

# 4-Year Plan and Graduation Requirements





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**BREAKING  
NEWS**

**THS  
Counseling  
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### Seniors of 2023

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: 1pk3w5

# 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

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 9<sup>th</sup>,
- At the end of this year, your counselor will note the courses in which you earned credit
- Your counselor will note how many credits you earn each year.

Find the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> grade “proposed” column beside English:



# MATH

Which math will you take next year?

Any additional math?

# SCIENCE

Which science course  
will you take next year?



# 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 any single academic area, none of which are required for graduation. Examples include:

- 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
- ~~Ag Science~~  
Agriscience

### TRADES & INDUSTRY

1. *Core Sustainable Construction (9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup>), 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

# 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)



# 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



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

## Haywood Community College – Career & College Promise

### **MUST HAVE:**

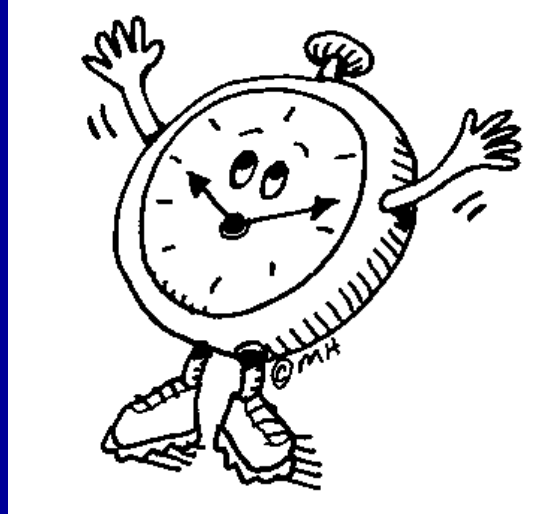
- **AIG Classification in BOTH AIG Areas – Reading & Math**
- **Qualifying Test Scores**
- **Approval Signatures From:**
  - Parent
  - THS Principal
  - County AIG Coordinator
  - HCC President
  - HCC CCP Representative
  
- **PLEASE see your counselor if you think you may qualify & are interested in taking courses through HCC.**

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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



- 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 listed on the Registration Sheets!