

**West Essex High School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation  
Night**

January 9, 2020

# Overview

- ❑ Principal
  - ❑ Assistant Principals: Ms. Hoebee & Ms. Westervelt
- ❑ Guidance
- ❑ Department Supervisors
- ❑ Athletics
- ❑ Questions & Answers

# Preparedness for College and Careers

- ❑ Individualized course of study and high interest electives
- ❑ AP courses
  - ❑ 2019: 200+ students took 700+ AP exams across 26 subjects
- ❑ Courses offered for dual credit in association with Syracuse University and Rutgers
- ❑ Off campus vocational programs
- ❑ Highly qualified, passionate faculty and staff
- ❑ Relevant and practical applications of technology

# Benefits of Attending WEHS

- ❑ Support
  - ❑ Counselors
  - ❑ Freshman Seminar (new)
  - ❑ Academic tutoring
  - ❑ Peer leader program – U Knight
- ❑ Athletics
- ❑ Arts & Music
- ❑ Clubs, Honor Societies & Academic Leagues
- ❑ 1100 Students
- ❑ School Spirit

# Major Differences Noticed on Day 1

- ❑ Freedom
- ❑ Unit lunch
- ❑ Expectations
  - ❑ Encourage students to advocate for themselves
  - ❑ Independence
  - ❑ Time management is critical

# Guidance Department

Mrs. Lisa Hulse, Director

# The Guidance Team

<b>Counselor</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>
Mrs. Stacy	A-Co
Mrs. Gallagher	Cr-H
Mrs. Greulich	I-Mari
Mr. Sibilis	Mark-P
Mrs. Cherny	Q-Z

Student Assistance Counselor	Mr. Anthony Emering
Guidance Secretary	Ms. Kelly La Riccia
Guidance Secretary	Mrs. Sarah Pisano

# Program of Studies

## 2020-2021

- ❑ Board of Education approved informational booklet for parents and students to reference
  - ❑ Policies and procedures
  - ❑ Course level recommendation procedures
  - ❑ Add/Drop dates and withdrawal procedures
  - ❑ Summer school for remediation and acceleration procedures
  - ❑ Course level change and appeals procedures



# Graduation Requirements

4 years of English (Language Arts Literacy) - 20 credits

3 years of Mathematics - 15 credits

3 years of Science (Biology and two additional lab sciences) - 18 credits

3 years of Social Studies: U.S. History - 10 credits, World History - 5 credits

1 year of World Language - 5 credits

1 year of Visual or Performing Arts - 5 credits

1 year of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers - 5 credits

4 years of Health/Physical Education - 20 credits

½ year Financial Literacy - 2.5 credits

**TOTAL of 135 Credits**

Note: Only courses taken from September of 9th grade through 12th grade count towards high school graduation

Competency Test: ELA and Math

# The Course Selection Process

January

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes visit: January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the PROGRAM of STUDIES.
- Select electives via Genesis Parent Portal.

February

- Receive an invite for date/time of scheduling conference
- Scheduling Conferences: Wed, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Tues, February 11<sup>th</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students & their parents meet with HS Counselor at Middle School to discuss course selections.

June

- Students receive their 2020-2021 class schedule on MOVE UP DAY
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students visit the high school to follow their schedule for upcoming year.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>

# Sample Schedule

<b>Block 1</b>	English I		Personal Finance	Earth & Environmental Science	Algebra I
<b>Block 2</b>	Algebra I		English I	Personal Finance	Earth & Environmental Science
<b>Block 3</b>	Earth & Environmental Science (Lab)		Algebra I	English I	Personal Finance
<b>Unit Lunch</b>	Lab	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>Block 4</b>	Italian I		World History	PE/Health	Computer Graphics I
<b>Block 5</b>	Computer Graphics I		Italian I	World History	PE/Health
<b>Block 6</b>	PE/Health		Computer Graphics I	Italian I	World History

# Advanced Placement Program

The AP Program provides students with an opportunity to take college level courses and exams in high school.

Teachers submit a syllabus to the College Board for each AP course offered at W.E.H.S. to ensure college level alignment.

Students take an end-of-course exam in May to demonstrate college level proficiency. Exams are scored on a scale of 1-5. Many U.S. colleges/universities grant credit and/or advanced placement for scores of 3 and above.

# Benefits of AP Courses

## **Build Skills and Confidence**

- ❑ Dive deep into the subjects students love
- ❑ Learn time management and study skills needed at the college level

## **Strengthen College Application**

- ❑ Weighted courses will improve GPA
- ❑ Colleges will recognize the rigorous schedule

## **Succeed in College**

- ❑ Transition smoothly due to expectations and preparedness

## **Save Time and Money in College**

- ❑ Fulfill graduation requirements early and/or test out of introductory courses
- ❑ Complete degree on time

# Considerations

Academic interests

Schedule

- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Extracurricular

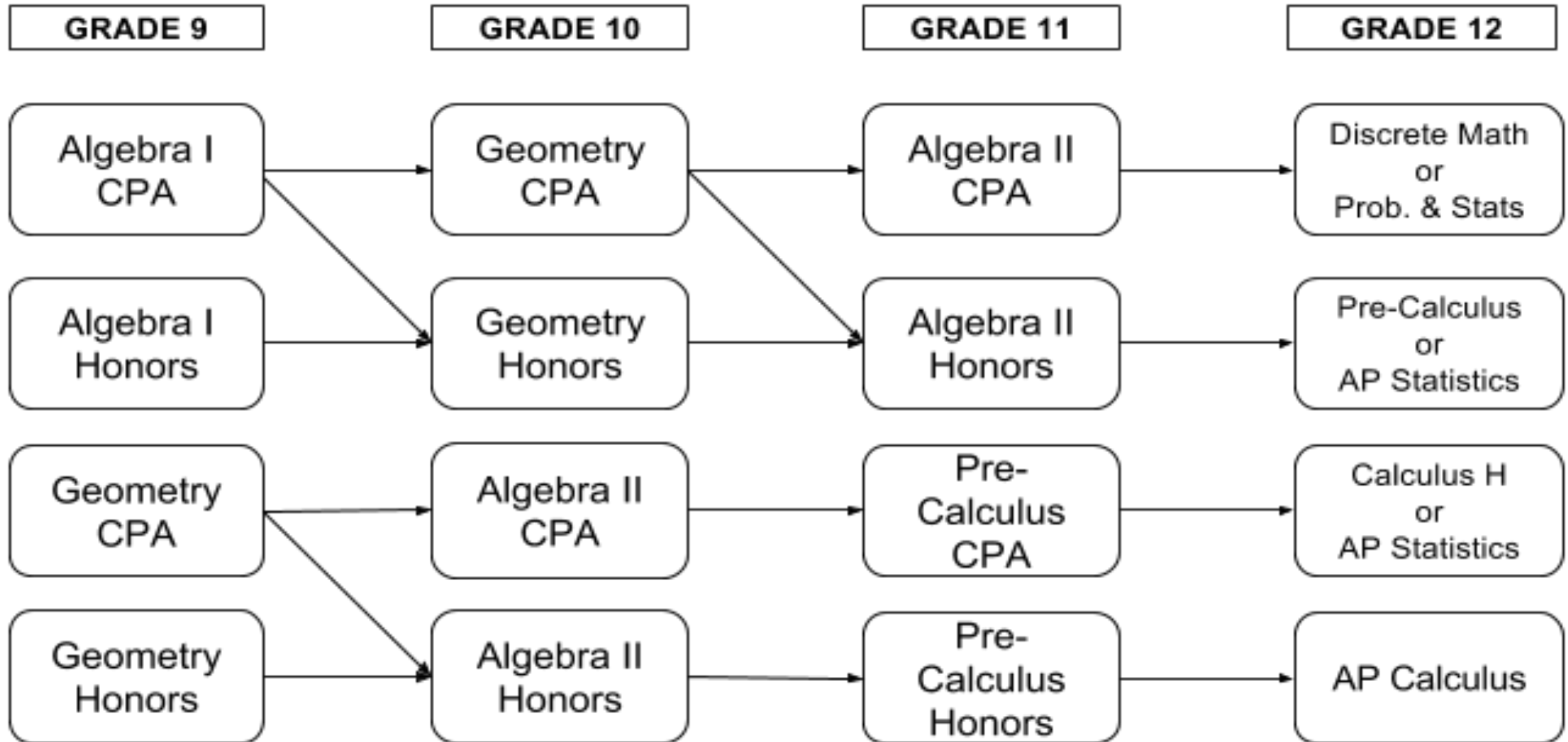
Consultation with guidance counselor



# Mathematics & Business Departments

Greg Aschoff, Supervisor

# Math Course Sequence





# Mathematics & Business Electives

## ❑ Mathematics Electives

- ❑ *Intro to Computer Science*
- ❑ *Cybersecurity*
- ❑ *Animation and Game Design*
- ❑ Probability and Statistics
- ❑ SAT Prep (with English)

## ❑ AP Electives

- ❑ AP Calculus AB
- ❑ AP Calculus BC
- ❑ AP Computer Science A
- ❑ *AP Computer Science Principles*
- ❑ AP Statistics
- ❑ Calculus III (through Syracuse U.)

## ❑ Business Electives

- ❑ Business Law
- ❑ Business Management
- ❑ Entrepreneurship
- ❑ *Digital Marketing and Social Media*
- ❑ *Financial Accounting I and II*
- ❑ *Introduction to Business and Business Applications*
- ❑ *Personal Finance*
- ❑ Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- ❑ Sport Management (through Syracuse U.)
- ❑ Virtual Enterprise

# English, Reading, & Libraries

## Department

Stacy Casais, Supervisor

# English Courses

## Required Courses

- English I-IV CPA or Honors
  - Half-Year Course Options for Senior Year

## AP Courses

- AP Language and Compositions (Grade 11)
- AP Literature and Composition (Grade 12)

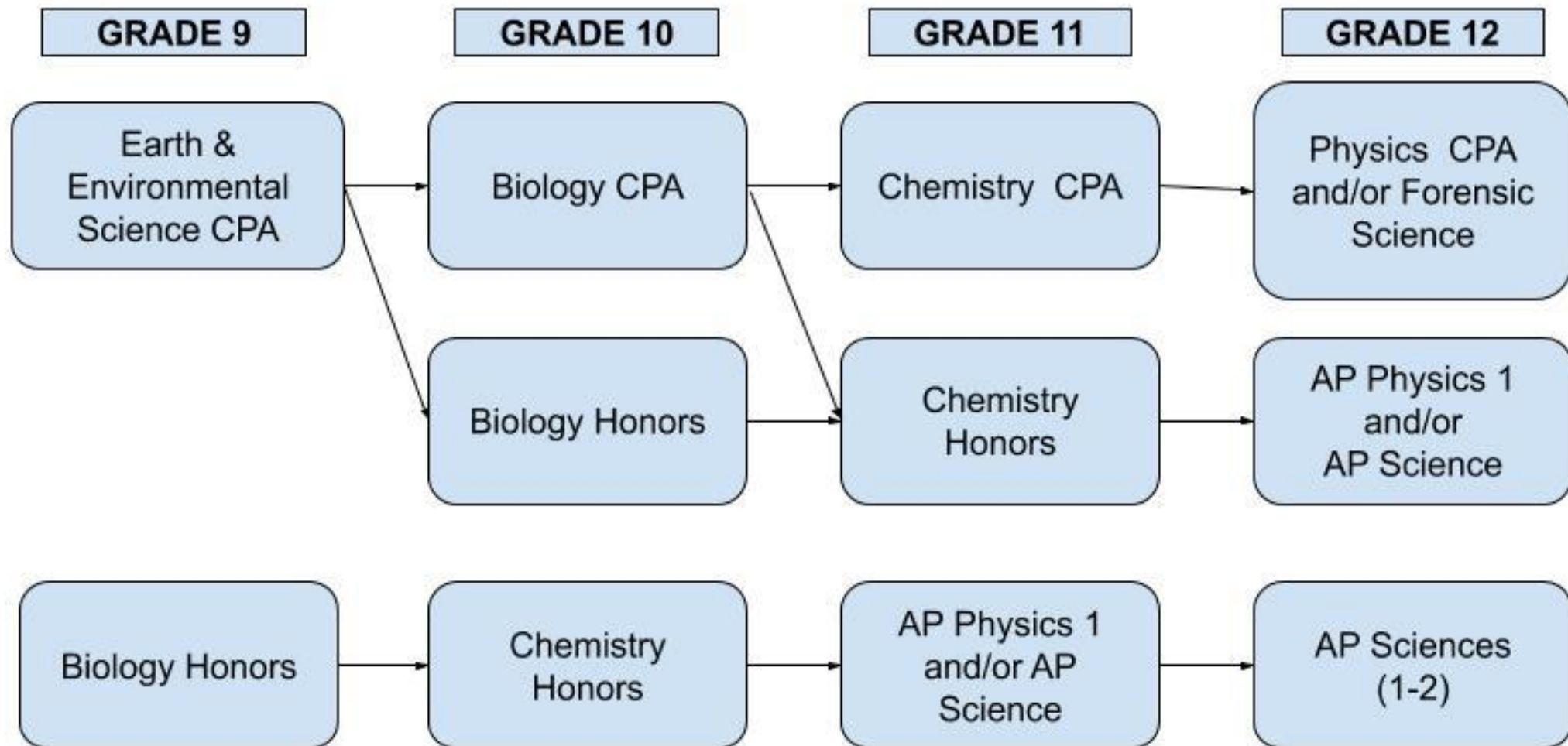
## Electives

- Creative Writing I and II*
- Film Review*
- Journalism I, II, III/IV*
- Public Speaking*
- SAT Prep (with math)

# Science Department

Jason Lerner, Supervisor

# Science Course Sequence



# Science Electives

## ❑ Electives

- ❑ Anatomy & Physiology H  
(through Rutgers University)
- ❑ Astronomy
- ❑ *Big History H*
- ❑ Biotechnology H
- ❑ Dynamics of Health Care CPA  
(through Rutgers University)
- ❑ Forensic Science CPA
- ❑ Forensic Science H  
(through Syracuse University)
- ❑ Marine Science CPA
- ❑ Sports Medicine CPA

## ❑ AP Electives

- ❑ AP Biology
- ❑ AP Chemistry
- ❑ AP Environmental Science
- ❑ AP Physics 1
- ❑ AP Physics 2 (only after AP  
Physics 1)



# Social Studies & World Languages Departments

Laura Drago, Supervisor

# Social Studies Courses

## ❑ Required Courses

- ❑ *World History CPA & Honors*
- ❑ US History I CPA, H, & AP
- ❑ US History II CPA, H, & AP

## ❑ AP Electives

- ❑ American Government & Politics
- ❑ European History
- ❑ Human Geography
- ❑ Macro/Micro Economics

## ❑ Electives

- ❑ American Film
- ❑ Constitutional Law
- ❑ *Global Studies*
- ❑ Holocaust & Genocide Studies
- ❑ Modern American History
- ❑ Social Psychology



# World Language Courses

## ❑ CPA and Honors Courses

- ❑ Chinese I-IV
- ❑ French II-IV
- ❑ Italian I-IV
- ❑ Latin I-IV
- ❑ Spanish I-IV

## ❑ AP Courses

- ❑ Chinese
- ❑ French
- ❑ Italian
- ❑ Latin
- ❑ Spanish



# Visual, Performing, & 21st Century Life & Careers Department

Lisa Swanick, Supervisor

# Fine & Performing Arts Courses

## Visual Arts

- ❑ *Computer Graphics I-III*
- ❑ *Digital Photography*
- ❑ *Drawing and Composition I-II*
- ❑ *Studio Art I-IV*
- ❑ AP Art History
- ❑ AP Drawing

## Performing Arts

- ❑ *Band*
- ❑ *Choir*
- ❑ *Guitar*
- ❑ *Orchestra*
- ❑ *Theater Arts*
- ❑ Honors Music
- ❑ AP Music Theory
- ❑ Music Technology

# 21st Century Life & Careers Courses

- ❑ Advanced Wood Processing
- ❑ Cabinetmaking and Furniture Construction
- ❑ *Computer Aided Drafting I-III*
- ❑ *Culinary Arts I-II*
- ❑ Engineering, Technology & Power Mechanics
- ❑ Food and Sports Nutrition
- ❑ *Fashion Illustration I-II*
- ❑ Machine Woodworking
- ❑ *Media Production*
- ❑ Multimedia/Web Design
- ❑ Wood Carving
- ❑ *Wood Shop I*



# Physical Education, Health, & Athletics Department

Anthony Minnella, Director

# Physical Education

## Individual Activities

- **Weight Room I**, Weight Room II, Weight Room III, Weight Room IV
- **Aerobic Fitness I**, Aerobic Fitness II
- **Yoga I**, Yoga II
- **Tennis I**, Tennis II, Tennis III, Tennis IV
- Dance

***Adventure Education*** - Promotes positive communication within groups and creative thinking amongst individuals. AE, builds self confidence, practices life skill such as; problem solving, leadership, listening, critical thinking, collaboration.

## Team Activities

- **Pillo Polo I**, Pillo Polo II
- **Adventure Ed. I**, Adventure II, Adventure III
- **Football I**, Football II
- **Handball I**, Handball II
- **Basketball I**, Basketball II, Basketball III
- **Frisbee I**, Frisbee II, Frisbee III, Frisbee IV
- **Boccer I**, Boccer II
- Volleyball I , Volley ball II
- Floor Hockey I, Floor Hockey II
- Badminton I, Badminton II
- Soccer I, Soccer II
- Softball / Wiffleball
- Backyard Games

# Health Education

<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>
<b>MP IV</b>	<b>MP I</b>	<b>MP III</b>	<b>MP II</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alcohol Abuse</li><li>• Opioids Use</li><li>• Prescription drugs Prevalence</li><li>• Cyber Bullying</li><li>• Human Sexuality</li><li>• Pregnancy and Childbirth</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NJ Driver's Education Course Curriculum</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goal Setting</li><li>• Nutrition</li><li>• ARC: AED &amp; CPR Certification</li><li>• Mental Health Disorders</li><li>• Stress Management</li><li>• Impacts of Social Media</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer Health</li><li>• Adulthood &amp; Personal Care</li><li>• Current Drug Trends and Prevention</li></ul>

# Athletics

West Essex High School offers a variety of sports for boys and girls.

## **Athletic Experience**

- ❑ Winning/Losing
- ❑ Commitment
- ❑ Self-Discipline
- ❑ Self-Confidence

## **Coaches**

- ❑ Instruction
- ❑ Strategy
- ❑ Fitness
- ❑ Sportsmanship



# Upcoming Transitional Events

- ❑ Move up Day – Thursday, June 11, 2020
- ❑ Freshman Orientation – Last week in August

**Questions?**