

Duplin County Schools Advanced Course Options for Middle School

Middle school students in seventh or eighth grade who demonstrate readiness shall be granted the opportunity to take high school courses. These courses will primarily be offered online through North Carolina Virtual Public Schools. Upon successful completion of the course, the course will appear on the high school transcript and count towards high school graduation requirements, but will not count in the student's high school grade point average.

Process:

1. A parent information letter will be sent home each spring to all 4th and 5th grade students concerning middle school advanced course offerings and criteria.
2. A parent information session will be held at each K-8 school in the spring for 6th & 7th grade students and their parents.
3. Student qualification letters will be distributed by the school counselor to 6th & 7th grade students.
4. Middle school students, who meet the criteria, and his/her parents will sign an agreement indicating their decision regarding registration for high school courses in middle school.
5. Qualifying students may opt to take:
 - a. World History (7th or 8th Grade)
 - b. NC Math 1 (8th Grade)
 - c. Earth Science (8th Grade)
 - d. Foreign Language (7th or 8th Grade)
6. Any student scoring a Level 5 on the 7th Grade Math EOG will be placed in NC Math 1 for the 8th grade year unless a parent/guardian submits in writing the request to enroll in 8th Grade Math.
7. It is recommended that students take no more than 2 high school courses at one time.
8. Any student/parent requesting to register for any courses outside of the courses/criteria/options listed in this document, must do so by submitting a formal request via the *High School Courses in Middle School Request Form* to the school principal. This form is available on the Duplin County Schools website, or may be received from your school counselor. Any such request must be approved by a Duplin County Schools Central Office Curriculum Review Team prior to registration.
9. The School Counselor will serve as the NCVPS E-Learning Advisor for the school.
10. The School Counselor will oversee the registration process; receive newsletters and progress reports each week from NCVPS. School Counselors will work collaboratively with the Principal and Data Manager to disseminate appropriate information as well as ensure students successfully login to their classes by the first day of the course. (This may be prior to the start of the school year or semester.)
11. Any school K-8 principal wishing to offer a high school course(s) face to face must submit the request to the Duplin County Schools Central Office Curriculum Review Team using the *Face to Face High School Course in Middle School Request Form*. This form may be found on the Duplin County Schools Website.
12. Students will **not** be allowed to drop a high school course after the drop/add period. It is the responsibility of the School Counselor to make students/parents aware of this date.
13. High School course averages **will** be included in determining middle school honor rolls, awards, etc.

Course Options and Criteria

NC Math 1 (8th Grade)

- Achievement Level 5 on the 7th Grade Math EOG
- **Or** must meet at least 2 of the following criteria -
- Achievement Level 5 on two of the last three Math EOGs
- 90 or above class average in 7th Grade Math
- AIG Math Identification

World History (7th or 8th grade)

- must meet at least 2 of the following criteria -

7th Grade World History

- 90 or above class average in 6th Grade Social Studies
- AIG Reading Identification
- Level 5 on most recent ELA EOG

8th Grade World History

- 90 or above class average in 7th Grade Social Studies
- AIG Reading Identification
- Level 5 on most recent ELA EOG

Earth Science (8th grade)

- must meet at least 2 of the following criteria -

- Level 5 on 5th Grade Science EOG
- 90 or above class average in 7th Grade Science
- AIG Reading or Math Identification
- Level 5 on ELA EOG

Foreign Language - Spanish or French (7th and/or 8th Grade)

- must meet at least 2 of the following criteria -

- AIG Math or Reading
- Level 5 on most recent ELA or Math EOG
- 90 average of Core subjects in most recent year
- Level 5 on 2 of the last 3 ELA or Math EOGs