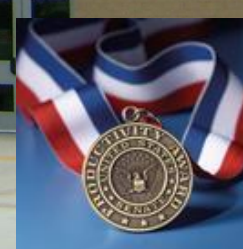


Washington-Liberty High School High School Information Session

Welcome!

Antonio Hall, Principal





The image shows the exterior of Washington-Liberty High School. The building is a modern, multi-story structure with a mix of brick and light-colored panels. It features a prominent curved section with large windows and a glass-enclosed staircase. The foreground shows a green lawn with some landscaping and a few people walking near the entrance.

WASHINGTON-LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

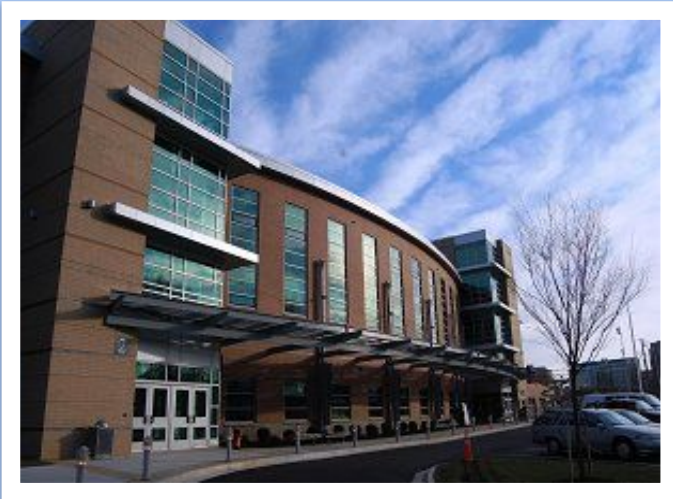
This evening's program:

1. General information about W-L and the IB Diploma program
2. Panel of students and teachers
3. Question & answer

A TRADITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE 1924-2024



- ❖ Over 39,000 graduates
- ❖ An AP and IB World School
- ❖ 1 of 3 comprehensive high schools in Arlington: Wakefield, Washington-Liberty & Yorktown



682 – 9th graders

733 – 10th graders

675 – 11th graders

593 – 12th graders

Total enrollment = 2,683

Washington-Liberty Administrative Team

Left to right

Front row: Justin Bolfek (Director of Activities), Antonio Hall (Principal), Kevin Healy (Asst. Director of Activities)

Second row:

Juanice Jenkins (Asst. Principal), Dara Williams (Asst. Principal), Dr. Betty Sanders (Asst. Principal), Suzanne Paul (Dean of Students)

Third row:

Vica Irving & Maggie Hsu (Asst. Principals),

Back row:

Timica Shivers (Asst. Principal), Julie Cantor (IB Diploma Program Coordinator)

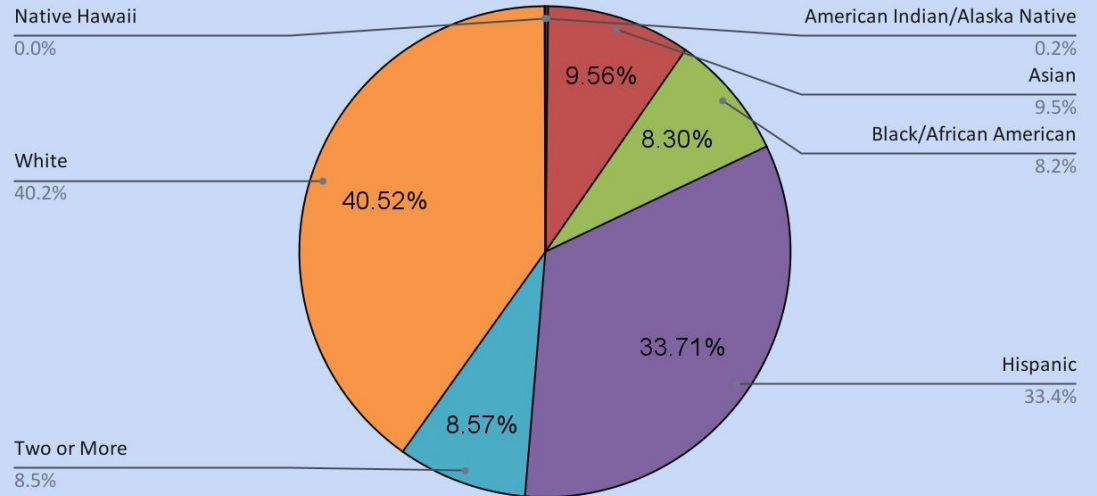


RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY



Washington-Liberty boasts a diverse student population representing more than 65 countries from across the globe

WLHS Ethnic & Racial Groups 2024





**GENERAL INFORMATION
ABOUT THE SCHOOL DAY**

Typical Day

Daily schedule

8:20 AM – 3:10 PM

Many supports
available

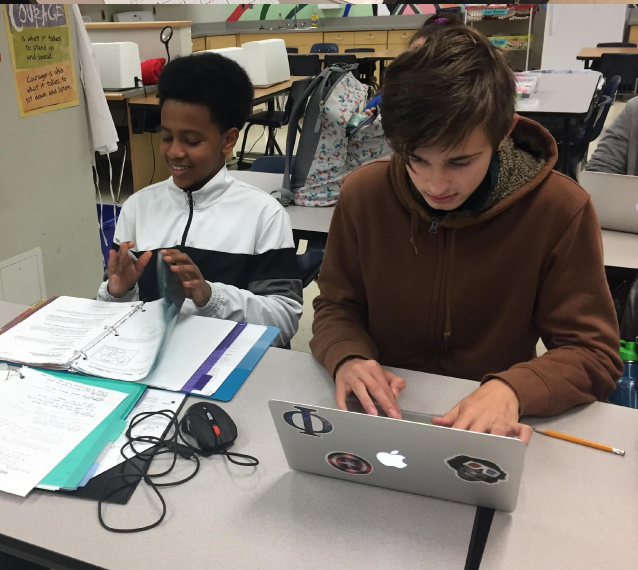
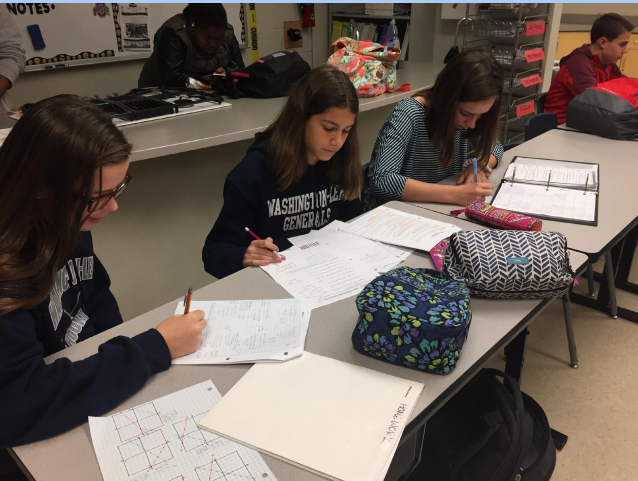
Block Schedule

W days	L days
1st period	2nd period
3rd period	3rd period
Generals Period	Generals Period
5th period (with lunch)	4th period (with lunch)
7th period	6th period

Understand how the block scheduling works

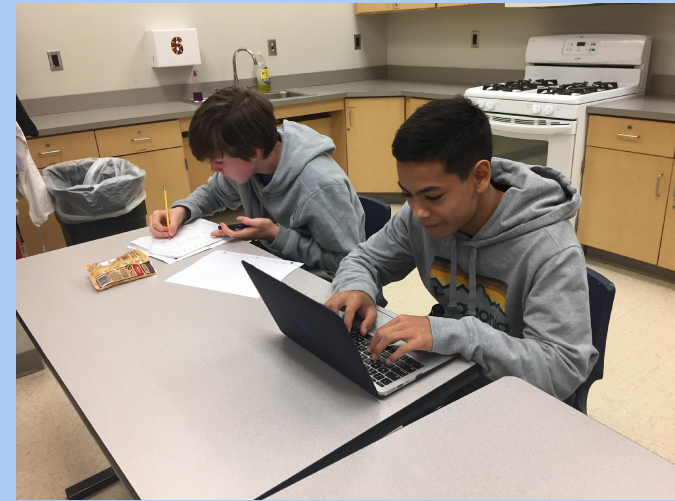
- Period 3 meets every day of the week.
- W Days are odd classes
- L Days are even classes (plus 3rd)

GENERALS PERIOD



25-minute instructional support period designed to:

- Increase student achievement
- Build relationships
- Create a healthier, less stressful environment for all students
- Deliver SEL lessons



INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduction to Advanced Classes
- Academic support available
 - during Generals Period
 - during lunch (Lunch Labs)
 - after school
 - most Saturdays (Saturday Academy)
- Generals Flex



SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

- Parent Square

- ParentVue

- PTA Listserv

- Daily Email Reminders

- Teacher Email/Websites

- Washington-Liberty Website

- X (formerly Twitter)

@Principal_WLHS



@WLHSAthletics



@WLHSIBProgram



@WLHSCounseling



@WLHSInstruction



@GeneralsPride



CONNECT PROGRAM

The goal of the Connect Program is to connect 9th graders with one another and with upper-class peers from the first day of school

Team Building Activities!

Tour the building!

Learning the Block Schedule!



COUNSELING SERVICES

- Counselors
- College & Career Specialist
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Equity & Excellence Coordinator
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Attendance Specialist



CLUBS AND INTRAMURALS

Aspiring Illustrators Club **AAAS-African Awareness Society**
Art Club **Badminton Club** **Engineering Club** **Chess Club** **Chinese Club** **Conservative Political Action Club** **Cricket Club** **Debate & Speech** **Distributing Dignity** **Diversity Peer Training**
Environmental Conservation and Awareness Club (ECA)
E-sports Team **Fantasy Sports for Charity** **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** **French Honor Society** **Generals Against Gun Violence** **GSA: Gay Straight Alliance** **HER Club** **IT Club** **It's Academic/Academic Competition Team** **State of America Key Club** **LASA Club (Latin American Student Association)** **Latinas Leading Tomorrow** **Model United Nations - Modern Japanese Culture Club** **Mountain Club** **National Art Honor Society**
National Junior Art Honor Society **National Honor Society**
Newspaper **PAW: People for Animal Welfare** **Politics and Money (PAM)** **Photo Club** **Red Cross Club** **Roller Hockey Club** **Russian Club** **Social Studies Honor Society** **S.O.S. Africa Club** **Spanish Club** **Spanish Honor Society** **Student Council Association** **Table Top Gaming Club** **W-L Math Team** **W-L Dance Team** **Welcoming Committee** **Young Democrats** **Young Republicans** **Ultimate Frisbee**

W-L ATHLETIC TEAMS

Fall (Aug-Nov)	Winter (Nov-Feb)	Spring (Feb-May)
Cheerleading	Basketball	Baseball
Cross Country	Cheerleading	Crew
Dance	Gymnastics	Lacrosse
Field Hockey	Rifle	Soccer
Football	Swim/Dive	Softball
Golf	Indoor Track	Tennis
Volleyball	Wrestling	Outdoor Track

GET INVOLVED

- Intramurals
 - During lunch in the gym
 - After school
- Late buses: Mon. – Thurs.
 - 4:45 PM – Bus available for students staying for academic support or activities
 - 6:45 PM – Sports bus

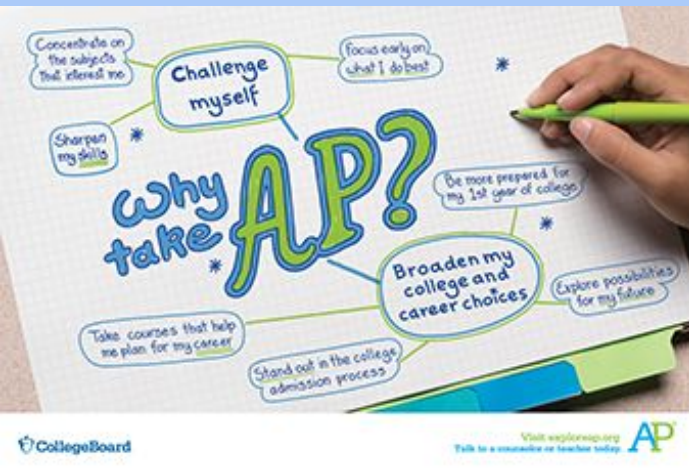
WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY ABOUT THE IB AND AP IMPACT ON COLLEGE PREPARATION?



STUDENTS WHO TAKE IB & AP COURSES ARE MORE PREPARED FOR COLLEGE

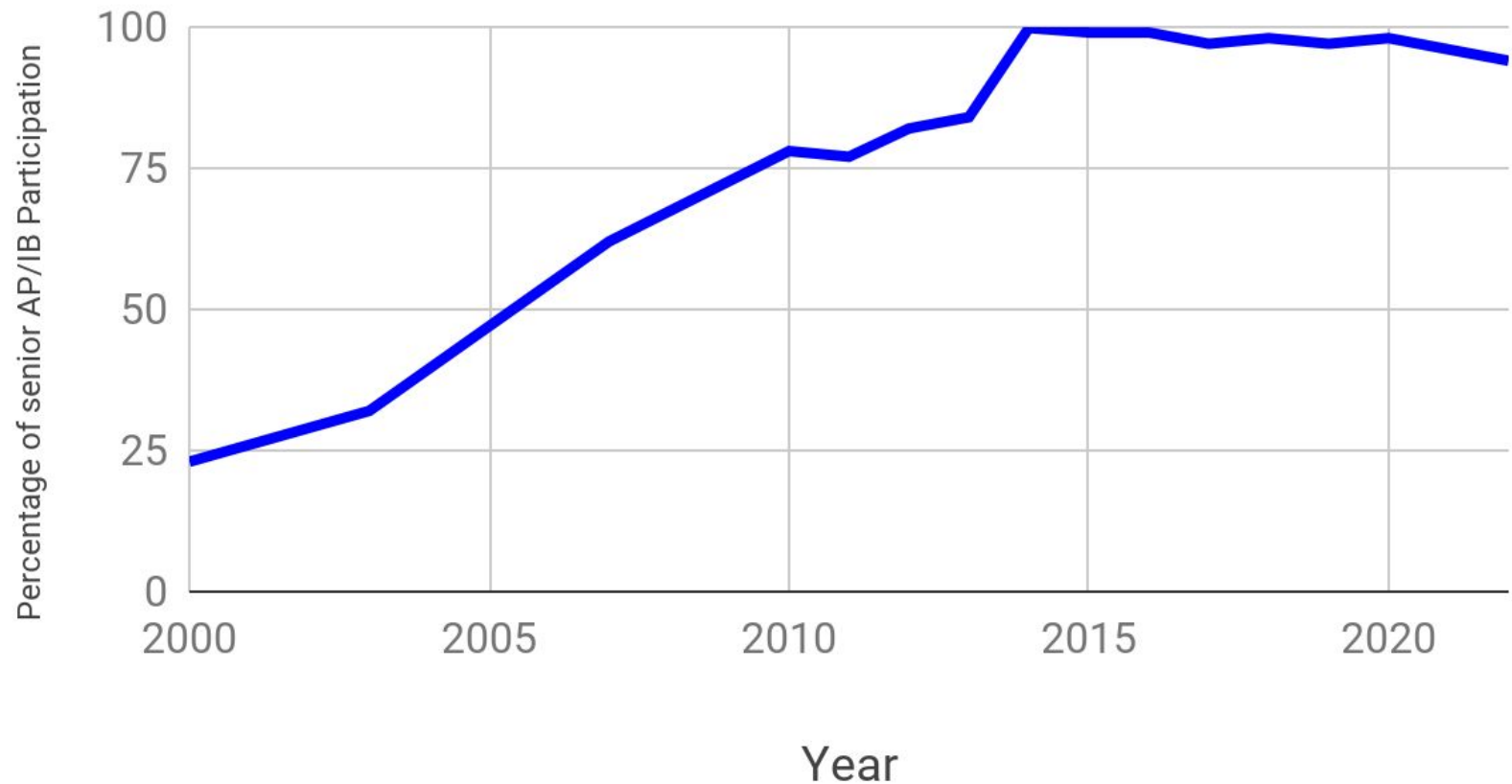
Students reported that they:

- felt prepared **to succeed and excel** in their coursework
- had **strong academic skills**, especially related to **analytical writing**
- learned academic behaviors like **work ethic, motivation, time management, and help-seeking** that were sources of strength in the transition to college-level work



HIGH EXPECTATIONS – AVERAGE AP & IB PARTICIPATION RATE 2000 - 2022

AP/IB Participation Rate at WL





A BROAD ARRAY OF SUBJECT OFFERINGS



IB Classes

Arabic B SL & AB SL	Latin HL/SL
Biology HL/SL	Mandarin AB SL
Business Management SL	Math: Applications & Interpretation SL
Chemistry HL	Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL/SL
Chinese B HL/SL	Philosophy SL
Computer Science HL/SL	Physics SL
Design Technology SL	Psychology HL/SL
Economics SL	Social Anthropology HL/SL
English A Literature A HL	Spanish A Lang & Lit HL
English A Lang & Lit SL	Spanish B HL/SL & AB SL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL	Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL
Film HL/SL	Theater Arts HL/SL
French B HL/SL & AB SL	Visual Arts HL/SL
Geography SL	
History of the Americas HL	

AP Classes

Art History	French
Art Studio	German
Biology	Latin
Calculus AB	Physics (Electricity and Magnetism)
Calculus BC	Physics (Mechanics)
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science A	Spanish Language
Computer Science Principles	Statistics
English Language	US Government
English Literature	US History
European History	World History

Creating the path that is right for you

Continued Enrollment

Once a student is enrolled in an option school or program or accepts a transfer to a neighborhood school, enrollment will be continuous through the grade level of that school/program unless there is a boundary change. In such cases, the School Board may make a different decision as part of the boundary change adoption.

Students who are admitted to an option school or program must:

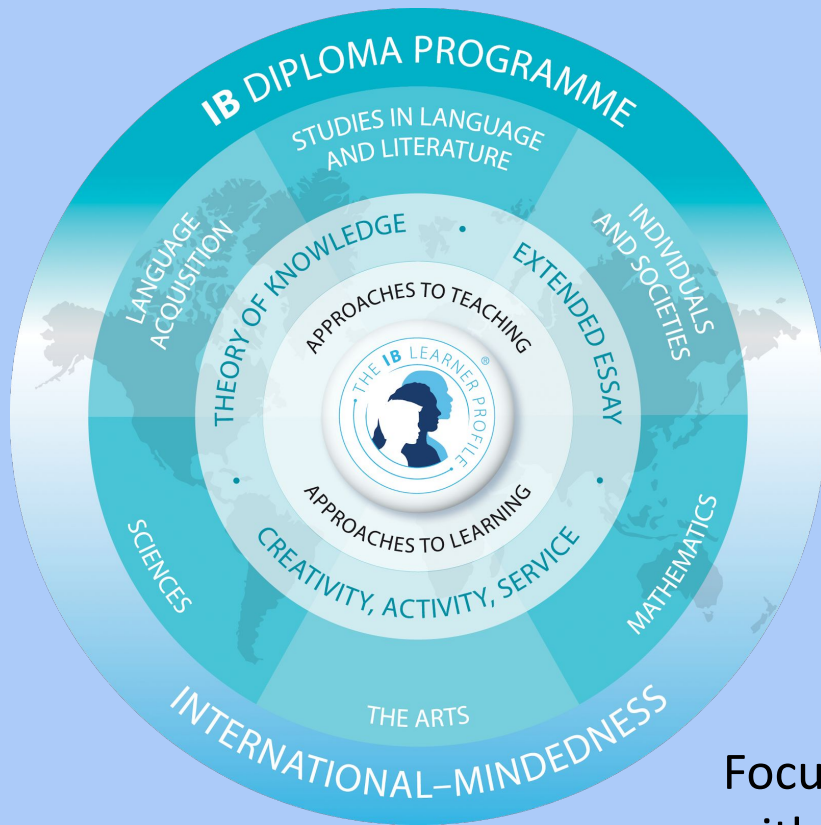
1. Enroll in the required option program's courses,
2. Meet the option program's requirements, or
3. Return to their neighborhood school.

For option programs within a neighborhood school, students who leave the option program must return to their neighborhood school. They can follow the procedures for applying for a neighborhood transfer to continue enrollment at that school, outside of the option program, if the school is available for neighborhood transfers.

WHAT DOES THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM CURRICULUM CONTAIN?

The IB Diploma Programme curriculum contains:

- Grades 11 & 12
- Students study concurrently
- Six subject groups
 - three subjects at the **higher level** (240 hours each)
 - three subjects at the **standard level** (150 hours each)
- Core components (CAS, EE, TOK)



Focus is on the whole student, providing students with a broad, international view of the world and his or her context within it

W-L'S PRE-IB CURRICULUM

Grade 9

- Intensified English 9
- World Language – at level 3 or higher: Arabic, Chinese/Mandarin, French, Latin, or Spanish
- Intensified World History or AP World History
- Intensified Biology
- Intensified Geometry or higher
- PE/Health I
- Elective

Grade 10

- Intensified English 10
- World Language – at level 4 or higher: Arabic, Chinese/Mandarin, French, Latin, or Spanish – all at level 4
- AP US Government**
- Intensified Chemistry
- Intensified Algebra II or higher
- PE/Health II
- Elective

NOTE: Intensified courses are **required**;

** AP US Government is required

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM: CHOOSING IB COURSES GRADE 10

Students create a two-year plan in grade 10 identifying the IB courses they will take in grades 11 and 12 to meet IB diploma requirements.



W-L'S PRE-IB TRANSFER ADMISSIONS – REQUIRED BY IB

- Strong grades (A's and B's) in all subjects
 - End of year grades– middle school - 7th grade (& high school if applicable)
 - 1st quarter grades - current year
- World Language –
 - Arabic, Chinese/Mandarin, French, Latin, or Spanish
 - Grade 8 - Level 2 (Level 1 will be eligible though may need to accelerate language to level 4 by 10th grade)
 - Grade 9 - Level 3
 - Grade 10 - Level 4
- Mathematics
 - Grade 8 - Algebra I or greater
 - Grade 9 – Geometry or greater
 - Grade 10 – Algebra II or greater
- Short answer question



W-L PRE-IB APPLICATION PROCESS

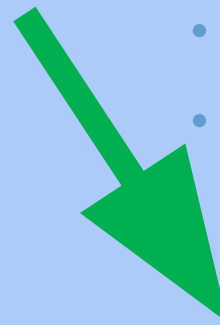
W-L School of Record (home school)

- No application required



Transfer Students

- APS School Options application
- Cumulative transcript (non-APS students)
- Essay
- Signature acknowledgement



**Application Deadline:
Jan. 24, 2025 (4 p.m.)**

STUDENT PANEL



SARA



MARC



GABY




HANAN



KJARTAN

TEACHER - Mr. Jim Zarro

W-L IB TRANSFER PROCESS

- Application Deadline is **January 24, 2025 (4 p.m.)** 
- Submit one APS Option Schools application, cumulative transcript (if non-APS student), essay, signature acknowledgement per applicant.
- W-L is only accepting IB transfers. If the number of qualified program transfers exceeds the number established by the School Board, then a random double-blind lottery will be conducted by the Superintendent's Office.
- If qualified, twins will be treated as one in the lottery.
- All IB transfers are required to take identified coursework in 9th & 10th to prepare for the IB Diploma Programme. This includes AP Government in 10th grade. In 11th & 12th grades, IB transfers must participate in the full IB programme as IB Diploma Candidates. If not, students will return to their home school.

IB TRANSFER APPLICATION TIMELINE

11/1/24
Application
period
begins



1/24/25
Application
deadline
4pm



2/7/2025
Applicants
notified via
text/email
After 4pm



2/21/2025
Deadline to
accept or
decline
transfer
offer



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!



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Newsweek 2019**

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