

Frequently Asked Questions for the Graduating Class of 2013

1. Can I change my elective focus after the freshman year?

Yes, as long as you have enough time to fulfill the graduation requirements. This will most likely be difficult after the 10th grade year.

2. How do I waive out of the Fine Art and Foreign Language requirement?

Students not planning to attend a university may, at the school's discretion, be granted a waiver of the foreign language and the fine arts requirements to expand and enhance their elective focus. Students should see their counselor to discuss this option.

3. Does Algebra I, Geometry or Foreign Language taken in 8th grade count as a core credit or an elective credit?

High School Algebra I or Geometry taken in middle school will count as elective credit. These math credits can be used to satisfy the math/science elective focus requirement. Students are still required to take a math course every year of high school.

Spanish I, German I, and French I will be counted as additional path requirements and can be used to fulfill one of the high school foreign language course requirements.

Please remember that any high school course taken during middle school has no GPA value on the high school transcript.

4. If a student chooses the AP/IB Focus, may he/she take any three AP courses?

Yes, a student can take any three AP/IB courses to complete the AP/IB elective focus.

5. Is there a Military Science focus?

The Military Science focus is pending board approval at this time. The focus consists of JROTC I, II, III, and IV.

6. Does the Physical Education "waiver" apply only to school sponsored activities OR can a student activity be private (dance, martial arts, etc.)?

Williamson County Schools will only accept documentation from school sponsored activities. Private student activities (dance, martial arts, etc.) will not be accepted.

7. Can a student earn .5 credits for sports participation and take a Physical Education elective to receive another .5 credits?

Students who participate in sports outside the WCS school day cannot receive credit; rather they will simply be waived from the course. Therefore, they can still take the .5 Physical Education credit as an elective.

8. Do the new graduation requirements affect my student in high school currently?

No, the new graduation requirements begin with the graduating class of 2013 and beyond.

9. Can I take Spanish 2, 3 & 4 if I choose CTE as my elective focus?

You can take any elective class that you want to as long as there is room in your schedule. This may depend on how many credits you earned in middle school. To do this you may have to take 7 classes and no study hall at some point in time.