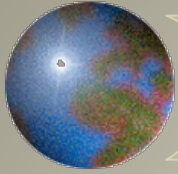


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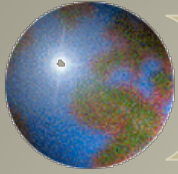
Academic Challenge Program

(recently revised for the class of 2014, 2015, and on)



Academic Challenge committee:

- ✚ Marcy Horne
- ✚ Bev McCreary
- ✚ Mallory Neher
- ✚ Colleen Parks
- ✚ Jean Retallic
- ✚ Parent reps: Teresa Martinez,
Jane Rohman

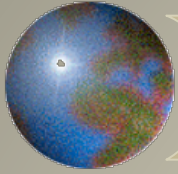


PURPOSE

Academic Challenge is designed for students desiring a rigorous and well-balanced program in academic disciplines. The program is designed to encourage:

- **Scholastic achievement**
- **Fine arts education**
- **Computer literacy**
- **Extracurricular participation**
- **Involvement in community service**

Upon completion the student should have completed the type of high school career that will get the student into a college of choice, perhaps even with scholarships. Academic Challenge is the road map to follow.



THE BENEFITS

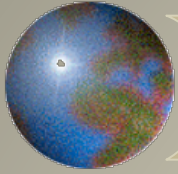
**To gain an advantage in college acceptance
and scholarship opportunities**

**To develop a long-term plan for academic
success**

To learn the skills for developing a portfolio

To be better prepared for advanced study

**To realize the sense of accomplishment that
comes with achievement**



REQUIREMENTS

In addition to high school graduation requirements, the following requirements must be completed. Advanced courses are recommended if available. A portfolio of Verification Forms (available in the hall outside the Career Center or online) must be submitted by 3rd quarter of the student's senior year.

GPA: Must have a minimum cumulative 3.2 GPA.

LANGUAGE ARTS:

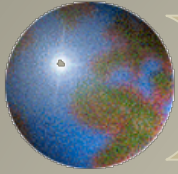
Completion of four years (4 credits) in Language Arts.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

Completion of three years (3 credits) of the *same* Foreign Language.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Completion of the required 3 high school credits; advanced sections recommended where available. An online course may not replace Citizen Washington *except* the course offered through Wenatchee Internet Academy.



MATHEMATICS:

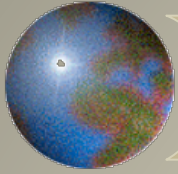
Completion of the Mathematics sequence through Trigonometry (not Algebra 2/Trig) or Precalculus.

SCIENCE:

Completion of three credits including at least two of the following courses: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

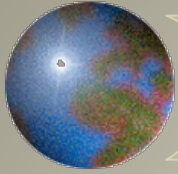
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION:

Completion of the required 1.5 credits, including Business Computer Applications 1. Students may take a competency test to “test out” of BCA I by making arrangements with Mrs. Retallic in the Business Department. BIT 101 at Wenatchee Valley College also fulfills this requirement.



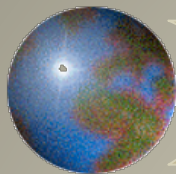
If someone wants credit for BCA 1 without actually taking the class, the challenge procedures are these:

1. See the Bus. Dept. Head (Mrs. Retallic) and get the study guide for the test. Students need to prepare on their own.
2. Schedule the test which is in two parts, approximately one hour each section.
3. Pay the \$85 fee to Kim Fones in the main office, not the ASB office.
4. Score 70% or more for a passing grade. The grade does not affect the student's GPA.
5. Let the Dept. Head know you are in Academic Challenge and doing the test for that reason.
6. After meeting all requirements above, the grade will be turned in to the registrar.



EXTRA CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION:

Participation in one school sport (season) or one school activity (club) is required per school year. Participation in these programs is sometimes a deciding factor for entrance into some universities and is definitely important in scholarship competition. Golden Apple Band may be used *only* if you earn a letter or pin.



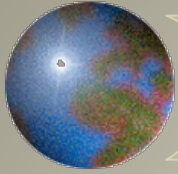
Clubs and Sports to be involved in

ASB CLUBS and ADVISERS

Academic Team	Chris Cloke
Apple Leaf	Dave Riggs
Apple-Ettes	Marie West
Art Club	Don Collins
ASB Adviser	Brent Grothe
Cheerleading	Lisa Blair
Choral Music	Matt Lodge
Color Guard	Minnie Obregon
DECA	Matt Pakinas
Diversity Club	Danielle Schafer-Cloke
Drama Club	Paul Atwood
Earth Club	Joyce Block
Equestrian Club	Thera Judd
FBLA	Jean Retallic
FFA	Dan Ellwood
French Club	Rachel Simmons
German Club	Carrie Christensen
Golden Apple Band	Jim Kovach
Honor Society	Mary Symond
INSPIRE	Amy McCubbin
Interact	Jon Magnus
Japanese Culture	Brian Herling
Key Club	Karen Bray
Mariachi	Ramon Rivera
Math is Cool	Drew Gaylord
MECHA	Susan Velazquez
Orchestra	Beth Jensen
People First	Penny Hedman
Photography Club	Karen Bray
Random Acts of Kindness	Shelly Jelsing
Skills USA	Karen Bray
Sound Crew	James Wallace
Spanish Club	Fredrick Lenard
Speech and Debate	Dave Carlson
Sport Medicine	Dale Blair
TSA	Doug Merrill
WAWA (yearbook)	Dave Riggs
Young Democrats	Danielle Schafer-Cloke

SPORTS and COACHES

Baseball	Jeff Zehnder
Basketball, Boys	Ron Stone
Basketball, Girls	Robin Kansky
Bowling	Jay Young
Cross Country	Susan Valdez
Football	Scott Devereaux
Golf, Boys	Stan Opp
Golf, Girls	Doug Merrill
Soccer, Boys	Dennis Tronson
Soccer, Girls	Katie Fox
Softball	Brent Grothe
Swimming	James Elwyn
Tennis	Norm Armstrong
Track	Bob Bullis
Volleyball	Leanne McGahuey
Wrestling	Ed Valdez



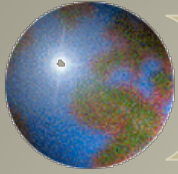
COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Community Service is defined as serving others without any monetary reward or as a requirement for your family.

You must complete at least 10 hours yearly for Academic Challenge, or 15+ hours for Distinguished Scholar. (Not required your freshman year, but does count to the total of 30+ or 45+ hours needed.)

Community Service might include:

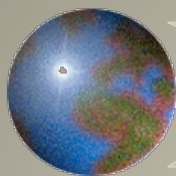
- Church community service
- Music Theater of Wenatchee volunteer
- Hospital volunteer
- Museum volunteer
- Parks and Recreation volunteer
- Ridge to River volunteer
- Assisting with a youth athletic program
- Math is Cool competition proctoring
- Raking your elderly neighbor's leaves
- Picking up garbage in a neglected lot



DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

This award is for students who have achieved a higher level of performance in the Academic Challenge Program. It will be awarded at graduation. In order to achieve the Distinguished Scholar level in the Academic Challenge Program, students must fulfill the following *additional* requirements:

1. A minimum of 3.5 cumulative GPA at graduation
2. Member of National Honor Society
3. Four years of math through Pre-calculus
4. A total of 15 hours or more of community service per year
5. A total of three credits from the following options:
 - Advanced Placement courses or AP exams
 - A fourth year in the same foreign language



Four-Year State College Entrance Requirements

English	4 credits
Mathematics (through Algebra 2)	3 credits
Science	2 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Arts	1 credit
A Foreign Language	2 credits

Academic Challenge Award Requirements

English	4 credits
Mathematics (through Trig or Pre-Calculus)	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Arts	1 credit
A Foreign Language	3 credits

BCA1 or equivalency (WVC or challenge)

Participate in at least one WHS sport or club per year

Complete at least 10 hours of community service per year x 3

GPA: At least 3.2

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Mathematics (through Pre-Calculus)	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
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A Foreign Language	3 credits

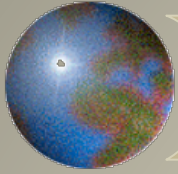
BCA1 or equivalency (WVC or challenge)

Participate in at least one sport or club per year *in addition to Honor Society*

Complete at least 15 hours of community service per year x 3

GPA: At least 3.5

A total of three credits from the following options: AP courses and/or exams, and/or a fourth year in a foreign language.



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ADVANCED COURSES

ART AP Studio Art **Grade 11 or 12**

ENGLISH

Freshman Honors English	Grade 9
Sophomore Honors English	Grade 10
Survey of American Literature	Grade 11
*AP English Literature	Grade 12

NOTE: Survey of American Literature is a college-level course under our "College in the High School" program. Students can earn credit from Wenatchee Valley College for this class. Many students take an AP English Language exam after this course to secure college credit/advanced placement.

MATH

Geometry	Grade 9
Accelerated Algebra II/Trig	Grade 9 or 10
Pre-Calculus	Grade 10 or 11
*AP Calculus (AB or BC)	Grade 11 or 12
*AP Statistics	Grade 11 or 12

NOTE: These classes are not labeled "Honors" on our transcripts, but this is the math sequence taken by our most advanced math students.

SCIENCE

Biology	Grade 9
Chemistry	Grade 10
Physics	Grade 10 - 12
*AP Biology	Grade 10 - 12
*AP Chemistry	Grade 10 - 12
*AP Physics	Grade 10 - 12

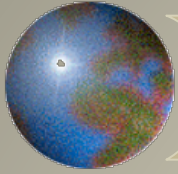
SOCIAL STUDIES

*AP U.S. History	Grade 11
*AP Human Geography	Grade 12

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

*Native Speaker/AP Spanish	Grade 9-12
Spanish College in the High School	Grade 11-12
German College in the High School	Grade 11-12
French College in the High School	Grade 11-12

* Courses that qualify for Distinguished Scholar. Taking AP exams or a 4th year in a foreign language also qualify for the required three credits.



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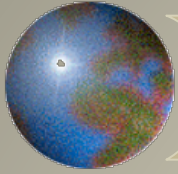
This student will have completed, by graduation, a rigorous academic program which includes the following minimum requirements:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math through Math Analysis
- 3 years of science including Chem. or Physics
- 3 years of a foreign language
- 1/2 year of Computer Applications
- All other state requirements;

Participation in at least one sport or club activity per year;

Completion of 30 hours of community service.

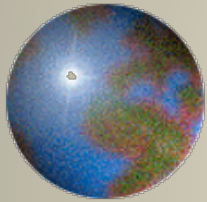
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Fill out your name on the
manila folder tab:

Last name, First name
eg. DeMarco, Kari

You can keep your portfolio/
folder at home or in the
Career Center in the box,
alphabetized.



So here is the plan:

**Take as many challenging classes each year as you can successfully complete. Keep your GPA at a 3.2 or even 3.5 or better.*

**Stay involved in sports and/or clubs at WHS—at least one per year.*

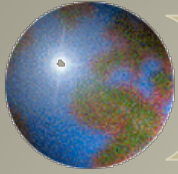
**Enjoy doing some community service at least three of your years. Do 30 hours for Academic Challenge or 45 for Distinguished Scholar.*

**Keep your file folder organized, either at home or in the Career Center.*

**When it is complete, preferably by Nov. 1st but no later than April 15 of your senior year, turn it in to Mrs. DeMarco in the Career Center (look for Wile E. Coyote).*

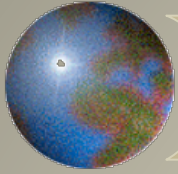
**Use your portfolio to make college and scholarship applications easy and successful!*

**If you fall short of achieving Academic Challenge or Distinguished Scholar status, at least you know you have gone a long ways to creating a great future for yourself!*



How to find the forms/info:

- ✚ Wenatchee School District website
- ✚ Learning and Teaching
- ✚ Enrichment
- ✚ Student Enrichment Links
- ✚ Academic Challenge

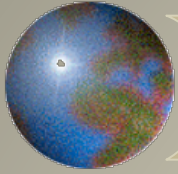


“Accept the challenges so
that you may feel the
exhilaration of victory.”

~George Patton, World War II general

“The world stands aside
to let anyone pass
who knows where he is going.”

~David Starr Jordan



Any questions?

Thank you for coming!

