# Registration for 2015-16

Honors, AP, NCVPS Online, & HCC Opportunities

# Introductions

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- HCC Career & College Promise Facilitator: Matt Heimburg

# Why are we meeting today?

#### Information/Understanding

- Opportunities
- Expectations
- Application Process

# Honors Courses

#### What are Honors / Advanced courses?

- Opportunity to learn MORE about a subject that interests you
- Opportunity to learn MORE about a subject that you may wish to pursue in college or career
- Additional ½ point toward cumulative GPA
- More rigorous than standard level: demonstrates motivation and hard work
- Different prerequisites than standard courses AND typically require teacher recommendations
- Semester long courses 1 Credit

# Honors Courses Delivery Options

Two options:

- Face-to-face
  - Taught by PHS teacher

#### – NCVPS

- Courses taken online with non-PHS teacher
- Only courses not offered at PHS
- 3.5 GPA required for 10<sup>th</sup> graders; 3.0 GPA required for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> graders

Some Honors/Advanced Courses can meet graduation requirements:

- Honors English 2, 3, 4
- Honors Math 2, 3 and Pre-Calculus
- Honors Biology
- Honors American History 1,2 and Honors Civics

Some Honors/Advanced Courses are ELECTIVES:

- Spanish 3, 4 and French 3, 4
- Biology 2, Chemistry 2, Physics
- Native American Studies
- Art 3, 4
- Honors Fitness and Nutrition 1,2

### **Additional Honors Options**

- Honors Bach to Broadway III / IV and Honors Orion III / IV (audition with K. Medford)
- ROTC III/IV (talk with Commander Weaver)
- Band III/ IV (pre-requisites are Band I /II)

Additional APPLICATION courses (standard / not "weighted")

- Yearbook (year-long): See Mrs. Ensley.
- Media Assistant (1 semester): 12<sup>th</sup> grade only. See Mrs. Wyatt.
- Nursing Fundamentals (2 blocks one semester): 12<sup>th</sup> grade only. See Mrs. Kuykendall.

# AP Courses

# What are Advanced Placement Classes?

College Board

Required to take the AP exam (scored 1-5)

- College-level classes
  - Prepare students for rigor of college
  - Can earn college credit (check college/university website for individual AP credit policy)

### Who should take AP Classes?

- Students who meet the prerequisites
- Students with excellent time management skills
- Students who are self-motivated and independent workers
- Personal commitment to success
- Students who understand the work will be more rigorous and involve more out of class work

### Advanced Placement Courses

Two Options:

- Face-to-Face
  - Course is taken with a PHS teacher
  - Year-long: 2 credits
  - Fall honors elective (+ ½ quality point) + Spring AP Course(+1 quality point)
- NCVPS Online
  - Course taken online with a non-PHS teacher
  - Only courses not offered at PHS
  - Year-long: 2 blocks; only one credit
  - Course earns one additional quality point toward cumulative GPA

#### Potential Face-to-face Courses

#### For Juniors:

- AP English III
- AP US History
- AP Biology

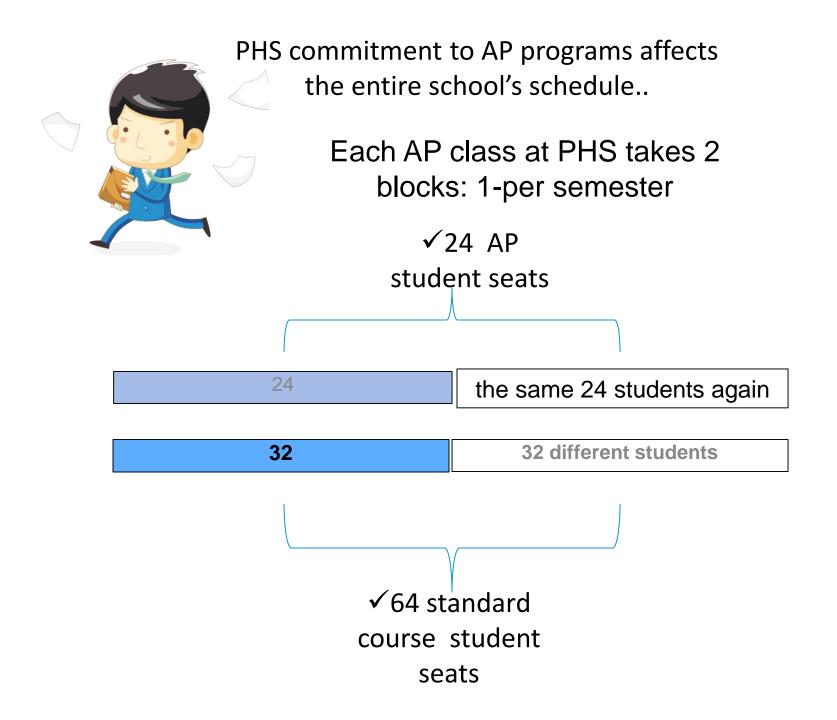
#### For Seniors:

- AP English IV
- AP Calculus
- AP Biology

\*\*An additional elective will be paired with each course.

### AP Face-to-face COURSES

- Turning Points in American History (fall) + AP US History (spring): These courses taken in 11<sup>th</sup> grade replace American History 1 and American History 2 requirements. THESE STUDENTS WILL SKIP "HISTORY" IN 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE.
- Biological Laboratory Methods + AP Biology (electives)
- Calculus Research + AP Calculus
- Introduction to Language + AP English III (one honors elective + English III requirement)
- Introduction to Literature + AP English IV (one honors elective + English IV requirement)



# NCVPS Online

In 2005, on the recommendation of the North Carolina e-Learning Commission, the General Assembly established the North Carolina Virtual Public School

- The purpose of the North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) is to provide courses to students across North Carolina that individual schools might not be able to offer!
- The authorizing legislation for NCVPS states: "NCVPS shall be available at no cost to all students in North Carolina who are enrolled in NC's public schools."

# Things to Consider

- The course offerings are only courses NOT taught at PHS and can be taken during any class period.
- All NCVPS courses will count as elective credits.
- ALL WORK AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY.
- Teacher could be located anywhere across the state; the instructor will not be a Pisgah teacher, and there will not be a Pisgah teacher responsible for assisting these students. (There WILL be a site-based facilitator for technical issues.)
- NCVPS's grading periods do not match PHS MUST MONITOR GRADES CAREFULLY! Students (and parents) can do this on the NCVPS site with password! Also, this may require a student to work on a non-school day at PHS.

#### SO....WHO CAN TAKE NCVPS COURSES?

#### Rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders must have a

- 3.0 or higher GPA
- plus additional course-specific requirements of NCVPS
- and 2 teacher recommendations.

#### *Rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders* must have

- 3.5 or higher GPA
- plus additional course-specific requirements of NCVPS
- and 2 teacher recommendations
- IF room is still available in the Online Learning Lab after 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> students are registered



### Honors Online

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Psychology

(These courses offer an additional ½ point toward student's cumulative grade point average; these courses are "weighted.")

# Standard Online

- ACT Prep
- African American Studies
- Arabic I/II
- German I/II
- Japanese I/II
- Journalism
- Latin I/II
- Leadership Development
- Mandarin Chinese I / II
- Medieval Studies
- Psychology
- Russian I/II
- SAT Prep
- Success 101

### AP Courses Offered ONLINE

AP Art History AP Human Geography AP Psychology AP European History AP Government and Politics

Note: Online AP Courses are year-long and earn <u>ONE</u> credit, so students will earn 7 (instead of) 8 credits. This means students are expected to work 90 minutes each day both semesters.

(These courses offer an additional 1 point toward student's cumulative grade point average; these courses are "weighted.")

## PHS Course Commitment Form

- Must be signed by you and parent
- Must be returned to subject area teacher by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.
- Signing-up for course commits you to that course, if available:
  - School must know numbers in order to determine the number of sections offered.
  - Form commits student(s) to class; if they preregister and then change their mind, numbers and sections are unbalanced and other classes overloaded.

# HCC COURSES

"Career and College Promise" Initiative

**Career Technical Opportunities** (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades) ✓ At PHS: Auto Repair 1, 2 ✓ Online: Criminal Justice 1,2 ✓ At HCC Early Childhood 1,2 **Electronics** 1 Auto Repair 3 (year-long) Auto Body These courses are earning high school AND college credit!

Students are expected to meet minimum GPA requirements and be approved by their high school principal.

✓HCC INSTRUCTOR (not PHS employee)
✓Career and College Promise: tuition free!
✓Responsible for text books

Actual college classes....so you are starting a real college transcript: Monitor your own progress!

✓ College schedule (may not match HCC schedule)

Please keep in mind, these are NOT "high school" classes...

--May be *online*: You must be able to use technology to download information, upload assignments, and communicate with your instructor.

--May be *at HCC*: You are responsible for transportation and ATTENDANCE. You are expected to make mature choices to represent PHS positively.

# College Transfer Opportunities (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

These include classes like...

Art 111, Art Appreciation Com 231, Public Speaking Eng 111, Writing and Inquiry His 111, World Civilizations I Psy 150, General Psychology Soc 210, Introduction to Sociology and more...

--These are courses many freshmen will be required to take at 2-year and 4-year schools as "general education" requirements.

--These courses offer an additional 1 point toward student's cumulative grade point average; these courses are "weighted."

Students must have a <u>3.0 GPA</u>, must receive principal approval, and must have <u>PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT</u> scores that qualify them "college ready"...

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#### Applications due to Counseling Center Monday, February 16.

--Application (signed by you and parent)\
--Agreement (signed by you and parent)
--Privacy agreement (signed by you and parent)
--Test scores (if applicable)

Pisgah High School 2015-16 Course Guide is available:

http://phs.haywood.k12.nc.us/

http://teacher.haywood.k12.nc.us/ phs-counselingcenter/

