

Update on WHS J-Term March 9, 2018

Initial Course Placement

- All 750 students (9th-11th graders) and parents have been informed of course placement
- 58% of students received their first choice course
- 89% of students received one of their top 2 choices
- 97% of students received one of their top 3 choices
- 36 courses will be offered in total
- Enrollment ranges from 3 students (Building a Garden, for intensive special ed students) to 48 students (Horror in Film & Literature), with an average of 20.8 students per class.

Revisions to Initial Placements

- 45 students or parents requested a course change following initial course placement. Reasons for requested changes included, in order of frequency:
 - general shift in course preference
 - social preferences (friends in other classes)
 - cost concerns (3 students in Scuba; all accommodated by WPS)
 - parental concern of course content (1 student total; 'R' rated movies)
- Of the 45 students requesting a course change:
 - 22% had initially received their first choice course
 - 51% had initially received their second choice
 - 16% had initially received their third choice
 - 9% had initially received their fourth choice
- Course changes granted for 67% of requests and communicated to students & parents
- Requests that could not be granted were for courses with capped enrollment (not enough kitchen space, restrictions on hiking group size, etc.)
- 3 students will not be attending J-Term, due to prior commitments

Remaining Needs

- Additional logistical planning (e.g. attendance, responding to administrative needs)
- Developing a plan to assess the success of J-Term
- Teachers in courses with travel will be sending permission slips to parents this spring
- Equipment and supplies will begin to be ordered in late March
- Instructional Aides to be assigned to courses for special education needs this spring