

4-Year Plan and Graduation Requirements





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**BREAKING
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**THS
Counseling
Center**

Seniors of 2021

Get the Counseling Center Google Classroom App for Updates regarding events, scholarship opportunities, summer learning opportunities, etc. Download the mobile app and use the Class Code: obcg82e

Why do students come to the Counseling Center?

- Academic Questions
- College / Career Planning
- Personal Concerns



Let's Talk

To speak with your counselor, simply stop by the Counseling Center. If not available at that time, please make an appointment!

Today we will:

- Review what YOU need to graduate
- Allow you to begin thinking about the classes you might want to take next year

Talk about what you can be doing **RIGHT NOW** to get the most out of high school **AND** to plan for life after high school.



North Carolina Graduation Requirements

ENGLISH: English I, English II, English III, English IV

4 Credits

MATH: Math I, Math II, Math III, and a fourth math

4 Credits

SCIENCE : Earth Env, Biology, Physical Science OR Chemistry

3 Credits

SOCIAL STUDIES: World History, American History I, American History II,
Civics/Economics (will discuss other options)

4 Credits

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Health/PE

1 Credit

2 Elective Credits: Foreign Language, CTE or Arts

4-Credit “concentration area”

Looking at the front side of your sheet:

- You should have the courses listed for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades
- Your counselor will note the courses in which you earned credit in previous years
- You will see courses you “proposed” last year, and your actual schedule this year.

Note: do not make changes to previous years

Find the 12th grade “Proposed” column. Today we will be working on the classes you PLAN to take. Once your classes are set for 2020-2021, your counselor will list the courses you end up taking in the “Actual” column!

Use a PENCIL!! This is a PLAN....and sometimes a student will change his/her mind.



ENGLISH

Start with English: Which English course will you be in next year? Write it in the 12th grade “proposed” column beside English:

MATH

Which math will you take next year?

Any additional math?

SCIENCE

Which science course (if any)
next year?

Why might you choose to take an additional
science course?



SOCIAL STUDIES

Which social studies course will you take next year?



FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Is foreign language required to graduate?

Why would a student choose to take a foreign language?

HEALTH / PE

Is your Health/PE requirement completed?

Any others you want to take?

How do you choose your other “electives”?

- 2 Electives – can be ANY combination of Foreign Language, Arts, CTE
- 4 Course “concentration area”
- Other things to consider?



What is a “concentration area”?

- 4 credits in arts (with one being a level 2) **or**
- 4 credits in ROTC (with one being a level 2) **or**
- 4 credits in Academics (NOT already listed as “requirements”) **or**
- 4 credits in CTE (with one being a level 2)

For most of you this will happen naturally based on your interests and career goals!!



ARTS

- Art
- Chorus
- Band

Can be any combination as long as one is a level 2!

ROTC

- ROTC I
- ROTC II
- ROTC III
- ROTC IV

ACADEMIC

4 courses in a single academic area, not required for graduation.
Examples include 4 Foreign Languages, 4 Sciences.

Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV

French I, French II, French III, French IV

(Foreign Language can be mixed with at least a level 2)

There MAY be other options for Science and Social Studies utilizing HCC, NCVPS, and AP courses.

CTE “Clusters” such as:

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLUSTERS, THS 2020-21

AGRICULTURE

1. Ag Mechanics 1 & Ag Mechanics 2
2. Ag Mechanics 1 & Ag Mechanics 2, Small Engine
3. Horticulture 1 & Horticulture 2
4. Horticulture 2 & Horticulture 2, Landscaping

Other courses:

- Animal Science 1
- Agriscience

TRADES & INDUSTRY

1. Core Sustainable Construction (9th /10th), Masonry 1, & Masonry 2
2. Drafting 1 & Drafting 2, Architecture
3. Drafting 1 & Drafting 2, Engineering
4. Welding 1 & Welding 2
5. IT Fundamentals, Computer Engineering 1, & (Honors) Computer Engineering 2

Other Courses:

- (Honors) Drafting 3, Architecture

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Other Courses:

- Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, & Publisher (*credential available*)
- (Honors) Microsoft Excel (*credential available*)
- Career Management
- Multimedia
- Accounting 1
- Sports Marketing 1
- Entrepreneurship 1

HEALTH SCIENCE

1. Health Science 1 & Health Science 2

Other Courses:

- Biomedical Technology
- Foundations of Health Science
- (Honors) Nursing Fundamentals (2 credits)

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

1. Foods 1 & (Honors) Foods 2
2. Interior Design 1 & Interior Design 2
3. Apparel 1 & Apparel 2

Other Courses:

- Interior Applications

PUBLIC SAFETY

Other courses:

- Public Safety 1

Opportunities in high school to get ready for CAREER and/or COLLEGE

Honors / Advanced Courses

- More rigorous
- “weighted”

Advanced Placement Courses (college credit awarded based on AP exam score)

- On THS or HCC campus (one semester)
- Online (NCVPS) – year long

CTE

- Articulated credit at HCC (VoCat score and final grade)
- Advanced Studies
- Internships and Apprenticeships

Career and College Promise (HCC): 2.8 GPA and ACT score requirements

- Actual college credits
- Both College Transfer and Career and Technical Programs

NC Academic Scholars Program

- Not required
- Seal on your diploma
- Listed in the graduation bulletin
- Indicates work beyond the “minimum” graduation requirements.

In addition to state graduation requirements:

- 3.5 UNWEIGHTED GPA
- Two credits in the SAME foreign language
- Chemistry
- Three classes in your junior and/or senior year that are “weighted” (i.e. honors / advanced)



CCRG Math & English

Students who have an unweighted GPA between 2.2 and 2.799 as a high school junior are required to take CCRG math and English courses in their senior year.

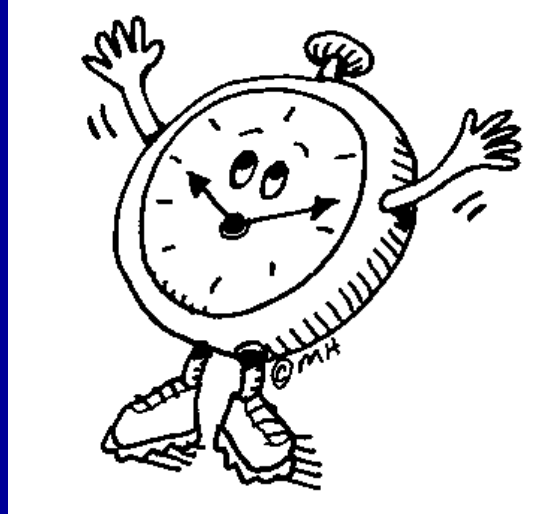
Course of Studies Book



- **How to use:**

- Prerequisites – what courses are needed before?
- Course Availability – which grade?
- Course Description – what is the course about?

Time to Work!!



Using the Course of Studies Book, fill in courses for next year's "proposed" column

- You may look ahead to other grades, but you do not have to!
- Note the back of the sheet: **DO NOT WRITE THERE!** This is where your counselor is recording requirements by category. Notes may be made in concentration area, but they are also in pencil!
- Working document. This is **YOUR** plan!!



FINISH

When done, look at the bottom of the 12th grade box.

- **Write in your concentration area (Arts, ROTC, Academic, or CTE)**
- **Write in you post-secondary plans (as you know them to be as of now)...Trade School/2-Year School/4-Year School, Work, or Military**
- **Write in your Career Interest:**
- ***Sign your name* and date**

Registration



HCC available
February 24th –
27th to answer
questions &
discuss course
options!

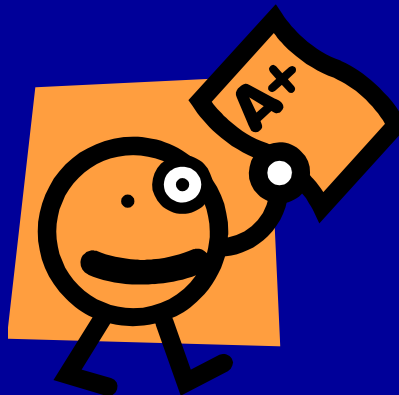
- HCC Eligibility Forms are available NOW!
 - These must be turned in if you are new to the CCP or HCC process!
 - Once you qualify – you will be given an HCC application!
- Applications Available Now (Peer Helping, Annual Publications, & Online NCVPS) on the THS website!
- February 21 – Registration Sheets will be given out in Homeroom
- February 24 – PARENT NIGHT for REGISTRATION
- February 28 – Registration Sheets & Applications will be collected in Homeroom
 - Make sure you pick courses you are happy with as changes are not guaranteed!
 - Late Registration Sheets may have courses chosen for them!
 - Course Selections will be entered into Powerschool based on Student Choices on the Registration Sheets!

Tests?

- Importance of ACT scores, and how they can help you!
 - Scores are used for admissions, placement, and scholarship decisions!
- ALL Juniors will take ACT on February 25th!!!
- Students should plan to test at least twice to optimize scores. This includes SAT if needed for colleges, NCAA, scholarships, etc.

11th Grade Checklist

- ✓ Meet with your school counselor to make sure you are meeting high school graduation and college admissions requirements
 - Maintain your grades and attendance (high school transcript)
 - Take required prerequisites for desired senior courses
 - Challenge yourself academically.
 - Advanced Placement Courses: (+1 point)
 - Honors/Advanced Courses: (+.5 point):
 - Career and College Promise Courses (+1 point)



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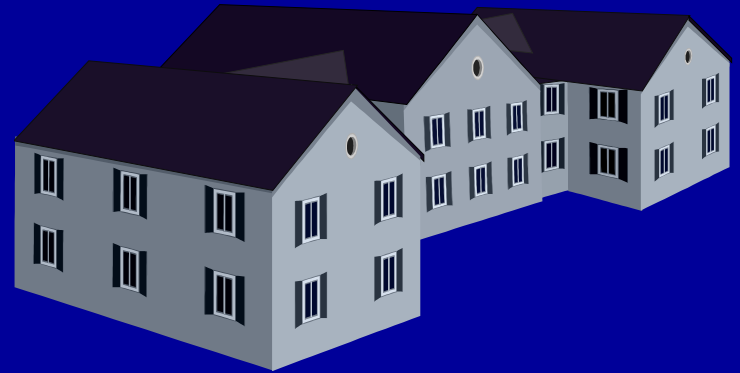
- Progress toward graduation. Must have 20 credits to promote to 12th grade next year (including English 1, 2, and 3: working on concentration area)
- Pre-requisites for courses you want next year
- Courses that will be **REQUIRED** for admissions to college programs that interest you (foreign language, sciences, math, etc.)
- Get serious about your college research: When you return to school in the fall of 12th grade, you should have 3-5 schools in mind. Most 4-year schools expect some application materials to be submitted by Thanksgiving (before that for the more competitive schools), and **SOME** 2-year schools (with the more competitive programs) will expect materials by Christmas!!



11th Grade Checklist

✓ Get serious about college exploration

- “Tour” colleges
- Talk with family and friends
- College admissions tests
 - NCDAP/Accuplacer
 - SAT
 - ACT
- NCAA Eligibility (NAIA Eligibility)
- Compare ***admissions requirements, majors offered, and costs!***



Things to consider when comparing colleges:

- Size of student body
 - Amount of personal attention/class size
 - Number of academic resources (library, labs)
- Academic Majors / Programs offered
- Admissions “requirements”
 - Average SAT/ACT
 - Average grade point average / class rank
- Campus Life
 - Extracurricular activities available
 - Surrounding community
 - Housing / Dormitories
- Location (distance from home, urban/rural, etc.)
- Cost
 - In-state vs. Out-of-state
 - Public vs. Private
 - 2-year vs. 4-year
 - Amount /Type of financial aid typically offered

