

Welcome!

- Please sit by your counselor
- Do a Remind set up

Class of 2027

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Create a text with the message: **@foster27**

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What is high school all about?

Four *As* of school:

- Academics
- Activities
- Arts
- Athletics



What will we learn today?

- Credits
- Grades
- GPA
- WFBHS Graduation Requirements
- Exemption Policy
- Global Scholars
- Support Services
- Keeping a balance



Credits

How do you earn credits?

- Passing Your Classes with A, B, C, or D
- One semester = 1 credit
- Year long class = 2 credits



To graduate from high school, you need 40 credits

- 8 credits of English
- 6 credits of Math
- 6 credits of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 6 credits of History
 - Global Studies (9th)
 - Economics (10th)
 - US History (11th)
 - American Government (12th)
- Health – 1 credit
- PE – 3 credits
- Computers – 1 credit
- Cultural Arts – 2 credits
(Any of the following count: art, music, drama, world language, woodworking)
- Electives

Semester class = 1 credit

Year long class = 2 credits

Semester vs. Quarter Grades

1 st Semester September - January	2 nd Semester January (end) - June
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The semester grades are the only grades on your transcript, and will be the only grades that will go into the GPA.

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
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The quarter grades follow your progress throughout the year. They will also determine if you are eligible to participate in sports & extracurricular activities.

Grades

Standard - letter grades are assigned to a numeric value.

A = 4.0

A- = 3.667

B+ = 3.333

B = 3.0

B- = 2.667

C+ = 2.333

C = 2.0

C- = 1.667

D+ = 1.333

D = 1.0

D- = 0.667

F = 0.000 (no credit)



How to calculate GPA

- GPA (grade point average) - Average of grade points earned for total classes completed.
- A simple math problem
- You earn a letter grade for each of your classes

Biology = A (4.0)	4.0
Algebra = B+ (3.333)	3.333
Global Studies = B (3.0)	3.0
English = C+ (2.333)	2.333
PE = A- (3.667)	3.667
World language = B- (2.667)	<u>+2.667</u>

Total = 19 points

Divide by # of classes
 $19/6 = \mathbf{3.166}$

STOP and reflect

- Why is your GPA important?
- Who is going to see your GPA?
- Why is it important to learn about your GPA as a freshman?



Semester Exemption Policy

Two tiers to criteria:

- Enrolled in at least 6 classes that require an exam.
- No unexcused absences.
- No disciplinary referrals.
- No current semester grade less than C-.
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- If the above criteria are met, then in order to exempt a class current semester grade must be B or higher.
- No more than 7 excused absences per class (aside from school related activity or religious observation).
- Not a year long class for which the first semester exam was already exempted.
- Work on the exam does not begin prior to the scheduled exam time. (ex. A project based exam).

*Please refer to your student handbook to review the details.



Global Scholars Program

Do you have a special interest and passion for global issues?

Then, you might want to consider the path to becoming a Global Scholar!

*Information found on high school website, located under “Academics” and “Programs”:

[Global Scholars Home](#)



Support Services

- ISHP (Individual Student Help Period)
- Writing lab
- Adults in the building to help you:
 - Counselor
 - School Psychologist
 - School Nurse
 - Principal/Associate Principal



Keeping a balance

- Pay attention to yourself and your needs
- Eat healthy, make good choices for your body, get good rest, stay active and involved, be around positive people
- Try new things (in and outside of school)
- Take classes that interest you and are a good fit
- Get connected to teachers, build relationships
- Social media---monitor/reduce distractions

