

FAQ SECONDARY REGISTRATION

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Future-Ready Core Course and Credit Requirements:

Secondary Planning Guide Links: <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/16>

What are the Promotion Requirements?

From Grade	Promotion Criteria	Credits
9	English I, two credits in the areas of mathematics, social studies, or science, and three additional credits	6
10	English II, one credit in mathematics, one in social studies, one in science, and two additional credits	12
11	English III and enrollment in a program which, if successfully accomplished, will result in the completion of graduation requirements	18

*Check the High School Planning Guide for Early Colleges, Academies, and Alternative Schools requirements

What are the Future-Ready Core Course/Credit Requirements? (Beginning 2012-2013)

English	English I	English II	English III	English IV
Mathematics	NC Math 1	NC Math 2	NC Math 3	Math beyond NC Math 3
Science	Earth/Environmental	Biology	A Physical Science	
Social Studies	World History	American History I	American History II	Civics & Economics
Health/Physical Ed.	Healthful Living	-	-	-
Specific Electives	2 credits (CTE, Arts, Second Languages)	4 Elective credits (CTE, JROTC, Arts, any other subject areas)	-	-
Additional Electives	4 credits	-	-	-

*UNC Minimum Requirements-2 years of another language

What are the current Quality Points? (Beginning 2015-2016)

Letter Grade	Standard Courses	Honors Courses	AP Courses
A	4	4.5	5
B	3	3.5	4
C	2	2.5	3
D	1	1.5	2
F	0	0	0

What is the new Grading Scale? (Beginning 2015-2016)

A= 90-100 B= 80-89 C= 70-79 D= 60-69 F= less than 60

I= Incomplete WP= Withdrawal, no penalty WF= Withdrawal with penalty

What are the four End-of-Course Tests? NC Math 1 / NC Math 3 / Biology / English II

Standard vs. Honors vs. AP / What is best?

Courses become more rigorous and challenging at the higher levels.

Typically, you should go with the harder level class if you think you can earn a B or **higher** because generally, most colleges would rather see a B in an **Honors** or AP course **than** a set of straight A's in **college prep** classes.

How many AP courses should I take? Depends on the college/university; check with a college representative.

Early Graduation / Mid-Year Graduation

Check the High School Planning Guide for complete details and schedule an appointment with your school counselor to work out the details. (<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/16>)

What are Key Timeline Items to Consider in High School?

<u>Freshmen</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with school counselor and map out four-year schedule of recommended courses • Consider taking the PSAT/NMSQT & start exploring colleges/universities • Read, read, and read some more to make your best grades
<u>Sophomore</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for college preparatory courses; consider AP courses • Schedule appointment with your school counselor to discuss college plans & do college visits • Get involved with extracurricular activities and community service; explore summer opportunities
<u>Junior</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the ACT in the Fall; take the SAT in the Spring • Continue to explore colleges/universities • Start requesting college/university applications and/or review online • Attend college essay workshop
<u>Senior</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete your senior interview with school counselor • Take the ACT/SAT • Continue to visit colleges/universities • Complete college/university applications • Meet with Financial Aid Counselor; Apply for Scholarships

What Courses Should be Considered When Registering for Next School Year? (Schedule an appointment with your school counselor)

<p><u>English Language</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> English I (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> English II (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> English III (Honors/AP) <input type="checkbox"/> English IV (Honors/AP)</p> <p>*When choosing electives, check out more English Language Arts courses too!</p> <p>*Check out World Languages as well. Such as, Spanish, French, Latin, German, Japanese, etc. Most colleges/universities require 2-3 years of a World Language.</p>
<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 1 <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 2 (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 3 (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Math (Above NC Math 3) _____</p> <p>*Finished all your Math requirements? Check out the Math electives beyond NC Math 3...Dual Enrollment-NC State? Wake Tech?</p>
<p><u>Science</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Environmental (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Biology (Honors/AP) <input type="checkbox"/> A Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics, or Physical Science/Honors/AP)</p> <p>*Finished all your Science requirements? Check out the cool Science electives.</p>
<p><u>Social Studies</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World History (Honors/AP) <input type="checkbox"/> American History I (Honors) & <input type="checkbox"/> American History II (Honors/AP) <input type="checkbox"/> Civics & Economics (Honors/AP)</p> <p>*Finished all your Social Studies requirements? Check out other Social Studies of the World.</p>
<p><u>Health & Physical Education</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Healthful Living</p> <p>*Need more exercise and Health Education? Check out the rigorous Health/Physical Education electives.</p>
<p><u>Specific Electives / 6 Credits</u></p> <p>2 Elective credits from any combination: Career Technical Education, Arts Education, Second Languages</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>4 Elective credits recommended from the following: Career Technical Education, JROTC, Arts Education, any other subject areas</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
<p><u>Additional Electives / 4 Credits</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>