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GUIDANCE GUIDELINES

This booklet is designed to help families and students understand WHS Guidance and graduation policies and to register for appropriate classes during high school. Woodsville High School has a 6 period school day with a modified 4x4 **block schedule** which is **semester-based**. The first semester runs from late-August through mid-January at which time the majority of students take final exams. The second semester starts in mid-January and runs through mid-June. To ease the transition to high school all freshmen are required to participate in the Freshman Academy which offers 45-minute long strands of four core classes that run for a full year during the first two periods of the day. In addition to the strands within Freshman Academy, there are a several other 45-minute classes that are structured to run year-long or for one semester. For most upperclassmen, however, the majority of academic classes are 90 minutes long per semester.

We encourage students to plan for all four years of high school and create a schedule that takes into account their personal abilities, interests, and career goals.

Students need to consider several factors when choosing classes:

- Credit requirements
- Graduation requirements
- Level of challenge
- College or workforce entry requirements

1 full unit of credit is earned for successfully completing, with a grade of 70 or better, one semester-long 90 minute class, or one year-long 45 minute class.

.5 unit of credit is earned for successfully completing, with a grade of 70 or better, one semester-long 45 minute class.

Credits and grades earned through institutions other than WHS will be reflected on our transcript as awarded by that institution. Because of the variance in grading policies, unless credits and grades are being transferred in from full-time attendance at another accredited secondary or home-school program, they will not count, for or against a student, in figuring the GPA.

Graduation Requirements:

All students enter Woodsville High School with the expectation that they are working toward a **Woodsville High School Academic Diploma** which requires 27 credits accrued through successful completion of the following courses:

English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science – Physical Science, Biology, and one elective	3 Units
Social Studies – US History, World, Government/Civics	3 Units
Economics*	.5 Unit
Physical Education	1 Unit
Vocational Education	1 Unit
Computer Applications –Microsoft Applications plus advanced computer skills	1 Unit
Fine Art	.5 Unit
Health	.5 Unit
Electives ***	8.5 Units

* Students may take Economics or Personal Finance for this credit.

*** Electives include any courses from the school curriculum guide that are not already being used to meet other distribution requirements.

Students who during sophomore year and beyond challenge themselves with a college-preparatory or higher level curriculum in core classes distributed over course work outlined below, and who complete their high school career with 27 or more credits and no failing final grades will be deemed **New Hampshire Scholars** and awarded a **Woodsville High School Academic Diploma with Distinction**. *After careful review of policies and procedures at other high schools and colleges throughout New England, Woodsville High School has elected not to weight grades, but instead to select the top four achieving students from among the candidates for the Diploma with Distinction.*

English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science – Physical Science, Biology, and 2 electives with lab	4Units
Social Studies – US History, World, Government/Civics	3 Units
Economics	.5Unit
World Language	2 Units
Physical Education	1 Unit
Vocational Education	1 Unit
Computer Applications –Microsoft Applications plus advanced computer skills	1 Unit
Fine Art	.5 Unit
Health	.5Unit
Electives ***	5.5 Units

*** Electives include any courses from the school curriculum guide that are not already being used to meet other distribution requirements.

Students who are judged at risk of not successfully completing Woodsville High School's graduation requirements after at least two years of traditional study may be offered the option of pursuing an alternative diploma which would allow them to graduate from high school by acquiring the **20 credits** necessary to meet **New Hampshire's Minimum State Requirement for a High School Diploma** (outlined below).

English	4 Units
Mathematics	3 Units
Science – Physical Science, Biology	2 Units
Social Studies – US History, World, Government/Civics	3 Units
Economics*	.5 Unit
Physical Education	1 Unit
Vocational Education	1 Unit
Computer Applications –Keyboarding proficiency and/or Microsoft Applications	.5 Unit
Fine Art	.5 Unit
Health	.5 Unit
Electives ***	4 Units

* Students may take Economics or Personal Finance for this credit.

*** Electives include any courses from the school curriculum guide that are not already being used to meet other distribution requirements.

Students offered the 20-credit diploma option must be deemed at risk, must have a solid goal for after graduation, as well as employability skills acquired through current vocational-technical training or work experience, and must go through an application and interview process with administration. The 20-credit diploma is not an early completion or early graduation option; it is an option for at-risk students.

EARLY GRADUATION:

Students wishing to complete all requirements for a **Woodsville High School Academic Diploma** by the end of their **junior or third** year must submit an application justifying the request and outlining the plan for completing all 27 required credits to the Principal by May 1st of the **sophomore** year.

ENROLLMENT AND DIPLOMA POLICIES:

With the exception of district students who are enrolled in an approved alternative placement, or students who have returned to WHS for a fifth year to complete one to two courses necessary to obtain a diploma, all students seeking a Woodsville High School diploma must be enrolled as full-time students at Woodsville High School. A full-time student is defined as one who is enrolled in a full day of programming at Woodsville High School or a full-day in combination with another pre-approved and contracted educational provider, such as River Bend Career and Technical Center. Only full-time students will be considered for inclusion on the Principal's List or Honor Roll.

A student who has been a full-time student at Woodsville High School but who because of special circumstances, health reasons or pre-approved extended learning opportunities cannot fully complete his/her senior year at Woodsville High School can appeal to the administration for the privilege of receiving a Woodsville High School diploma or marching with the respective class at graduation if he/she can present a detailed and documented plan for meeting specific graduation requirements via pre-approved options prior to graduation.

Students who transfer credits in from other high schools, approved home-school programs, and/or other accredited secondary or post-secondary institutions to count toward WHS graduation requirements must be enrolled as full-time students (as defined above) at Woodsville High School for their final three consecutive semesters in order to be ranked within their class.

The traditional top four honors students for the graduating class will be selected from those full-time students meeting the criteria for an Academic Diploma with Distinction and the New Hampshire Scholars program.

To enroll at Woodsville High School as a full-time or diploma-seeking student, transferring students must present an official transcript from an approved or accredited high school or home-school program. This transcript will then be reviewed to assess transferable credits. WHS reserves the right to deny the acceptance of any credit or competency that cannot be substantiated.

District students who are placed in alternative programs that provide a structured educational curricula (e.g. King Street, Becket) can apply to receive a Woodsville High School diploma as long as they can document that they have met the specific WHS graduation requirements.

All graduation requirements must be met and successfully completed/graded by the end of the school day on the Friday before Baccalaureate in order for a student to participate in graduation ceremonies with his/her class.

It is not Woodsville High School policy to allow a student to take outside course work to replace a class that is offered at WHS. Exceptions to this policy may be made on a case by case basis. Enrollment in any outside course(s) must be pre-approved. If not pre-approved, the course(s) will be counted for elective credit, but will not be considered as meeting diploma distribution requirements.

A full-time Woodsville High School student can transfer in outside credits to apply toward graduation requirements as long as the requisite course has been pre-approved, aligns with WHS standards, and is provided by an accredited agency or institution. The credit awarded and the numerical grade earned will be reflected on the WHS transcript, will be ascribed to the granting institution, but will not be included in the student's GPA; however, the grade may have an impact on consideration for the school's honor roll system if the actual grade in the class is less than the standard 85 or above required for honor roll.

Credit-recovery, correspondence, or on-line courses not taught by a credentialed school or instructor will be graded on a P/F basis and not figured into the student's GPA; however, the grade will have an impact on consideration for the school's honor roll system if the actual grade in the class is less than the standard 85 or above required for honor roll.

Home-schooled students enrolling part-time in classes at WHS must abide by all Woodsville High School rules and regulations, including attendance, while on campus at WHS. They must, for safety reasons, provide emergency contact information and copies of immunization records to the school nurse. Home-school students will be seen as enrolling in WHS classes solely for enrichment purposes and thus will not receive transcribed WHS credit for these classes unless they later choose to enroll full-time at WHS.

PROMOTION:

The standards for promotion to the next grade level are as follows:

<u>Sophomore status:</u>	5 credits plus successful completion of one unit in English
<u>Junior status:</u>	12 credits plus successful completion of a second unit in English
<u>Senior status:</u>	Passed English during the previous year and can successfully complete the remaining graduation requirements within the regular upcoming school year.

CREDIT- RECOVERY:

To be eligible for credit-recovery in summer school or through the Distance Learning Lab (DLL) a student must have completed the seat-time in a class but failed the course with a 55% or better.

DISTANCE LEARNING LAB (DLL):

The Distance Learning Lab is a supervised computer laboratory that allows WHS students to use school time to recover credits, earn credits in classes that are not offered at Woodsville High School (or that present scheduling conflicts), or to take on-line enrichment classes. Currently, students cannot enroll in more than one class period of DLL per semester and, if enrolled in Odyssey Ware, can work on lessons and projects at home, but must take all test and quizzes under supervision.

LEVELS OF CHALLENGE

Because it is important to keep as many options open for the future as possible, students should take classes at the most challenging level they can handle. It is acceptable to mix and match levels in different classes in order to create a schedule that is the most relevant and suitable to individual needs, goals, and abilities.

No designation or General: These classes are either heterogeneous in nature or designed for students who require an emphasis on the practical or basic skills. Students who perform well in general level classes are encouraged to move up to CP level classes since general level classes do not always meet college admissions standards.

CP or College Preparatory: Encouraged for the student who is planning to continue education beyond high school and who has the desire to work to develop the skills necessary for success in a college setting.

Honors: The Honors student is expected to be an independent and advanced learner with strong study habits. Work is covered at a fast pace and is designed to develop the skills and work habits necessary for success in a competitive college setting. Students must apply for acceptance to honors classes, and may be dropped if they do not perform to expectations.

Running Start or e-Start: Selected classes are taught to college curriculum either by WHS faculty or on-line through VLACS. Students who complete an RS class with a C or better can receive transcribed and transferable college credits for a fee of \$100-150 per class. Scholarships are available for students with need.

AP or Advanced Placement: Any student can choose to challenge any AP exams in the spring or take a CLEP test for advanced placement or potential college credit. A wide variety of AP classes are offered to WHS students as on-line options through NH's Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS) with the support of the Distance Learning Lab.

Dartmouth Special Community Student Program: Academically talented juniors and seniors who wish to challenge themselves and who have their own transportation can apply to take one to two credit-bearing classes per year *tuition free* at Dartmouth College. Admission is selective.

Other Credit-Bearing College Classes: In the past students have applied to take continuing education classes at White Mountains Community College, Plymouth State University, and Lyndon State College while continuing to attend WHS and have received both HS and college credits for their endeavors.

COLLEGE OR WORK FORCE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each college and each career or job has its own specific entry requirements. Students should use available guidance resources to become familiar with them. Most colleges and many jobs prefer students to have a solid background in math, science, and communication skills. All students are encouraged to take the most challenging classes they can handle, and to continue with that challenge through the senior year. Exceeding the basic requirements for entry into any work or college setting assures that the student has more options for the future.

Competitive Colleges: (Harvard, Dartmouth, Bates, Cornell, Tufts, Boston College, etc.)

Honors or college-level classes with a full and challenging schedule for all four years to include at least:

- 4 units English plus additional electives
- Algebra I and II, Geometry, Calculus
- 3 units Social Studies plus additional electives
- 3 units lab-based Sciences
- 4 units of the same Foreign Language
- Exemplary grades and character
- A leadership role in the school or community

Selective Colleges: (UNH, UVM, Boston University, St. Anselm's, Alfred, etc.)

Honors or CP-level classes with a full and challenging schedule for all four years to include at least:

- 4 units English
- Algebra I and II, Geometry
- 3 units Social Studies
- 3 units lab-based Sciences
- 2 units of the same Foreign Language
- Strong grades and character
- Involvement in the school and community

Less-Competitive Colleges and Technical Schools: (Lyndon State, CCSNH, Vermont Technical College)

CP-level classes with an occasional general-level class and a schedule that includes:

- 4 units English
- Algebra I, and preferably Algebra II and/or Geometry
- 3 units Social Studies
- 3 units Science
- Grades that show potential for college
- Related work or vocational experience

**Admission requirements may vary depending on the student's planned major. Health careers, engineering, math or science-related majors may require additional and specific math or science units. For example: a "B" in CP-level biology and chemistry may be required for nursing majors. Engineering, meteorology, physical therapy, and auto technology majors may require calculus and physics.*

Workforce:

Not all jobs or careers require a college education, but most, including the military, require at least a high school diploma. Many require students to have basic skills in math, language or technology and to continue learning beyond high school through apprenticeships, on-the-job training, or structured classes. Promotions and pay-raises may depend on the willingness and ability to learn new skills.

RIVER BEND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Pre-Technical Program at River Bend is available to selected 9th and 10th graders and carries credit for English, Math and one vocational elective. The remainder of the vocational training options at River Bend, which are scheduled for three hour blocks of time in the morning or afternoon, are open to qualified juniors and seniors. Successful completion of the entire two year vocational sequence at River Bend carries the following embedded credits:

Automotive Technology 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits	Construction Technology 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits
Cosmetology 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits	Culinary Arts 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits
Diversified Ag/Natural Res. 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits	Electrical Technology 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits
Emergency/Fire Mgmt. 4 credits per year 6 general elective credits	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits	Gaming, Anim., Web Design 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 art/computer elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits
Health Science 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits	Heavy Equipment 4 credits per year 2 year program	After 2 years awards: 1 science elective 1 vocational elective 6 general elective credits

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Microsoft Applications (.5 credit)

Students will learn proper keyboarding techniques with an emphasis on accuracy. Students will learn and practice skills in formatting basic documents such as reports, letters and tables. This course also satisfies NH Educational Standard ED 306.42 by providing instruction in web-based software; use of a variety of multimedia software and equipment; basic network configurations; and the application of programming concepts.

Personal Finance (.5 economics credit)

Students will learn financial responsibility by researching careers, completing a resumé and the interview process, payroll and all its deductions, investing, insurance, budgeting, responsible use of credit, banks and banking, and income taxes.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Advanced Computer Applications (.5 credit) **Prerequisite: Microsoft Applications**

Woodsville High School's Advanced Computer Applications is a course designed to familiarize students with various subscription and online applications available to them as learners. Students will gain advanced understanding of operating environments, word processing, spreadsheets, database, Internet usage, multimedia, graphics, and emerging technologies. Students will be exposed to a variety of technological tools which can help them be successful in college and in career.

21st Century Media (.5 credit) **Prerequisite: Microsoft Applications with a "C" or better.**

In the 21st Century, we are continuously involved with mass media. Media is a powerful force in our realities that affects how we perceive ourselves and influences our understanding of society, politics, and culture. Throughout this course we will examine the ways media defines our perceptions and shapes our life experience. By developing critical thinking proficiency we will enhance our ability to interpret the intent and strategies of media. Throughout this course we will examine a variety of media including images, video, audio, television, games, and the internet. Through reading, reflection, reasoning, discussion, production and presentation you will acquire media literacy skills that are crucial in our world today. You will gain awareness of the methods, issues, theories, and subtleties of mass media both historically and in regards to its rapid development. Learn to ask critical questions in order to get the most from mass media. You will take an active role in this course by participating in and shaping contemporary media and culture through publishing a blog for this course.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

REQUIRED FOR FRESHMEN

Freshman Academy English: (Yearlong) (1 credit)

This course is presented in a yearlong heterogeneous format to help all levels of students build and reinforce foundational skills for high-school. Skills include reading comprehension, vocabulary, speaking, and writing. Students will explore different literary genres throughout the year, reading a mix of classic and contemporary literature, often relating to a “coming of age” theme.

RECOMMENDED FOR SOPHOMORES

Challenges: Victory or Defeat? (1 credit)

This is a structured class with theme-centered reading in direct relation to facing challenges. Personal responsibility and working cooperatively with others will be stressed. Students will read *Catcher in the Rye* and other assigned novels. Students will read *Shakespeare’s Macbeth*. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

Real Life Reading, Writing, and Thinking (1 credit)

This is a structured class in which students will improve their practical reading, writing, speaking and thinking skills. Personal responsibility and working cooperatively with others will be stressed. Works may include: a choice of nonfiction, and other assigned novels. Students will read a work by Shakespeare. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

British Foundations of Literature – College Preparatory (1 credit)

An intensive study of English, modern European and American literature, and poetry comprise the subject areas of this course. Accelerated writing and speaking skills are taught in conjunction with these subject areas. Several novels will be read. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

The British Tradition – Honors (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Completion of the previous English class with a 90 or better and a recommendation form. This demanding class will focus mainly on British literature. Accelerated writing and speaking skills are taught in conjunction with the reading. Students can expect substantial daily homework. Completion of a summer reading assignment is a prerequisite.

RECOMMENDED FOR JUNIORS

Voices of America (1 credit)

Students will explore important American figures and their influence on American society. Study will include various forms of literature including novels, short stories and poetry, with special attention to biographies and autobiographies. Emphasis will be placed on reading, vocabulary, writing, usage and grammar. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

American Culture (1 credit)

Students will explore how American literature both reflects and defines the changing culture of American society. Study will include various forms of literature including novels, short stories and poetry, as well as, other culture defining genres. Emphasis will be placed on reading, vocabulary, writing, usage and grammar. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

American Literature – College Preparatory (1 credit)

It will trace the growth of literature from Puritan times to the present. The student reads numerous classics, writes critical analyses, studies SAT vocabulary lists, and searches for the “American Character” as illustrated in works studied in class. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

The American Experience – Honors (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Completion of the previous English class with a 90 or better and a recommendation form. Students will trace the growth of literature from Puritan times to the present. There is much independent work as students read classics, write critical analyses, study SAT vocabulary lists, and search for the “American Character” as illustrated in works studied in class. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

RECOMMENDED FOR SENIORS

The Changing World (1 credit)

This course will have students examining man’s role in society and in the world and how that role is interpreted by different cultures. Students will explore how an individual upholds one’s beliefs in the context of the global community. It is an opportunity for students to hone reading, writing, vocabulary, and communication skills for the world at large. Works will include: *Animal Farm*, *Persepolis*, *Cannery Row*, and *All My Sons*. Students will read a play by Shakespeare. Completion of a summer reading project is required

Exploring the World Through an Individual’s Eye (1 credit)

This course will provide students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of literature as both a product of its culture and as a culture-bearer. In addition, students will learn to recognize the commonalities and differences among works of literature from different times in history and from different places in the world. It is an opportunity for students to hone reading, writing and vocabulary skills before they enter the work force. Works will include: *A Step from Heaven*, *Anthem*, *Breathing Underwater*, and *I, Robot*. Students will also do an active study of Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*. Completion of a summer reading project is required.

Heroes of the World – College Preparatory (1 credit)

This course of study is specifically geared to the college-bound student, with emphasis on world literature, modern drama, critical analysis of literary forms, and a review of mechanics and usage. Student responsibility and self-motivation are imperative. Students will complete an in-depth project exploring heroes and how they are defined throughout the world, as well as, their own personal definition. Works will include: *Things Fall Apart*, *Metamorphosis*, the Theban plays, *Dr. Faustus* and others. Students will read Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required

World Literature – Honors (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Completion of the previous English class with a 90 or better and a recommendation form. This is a survey of world literature, modern drama, philosophy, critical analysis of literary forms, and an emphasis on critical writing and thinking skills. Students can expect substantial daily homework. Students will complete an independent literary immersion project from a selection of world authors. Students will explore literature from around the world, which may include: *Persepolis*, *1984*, the Theban plays, *The Kite Runner*, *Tartuffe*, and others. Students will read Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*. Completion of a summer reading assignment is required.

ENGLISH ELECTIVES

Yearbook Production/Publication (1 credit)

Open only to Juniors and Seniors with at least 90% attendance in their school career. The production of the Woodsville High School ENGINEER is no small undertaking but is a task in which all elements must come together in an orderly manner so that by the end of the first semester, the yearbook is well on the way to completion. Students who select this course must be motivated to produce the best yearbook possible since the work they accomplish as a team will stand for all time as a history of the school's year. Skills developed during the semester will include, but are not limited to, sales and finance, thematic development, reporting and writing, design and layout, and photography. The production and page generation process requires a true commitment of all participants, from the beginning through completion. Enrollment is limited to ten students. Class participation and attendance are an important component of this class.

Creative Writing (1 credit)

Creative writing is an elective course that will explore the craft of writing short stories, poems, and children's literature where students will explore author's style, character development, plot development, and thematic meaning. There will be analysis of model texts. The course is workshop oriented, so students will examine each other's works while developing their own. Students will write their own fictional pieces as well as create a portfolio.

Of Monsters, Mortals and Make-Believe: Fantasy Literature (1 credit)

In this elective, we will explore fantasy literature and the patterns or archetypes that contribute to these stories. The selection of reading might include *The Hobbit* by Tolkien, *The Crystal Cave* by Stewart, *Dracula* by Stoker, and perhaps some science fiction. We will also explore mythology and its connection to fantasy literature. A portion of the class will be dedicated to related independent reading. This class is open to all students.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Child Growth and Development (1 vocational credit)

Open to students who have met their Health requirement. Using a variety of teaching methods, and exploring different theories, students will come to understand how children grow and develop physically, emotionally and intellectually, and also how they gain social competence from conception through the preschool years. Students will gain knowledge of the challenges that face schools, families, and society when answering the needs of children. Students will learn and practice observation and teaching skills through hands-on opportunities and field experiences.

The Art of Food (1 vocational or art credit)

This is primarily a lab class with some lecture/discussion and written assignments. It is designed for students who wish to learn the basics of nutrition, food preparation and restaurant management. Focusing on the challenges that families, consumers and workers face, classroom activities will include; instruction in food terminology, storage of foods, basic nutrition and consumer buying of foods. Laboratory exploration will offer students opportunity to demonstrate food preparation. Students are to investigate customs, education, politics and histories of various cultures. Reporting and presenting findings to the class will foster global awareness and appreciation of other cultures. Students will be provided with opportunity to be creative in their food preparations. They will be required to take initiative in planning their course of study. They will be responsible for choosing and preparing recipes in each area assigned in the course outline. Students will prepare for class and apply consumer skills by shopping and providing for individual supplies. Students will investigate career opportunities available in restaurant management. While participating in a work simulation in class, students will organize and operate Gert's Grill.

Mentoring I (1 vocational credit)

Open to upperclassmen with a good attendance record who have completed the Health requirement. This course introduces students to the teaching profession by providing them with an opportunity to work hands-on with young people in a mentoring/tutoring capacity. It requires individuals to take the initiative to work either one-on-one, in a small group, or with an entire classroom, promoting healthy role modeling and emphasizing academic skill-building. Students are responsible for analyzing, discussing and journaling different aspects of the mentoring relationship. Enrollment is limited to twelve students per class period. Students cannot repeat this class. Those choosing to continue as Mentors must move on to Advanced Mentoring.

Advanced Mentoring (1 vocational credit) (Running Start)

Open to upperclassmen with a good attendance record who have completed the Health requirement and at least one semester of Mentoring I and/or Child Growth and Development and have the permission of the instructor. Through a combination of field experiences, independent reading, and individual projects, this course will expose students to diverse approaches to the care, development and education of young children. Special attention will be paid to current trends in Early Childhood Education. Students will develop a portfolio. Students can take only two semesters of Advanced Mentoring.

Personal and Family Living (1 credit)

Students will participate in a variety of activities that encourage personal development and exploration. Study will include investigation of single life and married life, as well as the role and structure of family in today's culture. Instruction in different and varied aspects of personal and family health is an integral part of this class.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

NOTE: All Art students in Mrs. Marston's classes will develop an appreciation for artwork of the past and present through classroom readings and writing assignments, as well as develop an ability to talk about their work and the work of others in classroom critiques. In addition, they are required to participate in the Spring Arts Festival and complete at least one art related service project.

Art I (1 credit)

This is a foundational class for serious art students wishing to move on into upper level course work in the arts. In the first quarter, students will develop skills in drawing from observation, learning about color theory, and 2-dimensional design using a variety of art materials and tools. In the second quarter students will apply their drawing and design skills in painting, printmaking and at least one 3-dimensional process.

Art II (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Art I or portfolio review. Designed for the highly motivated art student that seeks to continue to develop skills from Art 1, this course will consist of more in-depth study of observational drawing, 2D-design, and 3-dimensional processes, and serve as a way to start to create a portfolio for application to post-secondary art programs. Students who wish to pursue independent art are encouraged to take both Art 1 and 2.

Advanced Art Class (.5 or 1 credit)

This is a studio art course is for the serious art student capable of doing independent study and desiring more depth in working with specific media. Students can explore no more than two areas of specialization in the arts per semester. Candidates are expected to have successfully completed foundational work in at least one or more art classes, complete Independent Study paperwork through Guidance, show a strong work ethic and consistent progress, and submit a completed portfolio for a final grade.

Ceramics: (Pottery) (1 credit)

In this course will explore both hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques; however, because potter's wheels are few, hand-building will be the primary focus. Kiln firing, glaze application and formulation will be the secondary focus. The emphasis will be on the exploration of clay as an artistic medium and the production of utilitarian and sculptured forms using a variety of techniques. A portfolio of pots illustrating various forming techniques will be required of all students.

Elements of Graphic Design (.5 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Microsoft Applications. Students will be introduced to the basics of Adobe Design Suite. They will get experience creating graphic layouts and print documents using InDesign, Drawing in Vector, Typography in Illustrator, and basic photo manipulation in Photoshop. A digital camera is not required for this course, but is highly recommended. Students will also learn how to create digital art from sketches and how to paint in a digital format. They will be required to create a digital portfolio of their work by the end of term. **This course can count toward an advanced computer credit.**

Open Studio (1 credit)

Open Studio is a block of time where students are able to be self-directed in their visual arts education. The class serves as an advanced art for motivated students who have taken another studio art course previously and would like to continue a deeper investigation into a specific media, such as painting, drawing, or block printing etc., or further explore others. Students will have to complete research tasks (written, sketching, visual references) to give meaning and insight into their work. Students will be required to create a schedule where they will complete a determined number of pieces per quarter, prepare art for display, display art, create a final portfolio of work, and an artist statement.

Photography (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Microsoft Applications. This course exposes students to basic photo composition, use of the camera and Photoshop. It will include both digital and traditional photography. Students are required to bring their own digital camera to class. A film camera would also be useful (but not required.) A digital portfolio, participation in the Spring Arts Festival, and completion of at least one art related service project are required. **This course can count toward an advanced computer credit.**

Portfolio Preparation (.5 or 1 credit)

This is an advanced studio course for serious art students designed to help them prepare a portfolio that is required for most post-secondary art school programs. During the semester students will create art, document finished works and organize a portfolio in many formats (digital, print, and originals). A CD with the final portfolio is required at the end of the course.

Band (.5 credit per semester)

Band is a study in comprehensive musicianship via wind and percussion instruments. Study will include historical, theoretical, compositional, formal and structural aspects of music. Musical notation will be viewed as a language, with the goal of the course being musical fluency. In addition, students will study performance practices, instrument pedagogies, and the physical skills and training necessary to develop keen eye-hand coordination. Finally, music will be approached as an ensemble endeavor, with an emphasis on group dynamics and responsibilities. Ability must be commensurate with a minimum level of high school proficiency. Students transferring in must audition for seating. Students may begin instruments via independent study.

Concert Choir (.5 credit per semester)

This class is open to all students interested in enhancing their musical skills and, most importantly, their singing and performing skills. In learning to read music through sol-feg, ear training, and sight training, we will work together as an ensemble in preparation for upcoming performances. Repertoire will include sacred and secular works from a variety of genres. This class will focus on the proper production of sound, posture, breathing techniques, as well as ensemble work on blend and dynamics. Attendance at rehearsals and performances is mandatory for a passing grade.

Garage Band (.5 credit per semester)

This course is designed for the student who wants to focus on music performance, theory, and composition outside the boundaries of a traditional high school band class. In the past, seasoned and first time musicians have explored making music with keyboards, guitar, percussion instruments, and computer-based software programs.

Lead Singer (.5 credit per semester)

This class is open to grades 10-12 only or by permission of instructor. Students must be of moderate vocal proficiency and will have weekly solo vocal performances that are peer and teacher reviewed. Ability to accompany oneself on the piano or guitar is highly advised.

Modern Mozart (.5 Credit)

This is a course for the non-traditional, beginner musician. It is designed for students who are looking to expand their musical knowledge base through modern music. Students learn to read chords to interpret on the guitar or piano and generally sing along. Once these skills are mastered and students have also learned the basics of music theory (note reading and rhythm reading) we move on to composition – in any way that best suits the student’s goals. You can compose for any instrument (including voice) or can choose to arrange an existing piece through transposition or interpreting it differently. It’s a fun, student led class that requires a driven, self-motivated student. All grades will be based upon participation (weekly) and two major assessments each quarter. The culminating semester project is a large scale composition that the whole class creates as a whole.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Intro to Algebra (1 credit)

This course is designed to give students the fundamental skills necessary to succeed in Algebra I. Students will explore arithmetic operations, number systems and properties, and gain beginning knowledge of algebraic thinking and concepts.

Algebra I (1 credit)

Admission with recommendation of prior math instructor. This course is a study of the basic operations applied to polynomials and rational numbers. Also included are techniques for solving and graphing equations and inequalities in one and two variables. Topics from Finite Math will be introduced. Students will need a scientific calculator.

Algebra IA and IB (1 credit each)

This is a sequential, longer term approach to teaching the concepts of Algebra I for students who have taken Intro to Algebra. Each course is a 90 minute semester-long class. Both segments IA and IB must be completed successfully in sequence in order to meet the state requirement of one full Algebra 1 credit.

Geometry (1 credit)

Open to those who have successfully completed Algebra IA and IB or Algebra I but are not ready for the faster pace of a college prep class. This course is a survey of topics from Euclidean geometry (congruence, similarity, polygons, circles, etc.).

Geometry – College Preparatory (1 credit)

Open to those who have successfully completed Algebra I, and/or by recommendation of the Math Department. Designed for the college-bound student, this course is a fast-paced survey of topics from Euclidean geometry (congruence, similarity, polygons, circles, etc.), with emphasis on logical structure and proof. Students will need a scientific calculator.

Algebra II (1 credit)

Open to those who have successfully passed Algebra I and Geometry. The Geometry prerequisite may be waived in special cases by permission of the Math Department. This course extends concepts introduced in Algebra I to non-linear expressions, equations, and functions. Students will need a scientific calculator.

Algebra II- College Preparatory (1 credit)

Open to those who have successfully completed Algebra I and Geometry CP, or with recommendation of the Math Department. This course will review and broaden skills and concepts introduced in Algebra I with emphasis on real world application of functions and equations. Topics from finite math (matrices, statistics and probability) will also be studied. Students will need a scientific calculator.

Senior Math (1 credit)

Open to seniors who have a foundation in Algebra concepts. This course is designed to prepare students for a college level algebra course by infusing learners with quality habits of mind and applying math to real world problems. The content will be that of an Algebra I course with a few topics from Algebra II.

Topics in Applied College (TAC) Math (1credit) (Running Start)

Open to juniors and seniors who have successfully completed Algebra II or Algebra II CP or with recommendation of the Math Department. Can be taken for college credit. Designed for seniors who realize the benefit of strengthening their math skills for college. This course will review topics including advanced mathematics, algebra, set theory, logic, and probability. Students will need a scientific calculator (graphing calculator preferred.)

Statistics and Probability (1 credit) (Running Start)

Open to juniors and seniors who have successfully completed Algebra II or Algebra II CP. Can be taken for college credit. This is an introductory statistics course. Topics covered include: methods of obtaining, analyzing and presenting data; elementary probability; probability distributions; confidence intervals; hypothesis testing; linear regression and correlation.

Pre-calculus (1 credit) (Running Start)

Open to students who have successfully completed Algebra II CP, or with recommendation of the Math Department. Can be taken for college credit. Designed for students with an interest in math, science or technology, this course is an in-depth study of algebraic and transcendental functions, analytic geometry, sequences and series. Students will need a scientific calculator (graphics calculator preferred).

Calculus (1 credit) (Running Start)

Open to students who have successfully completed Pre-calculus, or with recommendation of the Math Department. Can be taken for college credit. This course is a survey of differential and integral calculus. (Topics will follow the WMCC and College Board AB calculus syllabi). Students will need a graphics calculator.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Physical Education I – (.5 credit)

This course is the introduction to physical education at the high school level. Students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities to discover how to live an active, healthy life. Students will have the opportunity to participate in cooperative activities, team activities, net sports, and many different fitness training techniques.

Team Sports with Strength and Conditioning - (1 credit)

The first part of this class will focus on training principles to increase strength, prevent injuries and improve cardiovascular endurance. Training principles will include weight training, plyometrics, full body workouts and fitness circuits. The second half of class will focus on team sports such as flag football, lacrosse, floor hockey, and team handball. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the activities as players as well as officials.

Group Exercise – (.5 credit)

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of aerobic and non-aerobic fitness activities such as yoga, cardio dance, Pilates, step aerobics, and cardio kickboxing. Students will be asked to select skills to demonstrate as well as create an original routine at the end of the course.

Lifetime Activities – (.5 credit)

This course will focus on activities that can be performed throughout the lifespan. Activities will include golf, badminton, archery, snowshoeing, walking, pickleball and frisbee.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Physical Science (1 credit)

Open to all Freshmen. Placement in General, CP or Honors levels will be based on math skills and recommendation. This course is a prerequisite for all other science courses. Through lecture and lab it provides basic knowledge of physics and chemistry, and incorporates concepts in earth/space science as outlined by the NHDOE in the state's science standards. Emphasis is placed on scientific process as well as acquisition and communication of data. Topics include measurement, laboratory procedures, structure of matter, periodic trends, chemical reactions, chemical solutions, motion, forces, fluids, work, energy, waves, magnetism and electricity. Students will need a calculator.

Biology (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Physical Science. Topics in this class include major studies in cellular structure and physiology, biochemistry, genetics, reproduction, plant and animal variations, and the anatomy and physiology of plants and animals. In addition the course explores related concepts in earth/space science as outlined by the NHDOE in the state's science standards, and involves mandatory laboratory investigations, and dissections, as well as weekly news articles and some occasional projects.

Biology – College Preparatory (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Physical Science and the recommendation of the Science Department. Topics include major studies in cellular structure and physiology, biochemistry, genetics, reproduction, plant and animal variations, anatomy and physiology of plants and animals. In addition the course explores related concepts in earth/space science as outlined by the NHDOE in the state's science standards, and involves various laboratory investigations and dissections, as well as required outside readings and some occasional projects.

Biology – Honors (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Physical Science with a grade of 90 or better and a recommendation form. Topics include major studies in cellular structure and physiology, biochemistry, genetics, reproduction, plant and animal variations, anatomy and physiology of plants and animals. In addition the course explores related concepts in earth/space science as outlined by the NHDOE in the state's science standards, and mandates various laboratory investigations, and hands-on animal dissections. Weekly news articles are required. Students must do critical reading from a wide variety of outside sources and complete independent research projects and field studies.

Anatomy and Physiology I - College Preparatory (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Physical Science, CP or Honors Biology and recommendation from the Department. The course will provide an overview of the structural anatomy and physiological functioning of the body systems, along with medical terminology. Students will be expected to keep up with current issues by reading news periodicals and sharing their findings and opinions on a weekly basis. Some independent reading will be required. Dissections and microscope examination of histological slides will also be included.

Anatomy and Physiology II - College Preparatory (1 credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of **Anatomy and Physiology I**. This course will include the structural anatomy and physiological functioning of the body systems and medical terminology not covered in Anatomy and Physiology I. Students will be expected to keep up with current issues by reading new periodicals and sharing their findings and opinions on a weekly basis. There will be some independent reading and dissections required. There may also be some occasional projects. Students successfully completing both Anatomy and Physiology I and II are eligible for 4 credits in Introduction to Anatomy from SNHU.

Applied Science (1 credit)

This is a multi-level, differentiated course that introduces students to forensic science and gives them the opportunity to use scientific method to analyze physical evidence. Major topics include: processing a crime scene; collecting and preserving evidence; types of physical evidence; analysis of evidence, such as hair, blood, fibers, drugs, fingerprints, soil, DNA, and material documents. Through lecture, lab, hands-on activities and case studies, Applied Science exposes students to aspects of biology, physics, chemistry, earth science and anatomy and physiology. As such, it can act as a science elective or a replacement credit for Physical Science for upperclassmen.

Chemistry in the Community – College Preparatory (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of **Algebra I, Physical Science and Biology**. This is a lab-based class that teaches students about the role that chemistry plays in society and the world at large. It is taught topically to emphasize these connections and help students think intelligently about issues that they will encounter in their personal and professional lives. Major topics of study will include, but are not limited to: metals, air, petroleum and water. Although the course does include some basic math, it is not a major component of the curriculum. This course is designed for the students that plan on continuing their education after high school, but are not planning to major in science or technology.

Chemistry- Honors (1 credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of **Algebra II, Physical Science, CP or Honors Biology and recommendation from the Department. Can be taken for college credit.** This rigorous, math-intensive course is designed for students who are planning to attend a competitive four-year college or university to major in science or technology. Major topics of study will include atomic structure, chemical bonding, stoichiometry, properties of solids and liquids, properties of gases, solution chemistry, chemical kinetics and equilibrium, and acid/base chemistry

Human Biology (1 credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of **Algebra I, Physical Science and Biology. Can be taken for college credit.** This class is taught to a college curriculum that introduces students to the structures and functions of the human body and prepares them for more advanced anatomy and physiology. It integrates laboratory work with lecture. Topics include human chemistry, cell structure and function, genetics, and human organization with emphasis on the digestive, circulatory, lymphatic, respiratory, urinary, skeletal, muscular, nervous and sensory systems.

Intro To Environmental Science (1 Credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of **Physical Science and Biology. Can be taken for college credit.** This class studies ecosystems and as such introduces students to the biomes of the world and related concepts in earth/space science as outlined by the NHDOE in the state's science standards as we study the interactions of man, plants, animals, and chemicals, and explore global environmental issues including: air quality, water quality, forest preservation, destruction, and its effects on different populations. Students will learn through lectures, required labs and projects, group discussions, and hands-on activities.

Nutrition (1 Credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of **Physical Science and Biology. Can be taken for college credit.**

This lab-based course will provide knowledge on principles and concepts regarding the science of nutrition. A comprehensive study of food and its relationship to the human body will be addressed. An emphasis will be placed on personal nutrition. This course will include readings, written assignments and activities. There will be some required projects.

Physics – Honors (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus, concurrent enrollment in Calculus, successful completion of Physical Science and Biology, recommendation of the Department. Physics is the study of scientific laws that apply to the world around us. In this course the student will study motion, force, energy, light and electricity and related concepts in earth/space science as outlined by the NHDOE in the state's science standards. Hands-on labs are an important component of this course. A working knowledge of advanced algebra and word problems is essential. Students must have a graphing calculator.

The Power of Nature (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Physical Science and Biology. This intensive, hands-on course will explore the geological and atmospheric processes that define meteorology and natural disasters. It is comprised of many labs, projects, images and videos. We will discuss the environmental, sociological, and economic impacts of severe weather (hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards, etc.) and seismic activity (like earthquakes and tsunamis). There will be an emphasis on the type of natural hazards that affect our region, highlighting both current and past New England weather phenomena.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Western Civilization- (1 credit)

This is a foundational course for freshmen. Students will learn about human development throughout thousands of years of history. Important economic, political and cultural forces as well as major military events from prehistoric times to the Renaissance period are studied. The main objectives of this course are for the student to gain an understanding of the impact of these historical forces and events and the people who created them, and an awareness of what the world is like geographically, economically, politically culturally and militarily. This is a structured class in which students will work on both oral and written skills and research techniques. There is a textbook but there will also be many project-centered activities.

Cultural Anthropology-College Preparatory (1 credit) (offered every other year)

This course may be offered every other year. This introduction to cultural anthropology will focus on the study and development of cultural variation among humans. Students will learn to use observation, interviews, and surveys as methods of learning about the acquisition of diverse knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, and customs among the world's civilizations. They will learn why and how people living in different places develop unique cultural norms. Recommended for juniors and seniors.

Government/Civics (1 credit)

The topic of this class is the American constitutional democracy under which we live. Included is a detailed study of the articles and amendments that make up the Constitution, with special emphasis placed on examining the historical times and founding fathers who jointly wrote this document. This course will also examine the purpose, structure and functions of government at all levels including local and state. Students will be expected to keep up to date on current issues by reading news periodicals and sharing their discoveries and opinions on a daily basis. This is a structured class in which students will work on both oral and written skills and research techniques. There is a textbook but there will also be more project-centered activities. Recommended as a foundational course for sophomores.

Government/Civics – College Preparatory/Honors (1 credit)

This course is a study of United States government and includes an examination of the historical bases for our national and political systems. Special attention is devoted to civil rights, voter behavior and the enactment of laws. A daily analysis of current events is also a part of this class. This course is recommended for students who plan on furthering their education beyond the high school level. Recommended as a foundational course for sophomores.

Economics –Honors (1 credit) (Running Start)

This course is open to juniors and seniors and can be taken for college credit. During this course students will study the American economic system, how it works, and its impact on the individual and the family. Emphasis will be on how the economy shapes our everyday lives. Major units of study include budgeting and wise spending patterns, advertising and its impact on consumers, development of new products and technologies to meet consumer demand, and American business policies.

Psychology (1 credit) (offered every other year)

This course is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students will examine the fundamental principles, methodology, science and its application toward both average and aberrant human behavior. They will gain an understanding of the science behind behavior, environmental conditions and inherited traits that influence both animal and human behavior. This is a structured class in which students will work on both oral and written skills and research techniques. Additional reading to the text and research will be required.

United States Military History - General /College Preparatory (1 credit)

Recommended for juniors and seniors. This course will examine the military history of the United States in relationship to the rest of the world. It includes important military events from World War I to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Students will be required to have an understanding of American history. Students will gain an understanding of the impact of these historical forces and events and the people who created them. This is a structured class in which students will work on both oral and written skills and research techniques including research papers, projects and primary sources, etc. A daily analysis of current events is also part of the class. This course does not count toward the US History graduation requirement and can be taken for either general or CP credit with the latter requiring additional work and effort.

United States History I (1 credit)

Recommended for juniors. Students will cover the history of the United States from the late 1700's up to 1870. A daily analysis of current events is also a part of this class. This is a structured class in which students will work on both oral and written skills and research techniques. There is a textbook but there will also be more project-centered activities.

United States History I – College Preparatory/Honors (1 credit)

Recommended for juniors. Application and teacher approval is required for Honors-level. This course surveys the history of the United States from the late 1700's up to 1870. Emphasis is on economic, political and social changes. In addition to the assigned text, students will analyze primary and other secondary source materials. A daily analysis of current events is also a part of this class. This course is recommended for students who plan on furthering their education beyond the high school level.

United States History II – General (1 credit)

Recommended for juniors. This course is designed for students not planning on attending college after high school. Students will cover the history of the United States in the nineteenth century to mid-twentieth century. Emphasis will be on political, economic and social changes. Special attention will be given to the World Wars, the Depression, and Western Expansion/Immigration. Current events are also part of this class.

United States History II - College Preparatory (1 credit)

Recommended for juniors. This course examines the history of the United States in the nineteenth to mid – twentieth century. Emphasis will be on political, economic and social changes. Special attention will be given to the World Wars, the Depression, and the Western Expansion/Immigration. Current events are also a part of this class.

World Geography- General (1 credit)

This course is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students will study geography and regional geographic issues from around the world. They will be expected to research, analyze, understand and present issues and events of a global nature.

World Geography- College Preparatory (1 credit)

This course is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students will study geography and regional geographic issues from around the world. They will be expected to research, analyze, understand and present issues and events of a global nature. This course is taught at a faster pace and to a higher standard for the college bound student.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Architectural Design (1 vocational credit)

Prerequisite: Mechanical Drawing is recommended but not required. This course will explore the world of architectural design and construction. Students will be involved in the concept of design, drafting of plans, estimating, and finally constructing a three dimensional computer model of their ultimate dream home. The focus will be on developing CAD skills, working drawings for home construction and real world problem solving skills. Evaluation will be based on class assignments, test and participation.

Engineering the Future- College Preparatory (1 vocational credit)

This is a challenging hands-on course where students will investigate, design, and ultimately build projects relating to various aspects of technology. Based on *Designing the World of the 21st Century*, a high school course developed by the Museum of Science in Boston, MA., students learn about the role of engineers in society and how they create the human-made world. This course is intended to help today's high school students understand the ways in which they will engineer the world of the future. It prepares students for the engineering/technology field and provides them with an introduction to key physics concepts.

Mechanical Drawing (1 vocational credit)

Drafting is known as the international language of industry. Students in this course will be exposed to the art and science of drafting initially using manual instruments and then branching out into several forms of CAD (computer aided drafting). The course will cover drafting fundamentals and basic constructions. Students will learn to plan in an orderly fashion, interpret the ideas of others, and express themselves in an understandable manner. This is a hands-on course that will develop three-dimensional spatial reasoning and problem solving skills. Strong math skills are helpful. Evaluation will be on class assignments, tests and participation.

Wilderness Technologies (1 vocational credit)

Students will learn about exploring the "Great Outdoors" and all of the technology/equipment and skills involved with this adventure. We will touch on manufacturing, construction, communication, and transportation technologies as students build their own composite canoes, plan, outfit, and participate in a multi-day canoe trip exploring a section of the Upper Connecticut River.

Woodworking (1 vocational credit)

This is a hands-on, entry level course for those students interested in working with wood. Students will learn about safety, proper use and care of hand and power tools, and basic woodworking techniques. Each student will have the opportunity to create at least two small items using wood. Evaluation will be based on safety performance, class participation, assignments and tests. **Advanced Woodworking** may be offered upon instructor approval to students who have successfully completed the beginning woodworking class.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

FRENCH

French I: Paris and Beyond (1 credit)

Introduce yourself to the French language and culture by creating skits, spontaneous conversations, and comic strips based on vocabulary, grammar and cultural information from the course. Listen to French music and analyze conversations between French-speakers. Learn how to read everyday items in French such as signs, menus, tickets, and lists. Course is conducted primarily in French with some cultural discussions in English.

French II Monet, Van Gogh and Mousse au Chocolat (1 credit)

Prerequisite: French I or demonstration of level one competency. Continue to explore the art, music, film and cuisine of the French-speaking world by analyzing cultural norms and practices of France, Quebec, Africa and the Caribbean Islands. Create skits, comic strips based on vocabulary, grammar and cultural information from the course. Read short letters, and follow recipes and directions. Course is conducted primarily in French.

French III: Travel Through the Francophone World (1 credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: French II or demonstration of level II competency. Meet the characters that shape French history, culture and literature. Analyze French stories, fables and poems. Use more specific vocabulary and more advanced grammatical structures to discuss contemporary issues that are taking place in the Francophone world through the media of music, sports, politics, TV and film. Schedule permitting, participate in mentoring WES students. Course is conducted in French and can be taken for credit equal to French I at the college-level.

French IV: Where Will French Take You? (1 credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: French III or demonstration of level III competency. Take your study of French history, culture and literature to a higher plane by reading various selections of Francophone literature, analyzing Francophone music and film, and preparing traditional cuisine while augmenting your control of French vocabulary and mastering grammatical structures. Schedule permitting, participate in mentoring WES students. Course is conducted in French and can be taken for credit equal to French II at the college-level.

LATIN

Latin I: A Journey into our past (1 credit)

Walk through the arches of ancient Rome and discover in a gateway to your own heritage. Latin doesn't just give us vocabulary; the Roman culture gave us our ways of thinking and writing, our form of government, our schools and our sports. Isn't it time to get back to your roots? To re-enact how the ancient Romans lived? To speak as the Romans spoke? And to understand how we in the 21st century are not all that different from the Romans?

Latin II: A History of gods, legendary heroes and men of substance (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Latin I or demonstration of level I competency. Meet the players who influenced the history of Rome and created its legacy. Explore the classical background of our own American ideals by comparing modern ways of life with the ancient. Visit some of the sights, accompany famous individuals in their adventures, and meet the gods and heroes of ancient Rome.

Latin III: Greco-Roman Life (offered together with Latin IV) (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Latin II or demonstration of Level II competency. Do you like stories of Greeks and Romans? Accompany two Roman students in their adventures from Rome to Greece. Delve into Greek history and civilization through their eyes and then relive the history and evolution of ancient Rome. Get to know Jason and the Argonauts and the quest for the Golden Fleece through readings. View their story in the film Hercules.

Latin IV: Readings of Favorite Greco-Roman Literature (offered in conjunction with Latin III) (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Latin III or demonstration of level III competency. Get to know Jason and the Argonauts and the quest for the Golden Fleece through readings. View their story in the film Hercules. Revisit the history of Rome through the eyes of the great historians of the time: Livy, Julius Caesar and Pliny. Meet Caesar and travel with him into battle. Share in Pliny's account of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Compare legends of ancient times to the history of Rome handed down to us by the historian Livy.

SPANISH

Spanish I: Welcome to the Hispanic World (1 credit)

Introduce yourself to the Hispanic world through its language, geography, and culture. Speak Spanish and experience the Hispanic way of life through video, art, music, and cuisine. Engage in skits and conversations in Spanish that highlight similarities and differences between life in the USA and Hispanic countries. Course is conducted in Spanish with some cultural topics in English.

Spanish II: From Spain to the New World (1 credit)

Prerequisite: Spanish I or demonstration of level I competency. Explore the art, music and Spanish history of the United States, Mexico and Central America. Discover the diversity of the rainforests and the treasures of Mexico, both historic and modern. Engage in skits and conversations in Spanish that reflect your increased understanding of the Spanish language and culture. Course is conducted primarily in Spanish.

Spanish III: Focus on Hispanic America (1 credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: Spanish II or demonstration of level II competency. Focus your study this year on Mexico and Central America. Discover the diversity of the rainforests of Central America and the Caribbean as well as the treasures of Mexico, both historic and modern. Improve your writing skills by creating news articles, short stories and journals. Then, bring your spoken language skills to a higher level through class discussion, debates, presentation of current events and cultural reenactments. Course is conducted in Spanish and can be taken for credit equal to Spanish I at the college-level.

Spanish IV: Making Connections with the Hispanic World (1 credit) (Running Start)

Prerequisite: Spanish III or demonstration of level III competency. Enhance your appreciation of Hispanic culture through reading some of its best literature, both historical and contemporary, Spanish and American. Hone your language skills through video, art, music and current events. Expand your vocabulary, solidify grammar skills and gain confidence in Spanish. Schedule permitting, participate in mentoring WES students. Course is conducted in Spanish and can be taken for credit equal to Spanish II at the college-level.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Distance Learning Lab (credit recovery, replacement or enrichment)

By utilizing a wide-array of on-line learning options (Odyssey Ware, VLACS, e-Start), the distance learning lab allows students to recover credits lost due to failing grades or to earn credits in a cross-section of offerings that include required or elective core courses, career exploration and enrichment opportunities, Advanced Placement courses, and college-level classes that provide transcribed college credit upon successful completion.

Health (.5 credit)

Health is designed to provide learners with information and skills that will enable them to make wise decisions for healthy living. Topics included are mental health, suicide prevention, stress management, nutrition, drug education, sex education, AIDS, family, and disease.

Independent Study Motivated students with good attendance and an 85 average who have shown the ability to work productively and learn constructively outside the traditional classroom can apply for independent study in any of our disciplines by completing and signing a contract or learning plan with a supervising teacher.

Internship Seniors in good standing who have met all graduation requirements may have the opportunity to apply for a supervised internship that will focus on real world learning and be evaluated through regular assessments and a final capstone project.

New Hampshire's Jobs for America's Graduates – JAG (1.5 credits/year if all requirements are met)

NH-JAG is New Hampshire's chapter of the national school-to-work Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG). This is a school-to-career transition program that teaches 37 employability competencies to qualified high school students. The competency list is categorized into 5 main groups: Career Development, Job Attainment, Job Survival, Basic Skills, and Leadership and Self Development. Students also focus on improving their grades through classroom tutoring and study skills. All students take part in a highly motivational Career Association. In this association, students develop interpersonal skills, team leadership, civic and social awareness, (and projects based on organization and implementation skills.) Six officers are elected to run the Career Association. Students gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and learn how to become effective leaders. NHJAG is a year-round program with focus on Juniors and Seniors. All applicants must apply with the Youth Specialist during the months of April and May in order to start work in July.

River Bend Career and Technical Center (4 credits)

Students who have attained junior or senior status are welcome to apply for admission to the vocational-technical offerings at River Bend Career and Technical Center in Bradford, VT. These include: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Auto Technology; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Electrical Technology; Emergency and Fire Management; Gaming, Animation & Web-Design; Health Science; Heavy Equipment; and Construction Technology. Each program has its own admissions requirements and academic focus for transferring specific credits back to Woodsville High School.

Specialized Skill Building Specialized skill building focuses on individual students' needs, as described in their IEP, in the areas of independent living skills, vocational exposure, reading comprehension, spelling, writing, mathematics and science. The goal is to strengthen students' skills to prepare them for mainstream courses.