

About the Pathways Project

Personal, Meaningful, Relevant

In the place of a prescribed program of studies, students in the Pathways Project will be able to design their own path based on demonstrated mastery of course content, individual career interests and personalized learning. To start, students will complete Early High School requirements.

Highways

Design Your Road Map

A week-long “boot camp” prior to the start of school to introduce the four guideposts of Pathways

Design Your On Ramp & Design Your Career

Independent and collaborative work with community members in real-world exploration of career options

Humanities by Design

Sustained, collaborative inquiry of real-world issues within a global context

Physics by Design with Pathways Math

Focus on mathematical literacy in algebra, trigonometry and key concepts of physics through a series of open-ended, real-world projects

Expressways

Once Highway Mile Markers are complete (see above), students move onto a path tailored to individual career and educational goals:

- AP (onsite) and Dual Enrollment (virtual)
- Concurrent Enrollment/Early College
- Traditional Coursework & Locally Scored Portfolio
- Career Studies Certificate and Internship
- Apprenticeship and Industry Credentials

Schools of the future will be:

- *About critical skills, not subjects*
- *Mastery, not memorization*
- *The world, not worksheets*
- *Self-direction, not hoop navigation*
- *Purpose, not placement...*

– Ted Dintersmith

Co-Author of *Most Likely to Succeed: Preparing Our Kids for the Innovation Era*

Frequently Asked Questions

Will students follow a regular high school schedule?

Pathways Project participants will meet with a mentor and develop a personalized learning pathway. Students will incorporate blended and online courses into their schedules.

Will students earn graduation credits for the new classes?

While students will focus on mastering content rather than seat time, the successful completion of course content will result in high school credit.

My student isn't sure about his/her future. Will interest in a specific career be required for entry into the program?

No, as part of the freshman experience all Pathways students will have opportunities to explore many career options.

Will sports and extracurricular activities at WHS be open to my child?

Yes, freshmen participating in the Pathways Project will be eligible for athletics and clubs at WHS.

Will my student earn a high school diploma?

Yes, if the student successfully completes the requirements of the Pathways Project, he/she will earn a high school diploma.

How to Apply

Applications are available online at wjccschools.org/whs and in the WHS front office. Applications are due June 1, 2016.

If more than 100 students apply, a lottery will determine which students are admitted to the Pathways Project.