



# Middle School Advanced Course Offerings Parent Information

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# Did you know?

**Students in 7th or 8th-grade who demonstrate readiness have the opportunity to take high school courses.**

- Courses primarily offered online through North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS)
- Course will appear on the high school transcript
- Courses will count towards high school graduation requirements
- Courses do **NOT** count in the student's high school grade point average.

# Course Offerings

## 7th Grade

- World History - may replace 7th-grade social studies
- Foreign Language - during resource or after school on your own

## 8th Grade

- NC Math 1 - replaces 8th-grade math
- World History - during resource or after school on your own
- Earth/Environmental Science - during resource or after school on your own
- Foreign Language - during resource or after school on your own

# World History Criteria

## **Must meet 2 of the 3 criteria**

- 90 or above class average in most recent social studies course
- AIG Reading Identification
- Level 5 on most recent ELA EOG

# Earth/Environmental Science Criteria

## **Must meet 2 of the 3 criteria**

- 90 or above class average in most recent science course
- AIG Reading or Math Identification
- Level 5 on ELA EOG

# NC Math 1 Criteria

→ 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 3 Math EOGs
- 90 or above class average 7th Grade Math
- AIG Math Identification

# Foreign Language Criteria

## **Must meet at least 2 of the 4 criteria**

- Level 5 on two of the last 3 ELA or Math EOGs
- 90 or above average in ELA, math, science, **and** social studies in most recent years
- AIG Reading Or Math Identification
- Level 5 on most recent ELA or Math EOG

**May only register for Spanish or French**

# Terms & Acronyms

## AP Courses (Advanced Placement)

- Often Yearlong, high rigor, high school courses equivalent to college/university courses
- Students must score a 3 or higher on the AP exam to earn college credit.
- Available face-to-face at some schools; others through NCVPS

## CCP Courses (Career & College Promise)

- College transfer and career and technical education pathways are available.
- Taken either face-to-face or online through James Sprunt Community College.
- Grade of C or higher will transfer to most colleges/universities

## Honors Courses

- High school courses with increased rigor and higher expectations





# Graduation Requirements

- 28 Credits (32 credit opportunities)
  - 4 English
  - 4 Math
  - 4 History
  - 3 Science
  - 9th Grade Health/PE
  - 2 course concentration (Foreign Language, CTE or Arts)
  - 2 course STEAMA Pathway (2 sequential courses in same subject area)
  - Beginning in fall 2022, students entering Grade 6 and subsequently entering Grade 9 for the first time in 2025-26 shall have at least one arts education course in grades 6-12.

22 credits + 6 electives

# Option Considerations

## Pursuing Advanced Courses

- More flexibility to take AP and college courses in high school
  - Most AP courses are year long
- More flexibility to explore electives & STEAMA pathways
- Counts towards high school credits
- Classes are primarily offered online via NCVPS
- May have empty spaces in schedules during Jr/Sr. year if they do not pursue AP, college, or elective courses
- Math courses may need to be spread out over the four years
- Grades earned will remain on transcript, but do not count toward GPA

## No Advanced Courses

- Equivalent courses offered face-to-face during high school
- HS Honors course equivalents, which have higher quality points (0.5)
- Less opportunity to pursue AP, college, which have higher quality points (1.0)
- Less opportunity to pursue electives
- Grades earned in high school equivalents will count towards GPA

# College Transfer Course Criteria

## 9th and 10th Grade

- Be gifted in Reading **and** Math as defined by local policy
- Must be college-ready by showing demonstration of readiness in English, Reading, **and** Mathematics by meeting benchmarks on diagnostic assessment tests which have been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges
- Have the recommendation of the principal, AIG coordinator, and College President attesting to student maturity
- Have consent of the child's Parent/Guardian
- Must participate in academic advising meeting with counselor and college advisors

## 11th and 12th Grade

- **Junior Requirements:**
  - ◆ Be in 11th Grade
  - ◆ Have a 3.0 unweighted GPA OR
  - ◆ Qualifying Test Score as defined by NCCC System
- **Senior Requirements:**
  - ◆ Be in 12th Grade
  - ◆ Have a 2.8 unweighted GPA OR
  - ◆ Qualifying Test Score as defined by NCCC System

# CTE College Course Criteria

## 9th and 10th Grade

- Recommendation of the HS Principal AND,
- Recommendation of the Community Colleges Chief Academic Officer AND,
- C or better and EOC score of 3, 4, or 5, for NC Math 1 AND EOG score of 3, 4, or 5 for 8th Grade ELA Assessment.
- Only allowed to enroll in pathways that are not offered through the HS CTE programs at their school.
  - ◆ Accounting
  - ◆ Welding- Must be 16 years of age
  - ◆ Business Administration

## 11th and 12th Grade

- **Junior CTE Requirements -**
  - ◆ Must have a 3.0 unweighted GPA **OR**
  - ◆ Recommendation of the HS Principal **AND**, Recommendation of the Community Colleges Chief Academic Officer
- **Senior CTE Requirements -**
  - ◆ Must have a 2.8 unweighted GPA **OR**
  - ◆ Recommendation of the HS Principal **AND**, Recommendation of the Community Colleges Chief Academic Officer

# Questions to Consider

- Do you anticipate your student taking AP courses in high school?
- Do you anticipate your student taking more than 10 college/elective courses in high school, including possible CCP pathways?
- Do you anticipate your student taking 6-8 personal interest elective courses? (Advanced PE, Band, Chorus, Art, Journalism, CTE, etc.)
- What are your student's subject areas strengths and weaknesses?

## **FAQ Document**