

Williamson County Band Students

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Credit Requirements

A **Regular Diploma** is awarded to those students who earn the **22** prescribed credits and have a satisfactory record of attendance and discipline.

Math: 4 credits	Including Algebra I, II, Geometry and a fourth higher level math course (Students must be enrolled in a mathematics course each school year.)
English: 4 credits	English I, English II, English III and English IV
Science: 3 credits	Including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab course
Social Studies: 3 credits	World History and Geography, U.S. History, Economics, U.S. Government or appropriate AP course
Wellness: 1 credit	
Physical Education: 0.5	
Personal Finance: 0.5 credits	
Foreign Language: 2 credits	Two credits must be the same language.
Fine Arts: 1 credit	
Elective Focus: 3 credits	Includes three credits in any one of the following: Math and Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts/Humanities, JROTC, Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB)

Each graduate must have completed 180 hours of computer education at some time during the student's educational career that can be documented or verified and must establish technology literacy prior to graduation. Any student who transfers from another state during his/her senior year is exempt from this requirement.

Notes about registration:

- The core class requirements are non-negotiable.
- 4 math, 4 English, 3 Social Studies, personal finance .5, Wellness 1.5 = 16
- All students are required to take 2 years of a foreign language = 2
- Additionally, all students are required to take 1 year of fine arts = 1
- All students must choose a focus path of study beyond the core = 3
- The total available credits for high school are 7 classes x 4 years or 28 total credits.
- A student who takes marching band for one year can exempt .5 of the wellness requirement.

Basic Schedule Math:

28.0 Total
- 15.5 Core

12.5
- 2.0 Foreign Language

10.5
- 1.0 Fine Arts

9.5
- 3.0 Focus Credit

6.5
- 4.0 (Let's assume for now a student takes a study hall every year)

2.5

At this point, a student has 2.5 credits or 2 ½ years of available credit or electives remaining.

With just 1 fine arts elective and 2.5 remaining years of available credit, how can I do band for 4 years?

Let's show you how!!!!!!!

See Sample 4 year plans.

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Some general observations before we continue:

- 1) *The AP focus path allows a student to “double dip” on Credits allowing for students to complete the general requirements as well as the AP focus concurrently.*
 - a. *Meaning, AP English 3 & 4 can count for 2 of the 4 required English Classes*
 - b. *AP Statistics Calculus AB or BC can count for 2 or 3 of the required math classes*
 - c. *AP Biology, Chemistry, and Physics can count for 3 of the 3 Science requirements.*
- 2) *Studies show that, in general, a student’s junior year is generally their most difficult year in many aspects.*
- 3) *Study halls, while useful, can also be carefully managed over four years to maximize a student’s schedule flexibility.*
- 4) *You can still take AP classes even if you don’t declare the AP focus.*
- 5) *These are not the only ways to manage the schedule. You can move the wellness classes around to create balance in your schedule.*

See the charts below to schedule your students 4 year plan to include band all 4 years regardless of the FOCUS you choose.

The easiest two are:

Humanities: Any 3 humanities credits completes the focus, so choose to take band for 3 humanities and band for 1 fine arts and complete the focus and the core requirements concurrently.

NINTH GRADE	Cr.	TENTH GRADE	Cr	ELEVENTH GRADE	Cr	TWELFTH GRADE	Cr
English I		English II		English III		English IV	
Math: Algebra I		Math: Algebra II / Geometry		Math: AP Calculus AB / Geometry		Math: Statistics, Calc BC Or the AP versions of the classes	
Science		Science		Science		Elective Choose anything	
World History		Elective : Choose anything		US History		U. S. Gov’t/Economics or AP	
Foreign Language		Foreign Language		Personal Finance/and .5 Wellness or If in Marching band, study hall or any other .5 class		Lifetime Wellness	
Elective: Band		Elective Band		Elective Band		Elective Band	
Study Hall		Study Hall		Study Hall		Study Hall	
TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL	

AP/IB Focus: Any 3 AP credits completes the AP focus, so choose to “double dip” and complete the focus and the core requirements concurrently.

NINTH GRADE	Cr.	TENTH GRADE	Cr	ELEVENTH GRADE	Cr	TWELFTH GRADE	Cr
English I		English II		English III / or AP		English IV / or AP	
Math: Algebra I		Math: Algebra II / Geometry		Math: AP Calculus AB / Geometry		Math: Statistics, Calc BC Or the AP versions of the classes	
Science Biology/AP Biology		Science Biology/AP Biolog		Science Physics/AP Physics		Elective	
World History		Elective AP European History		AP US History / US History		U. S. Gov’t/Economics or AP	
Foreign Language		Foreign Language		Personal Finance/and .5 Wellness or If in Marching band, study hall or any other .5 class		Lifetime Wellness	
Elective: Band		Elective Band		Elective Band		Elective Band	
Study Hall		Study Hall		Study Hall		Study Hall	
TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL	

The remaining 3 are a little more tricky as they require you to give up 1 year of study hall. Strategically placed to avoid the junior year, this will not be a problem.

Math and Science: Any 3 math or science credits, depending on the choice, completes the focus. So, choose to take band for band for 1 fine arts, band for 2 of the electives, and band during 1 study hall and complete the focus and the core requirements concurrently.

NINTH GRADE	Cr.	TENTH GRADE	Cr	ELEVENTH GRADE	Cr	TWELFTH GRADE	Cr
English I		English II		English III / or AP		English IV / or AP	
Math:		Math:		Math:		Math:	
Science		Science		Science		Elective (Math or Science)	
World History		Elective (Math or Science)		US History		Gov't & Economics	
Foreign Language		Foreign Language		Personal Finance/and .5 Wellness or If in Marching band, study hall or any other .5 class		Lifetime Wellness	
Elective: Band (Fine Arts credit)		Elective Band		Elective Band		Elective (Math or Science)	
Band/Study Hall if Band later		Band/Study Hall if Band later		Study Hall		Band/Study Hall if Band earlier	
TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL	

***Notice that you have 3 years to choose to have band instead of a study hall. Junior year is not recommended. Any choice to have seven periods with no study hall requires a parent override form.

CTE: Any 3 CTE credits from the same CTE discipline in sequential order completes the focus. So, choose to take band for band for 1 fine arts, band for 2 of the electives, and band during 1 study hall and complete the focus and the core requirements concurrently. WAIT to take the CTE classes beginning your sophomore year so that you can take them without a gap.

NINTH GRADE	Cr.	TENTH GRADE	Cr	ELEVENTH GRADE	Cr	TWELFTH GRADE	Cr
English I		English II		English III / or AP		English IV / or AP	
Math:		Math:		Math:		Math:	
Science		Science		Science		Elective CTE	
World History		Elective CTE		US History		Gov't & Economics	
Foreign Language		Foreign Language		CTE		Lifetime Wellness	
Elective: Band		Elective Band(Fine Arts Credit)		Elective Band		Elective Band/CTE	
Personal Finance/and .5 Wellness or If in Marching band, study hall or any other .5 class		Band/Study Hall if Band later		Study Hall		Band/Study Hall if Band earlier	
TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL	

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