

The logo consists of the letters 'W' and 'B' in a stylized, orange, blocky font with a white outline. The 'W' is positioned above the 'B', and they are slightly offset to the left and right respectively.

WB

GOVERNORS

A large, stylized illustration of a blue and brown saber is positioned diagonally across the center of the image, with its blade pointing towards the top corners and its hilt at the bottom. The blade has a dark blue spine and a lighter blue outer edge, with some texture lines. The hilt is brown with blue decorative scrollwork.

Class of 2028

**Your high school journey starts
TODAY**

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PROUD PART OF BLOUNT COUNTY SCHOOLS



WILLIAM BLOUNT HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATING STUDENTS EQUIPPED TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

HOME STUDENTS & FAMILIES NEWS CALENDAR FOR PARENTS STAFF DIRECTORY

CONTACT SCHOOL ACADEMY



William Blount High



<https://williamblount.blountk12.org/>



9th Grade Counselors & Administrators

Ashlee Ivens - 9th Grade Asst. Principal

Michelle Harris - Asst. Principal

Bethanie Rinicker - 9th Grade Counselor

Jane Wichert - School Counselor

Attendance Policy

An absence in the class will be recorded for any student who is more than 10 minutes late or leaves class more than 10 minutes prior to the ending time.

When an absence is necessary, the parent/guardian should notify the school in writing of the reason for the absence. Five parent notes per semester.

Students may earn semester exam exemption by having four absences or fewer, achieving a passing grade and have no in-school or out of school suspensions.

Cell Phone Policy

Students may use their cell phones in the classroom for educational purposes when allowed by the teacher.

If a teacher doesn't give permission for the use of the cell phone and a student chooses to use his/her device, it may be taken up.

The taking of photos or the recording of videos in places where privacy is a reasonable expectation is strictly prohibited.

Using your cell phone to record altercations on school grounds or at school events is prohibited.

Your cell phone may be confiscated and other consequences may be assigned.

Cell Phone Policy

First offense: A parent/guardian must pick up the device after school and read and sign policy acknowledgement.

Second offense and subsequent offenses: The device is confiscated for five school days and a parent/guardian may pick up the device from school at the end of the fifth day.

*Students who refuse to relinquish their device may receive suspension.

Dress Code Policy

- Tears, rips or holes must be below mid-thigh (inseam to knee).
- Shirts and tops must completely cover the abdomen and back.
- Shorts should be appropriately fitted with length at least comparable to popular athletic shorts.
- Skirts and dresses should be of appropriate fit and not be shorter than just above the knee.
- Head apparel, except for religious or medical reasons, must not be worn in any campus building.

Dress Code Policy

If a student is caught wearing head apparel inside the school building that does not fall under the medical or religious exemption...

First offense: The head covering will be confiscated and a parent/guardian must pick it up after school.

Second and subsequent offenses: The head covering is confiscated for five school days and a parent/guardian may pick it up from school at the end of the fifth day.



**What time does
school start and
end in high
school?**



8:30 - 3:30





**Where do I go
when I get to
school?**



**Cafeteria or Gym
until 8:20.**





**How many
classes will I
have in a day?**

**Students will have 55
minute class periods.
There are 6 periods in
a day, with a 30
minute WIN time.**



WIN Time

Time for remediation in the subjects where you need extra help.

Explore careers through YouScience & college/career planning

Occasional social/emotional lessons

Interest Groups

Chess Club
Recess

Mario Kart
Coloring

Fortnite

Student Council

Motorcycle Enthusiast Group

Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Kindness Group

Wildlife Conservation

Off-Roading Enthusiasts

Sports Card Collectors

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

HOSA

YouScience Career Exploration

Arts & Crafts

Vinyl Records 60s, 70s & 80s

Jigsaw Puzzle Group

American Sign Language

Esports

Two crossed swords with blue blades and hilt, set against a dark blue background. The swords are positioned behind the main text.

**What will lunches
look like?**

There are three lunches.
You'll eat with your 4th period teacher.

1st Lunch	12:00 - 12:30
2nd Lunch	12:30 - 1:00
3rd Lunch:	1:00 - 1:30

Two crossed swords with blue blades and hilt, set against a dark blue background. The swords are positioned diagonally, with the blades pointing towards the top corners.

**Will I have a
locker?**



Most likely, no.

*However, if you need a locker because of something like an injury or illness, please let your teacher, an administrator or a counselor know.



**What is a
credit?**

**A credit is what is
awarded to you upon
the successful
completion of a high
school course.**





**What grade do I
need to pass a high
school course?**

Grading Scale

NUMERICAL GRADE LETTER GRADE GRADE POINTS

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade
100-90	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F



**What happens if I
fail a high school
course?**

You might have to...

1

Take credit recovery (fail with a 50-59)

2

Go to Summer School (fail with a 50-59)

3

Re-take the course for NEW credit (fail with a 49 or below)

**How many credits
do you need to
graduate from
WBHS?**



Two crossed swords with blue blades and hilt, set against a dark blue background. The blades are curved and the hilts have ornate, scroll-like designs.

28 credits



English

4 credits

Pers.
Finance/Econ.

1 credit

Math

4 credits

Fine Art*

1 credit

**Do not need if not taking foreign language*

Science

3 credits

Foreign
Language*

2 credits

**Or additional program of study*

Social
Studies

3 credits

Program
of Study

3 credits

**Or 6 credits if waiving foreign language*

Physical
Education*/
Wellness

1.5 credits

Computer
Science

1 credit

**0.5 credit of P.E. can be waived with participation in WB sponsored activity*



The background features two crossed swords with ornate, blue and brown hilts. The blades are a light blue color with a dark blue outline. The hilts have decorative scrollwork and a central pommel.

**What is a
GPA?**

GPA stands for grade point average. It is the average of all of your grades.

How to Calculate a GPA

GPA QUALITY POINTS				
Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Regular Course	Honors Course	Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, & Dual Enrollment
90-100	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
80-89	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
70-79	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
60-69	D	1.0	1.5	2.0
Below 60	F	0.0	0.0	0.0



TN Promise Scholarship

Tennessee Promise is both a scholarship and mentoring program focused on increasing the number of students that attend a postsecondary institution in our state. It provides students a last-dollar scholarship, meaning the scholarship may cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the federal Pell grant, the HOPE Scholarship, or the Tennessee Student Assistance Award at any of the state's 13 community colleges or 27 colleges of applied technology.

HOPE Scholarship

The HOPE Scholarship is established and funded from the net proceeds of the state lottery and awarded to entering freshmen who are enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution within sixteen (16) months after graduating from an eligible high school in Tennessee. Up to \$2,250 per full-time enrollment semester as a freshman and sophomore; then up to \$2,850 per full-time enrollment semester as a junior and senior

Entering freshmen must achieve a minimum:

- 21 ACT OR
- Overall minimum 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale



What are AP/Honors courses?

Honors

Taught at a faster pace with a more intense course load.

Advanced Placement

This is a college-level course where you can receive college credit for a class.

*You will be recommended for Honors and/or AP classes based on your TCAP scores.



Things to Consider about AP/Honors

- Boosts your GPA, which qualifies you for more scholarships
- Receive college credit
- Are you a multi-sport athlete? Do you struggle with anxiety? Do you have bad organizational skills? Do you learn at a slower pace?
- What is your work ethic?
- Do you have a lot going on at home?
- Who do you want to be when you grow up?

“Honors classes move a lot faster.”

“I wish I would’ve known that taking all honors classes would be almost too much. Although I’m passing, I’m stressed all the time. I would tell upcoming ninth graders that if you get stressed easily, only take a few in the subjects you like most.”

9th Grade Course Options

English
Year-Long
- English I
- English I
Honors

Math
Year-Long
- Algebra I
- Algebra I
Honors
- Geometry
Honors

Science
Year-Long
- Biology I
- Biology I
Honors

Social Studies
Year-Long
- World His. &
Geog.
- AP Human
Geog.

P.E.*
Semester
- Physical
Education
- PE II: Football
- ROTC I
- Other elective
if waiving PE

Computer Sci.
Semester
- Intro to Comp.
Sci.
- Fund. of Comp.
Sci.

Wellness
Semester
- Wellness
- ROTC I

Elective
Semester

Example of a Student Schedule

Period	Term	Course	Teacher	Room
N1(A)	S1	Physical Education	Cortez, Jacob	N202
N1(A)	S2	Intro to Business/Marketing	Johnson, Michael B	N112
N2(A)	23-24	Algebra I Honors	Valdez, Hillary Kate	N301
N3(A)	23-24	English I	Tipton, Brenna Katherine	N110
N4(A)	S1	Contemporary Issues	St. Clair, Blake A	N303
N4(A)	S2	Lifetime Wellness	Bolinger, Ryan Timothy	N203
N5(A)	23-24	World History & Geography	Rowe, Jason	N309
N6(A)	S1	Biology IA	Curtis, Anna	N104
N6(A)	S2	Biology IB	Curtis, Anna	N104



9th Grade Elective Options:



*Graduation Requirement

What our current freshmen wished they would've known...

"That you gotta stay on top of ur work."

"Your not going to stay friends with everyone but it'll be okay your stong and the classes really aren't bad and the teachers are nice believe in yourself and don't let people talk down on you."

"what it would take, the amount of effort i have to put in."

"How kind and understanding most of your teachers are and are willing to work with you or if you play sports they will work with your schedule and help you adapt to that to make sure you can still participate in your everyday work."

"That everything was gonna be okay so I could've been relax."

"nothing i love it so much"

"To just ignore all the mean things people say. Classes are actually really fun and the teachers are kind and understanding."

"Your entire friend group will most likely change."

"drama is not as important as you think it is..."

What our current freshmen wished they would've known...

"I wish I would have known high school is not as scary as everything makes it seem. It is so much fun I love doing all the games and watching the wresling matches. I wish I would have know that high school is a fun place to be and there is nothing to worry about."

"Let them know that they probably wouldn't be able to sit with ALL their friends at lunch."

"It's not as stressful as it seems."

"I wish I would've known the importance of time managements and organization for classes better and what kind of activities would go on at the academy."

"I wish I had known that while the workload increases in 9th grade, it isn't as bad as I thought it would be. No matter what you will be able to handle balancing school work and a social life, but you shouldn't focus on one more than the other, enjoy your time in 9th grade but also make sure to get your work done, it's surprisingly easy to find a balance that makes you happy if you just try a bit, and even if you don't think you'll be able to do it, you will."

"how great most of the teachers are, and the food is amazing too."

"That 9th grade is not as hard as you would think it is. Just pay attention in class and do your work and you will be just fine."

IMPORTANT

Orientation

Wed. July 31 - A-L

Fri. Aug. 2 - M - Z



IMPORTANT

8th Grade Parent Night

Thurs. Feb. 22

5:00 - 7:30



Two crossed cutlasses with blue blades and hilt, set against a dark blue background. The blades are curved and the hilts have decorative scrollwork.

Questions?

Still have questions?



If your question wasn't answered today, please scan this QR code and fill out the Google form. We will answer your questions when we return for registration!





**Your
JOURNEY
starts
now**

