

The Westfield Promise

An Early College Pathway


It's okay to be unsure
about your future.

To ask:
What path will I take?

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DOES THE DREAM OF A
COLLEGE EDUCATION SEEM
OUT OF REACH FOR YOU?

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
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AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN
HELP MAKE THAT DREAM
COME TRUE.



Westfield State University has partnered with public schools to offer a promise to students. The promise assures that if you work hard and give it your all, college is not just something you can get into, but an experience you'll be able to get a lot out of.



The Westfield Promise has shown me that by staying focused, pushing myself, and believing in myself, that I can be successful in college.

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WHAT IS THE Promise?

The Westfield Promise is a unique program available to eligible rising juniors from public schools in Western Massachusetts. It is designed to engage you with your high school and with Westfield State University in a way that will transform your outlook on your future.

If selected for the program, you will take one college course throughout your junior year. Taught by both a university faculty member and a high school teacher, this junior year course is called the “stretch year” course, because the traditional college course will be stretched over the whole academic year. This will award you both high school graduation credit and transferrable college credits upon successful completion.

Don't think you are ready for a college course? Of course you are. Built into your junior year academic experience are opportunities for additional support and activities.

You'll spend time on Westfield State University's campus during the summer before your junior year, where you will be introduced to what lies ahead for you. You'll meet the people and learn about the resources that will be there to help you throughout your experience.

- A college preparedness seminar will accompany your academic courses to help you measure your success, and learn the skills, techniques, and resources needed to be successful all the way through college
- Peer and professional tutoring will be available to you when needed
- You'll be connected with students on campus who can help guide you through your experience; developing lasting relationships that will be key to your success
- You'll be exposed to campus resources like the Westfield State University library, reading and writing center, and career center
- By the end of your junior year of high school, you'll feel like a true college student

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In your senior year, you'll have the opportunity to enroll in more college courses. This time, on the traditional college schedule—even on the Westfield State University campus!

You'll receive expert peer and professional advising to select courses that will meet both your high school graduation criteria and Westfield State's transferable common core of courses.

Courses will be taken on campus during the day, giving you the chance to still take your high school courses and participate in high school activities.

Because you'll be on the Westfield State University campus you'll have more access to university activities, and greater access to resources that will increase your success.

Upon high school graduation, you could have up to a full semester or more of college coursework completed. You'll be ready to take on the challenge of earning your bachelor's degree head on.

The promise that public schools and Westfield State University makes to you is this: Upon successful completion of this program, you'll be given preferred admission to Westfield State University. Should you choose to attend college elsewhere, know that many of the credits you've earned with Westfield State University can follow you to wherever you go, and that this experience will have instilled a confidence in you to earn that degree you might be thinking is out of reach right now.



WHAT PATH WILL YOU TAKE ?



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