



Winter Haven  
Christian School  
**WHCS**

**2022-2023**  
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**High School**  
**Graduation Requirements**

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>High School Diploma Requirements</b>
Bible	4 credits <i>(1 credit each year enrolled at WHCS)</i>
English	4 credits
Science	3 credits <i>(2 with labs) including biology</i>
Math	4 credits <i>including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and a higher level math</i>
Social Studies	3 credits <i>(U.S. History, World History, Government/Economics)</i>
Foreign Language	2 credits in the same language
Fine Arts	1 credit <i>(Creative Arts or Performing Arts)</i>
Physical Education OR Team Sports	1 credit
Academy	4 credits <i>(1 credit each year enrolled at WHCS)</i>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>26</b> <i>including a minimum of 1 credit from an FLVS/online course</i>

**All graduation requirements must be met in order to receive a Winter Haven Christian School diploma.**

Additional requirements for the High School Diploma

- Earn 100 hours of community service over four years
- Students receiving the High School Diploma must take the ACT or SAT. It is recommended, but not required, that students on a college prep track take both the SAT and ACT.
- Successful completion of a senior service project (20 hours)

WHCS graduation requirements are based on the assumption that the individual child will graduate from WHCS with a high school diploma. If a child transfers to another high school, it is the responsibility of the parent to find out what requirements the new school has in regards to credit requirements such as EOC exam requirements, etc. Laws and guidelines regarding Uniform Transfer of High School Credits is available at the following website: <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?id=6A-1.09941>

# Winter Haven Christian School

## Typical Courses

### ***HIGH SCHOOL COURSES***

#### **General Track**

##### **9th Grade**

Bible 9  
Academy  
English 9  
Physical Science  
Algebra I  
HOPE Physical Education  
Creative Arts (1/2 credit)  
Foreign Language 1

##### **10th Grade**

Bible 10  
Academy  
English 10  
Biology  
Geometry  
World History  
Creative Arts (1/2 credit)  
Foreign Language 2

##### **11th Grade**

Bible 11  
Academy  
English 11  
Anatomy  
Algebra II  
U.S. History  
Performing Arts

##### **12th Grade**

Bible 12  
Academy  
English 12/DE English  
Government & Economics  
Advanced Math  
College Planning  
Elective: Teacher's Aid\* / Yearbook / FLVS Elective\*

\*Students must have met their fine arts requirement to participate in these options

#### **Advanced Math Track**

##### **9th Grade**

Bible 9  
Academy  
English 9  
Physical Science  
Geometry  
HOPE Physical Education  
Creative Arts (1/2 credit)  
Foreign Language 1

##### **10th Grade**

Bible 10  
Academy  
English 10  
Biology  
Algebra II  
World History  
Creative Arts (1/2 credit)  
Foreign Language 2

##### **11th Grade**

Bible 11  
Academy  
English 11  
Anatomy  
FLVS Math/DE Math  
U.S. History  
Performing Arts

##### **12th Grade**

Bible 12  
Academy  
English 12/DE English  
Government & Economics  
Advanced Math/FLVS Math/DE Math  
College Planning  
Elective: Teacher's Aid\* / Yearbook\* / FLVS Elective\*

\*Students must have met their fine arts requirement to participate in these options

## ***FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL (FLVS) COURSES***

The state of Florida currently requires students to successfully complete one online class in grades 9-12 to be awarded a High School Diploma. At WHCS, our high school foreign language classes are offered through FLVS and will fulfill this requirement.

Additionally, Winter Haven Christian School offers students the opportunity to expand their learning experience through other Florida Virtual School online courses. Online courses may be approved to fulfill graduation requirements in a subject area if the course is not offered at WHCS or does not fit into the student's schedule. Otherwise, all courses taken to fulfill graduation requirements must be completed at WHCS or through our dual enrollment program.

The following restrictions are placed on students taking classes via Florida Virtual School at WHCS.

1. Students may take no more than two high school credits per school year via FLVS.
2. Students may only take foreign language classes or electives that are not offered at WHCS via FLVS. Exceptions can be made only in the case of a student who needs to make up a credit that was lost because of a failing grade and/or because of losing a credit transferring into WHCS.
3. Students taking 1.0 credit classes must complete the first session of the class by the end of the first semester and complete the second session by the end of the school year. Extensions will only be allowed by WHCS in extreme circumstances. Students taking 0.5 credit classes must complete that class by the end of the semester.
4. Parents and students are responsible for contacting and communicating with all FLVS teachers.

All grades earned in an approved course will be a part of the student's academic record. If a student withdraws from an online course, their FLVS withdrawal form will become part of their cumulative school file.

## **FLVS, AP, and Dual Enrollment Courses**

Below is an example of courses available through FLVS (subject to change):

### **FLVS Electives**

- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Career Research & Decision Making
- Creative Photography
- Critical Thinking and Study Skills
- Digital Information Technology
- Law Studies 1
- Leadership Skills Development
- Marine Science 1
- Physics 1
- Psychology 1
- Spanish 3
- Driver's Education (must be age 14 ½)

### **FLVS AP Courses**

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Psychology

### **DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE) COURSES**

Winter Haven Christian School juniors and seniors may elect to take college level courses which count for both high school and college credits. Students taking courses on a college campus may not be dismissed from school to attend. Juniors who are participating in the dual enrollment program must be enrolled in a minimum of seven WHCS classes and one/two college classes. Dual enrolled Seniors must be enrolled in a minimum of five WHCS classes and one/two college classes.

A variety of DE courses may be taken at the following institutions:

- The Baptist College of Florida
- Polk State College
- Warner University-*course fees will apply*
- Southeastern University-*course fees will apply*

The registration process for dual enrollment includes:

- Taking a college placement exam, if required.
- Meeting with the school counselor to discuss course options and receive WHCS administrative approval for the selected courses.
- Maintaining a minimum unweighted 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Completing a college registration application
- Assuming financial responsibility for all additional course obligations (e.g. textbooks, lab fees)

### **COURSE CREDITS AND PROMOTION**

Many WHCS courses are considered year-long courses but are divided into two semesters/terms each worth .5 credit. Courses must be attended for the duration of the course and completed in order to receive credit. Students in grades 6-8 must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) year-long courses and a study hall. Students in grades 9-12 must be enrolled in a minimum of seven (7) courses each school term.

In order to be promoted to the next grade, middle school students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 (C average) Grade Point Average and pass their core classes. The six core subjects are Bible, mathematics, English, science, social studies, and the wheel. Students who receive a failing grade in any of these courses or lower than a 2.0 GPA for the year are required to pass the same (or similar) coursework as determined by the school before being considered for promotion.

High school students in grades 9-11 must earn a minimum of six credits (excluding their academies) per year to be promoted to the next grade level. Six credits are required for sophomore standing, twelve credits for junior standing, and eighteen credits for senior standing.

It is important for students to check with the guidance department each year to be certain they are meeting graduation requirements. Since college admission and scholarship acceptance requirements vary, please note that meeting the minimum graduation requirements may not meet the requirements of some post-secondary programs. Consult with the intended school of choice for additional information. Parent and student input are considered in course placement; however, the school reserves the right to place students based on course requirements and maximum class sizes. Grades, test scores and teacher recommendations play an important role in course placement. All courses required for graduation must be taken at WHCS with the exception of transfer students, credit recovery

courses, and dual enrollment courses. Permission for participation in dual enrollment or virtual school programs must be obtained from the guidance department.

### ***COURSE FAILURE AND RECOVERY***

A failing grade ("F") is considered anything below a 60%. In middle school courses, students earn course credit by their final year-end averages. Students who do not pass one or two courses will be required to successfully complete coursework over the summer as determined by administration. Independent study is recommended for students who have final year-end grades of a "D".

In high school courses, students earn credit based upon their semester grades. High school students who fail ("F") a semester of a course are required to repeat that semester during the summer via FLVS, or the next school year if permissible. Students who fail a semester of Bible are required to complete an approved independent study program since no FLVS course is available. The student is responsible for the cost of the course plus any additional fees. For students with a "D" in math or English, tutoring is strongly recommended.

Courses may only be repeated in the cases of a failing grade ("F") or an insufficient GPA (below 2.0) for promotion. If a student fails to earn a credit, a credit recovery course will be required to recover the credit needed toward graduation. If a student does not earn the necessary 2.0 GPA or higher for promotion, he may be given the opportunity to bring up his GPA to a 2.0 over the summer by taking one or two grade forgiveness courses. Grade forgiveness courses are limited to replacing a grade of "D" or "F" with a grade of "C" or higher in the same or comparable course as approved by administration. When a high school student repeats a course, both attempts will be listed on the transcript.

The only exception to these forgiveness policies is for a student in the middle grades who takes a high school course for high school credit (e.g. Algebra 1 Honors) and earns a grade of "C," "D," or "F". In such a case, the student may replace the grade with "C" or higher earned in the same or an approved, comparable course.

### ***NON-GRADUATING SENIORS***

Seniors who do not complete the graduation requirements may participate in graduation ceremonies if they complete a plan of action form and are not more than one credit short of graduation requirements. Transcripts will be issued, but no diploma will be granted to seniors who do not meet graduation requirements.

**WHCS Class Schedule**  
**2021-2022**  
*[Subject to Change]*

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule**

<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule</b>		<b>General Track</b>	<b>Advanced Math Track</b>
HR	7:30 - 7:35	Homeroom	Homeroom
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:37 - 8:25	Bible 11	Bible 11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:27 - 9:15	Academy	Academy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:18 - 10:06	U.S. History	U.S. History
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:09 - 10:57	English 11	English 11
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 - 11:48	Algebra II	FLVS Math
6 <sup>th</sup>	11:51- 12:39	Anatomy	Anatomy
7 <sup>th</sup>	12:42 - 1:30	Lunch	Lunch
8 <sup>th</sup>	1:33 - 2:20	Performing Arts	Performing Arts

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule**

<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule</b>		<b>General Track</b>	<b>Advanced Math Track</b>
HR	7:30 – 7:35	Homeroom	Homeroom
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:37 – 8:25	Government & Economics	Government & Economics
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:27 – 9:15	Academy	Academy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:18 – 10:06	English 12 / DE Teacher’s Aid*	English 12 / DE Teacher’s Aid*
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:09 – 10:57	Senior Elective	Senior Elective
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 – 11:48	College Planning	College Planning
6 <sup>th</sup>	11:51- 12:39	Advanced Math	Adv Math/FLVS Math/ DE Aid*
7 <sup>th</sup>	12:42 – 1:30	Lunch	Lunch
8 <sup>th</sup>	1:33 – 2:20	Bible 12	Bible 12

Senior Elective choices: FLVS Elective / Teacher’s Aid / Yearbook