

# TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL

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*Haywood County Schools Mission:  
Passionate Work  
Productive Work  
Student Success*

## HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS

With a population of approximately 63,000 people, Haywood is the third-largest county in Western North Carolina; Haywood County Schools is the largest school system west of Buncombe County. Comprised of eight elementary schools, three middle schools, one K-8 charter school, two traditional high schools, an alternative high school, and an early college, Haywood County Schools proudly serves over 6500 students.

Tuscola High School is located about 25 miles west of Asheville, NC, and 20 miles east of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Reservation. Our school was established in 1966 and currently includes grades 9 through 12 serving approximately 880 students. Tuscola transitioned to a 4 by 4 traditional block schedule (from a year-long 7 period day) during the 2015-2016 school year. Classes meet for 85 minutes and credits are awarded at the end of each semester.

Athletic teams compete in the 4A Mountain 8 Athletic Conference. Numerous athletic opportunities are available to our students including football, volleyball, track, cross country, cheer, golf, swim, basketball, wrestling, tennis, baseball, softball, and soccer. Our arts program includes coursework in visual art, vocal music, and music performance: The choral program has two student choirs and an additional auditioned show choir, and our band program includes an award-winning extra-curricular marching band. Additionally, Tuscola currently offers numerous clubs and honor societies for students to become involved.

Our student population is approximately 83% white; 1% each African American, Asian American, American Indian; and 11% Hispanic/Latinx. 47% of Tuscola students qualify for free/reduced lunch; 48% of students in our school system qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Tuscola is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits (Math I, Math II, Math III, and a higher level course for which Math III is a prerequisite)
- 4 Social Studies Credits (World History, American History, Civic Literacy Economics & Personal Finance)
- 3 Science Credits (Earth and Environmental, Biology, and a physical science)
- 1 Health and PE Credit
- 2 Required Electives (Art, CTE, or Foreign Language)
- 4 Elective Credits (a 4-course concentration is recommended in arts, ROTC, and academic area, or a Career Technical Education cluster)
- 22 Total Credits** (Haywood County recommends 28 credits)

Note: College/University bound students are encouraged earn at least two World Language credits

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### Grading Scale

A = 90-100 (4 quality points toward GPA)

B = 80-89 (3 quality points toward GPA)

C = 70-79 (2 quality points toward GPA)

D = 60-69 (1 quality point toward GPA)

F = 59 and below (0 quality points)

### Additional Quality Points Toward “Weighted” Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Advanced/Honors Classes earn an additional ½ quality point
- Advanced Placement (AP) Classes earn an additional 1 quality point
- Career and College Promise (dual enrollment) courses offered through Haywood Community College earn an additional 1 quality point

### AP Courses Offered (2025-2026):

- AP Seminar
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Research
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Biology (off-campus; student must provide transportation)
- AP Chemistry (off-campus; student must provide transportation)
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physic 1: Algebra Based
- AP Statistics
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP United States History
- AP Government & Politics

Note: These classes are offered ONE PERIOD each year: Thus, availability (including course conflicts) is a factor when considering student transcripts.

### Honors/Advanced Courses Offered (2025-2026):

- Honors English 1, 2, 3, 4
- Honors Math 1, 2, 3, 4
- Honors Earth and Environmental, Biology, Chemistry
- Honors World History, American History, Economics & Personal Finance, Civic Literacy
- Southern Appalachian History
- Honors Spanish 3, 4, 5
- Visual Art Advanced, Visual Art Proficient, Vocal Music Advanced, Vocal Music Proficient, Band Advanced, Band Proficient
- Drafting Architecture 1, 2, Nursing Fundamentals, Masonry 1 & 2, Coding in Minecraft Expert, Welding 1, 2, & 3, Interior Digital Applications, Sports Event and Marketing 1 & 2
- ROTC 3 Honors & ROTC 4 Honors
- Leadership Honors
- Internship Honors

Other advanced placement and honors/advanced courses are available through the North Carolina Virtual Public School.

2025 Graduates' Post-Secondary Plans	Student %
Public University	36%
Private University	1.5%
Community College	31%
Trade Schools	2.5%
Military	.5%
Employment	28%
Other	.5%

### 2025 Graduates Are Attending the Following Colleges & Universities and More:

Haywood Community College	Southwestern Community College
Western Carolina University	Campbell University
North Carolina State University	East Tennessee State University
Appalachian State University	Gardner Webb University
Mars Hill University	Clemson University
UNC of Asheville	Lenior-Rhyne University
UNC of Charlotte	UNC of Greensboro
UNC of Chapel Hill	UNC of Wilmington
East Carolina University	Tusculum University
North Carolina State University	Presbyterian College
Southwestern Community College	A-B Technical College
Carson Newman University	University of Kentucky
Cleveland Community College	University of South Carolina

### 2024-2025 ACT Score Information

Group	Composite	Math	Science	English	Reading
North Carolina	18.2	18.3	18.5	16.5	18.8
Tuscola High School	19	18.6	19.4	17.3	20.2

### 2025 Graduates

**Total: 211**

North Carolina Academic Scholars	63
National Honor Society	54
Career & Technical Honor Society	63