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# Making Choices for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Ms. Goodwyn and Ms. Ortiz

# Agenda

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## **Today we will discuss:**

- Courses offerings for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, including electives
- Graduation requirements
- Process for 7th grade course selection

# Seventh Grade Classes

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**English**

**U.S History, Civics and  
Economics 1865-present**

**Science**

**Math** - Math 7, Pre-Algebra for 7<sup>th</sup>  
graders, Intensified Algebra I  
*Recommendations in spring*

**Elective**

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**Health and PE**

# Electives

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- All students have room for **2** elective classes. These can be filled by:
  - **4** semester classes (2 classes per semester)
  - **2** semester classes, and **1** full-year class
  - **2** full-year classes
- Students are asked to pick their choices, and provide alternates(back ups)
- World Languages are only offered as full year courses

# Electives-Semester Classes

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- Digital Input Technologies (*typing, word processing, technology applications*)
- Inventions and Innovations (*engineering and technology, design prototypes, use tools in the production laboratory*)
- Teen Living (*nutrition and wellness, creating textile products*)
- Theater Arts (*theater history, technical theater, dramatic theater*)
- Visual Arts (*exposure to a variety of artistic techniques and processes*)

# Electives-Courses offered as Full Year only

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## Music Courses

- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus

# Electives- High School Credit Courses -offered as Full Year only

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- Arabic I
- Chinese I
- French I
- Latin I
- Spanish I
- Spanish for Fluent Speakers I
- American Sign Language I *\*Subject to staffing availability-students must pick an alternate*

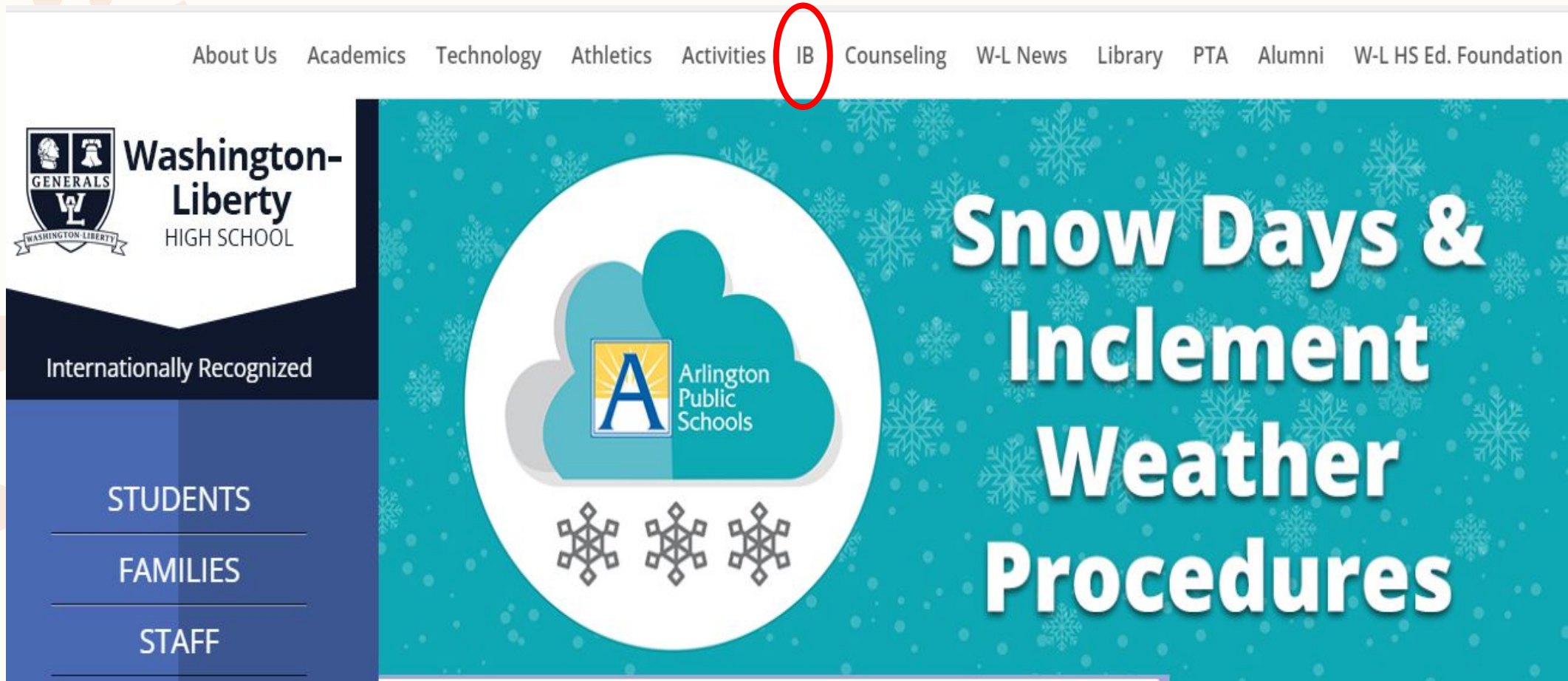
# Electives- Courses Offered by Staff Recommendations or IEP

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- Reading Strategies 7
- Math Strategies 7
- Instructional Studies



# International Baccalaureate (IB)



The image shows a screenshot of the Washington-Liberty High School website. At the top, a navigation menu includes links for 'About Us', 'Academics', 'Technology', 'Athletics', 'Activities', 'IB', 'Counseling', 'W-L News', 'Library', 'PTA', 'Alumni', and 'W-L HS Ed. Foundation'. The 'IB' link is circled in red. Below the navigation is the school's logo and name: 'Washington-Liberty HIGH SCHOOL'. A dark blue banner below the logo reads 'Internationally Recognized'. On the left side, there are three menu items: 'STUDENTS', 'FAMILIES', and 'STAFF'. The main content area features a large teal banner with a white circle containing the Arlington Public Schools logo and three snowflake icons. To the right of the circle, the text reads 'Snow Days & Inclement Weather Procedures'.

- Important when considering language and math courses
- Refer to WL's website for additional information

# Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST)

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- Fairfax County high school that emphasizes the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- Interested students apply in 8th grade and are evaluated on their grade point average (GPA) and performance on a student portrait sheet activity and problem-solving essay
- In order to be eligible to apply, 7th grade students must:
  - Be enrolled in Algebra 1 Intensified
  - End the year with a final GPA of 3.5 or higher
- To learn more, contact TJ or visit: <https://www.fcps.edu/tjadmissions>

# Diploma Options and Graduation Requirements

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- **Standard Diploma**
  - 22 credits and 5 verified credits
- **Advanced Studies Diploma**
  - 26 credits and 5 verified credits
- Students earn a verified credit upon passing the SOL test and the class
- Students must take world language to earn an **advanced studies diploma**
  - Students must take either 3 years of one language, or 2 years of one language and 2 years of another (for example, 3 years of Spanish or 2 years of French and 2 years of Latin)
- There is no language requirement for the standard diploma
- Learn more by reading the program of studies found here:  
<https://www.apsva.us/instruction/curriculum-instruction/program-of-studies/>

# Next Steps

- Counselors will share a video with this information for students, which will be shown in class and available on the Counseling Canvas page
- Counselors will visit classrooms to answer students' questions
- Students will make their course selections at home with a parent/guardian through a Google form
- Students must fill out the Google form no later than **Friday, February 25th**
- In the spring, families will receive an email regarding math placement





Additional Presentations are available on our website.

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- Math Curriculum and Placement
- World Languages for 7th and 8th graders
- Gifted Services

# Questions?

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