

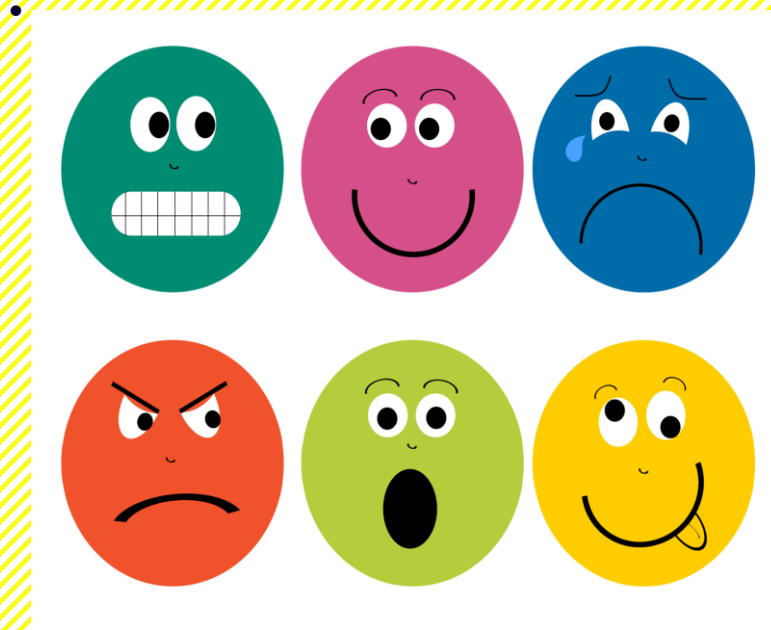
ACADEMIC ADVISING

JOHN R. LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL

FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN 9TH-11TH GRADE

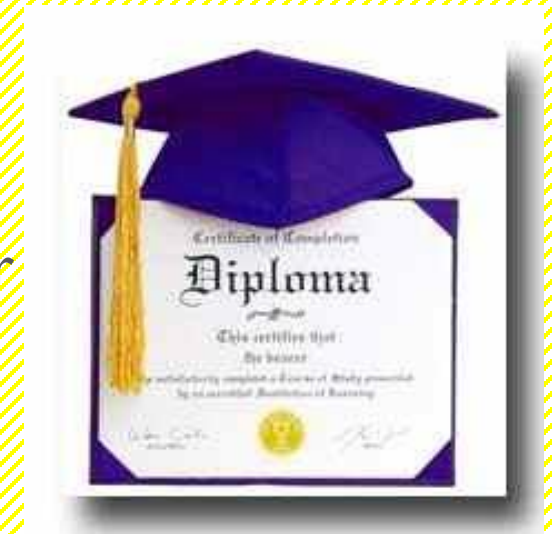
Developed Jan. 2022 to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.

STUDENT CHECK IN: HOW ARE YOU FEELING THESE DAYS?



WHY DO WE HAVE 3 DIFFERENT DIPLOMA OPTIONS?

- STANDARD, ADVANCED and IB DIPLOMA options
- Why do we have three diplomas?
 - skills and knowledge necessary to continue educational options after high school (college, work, military, etc.)
 - Students have the opportunity to decide what works best for their goals after high school.
- Students are encouraged to consider both educational and career goals in selecting courses.
- Interested in knowing more about the *IB Diploma*? Please discuss with your counselor.



STANDARD VS. ADVANCED

STANDARD DIPLOMA

22 CREDITS

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits Req.</u>	<u>SOLs</u>
English	4	2
Math	3	1
Science	3	1
History	3	1
Health/PE	2	
WL, FA, or CTE	1	
Economics/PF	1	
Fine Arts/CTE	1	
Electives(2 seq,)	4	

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

26 CREDITS

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits Req.</u>	<u>SOLs</u>
English	4	2
Math	4	1
Science	4	1
History	4	1
Health/PE	2	
World Lang	3	
Economics/PF	1	
Fine Arts/CTE	1	
Sequential Electives	2	
Another Elective	1	

First Aid/CPR/AED Training is also a graduation requirement that is attained through Health and PE 9. In addition, a CTE credential is also needed unless a student has taken a honors, IB or AP course.



HOW DO I DECIDE?

- Career interest after high school**
- Academic Advising conversations with my teacher**
- Attend the Electives Fair (Virtual, January 11)**
- Talk with counselors, peers and PARENTS!!**
- Course Catalog, course descriptions (Lewis website)**
- Current Grades**
- You are signing up for a course, not a teacher**



MOVING ON TO HIGHER HEIGHTS!

Benefits:

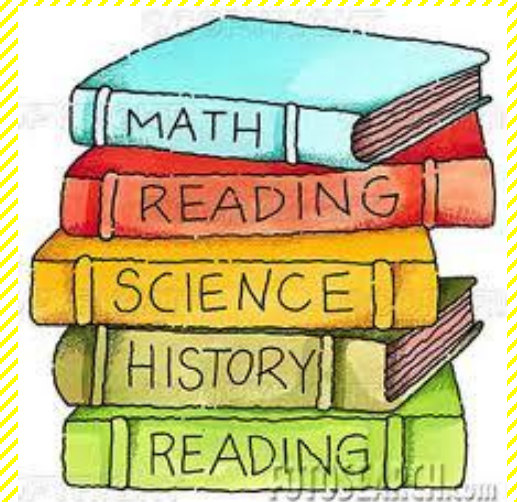
- Preparing for post-secondary opportunities
- Challenging yourself from the expectation or the norm
- Grade point boost
- Being more competitive for college
- Better communication skills
- Enrollment in an honors/IB course satisfies the CTE credential req.

Considerations:

- You need to commit to the course
- It is going to be challenging, but utilize your resources
- Balance is key: consider how much time and effort you can dedicate to the course (extracurricular activities, etc.)
- Challenge yourself in areas of strength and interest

COURSES, COURSES, AND COURSES OH MY!!

- **New courses** – African American History, Accounting and Advanced Accounting, Athletic Trainer now has an additional GPA boost of (+.5) Human Anatomy Dual Enrollment
- **Academy courses** – Deadline to register is **March 11th**
- **Students should come to meet with their counselor with 7 completed course selections and 2 alternative electives.**



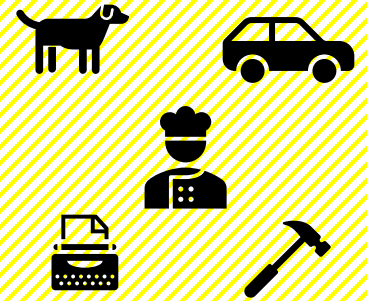
EDISON AND WEST POTOMAC ACADEMY COURSES

Edison Academy

Most Popular courses:

- ❖ Criminal Justice,
- ❖ Vet Tech
- ❖ Culinary Arts

Other courses: Auto Collision, Cyber Computer Systems, Cyber Network Admin, Cyber Oracle, HVAC, Electrical Construction, Construction Tech



West Potomac Academy

Most Popular Courses:

- ❖ Dental Careers
- ❖ EMT
- ❖ Intro to Nursing

Other Courses: Early Childhood Careers, 911 Dispatcher, Emergency Med Tech, Medical Assistant, Patient Care Tech, Practical Nursing, Vet Science, Physical/Occupational Therapy Pharmacy Tech Exploring the Language of Medicine, Medical Billing, Professional TV Production, Academy Dance, Hip Hop Dance, Broadway Dance, Music and Comp Tech



VERY IMPORTANT ACADEMY FAQ'S!

✓ Visit Academy Virtual Open Houses(ask your counselor for the link)

Edison Academy: Saturday, January 29th, 10:00-1:00 at Edison High School(may end up virtual)

West Potomac Academy: January 26th, 6:15-7:30

✓ Talk to your counselors about academy.

✓ Email academy counselor about why you want to be in the academy class:

Ms. Deedy(Edison) CJDeedy@fcps.edu

Ms. Covert(West Potomac) Nkcovert@fcps.edu

✓ Understand academy certifications, dual enrollment and expectations!

- For EMT, Intro to Nursing and Cosmetology, industry certification can be obtained but you must have a ss#, or visa.
- Courses which have a certification also require “seated hours”, aka excellent attendance expectations!
- If going for Dual Enrollment (where applicable, ask your counselor about the enrollment deadline

Visit (and Bookmark) the Lewis High School Academic Advising Site

- <https://lewishs.fcps.edu/student-services/academic-advising>



WHAT'S INSIDE!

What is Academic Advising?

FCPS Graduation Requirements

Upcoming programs (Electives Fair, Curriculum Night)

Dates for preacademic and academic advising

Presentations

Course selection sheets

Course Catalogs

Information about academy programs, online campus, concurrent enrollment and Genesys Works

MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR



CHECKLIST.

You will be meeting with your counselor soon to finalize your schedule.

- Current 9th grade – through HPE
 - Current 10th –through HPE
 - Current 11th –through Social Studies
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- **When should you be ready for our meeting?**
 - 11th grade-on January 27-February 3
 - 10th grade-on January 10-January 27
 - 9th grade – on February 10-February 16



ARE YOU
READY?

QUESTIONS?



- **What are you still wondering about?**
- **What can I clear up?**

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

