## Incoming Freshman Info <br> Class of 2028

"Achieving Greatness with Honor"

## Meet the Administration



Andrew Leftakis Principal

## Āssistant Principals

Bridget Bresk
Brittany Brockmeier
Amanda DiMarzo
Nancy Murchison
Danielle Stokes

## Meet the Deans

| 9th Grade Dean | Lauren Covey |
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| 10th Grade Dean | Jeremy Campbell |
| 11th/12th Grade Dean | Christina Dell |
| Attendance Dean | Brenda Kopman |

## School Counseling Team

https://windermerehs.ocps.net/student services/contact us

| Counselor Name | Alpha Breakdown |
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| Lyndsay Campbell | A - Cal |
| Bianca Medina | Cam - Emj |
| Kevin Kuczynski | Emk - Her |
| Julie Grammier | Hes - Mak |
| Keyonata Granberry | Mal - Nay |
| Iris Olivera(o) Melendez | Naz - Riva |
| Alda Reis | Rivb - So |
| Bethany Werner | Sp - Z |

How to meet your counselor during the 24-25 school year

- Walk-in during your lunch
- Could be closed due to meeting with classes
- By Appointment
- Links can be found on our school website.

Student Services Support Staff

| Kristin Wilkin | MTSS/Graduation Coach |
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| Nancy Laurenzana | College \& Career Specialist |
| Debra Pollard | Guidance Clerk |
| Kimberley Chronos | Data Clerk |
| Andrea Martinez | Registrar |
| EuWanda Thomas | Records Clerk |
| Roxana Hernando | ESOL Compliance Specialist |
| Stefania Massi | SAFE Coordinator |
| Elena Mangan | Social Worker |
| Benjamin Tarantur | CTE Career Specialist |

## Standard High School Graduation State Requirements

| Subject Area/ Classes | Credits |
| :---: | :---: |
| English | 4 |
| Math (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry) | 4 |
| Science (must include Biology) | 3 |
| Social Studies <br> World History (1)- 10th grade <br> US History (1)- llth grade <br> Economics (.5)- 12th grade US Government (.5)- 12th grade | 3 |
| Health Opportunities in Physical Education (HOPE) | 1 |
| Fine, Performing, or Approved Practical Art | 1 |
| Financial Literacy course- right now for Juniors | . 5 |
| Electives | 7.5 |
| Total | 24 |
| These credits represent the minimum for a standard diploma. Students will remain in core academic content areas through high school. ALL 4 core, ALL 4 years! |  |

## Standard High School Graduation Requirements

## State Assessment Requirements

- FAST ELAA Reading or Concordant (Must pass)
- 480 on SAT ERBW
- An average of 18 the ACT English and Reading
- B.E.S.T Algebra I or Concordant (Must pass \& 30\% of grade, if course is taken in Florida public school and online virtual school in Florida)
- 430 on PSAT/NMSQT
- 420 on SAT Math
- 16 on ACT Math
- Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History ( $30 \%$ of grade, if course is taken in Florida public school)


## Standard High School Graduation Requirements

GPA Minimum 2.0 GPA (A calculation of your average grade)
> Honors, AP, AICE, and Dual Enrollment courses receive additional points and are on a weighted scale
$>$ Weighted GPA is used to determine class rank (Valedictorian and Salutatorian)
> Some of you may already have a high school GPA depending on the courses you are in now: Algebra 1, Geometry, Spanish, Digital Information Technology, etc.

| Grade | Standard <br> Unweighted | Honors Weight <br> $\mathbf{( + 1 )}$ | AP/Dual <br> Enrollment <br> Weight (+2) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| B | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| C | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| D |  | 1-no added weight given |  |
| F | 0-no added weight given |  |  |

## What are AP, AICE, and Dual Enrollment Courses?

> These are courses you can take in high school that help you earn college credit
> Completely free (no cost)

- Dual Enrollment
- WHS partners with Valencia College, University of Florida, University of Central Florida, and Orange Technical Colleges
- Student must complete applications through the respective college websites to participate and must have qualifying test scores
- To apply or for more information, please go to our website
- The grade the student earns is their grade for the course
- AICE Program
- Requires a completed application to be admitted to the program (available on our website)
- Must have completed Algebra 1
- Student must pass the final exam


## AP Courses

- The only course available to freshman are AP Human Geography and AP Computer Science Principles, more courses are available as they move up grade levels
- Students who sign up for these classes should have achieved level 4 or 5 on their state assessments
- In order for AP classes to count for college credit, student must pass the final exam


## Bright Futures Scholarship Community Service/Work hours

- Not a graduation requirement
- Many students start these hours their freshman year to help them qualify for a scholarship upon graduating.
- Only Community Service/Work hours completed the summer going into 9th grade year and beyond can be counted!

■ 2 levels- 75 or 100 Community Service Hours to qualify OR

- 100 work hours (through a verified employer)
- Work hours and community service hours can be combined
- ALL community service info is available on the WHS website including required forms and possible places where you can complete community service www.windermerehs.ocps.net


## Plan Your Success

Getting into college is a competition! To open as many doors as possible to your future you will want to take the most rigorous courses you are able to WITH SUCCESS!

Extracurricular Activities (both in and out of school) also play an important role in your future!

- Student Government will have information booths about different clubs/organizations during the school year
- Stay connected with our Athletic Department (on Canvas, school website, and social media) to be aware of upcoming tryouts and deadlines


## $\boxed{\square}$ STEP 1: GRADUATE <br> $\square$ STEP 2: <br> TAKE OVER THE WORLD

## What to expect in High School

Bell Schedule: M,T,Th,F 7:20-2:20W 7:20-1:10
Attendance: It is the same policy OCPS. However, it will be reported on your transcript for colleges to see.

Dress Code: It is the same policy OCPS.
Computer/Resources: There will be a scheduled time during the summer to pick-up laptops. State law= NO cell phones during school hours.

## Course Selections

- The detailed instructional presentation is on the student's Canvas account
- Returning for individual meetings: Bridgewater, January 30/ Horizon West, February l
- PLEASE be sure that the course request form has been completed by the above date!



## Course Selection

Your selection for your courses is very important! You want to choose classes that you feel will challenge you and prepare you for your future
> Typical 9th grade schedule: ALL students will be scheduled for 7 classes on- campus

- English: English 1 (Standard or Honors)
- Math: Algebra 1A (based on Pre-Alg Data), Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra II (Standard or Honors)
- Science: Environmental Science, Biology (Standard or Honors)
- History: Not required 9th grade year, students can take AP Human Geography
- 3 electives (can be any from the list, but these are the recommended electives for incoming freshman)
- HOPE and Fine Art:
- HOPE: *If you choose to take HOPE online over the summer, you will need it completed by August 2, 2024. Email your high school counselor.
- Fine Art: can be a performing art (like theatre, band, etc.) or a fine art (art, drawing, etc.)
- Two years of ROTC or 2 years of a sport can satisfy the HOPE and Fine Arts requirements for graduation
- Foreign Language: minimum 3 years of a foreign language is suggested for college admissions
- Electives (AICE Gen Paper)


## Elective Selection- Need to Know

- Freshman Required Courses HOPE or NDCC (ROTC)
- Students will select a total of 6 electives choices. Ranked in order of preference l-6.
- Please keep in mind that electives are offered based on student requests and class availability.
- For more information on the elective choices please review Windermere's Course Catalog on the Windermere High School website.
- If you choose the same elective multiple times, your counselor will choose your secondary elective choices for you.


## CLAW Day

CLAW Day is a tradition at WHS, to invite new students and incoming freshman to our campus. It is typically the weekend before school starts and you will participate in:

- Club Rush - finding out information about our clubs on campus, this is a mini version. We also have club rush day on campus within the first month of school
- Receive your schedule and campus tour
- Listen to a panel of current students
- Purchase WHS merch
- Pep Rally to begin the year



## REMINDER- Counselors Return to Middle Schools (Student Meetings Only)



## Chorus Event

WINDERMERE HIGHSCHOOL Wolverine Chorns


## Band \& Color Guard Event



## AICE

## What is AICE?

The Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma Program (AICE) is an innovative and accelerated method of academic study offered solely through the Cambridge Assessment International Education, a division of the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom--an institution consistently ranked as one of the top five academic universities in the world. AICE provides a flexible, broad-based curriculum that is offered worldwide at schools and colleges in over 161 countries. For over 170 years the prestigious University of Cambridge has been setting worldwide curriculum standards through their examinations.

## How do I become an AICE student?

- Must have a 4 or 5 on FAST ELA (or high reading/English scores on another test if coming from out state/private school/out of country)
- Must have passed Algebra 1 course with an A or B in the course.
- Must be a member of the class of 2027 or 2028.
- Must be zoned for Windermere High School.

All students interested in becoming part of the AICE Program must complete an application on the Windermere High School website. All required documents must be attached to the application.

Students will be notified of application status via email provided on application.

## How do you earn an AICE diploma?

- Candidates must sit and pass seven examinations including Global Perspectives over 25 months.
- Students will take their first exam in 9th grade (or 10th grade if entering the program in 10th grade)
- Candidates must pass at least one examination from Groups 1, 2, and 3 in addition to Global Perspectives:
- Group 1: Mathematics \& Science
- Group 2: Languages (including English)
- Group 3: Arts \& Humanities
- Group 4: Interdisciplinary and Skills Based Subjects


## AICE Courses at Windermere High

| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 | Core |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Environmental <br> Management* | English <br> Language | European <br> History | English <br> General <br> Paper | Global <br> Perspectives |
| Marine <br> Science | Portuguese <br> Language | English <br> Literature | Thinking <br> Skills |  |
| Psychology* |  | Environmental <br> Managemen* |  |  |
|  | Psychology* |  |  |  |

## Typical AICE Schedule

Incoming 9th Grade Schedule:

- AICE General Paper
- AICE Thinking Skills
- Pre-AICE Biology
- Math
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

Incoming 10th Grade Schedule:

- AICE General Paper
- AICE English Language
- AICE European History
- Pre-AICE Chemistry (if already taken Biology
- Elective
- Elective


## Application and Contact Information

AICE Application can be found on the Windermere High School Website under Academics and AICE Cambridge Program

More questions? Please email:
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## WHS PTSO

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