- **Portal closes at 2:00
pm on March 8 for
any changes**

**What are some resources we have
to help students and families make
scheduling choices?**

- **Advisory presentation**
- **Counselor drop in hours**
- **Conversations with teachers**
- **Program of Studies**

Resources continued...



- **School to Careers curriculum**
- **SCOIR career assessments**
- **WA Counseling Website**

- Every student at WA is generating a transcript
- Final average only shows for grades 9-11
- Can see the course number, title and designation after course (CP, AP, no weight, etc)
- If sending to college, school profile will accompany

Westford Academy
30 Patten Road
Westford, MA 01886

Official Transcript for:

Academic Term: FAVG

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Gender	Student ID#
Home Address		City	State	Zip	Date of Birth		Anticipated Graduation
		Westford	MA	01886			2023
Post-grad Plans		Graduated 06/03/2023	Total Earned Credits 137.50		GPA 3.5395 Based on 8 Semesters		

Course	MY	Final	Credits	Course	Final	Credits
Grade 9				Grade 11		
19-20				21-22		
001 English 9 CP	85	CR	5.00	003 English 11 CP	85	5.00
133 German II H	86	CR	5.00	136 German IV CP	94	5.00
200 World History II CP	89	CR	5.00	209 US History AP	90	5.00
308 Algebra I CP	81	CR	5.00	218 Micro and Macro Economics H	88	5.00
410 Biology CP	90	CR	5.00	331 Algebra II CP	82	5.00
507 Intro to Business & DECA Prep CP		CR	2.50	435 Physics CP	90	5.00
551 Image Editing CP	92	92	2.50	512 Personal Finances CP	95	2.50
881 PE Wellness		CR	2.50	881 PE Wellness	99	2.50
887 Health Education	90	90	2.50			

Grade 10			Grade 12		
20-21			22-23		
002 English 10 CP	87	5.00	004 English 12 CP	90	5.00
135 German III H	81	5.00	153 German V H	94	5.00
206 US History I H	90	5.00	214 Psychology AP	80	5.00
321 Geometry CP	87	5.00	229 Westford History H	92	5.00
420 Chemistry CP	90	5.00	339 Statistics CP	92	5.00
480 Intro to Engineering CP	95	2.50	500 Marketing I CP	91	2.50
508 Business Law & Ethics CP	87	2.50	721 Public Speaking CP	95	2.50
567 Microsoft Cert Specialist	83	2.50	884 Kin. of Team Games	96	2.50
881 PE Wellness	98	2.50			

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06/05/2023

Thank you