

West Seneca West Senior High School

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Class of 2025

- Public School - grades 9 - 12
- Accreditation - NY State Board of Regents
- Calendar - 4 ten week grading periods;
4 x 4 BLOCK: 80 minutes per class
Began: 1999
- Percent of Graduates Entering College/Military (*Prior Class*)
53%...4 yr. College/University; 12%... 2 yr. College; 1%... Military; 97%...Regents/Adv. Regents diplomas
- Total District Enrollment - 5815
- Total WSR Enrollment - 1074
- Teaching Faculty - 99
- Seniors Ranked - 249
- CEEB Code 331130

The Community...

West Seneca is a modern, suburban, residential community with a population of just above 45,000. It is located immediately south of Buffalo, 1/2 mile south on Exit 54 of the NYS Thruway (interstate 90). West Seneca service and business organizations provide support and lend themselves to the positive climate at West Senior.

Graduation Requirements

To earn a NY State Regents Endorsed HS diploma or a NY State Regents Endorsed HS diploma with an Advanced Designation, a student must meet the following units and test requirements:

Unit Requirements

1 unit is equivalent to 40 weeks, .5 unit to 20 weeks. Total units required including core courses & electives equals 22.

	Regents Endorsed with Advanced Designation	Regents Endorsed
English	4 units	4 units
Social Studies	4 units	4 units
Science	3 units	3 units
Math	3 units	3 units
World Language	3 units*	1 unit
Art/Music	1 unit	1 unit
Health	1/2 unit	1/2 unit
Physical Education	2 units**	2 units **
*Students can bypass World Language if they have a 5-unit sequence in Occ. Ed., Art, Music, Business or Technology.		
**4 years of Physical Education successfully completed.		

Test Requirements for Regents w/Advanced Designation

Regents Examination in Algebra CC
Regents Examination in Geometry CC
Regents Examination in Algebra 2 CC
Regents Examinations in Physical Science and Living Environment
Comprehensive Regents Examination in Global Studies
Regents Examination in U.S. History & Government
Comprehensive Regents Examination in English Common Core
Regents Equivalent Exam in World Language

Test Requirements for Regents Diploma w/Advanced Designation and Mastery in Math and/or Science

Students who complete all coursework and testing requirements, with a score of 85 or better, in all three commencement level Regents examinations in mathematics and/or science will receive a Regents diploma with advanced designation in mathematics and/or science. These students will have an annotation on the diploma that reflects Mastery in Mathematics, Mastery in Science, or Mastery in Math and Science.

Test Requirements for Regents Endorsed Diploma

Regents Examination in Algebra CC
Regents Examination Physical Science or Living Environment
Comprehensive Regents Examination in Global Studies
Regents Examination in U.S. History & Government
Comprehensive Regents Examination in English

**E designates Regents exemption due to COVID-19

** SA designates Special Appeal for scores of 50-64 due to COVID-19

Passing score for all Regents Exams is 65%...Students with Disabilities 55% (Local Diploma)
West Seneca Central School District recognizes Pathways, Appeal and Compensatory exam options when applicable.

Curriculum

The program of studies is comprehensive with academic programs that include Enriched courses, Advanced Placement courses, College Preparatory (New York State Regents) courses; Career Preparation courses offered through Erie #1 BOCES, General and Special Education courses. High School courses taken in the 8th grade are considered accelerated courses.

- **Academy of Business & Finance/Academy of Information Technology Digital Media (AOBF/AODM)**

Admission to this school-within-a-school program is competitive. Students supplement their Regents program with required business credits, a paid internship and credit bearing college course. *Member Program of National Academy Foundation.*

- **Academy of Visual Arts (AVA)**

Students are selected based on interest, grades and teacher recommendations. The program clusters enriched art electives into a comprehensive group culminating in AP Studio.

- **Life Science Academy (LSA)**

Admission to this school-within-a-school program is competitive. Students supplement their Regents program with a combination of medical courses and biotechnology. This path requires extra science coursework beyond Regents requirements. A college course is required along with an internship in a field related to career interests.

- **Engineering Academy (EA)**

Admission to this program is competitive and based upon teacher recommendations in Math and Technology. Students supplement their Regents coursework with hands on courses in Materials Processing, Civil Engineering, Robotics and Engineering Design and Development.

Articulation Agreements with SUNY Erie, Bryant & Stratton, Hilbert, Canisius, Trocaire and D' Youville enhance the Academy programs.

College Level & Advanced Placement courses in the West Seneca Central School District include:

- AP US History, AP Biology, AP Calculus (AB), AP Chemistry, AP Eng. Lit & Comp, AP World History, AP Studio Art, AP Music Theory, AP Government & Politics,
- English 12 Honors, Spanish V, French V and HC Forensics earn college credit through Hilbert College
- Adv. Forensics, Adv. Human Behavior and Adv. Sociology: students can earn college credit through Syracuse University Project Advance
- NU Statistics – students can earn college credit through Niagara University NUSTEP

Grading

All class members eligible to graduate by June of 2024 are included in the ranking computed at the end of the 6th semester. All subjects are figured in the ranking. Subjects with 1/2 unit (Carnegie credit) are given a factor 1; 1 unit a factor of 2, 2 units a factor of 4, etc. A minimum value of 40 is used for failed subjects and a minimum of 65 is passing. A notation of DP (drop pass) or DF (drop fail) is used if the student drops a course after the first 5/10 weeks respectively. The sum of adjusted scores is divided by the number of scores. A weight of 1.05 is used for the final average of Advanced Placement, SUPA and UB Math courses only. A weight of 1.03 is used for enriched courses. This weighting is used for ranking purposes only. In ranking transfer students with letter grades, the following equivalents suggested by New York State Education Department are used. Students transferring in to WSCSD in their senior year are not given a rank.

A+=100	B+ = 89	C+= 79	D+=69	F = 60
A = 96	B = 86	C = 76	D = 67	
A- = 92	B- = 82	C- = 72	D- = 65	
A = 4.0	B+ = 3.3	B- = 2.7	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
A- = 3.7	B = 3.0	C+ = 2.3	C- = 1.7	F = 0

Athletics: West Senior is a Class AA school offering more than 45 competitive varsity and junior varsity sports.