

Wallingford Public Schools
High School Course Selection
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the options for my Grade 9 student in the area of World Language?

Students that have completed Level 2 and received a credit in Middle School should be prepared to enroll in Honors Spanish Level 3. The other choice for a freshman is to take Academic Spanish Level 2, which will be a repeat of their middle school experience. Note that students will need 2.0 credits in World Language to fulfill the Wallingford Public School's graduation requirements.

2. Why isn't there an academic level Spanish 3?

Wallingford Public Schools Level 3 and beyond language classes are all Honors level. Students that are performing at that level are equipped to excel in the Honors level course. This is due to the rigorous World Language program in our middle schools compared to those of other middle school program evidenced by the awarding of credit toward graduation in middle school. With that being said, teachers in these courses are skilled in providing differentiated instruction to meet the needs of their students; this includes additional support and instruction as needed.

3. What are my freshman options in the area of Science?

As a freshman there are two options for science; Integrated Science at the Academic Level or Honors Biology. Integrated Science covers the first three strands of CAPT Science which is a requirement for graduation while Honors Biology covers all five strands of CAPT Science. Students that take Academic and Honors level student can be successful on CAPT if they skip Integrated Science and go into Honors Biology which again covers all five strands of CAPT Science.

4. How come a 10th grader can take Biology academic or basic but a 9th grader must take Honors?

As a 10th grader a student can take Biology academic or basic as students in 9th grade would have already taken Integrated Science which covers the first three strands of CAPT Science; a graduation requirement. As a 10th grader they need the content that covers the remaining two strands of CAPT Science, which are covered in Academic and Basic Biology. As noted above in question #3, only Honors Biology covers all five strands of the CAPT Science.

5. In what course can I earn high school credit during my middle school year?

Students can earn 1.0 credit in World Language as well as 1.0 credit for Algebra during their middle school years. These credits are applied toward the graduation requirements. In order to earn this credit the student must do the following:

World Language (applies to Spanish and French B & C enrolled students in grade 8

- *Score of 85% or higher on January midyear assessment*
- *An average grade of 85% or higher*
- *Teacher recommendation*

World Language (applies to Spanish and French C enrolled students in grade 8

- *Score 70%-84% on January midyear assessment*
- *An average grade of 70%-84%*
- *Teacher recommendation*

Algebra

- *Average of 75% or higher; student enters Honors Geometry*
- *Average of 70%-74%; student enters Academic Geometry*