9th Grade Information Night

Walt Whitman High School Counseling Center

Class of 2026

Our Team

Mr. Corey Blair - Assistant Principal

Office Staff

Ms. June Bauer

Ms. Marie Miranda

Ms. Gina Lineen

School Counselors

Ms. Kiva Boozer

Mr. Mark Chapman

Mr. Nick Damiani

Mrs. Christina Koromi

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Mrs. Crysalia Shepherd

Mrs. Patty Urgiles

Mr. Michael Buck - NCAA Sports Liason
Mrs. Tracy D'Alonzo - Internship Coordinator

Student Services

Chairperson

Mr. Dan Lombardo

School Psychologists

Ms. Katherine Carmichael, Mrs. Cynthia Mandel, Ms. Bianca Steele, and Ms. Kristen Tizzano

Social Workers

Mr. Mark Graciani, Ms. Stacey Fletcher, Ms. Mikayla Kowalevich

Substance Abuse Counselor

Ms. Lisa Spatafora

Transition Coordinator

Ms. Michelle Siragusa



Our Website

Our website has a multitude of resources for students and families. Additionally, students can schedule appointments directly with their counselor online.

https://www.shufsd.org/counseling-center

Our Role

Individual Student Planning

- Help students evaluate their own interests, abilities, and skills.
- Aid students in their development of personal goals in school.
- Counsel students on their plans for the future

Personal and Social Development

- Acclimation to high school and various transitions through adolescence.
- Developing autonomy, patience, and self-awareness
- Deliver curriculum systematically though classroom lessons in compliance with grade-level.

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Career Development via Naviance

Program to support students in the college and career planning process.



Wilson Tech

Career and technical education campus through BOCES for 11th and 12th graders.



College Planning & Application Process

Prepare students and families in the college application process.

Monitoring Academic Progress

Student Portal

The student portal is a great resource to check grades, assignments, and projects. If you can't access it, you can email Mrs. Downey (sdowney@shufsd.org)

Parent Portal

The parent portal serves as a resource to monitor academic progress of your student. You can access sign-up here.

Other Opportunities

Students will likely receive homework daily – check the portal! Also, make an effort to attend conferences and use Parent Square to connect with teachers.

Academic support is available to all students

What can I do to improve my grade?

Extra Help

 Contact your teacher to see when extra help is available.

Homework Help

Tuesday, Wednesday, &
 Thursday from 2:30 - 3:30

Learning Labs

 Offered in all core content areas during lunch periods.

Peer Tutoring

 Complete this <u>form</u> to request a peer tutor.

Get Involved



Extracurricular Activities

Develop your interests and passions through various clubs, sports, and arts programs

Here is a list of offerings at Whitman



Volunteer

Students who perform community service build on their leadership skills and can earn high school credit.

This is a requirement for National Honor Society.



School Functions

Events occur at the high school weekly for families, students, and community members.

Come attend and meet your fellow wildcats!

<u>Graduation Requirements</u>

Regents Diploma

Content Area	Credits
English	4
Social Studies	4
Math	3
Science	3
World Language	1
Fine Arts	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	on 2
Electives	3.5

Advanced Regents Diploma

Content Area	Credits
English	4
Social Studies	4
Math	3
Science	3
World Language	3
Fine Arts	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	on 2
Electives	1.5

Required State Assessments

Regents Diploma

- English Regents
- 1 Math Regents
- 1 Social Studies Regents
- 1 Science Regents
- 4 + 1 Pathway Option*

Advanced Regents Diploma

- English Regents
- Algebra I Regents
- Geometry Regents
- Algebra II Regents
- 1 Social Studies Regents
- 2 Science Regents:
 - Living Environment
 - Physical Science
- World Language (FLACS B Exam)
- 4 + 1 Pathway Option*

Pathways (4+1)

Humanities: Additional social studies Regents Exam or Department approved alternative.

STEM: Additional Regents Exam in a different course in math or science or a Department approved alternative.

Civic: Seal of Civic Readiness requirements

World Language (LOTE): Pathway exam approved by the Commissioner in Language Other Than English.

CTE: Career and Technical Education pathway exam approved by the Commissioner following successful completion of an approved CTE program.

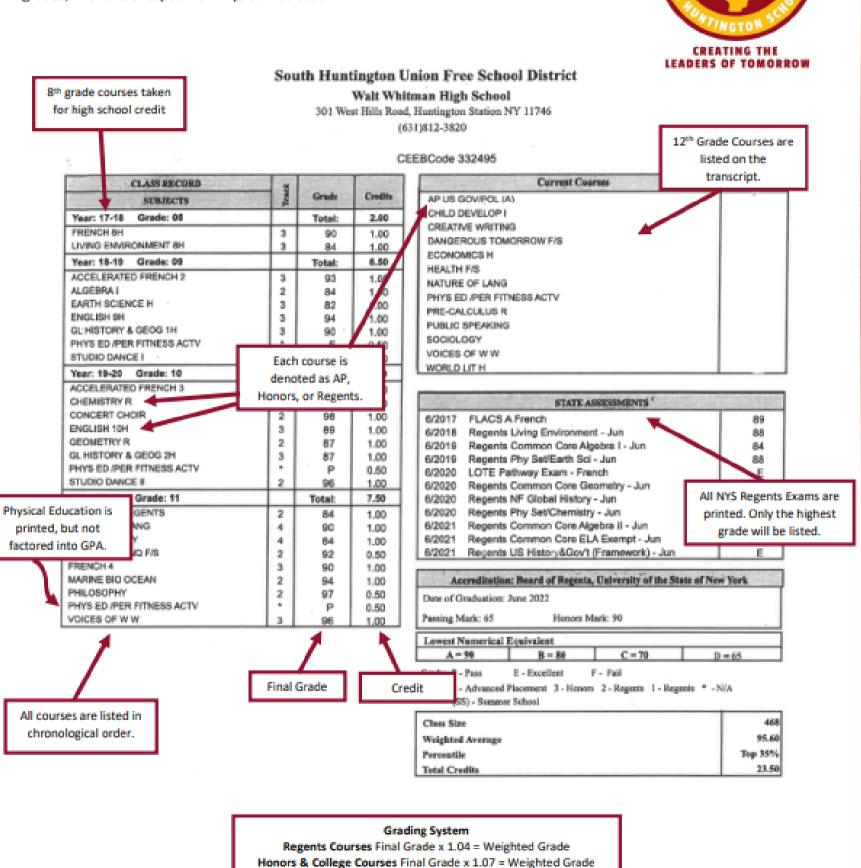
Arts: Arts pathway exam approved by the Commissioner.

Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential

Cumulative GPA & Transcript

A transcript lists every high school credit course a student has taken. A sample of a Walt Whitman High School transcript is included below. The cumulative GPA is the average of all grades, with the exception of Physical Education.





Advanced Placement Courses Final Grade x 1.15 = Weighted Grade

College Testing

PSAT

 Offered in October to all juniors and sophomores in Algebra II Honors.

SAT/ACT

 Digital tests will be available in Fall 2023. Students should plan to take either assessment at the end of their junior year.

AP Informational Night is January 12th, 2023



Thanks!

The Counseling Center looks forward to supporting students throughout high school.

Always feel free to reach out!