



Eastern Senior High School

Class of 2015: Re-Launching the Legacy

Information Session

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Our Mission

Eastern Senior High School provides engaging, college preparatory coursework and extra-curricular learning experiences that ensure all students graduate with the content knowledge, character, and confidence to serve as innovative, inclusive global leaders.



Our Values

Eastern Senior High School (ESHS) will be guided by the principles of:

- Excellence
- Scholarship
- Honor
- Service



Our Foundation

“The single most important factor in determining college success is the academic challenge of the courses students take in high school.”

- *College Knowledge* by David T. Conley



Core Academic Skills

The following skills will be emphasized in all subject areas across the Eastern curriculum:

- Analytical reading and writing
- Thoughtful and innovative problem solving
- Leadership and collaboration
- Effective oral communication



Exposure to College and Careers

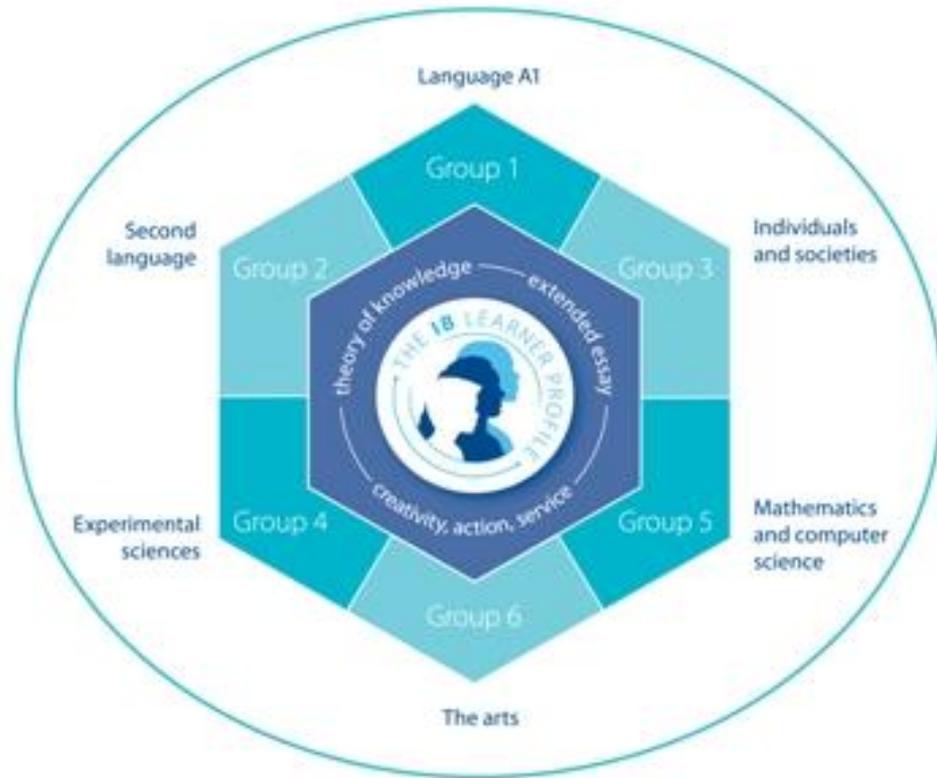
- All Eastern freshmen will participate in a daily College and Career Advisory credit-bearing course.
- The course will help students design their four-year graduation plan, find summer learning opportunities, and build collaborative relationships with other Eastern students and faculty members.
- Guest speakers and college trips will supplement students' academic and social goal setting.



International Baccalaureate

- The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program* is a globally recognized college preparatory course of study taught in Grades 11 and 12.
- IB encourages students to think globally and develop a positive attitude towards learning as students explore six disciplines and complete rigorous external standards.

**pending certification*





Advanced Placement

- Students will have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses and earn college credits through completing college-level coursework and passing College Board AP exams.
- Eastern plans to offer a range of AP courses including Human Geography, U.S. History, Chemistry, Music Theory, English Literature and Composition, Spanish Language, Calculus, and Psychology.



Health and Medical Sciences

- This academy prepares students for pre-medical studies and/or careers in nursing, pharmacy, or emergency response.
- Students take additional science courses each year that address biomedical issues, human body systems, and medical interventions.
- We are proud to use the national Project Lead the Way curriculum and offer out-of-school time experiences in the medical field through community partnerships.



Law and Public Policy

- Our Capitol Hill location lends itself to substantive law and public policy exploration at Eastern.
- As early as tenth grade, students may take law and public policy elective courses, some of which have been designed by local universities.
- These electives will prepare students to complete legal and federal internships while still in high school and to serve as lifelong engaged citizens in their communities.



The Ninth Grade Year

- Our goal for the ninth grade year is to provide freshmen with an exceptional level of instruction in core content areas that will serve as a solid foundation for all coursework going forward.
- Students will earn eight credits toward graduation: English, Math, History, Biology, Spanish, Physical Education, Advisory, Music (0.5), and Art (0.5).
- We will also require incoming ninth graders to attend a one week summer orientation so that we can begin the school year with a collective sense of community standards.



Enrichment

- We believe that high quality athletics, arts, and music programs alongside college and career exploration opportunities prepare students for post-secondary success.
- Some of the extracurricular activities offered will include:
 - Marching Band (Blue and White Marching Machine)
 - Free Saturday instrument lessons with DC Youth Orchestra
 - Return of the Youth Choir
 - Athletics including football, basketball, volleyball, softball, and track
 - After-school newspaper, drama club, and debate team



Our Valued Partners

- Parents and families
- Eastern alumni
- Business and industry leaders
- Non-profit and community organizations
- Local residents
- Colleges and universities



How to Enroll

- Eastern is not an application school.
- Current eighth grade students living in Eastern's boundary or attending Eliot-Hine, Jefferson, or Stuart-Hobson are guaranteed a seat in the Eastern ninth grade class.
 - Parents of these students should fill out the annual DCPS enrollment and residency forms in April.
- All other students and families who would like to join the Eastern community must participate in the DCPS Out-of-Boundary lottery online between January 28 and February 28, 2011.
 - More details can be found at www.dcps.dc.gov.



Questions?

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