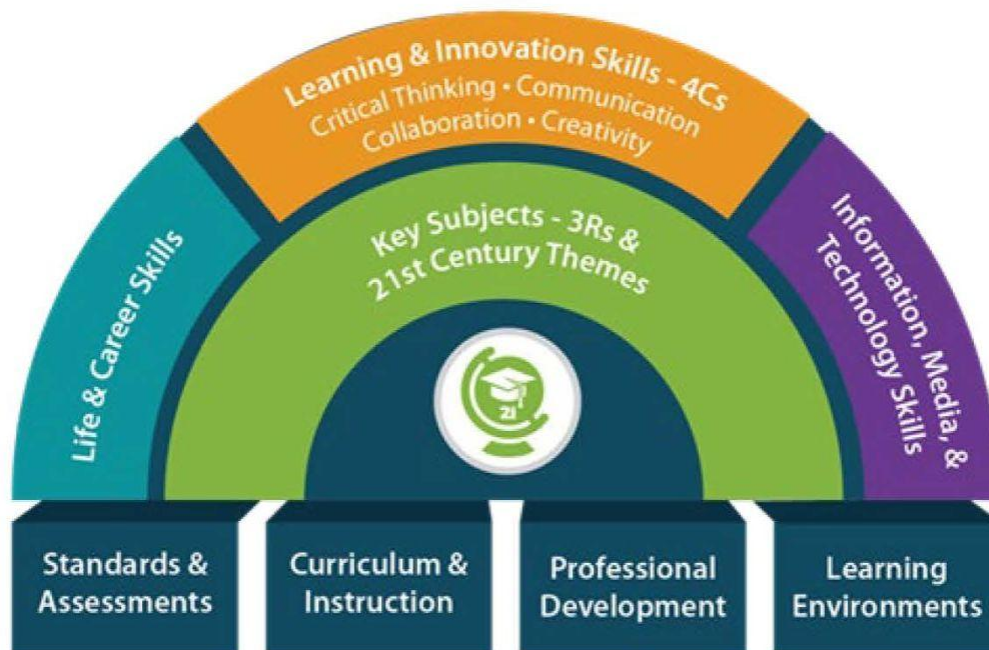


Westport College Prep

Curriculum, Instructional, & Transitional Guidelines

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P21 Partnership for 21st Century Learning

What Framework for Curriculum Is Used at WCP?

At WCP, curriculum is guided by an empirically based framework that describes knowledge, skills, and expertise students should master to succeed in work and life. It is a blend of content knowledge, specific skills, expertise, and literacy. Core subjects and themes include academic subjects as well as global awareness, financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy (Partnership for 21st Century Skills, December 2009).

What Types of Curriculum Does WCP Use?

WCP utilizes a diverse offering of curriculum materials. Traditional textbooks, online textbooks, articles, periodicals, videos, TED Talks, workbooks, pamphlets, guides, audiobooks, and teacher created materials are utilized in the classroom. We also value nature-based curriculum, thematic curriculum, and technological curriculum.

How are curriculum materials chosen at WCP?

WCP chooses curriculum materials very carefully. It is our belief that students aged 18-22 with learning differences have a right to an education post high school. We choose our

textbooks based upon the reading level, maturity level, and overall academic level of the cohort. Additionally, we expect students will stay in the program for more than one year and this means we will be alternating textbooks and curriculum such that no student will encounter a textbook or specific curriculum twice.

How Are Curriculum Materials Modified at WCP?

Although we take great care in choosing curriculum materials for each class, that curriculum is modified per student in a number of ways. At times, the amount of work a student receives can be a simple way to modify. Breaking down the readings or work into manageable parts, using a task analysis approach or by providing students completely individualized curriculum materials within the same class are also employed. These modifications are just some of the ways we individualize the curriculum at WCP, because when classes are small, teachers are able to assess student levels regularly, and adapt the curriculum based upon that feedback. It is not uncommon to have students working on a shared unit or theme of study, and to be working with different materials based upon reading or ability level.

When Do Students Find Out What Curriculum Materials They Need to Obtain?

When students receive their syllabus for a class, curriculum materials will be listed. Curriculum materials should be easily found on amazon or similar sites. Students may purchase traditional textbooks or online textbooks when the option is available.