



8th grade Academic Night @ Cooper

November 14, 2024

Welcome!

Agenda

- Our Mission
- Through Students' Eyes:
Our Academic Experience
- Graduation Requirements
- Core Courses
- Electives
- Modern Languages
- Summer School opportunities
- Community Service
- Post-secondary support



Seek the Conversation

- with families and students

Trust Courageously

- students need to begin to become autonomous

Fall in Love with Enduring Ideas

- through appropriate academic challenges

Serve the Common Good

- through increased leadership



Our Mission & Vision



Our Mission

Washington Latin Public Charter Schools provide a **challenging, classical** education that is **accessible** to students throughout the District of Columbia. We seek to develop students who will become thoughtful citizens and leaders, contributing to the public good in their lifelong quest towards a fuller humanity. At our schools, words matter, ideas matter and people matter.



These key words define our mission:

Challenging

Classical

Accessible



*We believe in the uplifting and liberating power of our classical education for **all** learners.*

A core tenet of our mission is to develop **all** of our learners in the skills we believe will allow them to fully embrace the humanity of others as well as their own, and to recognize and experience all that is good, true, and beautiful in the world around them.

Our commitment to a diverse by design community at all levels, is essential to our progress towards the idea of creating a **pathway to success for every student.**



Our Vision for the Upper School (US)

We recognize that ninth graders are striving for independence and we are working to create a school and a program that honors that.

- Choice and flexibility in a student's schedule
- Rigor in all subjects
- Opposite of anonymous, even though it is what students think they want.
- Structure that allows students to get help
- An intellectual atmosphere
- Leaders



Our Students' Experience

Life at Washington Latin



In their words...



Owen, Class of 2023



Genaba, Class of 2023




Advisory

- As you know, our advisory system is central to a student's experience at Washington Latin. ***This is the home base for each student and, by extension, an important connection for our families.*** Our intention is that advisors foster a sense of mutual caring, community, and fun.
- Once students enter the Upper School, advisory continues to play an important role in our students' academic lives.
- Advisors provide ongoing ***academic guidance by reviewing course options and supporting their students' paths towards graduation.***



Latin's Transcripts

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
Washington Latin Public Charter School




Crs ID	Crs ID	Course Title	Grade	Credit	
	Washington Latin PCS - Upper School				Stu
WashHUMH	ALG1	Algebra I	C-	1.00	High
Stat	WH1	World History I	B-	1.00	Grad
APENV	LA1	Latin I	D	1.00	
BIO1	AS	Academic Support	B+	1.00	Total
ARAB2	MLAB	Math Lab	B-	1.00	Early
CHOIR	CTX	Circuit Training	P	0.25	Rec
FL	Washington Latin PCS - Upper School				
MIND	GOVT	Government	B	0.50	Cur
SRSEM					Cur
SSC					12th
WashDICH					11th
WashENG11					10th
ALG2					
CHEM					
USH					
LA3					
ARAB1					
CHOIR					
JJS					
JAS					
WashDCH					
HLTH					
WashENG10	English 10		C+	1.00	
GEO	Geometry		B-	1.00	
PHY9	Conceptual Physics		B-	1.00	
WH2	World History II		C	1.00	
LA2	Latin II		B-	1.00	
LV	Latin Voices		B-	1.00	
Washington Latin PCS - Summer School					
ENG910	English 9		B	1.00	
Washington Latin PCS - Upper School					
ENG9	English 9		F	0.00	

GPA Points
 A | 4.0 C+ | 2.3
 A- | 3.7 C | 2.0
 B+ | 3.3 C- | 1.7
 B | 3.0 D | 1.0
 B- | 2.7 F | 0.0

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 Honors and AP classes receive a 0.5 GPA Added Value.

School Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Washington Latin PCS - Upper School				
HUMH	Honors Humanities	A-	1.00	Was
APCALC	AP Calculus AB	B	1.00	GEO
APENVSCI	AP Environmental Science	A-	1.00	HCO
GRK4	Greek IV	A	1.00	WH1
ADVLAT	Advanced Latin Seminar	A	1.00	GRK
ART	Studio Art	A	0.50	LA34
DCH	DC History	B+	0.50	FR2H
SRSEM	Senior Seminar	P	0.50	GVS
GVS	Girls Varsity Soccer	P	0.25	YOG
Washington Latin PCS - Upper School				
APLIT	AP Literature and Composition	A	1.00	Was
				ALG8
				Lat2
				FR1

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Graduation Requirements

Credit Requirements, Community Service

- 4 credits – English
- 4 credits – Math
(one year past Algebra II)
- 4 credits – Science
- 4 credits – History
(including D.C. History and Government)
- 3 credits – Latin
(through Latin III)
- 2 credits – Modern Language (through the second level)
- 3.5 credits – Electives
(credits that are above and beyond the minimum and specifically named graduation requirements and are of the student's choosing)
- 0.5 credit – Art
- 0.5 credit – Health
- 0.5 credit – Music
- 0.25 credit – Financial Literacy
- 1 credit – Athletics
(four seasons)
- 100 hours – Community Service

**Students need at least
27.25 credits to graduate!**



9th Grade courses

Subjects for all 9th graders and most common courses

*Take 1 course in each of
these 5 subjects!*

- **English** -- English 9
- **History** -- World History I
- **Science**-- Physics
- **Math** -- Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Honors Geometry or Honors Algebra II (based on 8th grade math class)
- **Latin** – Latin I, Latin II, Latin III or Honors Latin III

Subjects that complete your schedule

Choose two!

- **Modern language**
 - Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III
 - Arabic I, Arabic II
- **Arts**
 - Choir
 - Band
 - Theater
 - Art
- **Study Hall**



Honors Courses

- We will offer honors level courses this coming year in Math and Latin.
- Placement in honors courses is dependent on a number of factors, including standardized tests, final exam grade, and teacher recommendation.
- We want to ensure there are multiple pathways to honors level courses throughout the curriculum.
- We are discussing the timetable for adding other honors level courses.



Philosophy of Mathematics

Mathematics is a marvelous human endeavor - worth the effort to explore and participate in, and worth the effort to help others do the same - because it meets basic human desires and contributes in unique ways to a life well lived.

Mathematics for Human Flourishing, Dr. Francis Su



Math Curriculum - Overview

- Washington Latin uses the ***Common Core standards*** to sequence all math courses from 5th grade through Algebra 2.
- Our students have the opportunity to take credit-bearing ***Algebra 1 by 8th grade*** and Calculus by 12th grade.
- We offer ***intensive Math support*** for students who demonstrate a need through diagnostic testing.



Math

REQUIRED Math Courses

- Algebra I
- Geometry or Honors Geometry
- Algebra II or Honors Algebra II
- Options to complete the 4th credit:
 - Statistics
 - Pre-Calculus

And beyond...

- Calculus or AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- Linear Algebra



Math Curriculum - Overview

Grade	Most common	Variation A	Variation B	Variation C
5	Math 5	Math 5	Math 5	Math 5
6	Accelerated Math 6	Accelerated Math 6	Accelerated Math 6	Accelerated Math 6
7	Accelerated Math 7	Accelerated Math 7	Accelerated Math 7	Algebra 1***
<i>Summer</i>	---	---	Algebra 1**	---
8	Algebra 1	Algebra 1 & Geometry	Geometry	Honors Geometry
9	Geometry	Algebra 2	Algebra 2	Algebra 2
10	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus
11	Precalculus	Calculus	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus AB
12	AP Calculus AB or Elective Math*	AP Statistics	AP Calculus BC	AP Calculus BC

* Example: Statistics or Calculus

** Must earn an A in Math 7 & teacher recommendation

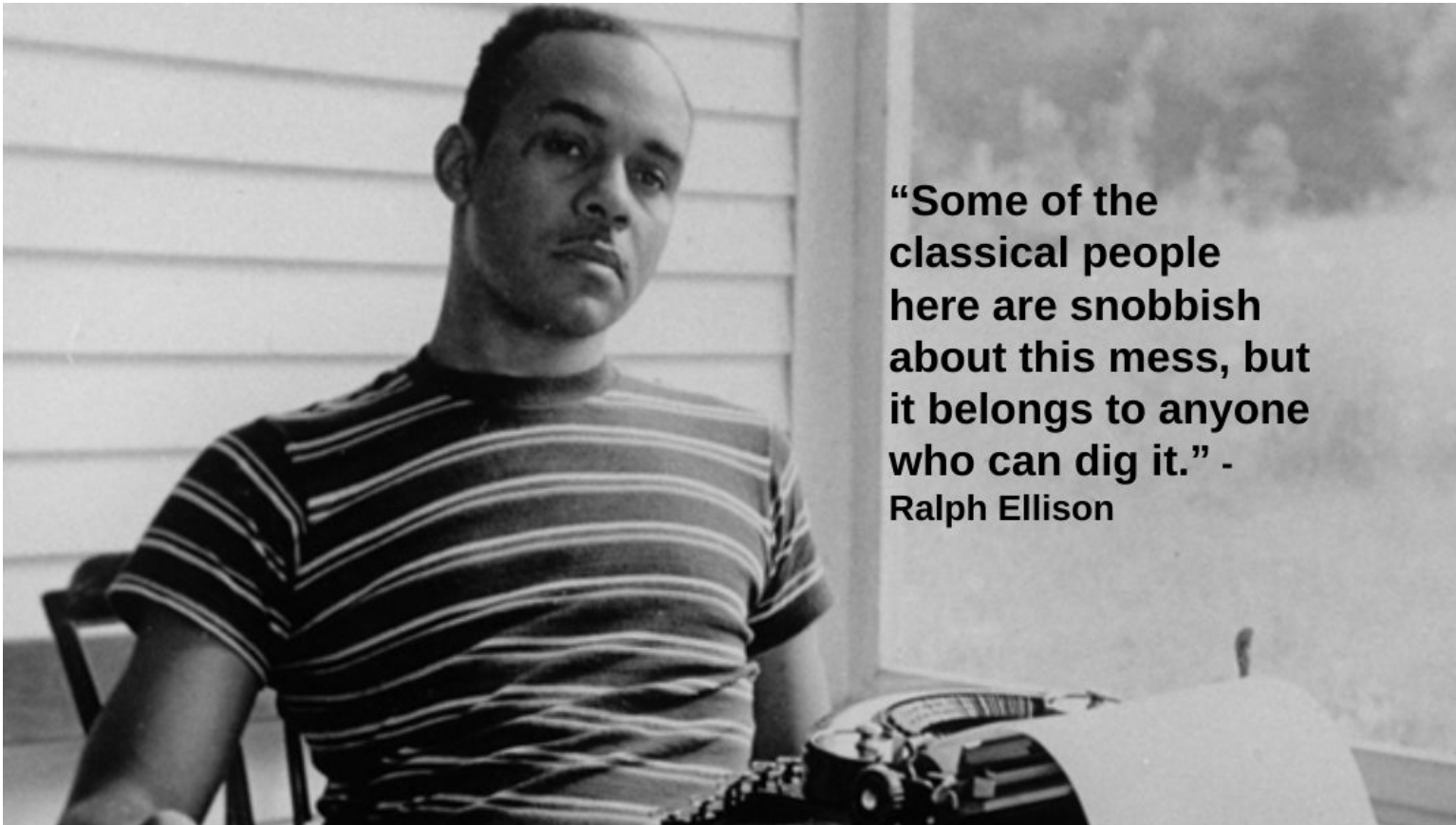
*** Must score a 250 or higher on MAP assessment in 6th



Philosophy of Latin

“I love that we are some of the very few people around the world who have the chance to learn a lost language that is very present in modern culture today without most people knowing it.”

- Cooper 7th grader



Latin

REQUIRED Latin Courses

- Latin I
- Latin II
- Latin III or Honors III

And beyond...

- Latin IV and Honors Latin IV
- AP Latin and Advanced Latin Seminar
- Ancient Greek!



Latin Curriculum - Overview

Grade	A	B	C	D
7	Latin I	Latin I		
8	Latin II	Latin II	Latin I	Latin I
9	Latin III* <i>Last required course</i>	Honors Latin III*	Latin II	Latin II
10	Latin IV	Honors Latin IV	Latin III* <i>Last required course</i>	Honors Latin III* <i>Last required course</i>
11	Honors Latin IV	AP Latin	Latin IV	Honors Latin IV
12	AP Latin	Advanced Latin Seminar	Honors Latin IV	AP Latin



English

Four Required Credits of English

- **GRADE 9:** English 9
- **GRADE 10:** English 10
- **GRADE 11:** Humanities 1
- **GRADE 12:** Humanities 2

Historically Available Courses

- Honors English 10
- Honors Humanities
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition



English Curriculum - Overview

Grade	Most common	Variation A	Variation B	Variation C
5	English 5	English 5	English 5	English 5
6	English 6	English 6	English 6	English 6
7	English 7	English 7	English 7	English 7
8	English 8	English 8	English 8	English 8
9	English 9	English 9	English 9	English 9
10	English 10	Honors English 10	Honors English 10	Honors English 10
11	Humanities 1	AP Lang & Comp.	AP Lit & Comp	AP Lit & Comp**
12	Humanities 2	Honors Humanities*	Honors Humanities	AP Lang & Comp**.

* *Honors Humanities historically is only offered senior year.*

** *AP Literature & Composition and AP Language & Composition are not to sequential. They may be taken in any order.*



History

- **GRADE 9:** World History I
- **GRADE 10:** World History II
- **GRADE 11:** U.S. History
- **At some point:** D.C. History (.5) and U.S. Government (.5)
- **And Beyond:** AP Human Geography, AP US Government



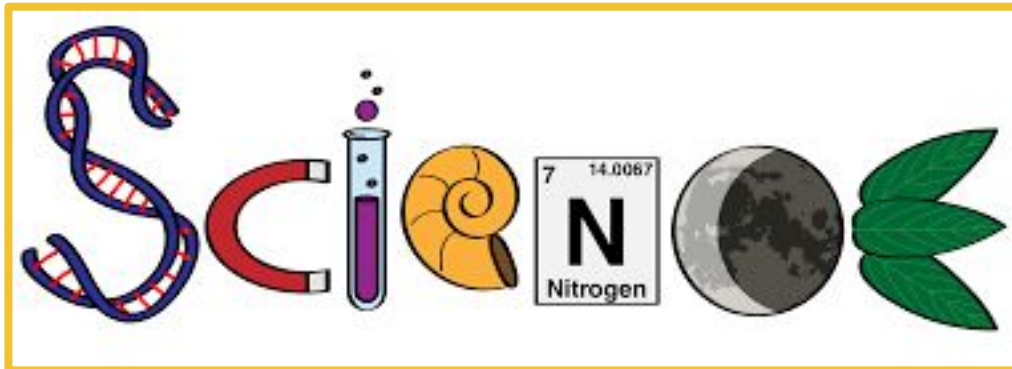
Science

REQUIRED Science Courses

- **GRADE 9:** Conceptual Physics
- **GRADE 10:** Chemistry or
- **GRADE 11:** Biology

Options for 4th science credit

- Environmental Science or AP Environmental Science
- Science Research Methods
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- other electives, according to teacher choice



World Languages

- **Current Options:** Spanish and Arabic
 - **Future:** a 3rd modern language
 - **Requirements:** 2 consecutive years (For example, Arabic I and Arabic II)
 - **Beyond:** All languages have 5 levels, including a chance for AP or NEWL
- **Communicative Method:** we speak the language students are learning
 - **Seal of Biliteracy:** any student who can demonstrate Intermediate High proficiency in Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening
 - **Spring break trips:** students are eligible after 3 years



VISUAL ARTS Credits

- Studio Art I and II

MUSIC Credits

- General Music
- Choir
- Band

The Spring Musical will continue to be an integral part of our community at Latin.

THEATER Credits

- Theater I and II

DANCE Credit

- Dance I and II



Required Semester Courses

- Health (0.5 credit)
- Art (0.5 credit)
- Music (0.5 credit)
- Financial Literacy (0.25 credit)



Summer School & Opportunities



- Any courses taken after 8th grade that are not remedial in nature can count towards high school credit.
- In the future, we will offer the following as 2.5 week electives: Art, Music, Health, Government, and DC History.
- For 2025, summer school will be offered at 2nd Street and will mostly focus on students in need of extra support. We will also offer one of the electives mentioned above, and our summer program will grow as Cooper does.



Athletics



Anima Sana in Corpore Sano (A healthy mind in a healthy body)

Washington Latin boasts a competitive athletic program. Our teams have won multiple championships across local, state, and national divisions.

Many of our student-athletes have continued their athletic career into college as D1 Athletes. We participate in the DC Public Charter School Athletics League and in some cases also play DCPS or independent schools

Sport	Season	Middle School (6-8)	High School (9-12)	Boys, Girls, Co-Ed	Junior Varsity	Varsity
Baseball	Spring	X	X	Boys		X
Basketball	Winter	X	X	Boys/Girls	X	X
Cheerleading	Winter	X	X	Co-Ed		X
Cross Country*	Fall	X	X	Co-Ed		X
Flag Football	Fall	X		Co-Ed		
Indoor Track	Winter		X	Co-Ed		X
Lacrosse	Spring	X	X	Girls		X
Soccer	Fall	X	X	Boys/Girls	X	X
Softball	Spring		X	Girls		X
Track & Field	Spring	X	X	Co-Ed		X
Ultimate Frisbee	Spring	X	X	Co-Ed		X
Volleyball	Fall	X	X	Girls		X
Wrestling	Winter		X	Co-Ed		X



100 Hours Required by Graduation!

- (25 hours per year would be great)
- CS Forms can be found on the website.
- All service immediately following 8th grade year counts.



Curious about our courses?



***Scan the QR code** to view the online course guide for all classes offered in Upper School (2nd Street Campus)*



Post-Secondary Programming



Overview

Our College Counseling program is designed to help students and families find the right fit after graduation. ***This process is tailored towards each individual student's unique needs, abilities, and goals.***

We support families through this process, offering guidance about researching college and career options, finding scholarships and financial aid, and in making the final decision.



9th Grade

- Information Sessions
- College Visit Meetings at Latin

10th Grade

- More Pointed Information Sessions
- Introduction to Post-Secondary Team
- College Visit Meetings at Latin

11th Grade

- Weekly Emails
- Junior Portfolio - done by student and family
- Matched with College Counselor in December/January
- Student and Families Meetings
- Junior JumpStart Course

12th Grade

- Weekly Emails
- Application Boot Camp (Summer and Fall)
- Quarterly Meetings
- Frequent Fall Check-ins with Counselor
- Daily or weekly work sessions in the CCO

BEYOND THESE WALLS

Our BTW Team works with outside agencies to present the trades, police and fire programs, cosmetology, and other lines of work for students who are opting for an immediate career path after high school.



Schools recent graduates are attending

- Allegheny College, PA
- Boston College, MA
- Bryn Mawr College, PA
- Canisius College, NY
- Carnegie Mellon University, PA
- Clark University, MA
- College of the Atlantic, ME
- College of Wooster, OH
- Concordia University, Canada
- Cornell University, NY
- Drexel University, PA (x4)
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- D.C. Fire Department
- Garrett College (x2)
- George Mason University (x5)
- Iowa State University, IA
- Johns Hopkins University, MD
- Kean University, NJ
- MPD Cadet Program
- National Geographic internship
- Princeton University
- San Jose State University
- Spelman College
- St. John's University, NY (x5)
- Trinity College, CT
- University of Arizona, AZ
- University of Maryland, MD (x3)
- University of South Carolina
- UPenn (x2)
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia, VA
- Vanderbilt, TN
- Virginia Tech, VA
- William & Mary, VA (x3)
- Yale University



Questions?

