



HANDLEY PRIDE

*Welcome
to JHHS!*

**School, Community,
Home, Self**



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INTRODUCTIONS



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Principal



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9th Grade



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Dean
9th Grade



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What Are We Going To Talk About?

Judges IX

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Explanation of types of credits.

What do credits mean?

What does GPA mean?

Graduation Requirements & Diploma Types

Scheduling

Emil and Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center

Athletics

High School Success



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We asked the question...

How can we redesign the 9–12 educational experience in a Title 1 district to include a schedule that meets individual student needs, ensures depth of learning, and emphasizes student empowerment?

Judges IX was our answer.

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What does Judges IX mean?

- Judges IX Area
 - Freshmen Cafeteria
 - Dedicated Success Team for Freshmen
 - 9th Grade Dean of Students
 - 9th Grade School Counselor
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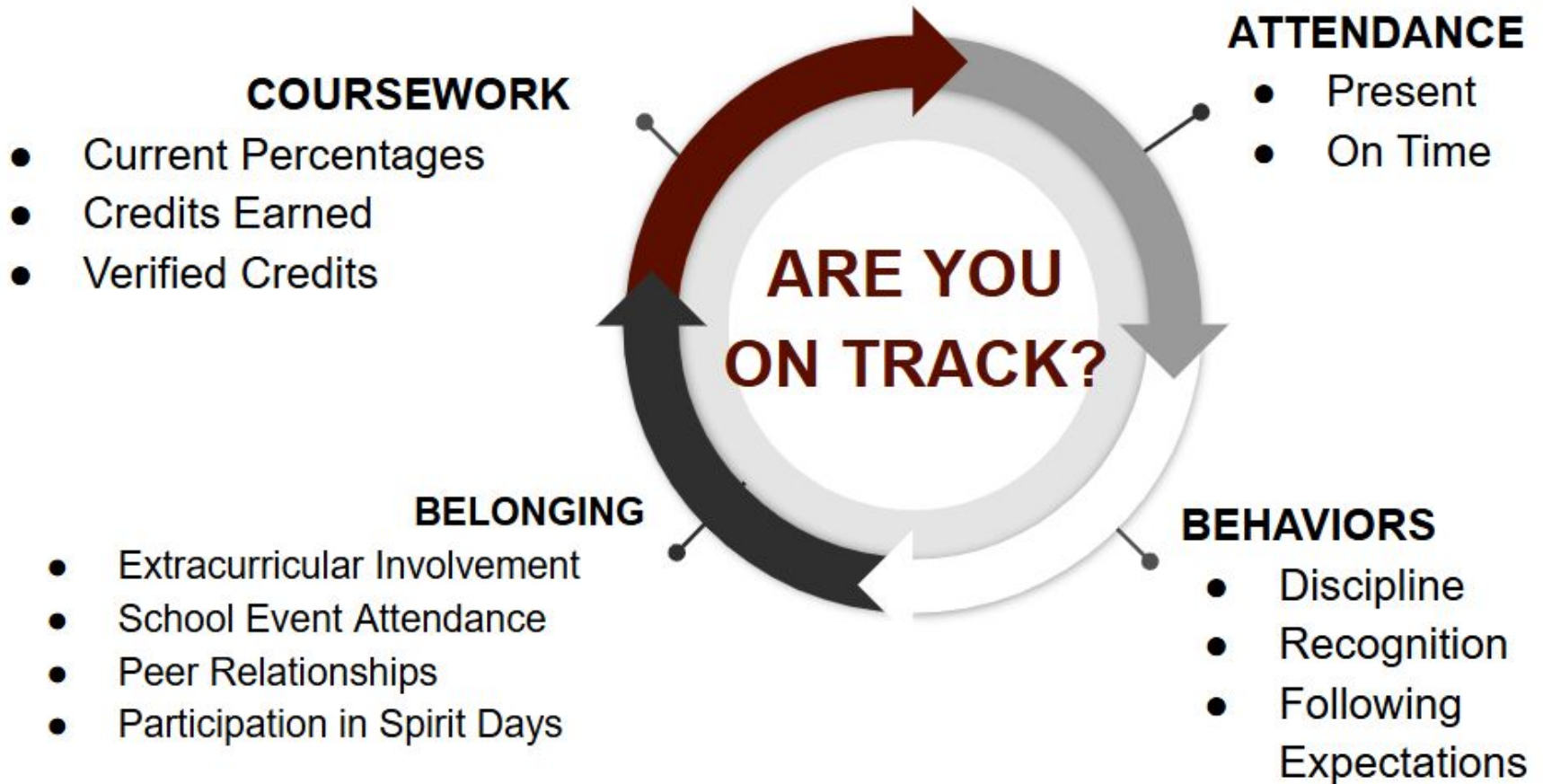


Our Focus:

Ensuring students are “on track”

WPS “On Track” Metric: students are considered to be on track if they have earned a verified credits in math, science, and history, and standard credits for English 9 and P.E. 9 by the end of their 9th grade year. Students are more likely to earn these credits when they have good attendance, follow school expectations, and have a sense of belonging.

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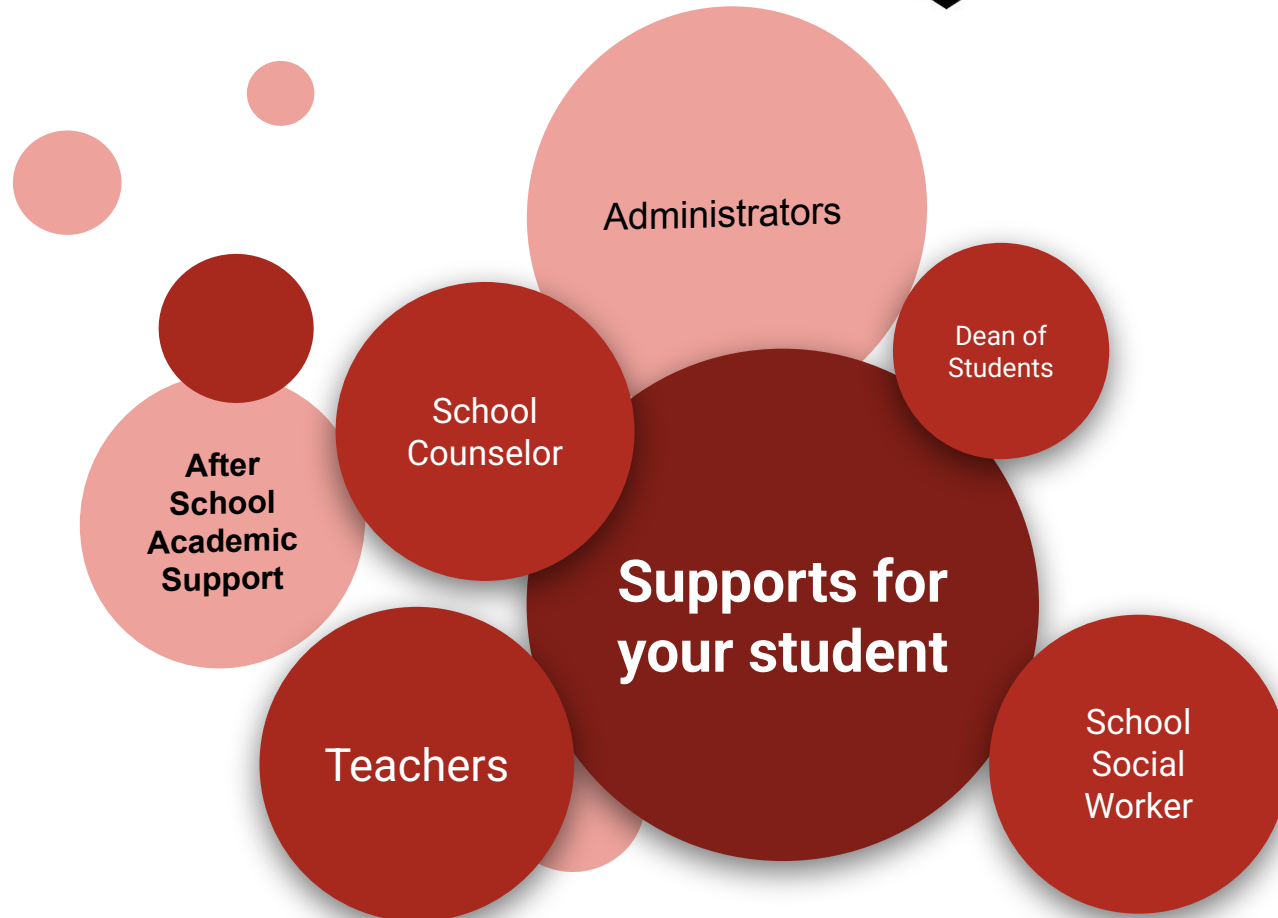
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- 78.7% of 9th graders are on track for attendance
- Discipline is down 6.2% compared to the previous freshmen class
- 80% of students self-reported being involved in an activity, club or sport



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School Counselors are here to:

- **Help get ready for what's next (next semester, next year, after high school).**
 - **Encourage and support learning.**
 - **Be a resource for all academic, social, emotional, and career readiness questions and concerns.**
 - **Assist in creating Academic & Career Plan's!**
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What Do Credits Mean?

- Students earn a credit for each class in which a grade of “D” or higher is earned.
- A specified number of credits earned each school year is required to advance to the next grade level.
- See page 5 in the Program of Studies for more information.

Grade Level	Credits Required
Tenth Grade (Sophomore)	5
Eleventh Grade (Junior)	11
Twelfth Grade (Senior)	17

What Does GPA Mean?

- GPA = Grade Point Average
- Each letter grade is worth points.
- GPA is calculated by adding up the point value for all final grades and then dividing by the total number of courses taken.
- See page 5 in the Program of Studies for more information.

Grading Scale

Grade	Meaning	Value	GPA Points
A	Superior	90-100	4
B	Good	80-89	3
C	Satisfactory	70-79	2
D	Poor	60-69	1
F	Failing	59 and below	0

Class Rank

John Handley High School does not rank students.

GPA

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated by adding up the GPA point value for all final grades and then dividing by the total number of courses taken. Weighted courses require additional calculations to determine GPA. See [page 10](#).

Graduate in 2029



Credits

- ☐ You earn a credit when you pass a class
- ☐ Must Pass with a 60% to get the credit

Verified credits

- ☐ pass the class and pass the SOL or performance assessment

Industry Credential

- ☐ pass an exam that earns you a career/technical education credential
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Profile of the Virginia Graduate

Standard Diploma = 22 earned credits

Advanced Studies Diploma = 26 earned credits

Verified Credits (class + SOL/PBA) = 5 total

Reference pages 5, 7-8 in the Program of Studies

What Do I Need to Graduate?

Advanced Diploma

- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 Social Studies
- 4 English
- Health/PE 9
- Health/PE 10
- 1 Fine Art or CTE
- 1 Economics and Personal Finance
- 3 **World Languages** or 2 years each of 2 different languages
- Additional Electives to include **two Sequential Electives**
- 5 **Verified Credits (SOL)**

26 Total Credits

Standard Diploma

- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 4 English
- Health/PE 9
- Health/PE 10
- 2 World Language, Fine Art, or CTE
- 1 Economic and Personal Finance
- 4 Electives shall include **two Sequential Electives**
- Additional Electives
- 5 **Verified Credits (SOL)**

22 Total Credits



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Students entering 9th grade will begin their educational experience in Judges IX to promote an effective and positive transition from middle school to high school. Judges IX is designed to help students adjust to high school expectations, routines, and standards in a supportive, nurturing environment.

Required Classes

ENGLISH (Required)

English 9
Honors English 9

SOCIAL STUDIES (Required)

World Geography
Honors World History & Geography to 1500

MATH (Required)

Algebra I
Algebra I Part 1 and Part 2
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II

Required Classes

SCIENCE (Required)

Environmental Science
Biology
Honors Biology

KINESIOLOGY & HEALTH (Required)

Kinesiology 9 - Health & PE

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BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Computer Information Systems (CIS)
- Information Technology Fundamentals
- Principles of Business and Marketing

ENGLISH

- Forensics Speech
- Debate

FINE ARTS

Art Courses

- Art Foundations
- Drawing and Painting I
- Sculpture I

Music Courses

- Symphonic Band I, Symphonic Band II
- Beginning Guitar
- Jazz Ensemble and Improvisation
- Basic Ukulele

Vocal Music Courses

- Beginning Chorus
- Treble Ensemble I, Treble Ensemble II
- Concert Choir I, Concert Choir II

Theatre Arts Courses

- Theatre I, Theatre II
- Technical Theatre I, Technical Theatre II

MATHEMATICS ELECTIVES

- Computer Math

SCIENCE (a 2nd Science is optional)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Honors Chemistry

MATHEMATICS (a 2nd Math is optional)

- Geometry
- Honors Geometry
- Algebra II
- Honors Algebra II

WORLD LANGUAGES (Required for the Advanced Diploma)

German 1, 2

French 1, 2

Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, AP Language

Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1, 2, 3

Innovation Center Courses

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY

- Cybersecurity Fundamentals
- Electronic Systems I

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY

- Materials and Processes
- Technical Drawing

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Class Selection & Timeline:

- Recommendations for core classes will be provided to the school counselor based on students data.
 - February 19 & 20 - School counselors will go to DMMS to schedule with students
 - Students will select 1-2 electives and 2 alternative electives
 - April 1 & 3 - DMMS 8th graders will tour Handley
 - April - course requests will be mailed home for final approval before the students schedule is made
 - August - Students will pick up their schedules prior to school
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INNOVATION CENTER

The table below includes CTE courses available at the Innovation Center. Please note that courses may not be available every semester and course offerings will be continually updated.

Advanced Technologies Academy	Professional Skills Academy	Health Sciences Academy
Computer Programming Cybersecurity Fundamentals Cybersecurity Technology I (DE) Advanced Cybersecurity Technology (DE) Electronic Systems I Electronic Systems II Imaging Technology Video and Media Technology	Materials & Processes Technology Electricity I Electricity II Welding I Welding II Carpentry I Carpentry II Technical Drawing & Design Architecture Drawing & Design Electricity I (LRCC Workforce) Electricity II (LRCC Workforce)	Intro. to Health and Medical Sciences Emergency Medical Technician I Emergency Medical Technician II Medical Laboratory Technology I Medical Laboratory Technology II (DE) Nurse Aide I Nurse Aide II Patient Care Technician Physical/Occupational Therapy I Physical/Occupational Therapy II Firefighting I Firefighting II

Transition Strategies to be Successful in High School:

- Attend school regularly and on time.
- Listen and participate in class.
- Turn in assignments on time.
- Study regularly (*not night before the test*).
- Have a positive attitude!
- Get involved!
- Get extra help when needed!



High School Graduation Formula

Attend School Daily

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Do Your Work On Time

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Ask For Help

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GRADUATE!

Envision yourself HERE in 2029!



Class of 2028



It's all about Your Effort and Attitude

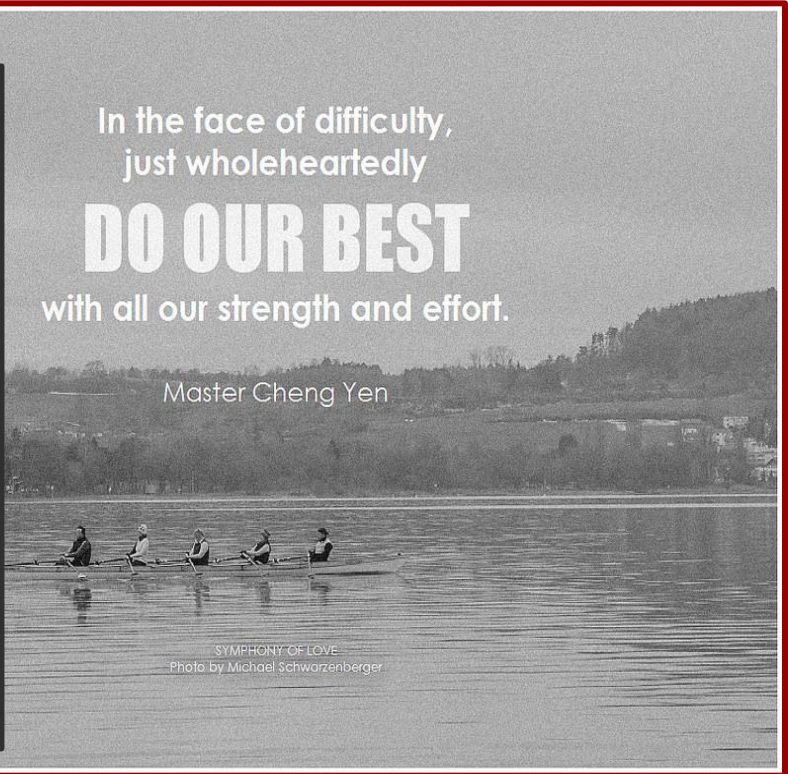


THE CHOICE

to have a great attitude
is something nobody or
no circumstance can take from you.

Zig Ziglar

SYMPHONY OF LOVE
Photo by GabPRR



In the face of difficulty,
just wholeheartedly
DO OUR BEST
with all our strength and effort.

Master Cheng Yen

SYMPHONY OF LOVE
Photo by Michael Schwarzenberger

Registration

Residents:

- Register on the Winchester Public Schools website after March 1st
- Registrar will request records in June
- Students counselor will set up a time to meet with you to discuss your students schedule

Non-Residents:

- Must register with the Central Administration Office first.
- Any time after May 1st

Contact:

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RESPECT TIME AND PLACE

Match your behavior with where you are and what you are doing.



LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

Take care of property & spaces, and add value wherever you go.



BE PRESENT

Stay focused and engaged in the here and now.



BE THE GOOD

Act with kindness, integrity, and empathy.

