West Jordan High

Pathway Program
What are pathways?

- The pathway program is a way for you to focus your elective classes in areas that are of interest to you or that will help you explore various careers.
- The pathway program is voluntary, but it’s a great way to get the most out of your experience here at West Jordan High.
- *Our school pathway program is different than the state CTE pathway program!!* However, you can do both if you meet the requirements.
What’s in it for me?

- Receive a pathway cord(s) for graduation.
- Earn an enhanced diploma (Must complete 2 additional courses in your pathway area)
- Looks great on college applications.
- Enhances portfolios for careers, Sterling Scholars, etc.
- Gives you an opportunity to explore possible careers.
- Creates opportunities to share your talents and interests with the community.
What are the requirements?

- You must be on track for graduation and have grades of C or above in your pathway classes.
- **To earn the enhanced diploma**, you must complete at least two classes in your chosen area beyond those required for graduation.
- You will complete a project your senior year.
We can accommodate any area of interest!
If you need help deciding which pathway fits your needs, talk to the pathway coordinator and she will steer you in the right direction.
Application

- Once your online application is completed, submit it to our pathway coordinator (Kay Davis).
- Instructions are on the form.
Approval

- Once you are approved for participation, you will be notified by the coordinator.
- If you are a sophomore or junior, your main focus should be on passing your classes, staying on track for graduation, and choosing elective classes that will meet your chosen pathway requirements.
Senior Project

- During your senior year, you will complete a project that showcases your accomplishments in your chosen pathway area.
- These projects require a minimum of 20 hours and must be approved by the pathway coordinator.
- You will choose a mentor (a teacher, parent, or community volunteer), to track your progress and provide assistance.
Senior Project, cont.

- You may begin your project as early as the summer after your junior year.
- If you are doing more than one pathway, you will need a separate project for each.
- Project Proposal packets are available from the pathway coordinator or on the website and should be approved before you begin work.
- Proposals should be submitted by the end of first semester your senior year.
- See the coordinator if you have any questions.
What are you already doing?

- Did you do something over the summer? Coach, teach, volunteer, act, sing, clinics, camps, etc.? You may already be on your way to a pathway project!
- What are you currently doing on your own that is not required for any class, program, or position? It may qualify for a pathway project!
Types of Projects

- The sky is the limit with your project, but they usually fall within two main categories:

  1: Use the skills you have gained from the pathway courses you have completed and share them with a target group.

  2: Expand on what you have learned by increasing your own skills through a professional experience.
Pathway Presentation

- Along with completing your project, you will prepare a tri-fold presentation. These are displayed at a showcase at the end of the year.
The Culmination

- For each pathway project completed, you will receive a cord to wear at graduation. Cords are presented at a separate ceremony in May.
- For those who have completed the additional requirements for an enhanced diploma, you will be awarded that at graduation.
Any Other Questions???

See Kay Davis in room D-1 (Driver’s Ed. Room) or in person.

You may also get pathway info at the website: westjordanhigh.org