



HRHS Course Options for 10th – 12th graders

WE ASK ALL STUDENTS TO CHOOSE THEIR COURSES CAREFULLY. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS.

Grade Level Advisement

- ▶ Students will be attending grade level assemblies to go over graduation requirements and course options:
 - ▶ Through our Academy of Hospitality and Tourism
 - ▶ All available courses at HRHS (AP, honors, regular, etc.)
 - ▶ Online (www.ncvps.org) if they want a class not offered at HRHS
 - ▶ For rising 11th and 12th Career and College Promise classes at RCCC or online (high school **and college** credit)



Registration Packets



- ▶ Students received this week:
 - ▶ A list of course options for next year
 - ▶ Information about honors, AP, NCVPS, CCP, etc.
 - ▶ An individualized letter about their date and time for the computer lab (to choose courses)
 - ▶ An AP Letter if they already met “AP Potential” benchmarks through PSAT Scores
 - ▶ An AIG letter if they are AIG in Reading or Math
 - ▶ Rising Juniors and Seniors:
 - ▶ A letter about blended learning for Honors American History I and II
 - ▶ A CCP Letter if they already met “CCP Potential” benchmarks through Pre-ACT Scores
 - ▶ A CCP User Agreement Form
 - ▶ Rising Seniors:
 - ▶ Their date and time for an **individual** appointment
 - ▶ Flex Form (in case they are interested in flexing)

Selection of courses

- ▶ Students will be coming into computer labs or the media center soon through their second period classes.
- ▶ They are asked to print their course selections twice, one for them and one for their counselor. We check behind them to see if they are making appropriate choices based on grades in previous classes, requirements for graduation, etc.
- ▶ If you or your child want to make a change to their schedule, write the change on their registration form and turn it in to the guidance office as soon as possible.



Regular or Honors Level Classes

Some students will consider taking Honors level classes...but should they?

We ask students to consider these clues to their honors potential:

- ✓ **Are they a strong student in that subject?** They have to have achieved an 80 or better in an Honors Class or have a 90 average in regular classes.
- ✓ **Are they willing to do more than the minimum amount of work required?**
- ✓ **Do they look for challenges outside of class?**
- ✓ **Are they always prepared?**

**If they currently do not have the prerequisite for the honors level course, we will put them in the regular level course until they return a waiver signed by you (1-2 days after their group registration meeting).

Required English Classes

There are four required English classes:

- ▶ English I
- ▶ English II or Honors English II
- ▶ English III, Honors, or AP English Language
- ▶ English IV, Honors, or AP English Literature

English Electives

▶ Students can take an additional English class as an elective:

- ▶ Speech and Debate
- ▶ Speech and Debate II (Honors)-description to follow
- ▶ Mythology
- ▶ Creative Writing
- ▶ Yearbook (online application required)
- ▶ Intro to Broadcasting (online application required),
Broadcasting II, III, or IV

*If they pick a course that requires an application but they do not get in, we will put them in one of their **alternates!**

Required Math Classes

Every year, students should take at least one math course. Which one depends on how they are doing in their current math class. Here are the options:

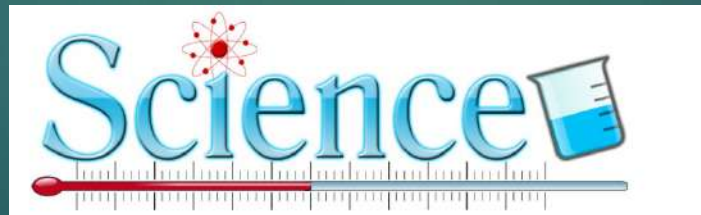
- ▶ NC Math I (taken in 9th grade)
- ▶ NC Math II or Honors NC Math II
- ▶ NC Math III or Honors NC Math III
- ▶ Advanced Functions and Modeling (AFM)
- ▶ Discrete Math (Honors)
- ▶ Pre-Calculus (Honors)
- ▶ Honors Calculus/AP Calculus AB *1st semester/2nd semester pairing
- ▶ AP Calculus AB/BC *1st semester/2nd semester pairing
- ▶ AP Statistics



Required Science Classes

There are three required Science Classes:

- ▶ Earth/Environmental Science or Honors Earth/Environmental
- ▶ Biology or Honors Biology
- ▶ A physical science: Physical Science, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, or Honors Physics



Science Electives

- ▶ Students can take another science **in addition** to their required science class, if they wish (colleges will like it):
- ▶ Here are the options:
 - ▶ Forensic Science (Honors-Seniors only)
 - ▶ Chemistry or Honors Chemistry
 - ▶ Human Anatomy (Honors)
 - ▶ Physics or Honors Physics
 - ▶ AP Physics I/AP Physics II *1st semester/2nd semester pairing
 - ▶ AP Environmental
 - ▶ AP Biology, AP Chemistry *both yearlong

Required Social Studies Classes

- ▶ There are four required social studies classes:
 - ▶ World History or Honors World History
 - ▶ AH Civics or Honors AH Civics
 - ▶ American History I or Honors *will be blended on an A/B day (you can not pick your day)
 - ▶ American History II or Honors *will be blended on an A/B day (you can not pick your day)
 - ▶ AP US History *yearlong (needs 4th social studies elective)



Social Studies Electives



- Students can take another social studies class, **in addition** to the required class, if they wish. Their choices are:
 - Current Events
 - Old Testament or Advanced Old
 - New Testament or Advanced New
 - Holocaust & Genocide
 - Women in World History – description to follow
 - AP US Government and Politics –description to follow
 - AP European (juniors and seniors only)
 - AP Psychology (seniors only)
 - AP World History *yearlong (sophomores only)

World Languages

- ▶ World Languages are NOT a graduation requirement.
- ▶ However, students need to take at least TWO World Languages in order to go to a four-year NC college/university
- ▶ Many colleges recommend a third level (it is an honors course)
- ▶ Colleges like to see a World Language in their senior year, so consider how many credits in World Languages they expect to get. Their options are:
 - ▶ Spanish I, II, III, IV, AP Spanish
 - ▶ French I, II, III, IV



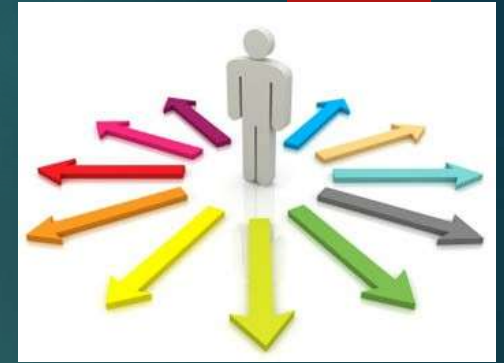
Health/PE Courses & Electives

- ▶ Health/PE *required for graduation
- ▶ Advanced PE
- ▶ Modern Fitness (Females)
- ▶ Strength and Conditioning (Male Athlete Weight Training)
*recommended for both semesters for football players
- ▶ Men's Weight Training
- ▶ Women's Weight Training
- ▶ Sports Medicine I and II
- ▶ Sports Medicine III (teacher approval)

Cultural Arts Classes

- ▶ Consider these Art classes:
 - ▶ **Visual Art** (Beginning-Art I, Intermediate-Art II, Proficient-Art III, Advanced-Art IV), **AP Studio Art**
 - ▶ **Painting**-Intermediate (preferred before Visual Art Proficient-Art III)
 - ▶ **Ceramics** (Beginning-Ceramics I, Intermediate-Ceramics II, Proficient-Ceramics III, Advanced-Ceramics IV), **Sculpture I** (Beginning), **Sculpture II** (Intermediate)
 - ▶ **Theatre** (***Fundamentals and Foundations*** in Theatre Beginning-Theatre I, Theatre Application Intermediate-Theatre II, Theatre Application Proficient-Theatre III), **Tech Theatre Intermediate-Tech Theatre I, Tech Theatre Proficient II-Tech Theatre II, or Musical Theatre**
 - ▶ **Mixed Chorus** (Beginning, Intermediate) **Chamber Choir** (Intermediate) **should be both semesters *Audition/Director approval
 - ▶ **Band** (Concert, Symphonic-Intermediate, Wind Ensemble-Proficient) **could be both semesters *Audition/Director approval
 - ▶ **Advanced Music Theory/AP Music Theory** – yearlong course

Other Electives



- ▶ There are several miscellaneous electives students can choose from:
 - ▶ Leadership (online application required)
 - ▶ Office/Media Assistant
 - ▶ Does not receive credit
 - ▶ Online application required
 - ▶ Cannot choose which placement-office or media
 - ▶ JROTC (at JM Robinson)

Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

- ▶ Current 9th grade Academy Students:
 - ▶ Please select AOF Principles of Finance/AOF Business Economics
 - ▶ Consider ProStart I – description to follow
 - ▶ Consider Spanish I
- ▶ Current 10th grade Academy Students:
 - ▶ Please select AOHT Hospitality Marketing AND AOHT Sports, Entertainment, and Event Planning
 - ▶ Consider Culinary I
 - ▶ Consider Spanish II
- ▶ Current 11th grade Academy Students:
 - ▶ Please select Entrepreneurship I
 - ▶ Consider Culinary II
 - ▶ Consider Spanish III



New Courses Offered

English:

Speech and Debate II (Honors)

This course further develops skills in communication, logic, and reasoning learned in Speech and Debate I. Students continue to refine diction, articulation, enunciation, and projection skills while applying more advanced techniques of public speaking. Students also continue to refine researching, argumentation, questioning, and rebuttal skills. Students exhibit personal responsibility through independent learning as they specialize in at least one area of focus (event). Additionally, students exhibit team/collaborative responsibility and develop skills of evaluation and analysis of performances through the participation in required, in-class assignments. Students are expected to participate in Speech and Debate (Forensic) competitions.

▶ **Social Studies:**

Women in World History

This course is a survey of women's history from ancient civilizations to the role of women in the 20th century. The course is divided into units. Students will study the general history (major conflicts and changes) and then evaluate the role of women during that time period. A large ongoing project will be submitted and presented.

AP US Government and Politics (pre-req of H Civics)

Students will be given an analytical perspective on government and politics in the US. Students become familiar with the institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas of political reality in today's nation. The course covers the Constitution and its foundation, political beliefs and behaviors, political parties and interest groups, and civil rights and I



- ▶ **ProStart I (pre-req of Food and Nutrition I)**
- ▶ This course allows students to survey culinary techniques and restaurant management skills. Students learn about the industry, food and kitchen safety, kitchen and management foundations, front-of house operations, and basic food preparation including salads, sandwiches, baked goods, and stocks, sauces, and soups. Students also learn communication skills, professional expectations and how to build a food service career. Students should complete 200 hours of the required 400-hour, one-credit internship which will lead to the National ProStart Certificate of Achievement. English, language arts, and mathematics are reinforced.
- ▶ **CHANGE:** Multimedia and Webpage Design is now HONORS

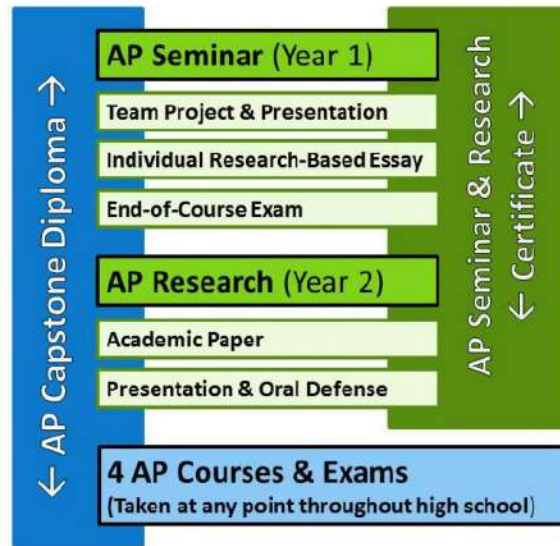
AP Courses

- ▶ AP courses are college level classes taught at HRHS. These classes are very challenging and after taking an AP exam, students COULD earn college credit.
- ▶ Students will receive 1 quality point into their GPA for taking a college level course
- ▶ List of AP courses:
 - ▶ AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Spanish Language
 - ▶ AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics
 - ▶ AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental, AP Physics I and II
 - ▶ AP European, AP Psychology, AP US Government and Politics, AP US History, AP World History
 - ▶ AP Art, AP Music Theory
 - ▶ AP Seminar

AP Capstone Diploma for rising 10th graders

AP Capstone is an innovative diploma program from the College Board that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges.





- ▶ AP Seminar will be paired with AP World History as a year-long course for 10th grade students (on an A/B day) that investigates real-world issues from multiple perspectives. Students learn to synthesize information from different sources, develop their own lines of reasoning in research-based written essays, and design and deliver oral and visual presentations, both individually and as part of a team.
- ▶ After AP Seminar, students will take AP Research in Junior Year

AP Pairings:

- ▶ **Students should pick what AP classes they want to take.** Some of the classes may be paired, some may be stand alone. We will know once we build the master schedule. It's based on student course requests.
- ▶ If AP classes are paired together, they will meet every other day (A/B schedule) for the entire school year.
- ▶ **Only standard pairs:** AP World History/AP Seminar (sophomores), AP English Language/AP US History (juniors)
- ▶ By semesters: Honors Calculus/AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Physics I/II, and Music Theory/AP Music Theory.
- ▶ Yearlong: AP Biology (1 credit) and AP Chemistry (1 credit) will not be paired as an A/B day and will meet every day for the entire year.

Career Clusters

A letter was given to each rising senior about what cluster they are headed towards.

- ▶ Every student must have a career cluster by the time they graduate
- ▶ **A career cluster has 4 classes in a specific area of interest**
- ▶ 14 different career clusters:
 - ▶ Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
 - ▶ Hospitality and Tourism
 - ▶ Arts, Audio/Video Tech and Communication
 - ▶ Business Management and Administration
 - ▶ Science, Tech, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - ▶ Health Sciences
 - ▶ Finance
 - ▶ Human Services
 - ▶ Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
 - ▶ Architecture and Construction
 - ▶ Marketing
 - ▶ JROTC
 - ▶ Fine Arts-Chorus, Drama, Visual Arts, Broadcasting, Band
 - ▶ World Languages



Exceptional Children



- ▶ If your child has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), we will work closely with Ms. Kirby, our EC Chair, to schedule your child in classes that follow their IEP.
- ▶ You will have a transition meeting with your child's case manager in April or May, where next year's classes will be discussed.

North Carolina Virtual Public Schools Online Classes (NCVPS)

- ▶ This is an online option for high school credit that requires self-discipline, strong reading and writing skills, and motivation to monitor your own progress. Students can take these classes during the school year during the regular school day, after school at home in addition to the classes you are taking at HRHS, or at home during the summer.

- ▶ Consider VPS when:
 - ▶ **1)** They want to take a class that isn't offered at HRHS
 - ▶ **2)** They want to retake a course they failed (retake over the summer)

*If they are interested in a VPS course, they should choose **“Placeholder NCVPS”** as one of their courses and we will send them a user agreement. Fill out the user agreement and return to guidance within 1-2 days. They have not officially chosen the VPS course until they return their user agreement. We cannot guarantee which period they will have the course and they may have to take it in the learning lab.

www.NCVPS.org

- ▶ The list of classes through NCVPS continually changes but you can see their course offerings AND descriptions of the classes at:
- ▶ www.ncvps.org
- ▶ They have regular, honors and AP offerings.
- ▶ ALL AP classes offered through NCVPS are yearlong. The only ones students can take are ones we do not offer at HRHS.
- ▶ Please keep in mind these courses are currently free to the student, but the county may run out of funding so it is not guaranteed. Returning the user agreement form quickly helps!
- ▶ Because online classes are not for everyone, we do require a parent signature on the form.

Just to name a few options on NCVPS...

- ▶ SAT or ACT Prep
- ▶ Art of Digital Photography I and II (pre-req of Art I)
- ▶ Art of Game Design
- ▶ Art of Fashion Design
- ▶ Computer Programming I
- ▶ SAS Computer Programming
- ▶ E-Commerce I Honors
- ▶ African American Studies
- ▶ Medieval Studies



Career and College Promise

- ▶ Information about this program can be found at:
- ▶ www.rccc.edu/ccp

Qualified NC high school juniors and seniors can get a jump start on their two year or four year college coursework while still in high school.



Career and College Promise

www.rccc.edu/ccp

RCCC College Transfer Classes:

- ▶ This program allows juniors and seniors to take classes for high school credit **as well as college credit**. These classes are offered online or at RCCC. Students will receive 1 quality point in their GPA (just like an AP class).

RCCC Career Technical Classes:

- ▶ This program allows juniors and seniors to take classes for high school credit as well as college credit. These classes are offered online or at RCCC.

Students must: Have a 3.0 GPA or higher, have strong self-discipline, **meet testing benchmarks**, and enroll in one program of study.



Career and College Promise

- ▶ If students are interested in a CCP course, they **must** choose “**CCP Placeholder**” as one of their courses and return the user agreement they received as part of their registration packet.
- ▶ Return the user agreement to guidance within 1-2 days. They have not officially chosen the CCP course until they return their user agreement.
- ▶ All students who select CCP Placeholder and return the user agreement will be asked to attend an RCCC advisory meeting.
- ▶ They will not be placed in the CCP course until they return a packet of RCCC registration materials, meet all GPA and testing benchmarks, register with RCCC, etc.
- ▶ We cannot guarantee which period they will have an online course and they may have to take it in the learning lab (YES Center).

Testing Benchmarks

College Readiness (Test Scores)

College Readiness* Benchmarks on Approved Diagnostic Assessment Tests

TEST	PLAN	Pre-ACT (as of Oct. 2016)	PSAT (prior to Oct. 2015)	PSAT (as of Oct. 2015)	NCDAP
<i>English</i>	15	18	45	26	DRE Composite score of 151 or higher
<i>Reading</i>	18	22	47	26	DRE Composite score of 151 or higher
<i>Mathematics</i>	19	22	47	24.5	7 or above on DMA sections 010-060

In addition to the diagnostic assessments above, students may use the following SAT and ACT scores recommended by the testing companies as benchmarks for college readiness:*

SAT (pre-March 2016)		SAT (March 2016 and after)		ACT	
<i>English</i>	500	<i>Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</i>	480	<i>English</i>	18
<i>Critical Reading</i>	500			<i>Reading</i>	22
<i>Mathematics</i>	500	<i>Mathematics</i>	530	<i>Mathematics</i>	22

Besides a 3.0 GPA, students have to show that they are career and college ready by meeting testing benchmarks.

Ways to take classes through CCP

- ▶ HS Dedicated Classes: these classes are offered on the CCS calendar (so they begin and end around our schedule)
- ▶ Online: the majority of our students take online, HS dedicated courses
- ▶ Seated Classes: some students prefer face to face, direct instruction from a teacher and they prefer to attend classes at RCCC.
 - ▶ Just be careful with these and know the start date! These will be on the RCCC calendar and their semester starts before ours.



HS Dedicated Online Courses

Student's Name: _____ Term: _____ School ID #: _____

Course	Course Title	Online	Campus Time
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry		
ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines		
COM 231	Public Speaking		
ART 111	Art Appreciation		
HIS 131	American History I		
HIS 132	American History II		
POL 120	American Government		
PSY 150	General Psychology		
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology		
MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra		
MAT 172	Precalculus Trigonometry		
AST 151 & 151A	General Astronomy I & General Astronomy I Lab		
BIO 110	Principles of Biology		
ACA 122	College Transfer Success		
SPA 111	Elementary Spanish I		
SPA 112	Elementary Spanish II		

*Other courses are available as seated courses.

*Subject to change as we do not have an official offering yet for next year's courses.

Struggling in a class?

- ▶ The state of North Carolina has recently passed a policy that states a student can **suppress** a failing grade in a course and the new grade will be the one that counts in the student's GPA.
 - ▶ The original grade will not affect the GPA once the new grade is attained.
 - ▶ A code of "GS" Grade Suppression will appear on the transcript for the original grade
 - ▶ If a student is struggling in a course and wants to take the class again, please have them register for the course again when picking classes.
 - ▶ The other way a student can get credit in that failed course is through Credit Recovery, which gives a "P" for Passing, but does not affect the GPA.

Reminders....

- ▶ Rising seniors cannot sign up for 1st level courses (unless they sign up for 1st and 2nd level)
- ▶ Make sure students pick their ALTERNATES wisely too! Students are often placed in one of their alternates due to other scheduling conflicts.
- ▶ Seniors should be VERY careful before choosing FLEX. **We cannot guarantee which period they will have FLEX.**
- ▶ Seniors were given a **FLEX form** in their registration packet that they need to sign and bring with them when they register in the computer lab.
- ▶ What do colleges say about FLEX?
 - ▶ “We tell students that they should definitely take a **full course load** and challenge themselves...College admissions has become increasingly competitive and students who **challenge themselves academically** are preparing themselves for collegiate level work.”
-UNC Wilmington, Office of Admission
 - ▶ “When we review a student’s application file, the senior year schedule is one of the core pieces we take into consideration. A weak senior year schedule (more non-academic courses/FLEX periods than academic classes) is considered **a real red flag** in this review process.”
-UNC Greensboro, Assistant Director of Admission

Questions?

- ▶ Reminder: if students want to make any changes they need to turn in their registration form signed by a parent with the changes written on it 1-2 days from the day of their registration appointment.
- ▶ Otherwise they will just keep their form.
- ▶ It is MUCH easier to make a change NOW than to wait until summer or their schedule change time. NOW is when we are trying to build the master schedule based on the current course selections.

