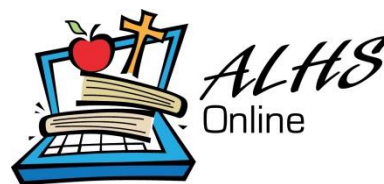


# ALHS Online Update – February, 2016

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The purpose of this brief report is to update WELS High Schools on the blessings ALHS Online has received from a gracious God so far this year.

**2015-16 Course Enrollments:** It was gratifying to see the continued increase in participation over the years, both in the number of students enrolled and the schools involved.

The chart on the left indicates the number of students enrolled in each course. The drop in enrollment from first to second semester was anticipated and is common for full-year courses. The chart on the right indicates the 2015-16 student seat enrollments from various schools.

Enrollment numbers by Course:		
Course Name	Sem. I	Sem. II
Intro to Programming	28	
Web Page Design	15	
Multimedia Prin. & Design	7	
Sequential Art: Graphic Novels	2	
Algebra 1 (7-8 <sup>th</sup> pilot)	10	10
Human Anatomy & Physiology	17	16
AP Computer Science	5	1
AP Environmental Sci.	15	14
AP Psychology	60	56
AP Statistics	6	5
AP U.S. History	5	3
How the Church Grows	4	4
Physical Science	5	6
Chinese 1	4	4
German 1	8	6
German 2	2	2
Latin 1	3	3
Latin 2	3	3
Latin 3	4	4
Spanish 1A (7-8 <sup>th</sup> pilot)	6	6
Astronomy		3
Computer Graphics		11
Game Programming		11
Intro to Psychology		21
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>189</b>

Student Seat Enrollment by semester:		
School	Sem-1	Sem-2
ALA	4	4
ALHS	3	12
CLHS	16	10
ELHS	1	3
GPL	2	1
HVL	11	9
ILHS	9	9
KML	3	2
LLHS	30	21
LPS	2	2
MLHS, WI	20	14
MLHS, MI	5	2
MLS	1	1
MVL	34	39
NELHS	5	4
RML	5	3
SLHS	4	3
West LHS	3	3
WLA	25	21
Public/Home	10	10
LES (7-8 <sup>th</sup> pilot)	16	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>189</b>

**Enrollment trends:** 2015-16 marks the fifth year courses are being offered through ALHS Online. The chart below shows how the program has expanded over the years. To God be the glory!

ALHS Online Course & Enrollment Trends 2012-2016									
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16				
# Courses	3+2=5	5+5=10	10+10=20	13+14=27	20+20=40	↑ 100%	↑ 35%	↑ 48%	
# Seats	32+28=60	55+52=107	116+86=202	180+160=340	209+189=398	↑ 78%	↑ 89%	↑ 68%	↑ 17%

**2016-17 Registration Materials:** Registration materials for 2016-17 have been emailed to the high schools and are available on the ALHSO website <http://alhsso.org> under *Resources*, or by contacting Jim Grunwald at [grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu) or 507-354-8221, ext. 349.

In an attempt to streamline the registration process, ALHSO is moving to online registration through TADS for 2016-17. Specifics will be sent out to the schools in late February or early March.

**Course/Instructor Evaluation:** ALHSO takes the quality of the courses it offers very seriously. Courses and instructors are evaluated by students at the end of each semester. The ALHSO superintendent reviews the evaluations and shares a summary with the instructor. The superintendent works with the instructor on any warranted improvements. Feedback from school administrators to the ALHSO superintendent is always welcome. Courses that do not meet the standards of quality set by ALHSO will no longer be offered through ALHSO until suitable changes are made to the content and/or instruction.

**7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pilot Program:** Through a generous grant from the Antioch Foundation, ALHSO is currently offering a Spanish and an Algebra course online to qualified 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Spanish has 6 students enrolled from 2 schools. The enrollment in Algebra I is at 10 students from 5 schools. The effectiveness of offering the courses will be evaluated in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that at least Algebra I will be offered again in 2016-17, with enrollment being open to any WELS schools. More information can be found on the ALHSO website, <http://alhsso.org> under *Resources / 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pilot*.

**New 2016-17 Courses:** These will be offered in addition to those listed on the previous page.

**Art: Creative Process** – semester 1

**Art and Architecture** – semester 2

**Chinese 2**– full-year

**German 3** – full-year

**Latin 4** – full-year

**AP English: Literature & Composition** – full-year

**Note:** Course descriptions, grade levels, and pre-requisites for all courses are available in the *ALHS Online Course Descriptions* document located in *Resources* on the ALHSO website, <http://alhsso.org>.

**Future courses:** ALHSO is always looking ahead to future years. Feedback from WELS high schools is very important in not only planning future course offerings, but locating qualified potential instructors for those courses. The course instructor is the number one factor in determining the quality of any course offered. The following courses are under consideration at this time for future years.

**Languages** – A 4<sup>th</sup> year of German, as well as Chinese 3.

**Religion** – A fourth religion course, primarily for public and home-schooled students.

**Music Theory** – An instructor has agreed to teach, with an anticipated course available for 2017-18.

**Art** – An additional course available each semester in 2017-18.

If you have suggestions for additional courses or course instructors, please contact ALHSO superintendent Jim Grunwald at [grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:grunwajr@mlc-wels.edu) or 507-354-8221, ext. 349.