

# *WAVE TEAM Enrollment Advice:*

Your child has received information from our counselor, Mrs. Holmes, and the program of studies book from the high school. The Washburn Rural High School Program of Studies is a very important document. Students have been asked to place their names in their books and to study them thoroughly.

PLEASE plan to sit down with your child to develop a schedule for the ninth grade year and a four year plan for high school. The four year plan becomes a road map to your graduation destination in 4 years.

Here are some enrollment suggestions by subject matter for the freshman year:

## Freshman English Classes



**English 9-** This college-preparatory course includes a diverse body of literature, including *Romeo and Juliet* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, to help students explore the theme of choices and decisions. In addition to incorporating instruction in narrative, expository, technical, persuasive, poetry, and literary analysis writing, this course also includes instruction in listening, speaking, viewing, critical thinking and research.

**Honor English 9** - This enriched and accelerated college-preparatory course includes a diverse body of literature, including *Romeo and Juliet* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, to help students explore the theme of choices and decisions. In addition to incorporating instruction in narrative, expository, technical, persuasive, poetry and literary analysis writing, this course also includes instruction in listening, speaking, viewing, critical thinking and research. If a student is unsure whether or not Honors English 9 is appropriate for him or her, please speak with your 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher

## Freshman History Classes

There are two main options for incoming freshmen:



**World History:** This is a year long course and is required for graduation. It can be taken during 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In this course, students study the origins of our world today. Major religions and cultures are discussed along with major themes of World History.

**World Geography:** This is a semester course that can be used to fulfill the ½ credit required as a Social Studies elective for graduation. Students study the nations and cultures that make up today's world as well as political geography.

**Freshmen Economics:** (Gifted students only)

## Freshman Mathematics Classes



There are four options with a couple variations:

**Introduction to Algebra**- this is for students who are not quite prepared for the abstract concepts of Algebra 1. The goal is to give students a good foundation so that they are prepared to enroll the next year in Algebra 1.

**Algebra 1**- this is for students who were very successful in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math. This is the first course of the big three – Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2- that is a MUST for college bound students.

**Geometry or (Honors Geometry)** – this is for students who took Algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and were successful. If a student maintained an A or B+ in class the student should be in the honors course. If the student earned less than a B+ they should take Regular Geometry.

**Algebra 2 or (Honors Algebra 2)** - this is for students who successfully took Algebra 1 as a seventh grader, and Geometry as an eighth grader. If a student maintained an A or B+ in class the student should be in the honors course. If the student earned less than a B+ they should take Regular Geometry.

***The most important advice I can give you is to take a math class each year of high school.***

## Freshman Science Classes



**Agri-science**- This is a highly applied agricultural science course designed for students with an interest in areas related to plant, animal, and soil sciences. The course counts as a unit of Biology science.

**General Integrated Science**- Students will investigate the theories and ideas associated with Biological, Earth, and Physical Sciences along with the processes that shape Earth and space, and the processes of life.

**Biology I**- Students learn the basic foundation of the Biological Sciences. The course is a prerequisite for higher level Biology courses.

**Honors Biology I**- Prerequisite: Test scores and reading ability at or above grade level and a passing grade in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science. Students are accountable for a quick paced view of Biological Sciences from a molecular point of view via lecture, advanced labs, and reporting.



The key to high school is to plan out all courses needed to meet high school graduation requirements, work hard and do well in each course, and communicate with the school. Each child is assigned a counselor. The counselor is there to answer questions for parents and students. We would like all of our students to have a successful high school experience.