



PINNACLES PREP
HIGH SCHOOL

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PROJECT-BASED INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES		PERSONALIZED COURSES								
GRADE	English Language Arts	Science/STEM	Social Studies & History	Mathematics	World Language	PE / Health	Arts	Signature Courses	*Personalized Electives	Credits Earned
NINE	COURSE I: ELA I Biology Economics & Geography			*Algebra	Spanish I	Lifestyle Sports I & Health	Arts I: Visual or Music	Pinnacles Press	Independent Study I	8
TEN	COURSE II: ELA II Physics & Chemistry Contemporary World History			Geometry	Spanish II	Lifestyle Sports II	Arts II: Visual or Music	Brave New Voices	Independent Study II	7
ELEVEN	COURSE III: ELA III Earth & Space Science US History & Ethnic Studies			Algebra II	Spanish III (Elective)	Lifestyle Sport III (Elective)	Advanced Art: Visual or Music (Elective)	College Counseling	Independent Study III	7.5
TWELVE	COURSE IV: ELA IV AP Environmental Science AP Government & Civics			Pre-Calculus, Calculus or AP Statistics	Spanish IV (Elective)	Lifestyle Sport IV (Elective)	Advanced Art: Visual or Music (Elective)	Internship / Passion Project	Independent Study IV	8
Exit Criteria	Final Summit Project			AP Math Exam	STAMP Test	Lifestyle Wellness Plan	Artist Portfolio	College Acceptance	Portfolio	30.5

COURSE OF STUDY PHILOSOPHY

English language arts, science, and history are critical to college, career, and community. Therefore, we have worked with curriculum developer, Educurious to create 4 year long courses that teach these subjects in a place-based context of the Wenatchee Valley.

-Science coursework includes competencies in the following areas: biology, physical science (physics and chemistry), and earth and space science.

-History and social studies concepts cover U.S. history and government, contemporary world problems, geography, and civics.

Each Course will have a driving question each quarter:

Course 1 Driving Questions/Themes:

Q1: Who am I? From our Genes to our Jeans, what makes us who we are?

Q2: Who are we? How can food grown in Chelan and Douglas Counties feed us today and sustain us tomorrow?

Q3: What is our impact? How do Humans impact ecosystems and how can we reduce our Impact?

Q4: Where are we going? How can we understand the past to examine present and imagine the future?

Mathematics We see mathematical education as core to solving problems in our larger world. We believe a fourth year of math in high school reduces the likelihood that scholars will have to repeat high school classes in college before being allowed to enroll in college-level math courses that count toward your degree. Therefore we offer a rigorous 4 year program culminating in a choice math elective for dual college credit and we require all scholars to take an AP exam.

*Algebra is a CTE certified course.

World Language Pinnacles Prep will offer four years of Spanish. *However*, scholars can choose to learn ANY language other than Spanish through independent study. Completion of the STAMP test (**ST**Andards-based **M**easurement of **P**roficiency) qualifies scholars for the Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma. The STAMP test is offered for many languages, and the American Council on Education recommended passing the STAMP for college credit.

PE / Health The philosophy of lifestyle sports is to encourage scholars to take full advantage of our natural areas and recreational opportunities in the valley to craft a lifestyle wellness plan that is sustainable for years to come. We spend our time hiking in the beautiful Wenatchee Valley Foothills, mountain biking single track, snowshoeing, nordic skiing or downhill skiing in the winter, learning yoga and meditation, paying disc golf and rowing on the mighty Columbia. These courses culminate in the curation of a uniquely personalized lifestyle wellness plan that fits their needs.

Arts Pinnacles Prep Scholars take at least two years of the arts, through a series of Master Classes that survey traditional arts of painting and drawing, ceramics, digital media, and theatre, or through a musical track consisting of Pinnacles Performing Chamber Ensemble and/or valley-wide youth orchestra experiences.

Signature Courses In order to prepare for life beyond formal academics, **all** Pinnacles scholars take our signature courses. In grade 9 and 10, we focus on reading, writing, speaking, and publishing our voices and that of our community. The project in grade 11 is the college application. All of Pinnacles Prep scholars will apply to and be accepted to a four-year college. In order to be successful, we devote an entire semester to the process of writing the college essay, and researching and applying to schools. In the senior year, all scholars get the opportunity to do an internship or passion project that is of their interest and choosing, which will depend on their post secondary goals.

***Personalized Electives** Overseen by the mentor, personalized independent-study courses are created by the scholar and vetted by a curriculum committee to ensure alignment to core competencies. The beauty of competency-based learning is that scholars can build the course of their dreams or take any course that fits with their high school and beyond plan. Independent study course examples: Indigenous native plant studies, local food movement in culinary arts, coding and app creation, video game design, American Sign Language, etc. So many more courses are at scholars fingertips on the web. We leverage the multiple ways to learn through the independent study process.

Credits Earned As a mastery-based school, our focus is on scholars achieving at least 80% completion of competencies. We still use a credit-based framework that translates easily on the college transcript. Scholars at Pinnacles Prep are challenged to taking more rigorous coursework and credits than at other public schools.