AMERICAN SCHOOL INDEPENDENT STUDY INFORMATIONAL SHEET

American School is a home based independent study program. Students complete the course work from home and mail exams directly to American School. The school is accredited, and thus credits earned through American School are approved by the WCS Board of Education and can be counted towards meeting graduation requirements. However, American School is completely separate from Warren Consolidated Schools. Students taking a course through American School must contact the school directly with all questions and concerns.

General Information:

- A student may begin taking an American School course once he/she has reached 12 credits total and/or demonstrated academic success at Community High School for at least 1-2 quarters.
- The cost of American School courses range from \$90 to \$290. This is at the student's expense.
- The American School registration form requires a school official's signature and contact information (see the counselor, Mrs. Azar). It is important that students meet with Mrs. Azar before selecting a course of study. Students may request an appointment by completing a "CHS Counseling Appointment Request Form" (student MUST write the reason for their request—ex. "Want to look into American School").
- Community High School does not provide tutoring or additional support for students taking American School courses. This is an *independent* study program.
- Students must earn 75% or greater on ALL American School exams in order to earn the credit for the course. If a student does not score 70% or greater, then he/she will have an opportunity to retake the exam. Students will receive a blank exam with different assessment questions.
- Copy all exams before mailing (just in case it gets lost in the mail)
- <u>It takes at least 3 weeks for an exam to be graded</u>. If a student needs to retake an exam, then he/she should expect that it will take another 3 weeks for the second exam to be graded. Students must also account for mail time. Consequently, it is imperative that students manage their time to get the coursework completed by the appropriate deadline. <u>Credit will not be awarded until a transcript from American School is received</u>. It is solely the responsibility of the student to ensure that he/she completes the coursework in time to turn in a transcript by the graduation deadline.

Senior deadlines are as follows:

Quarter 1 (November Graduation)** = Monday, 11/02/09 Quarter 2 (January Graduation)** = Monday, 01/18/10 Quarter 3 (April Graduation)** = Monday, 04/05/10 Quarter 4 (June Graduation) = Monday, 05/24/10 ***SUMMER (AUGUST GRADUATION) = MONDAY, 08/23/10***

**Please Note: Quarter 1 – Quarter 3 graduation is only possible for 5th year seniors. All students must complete a minimum of 4 years of high school.