



# HRHS Course Options for rising 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

PLEASE CHOOSE COURSES  
CAREFULLY! IT IS VERY IMPORTANT  
TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS  
DURING REGISTRATION.

# Grade level Advisement

- Each grade level has a specific video and the necessary forms to make wise decisions. It is posted in each student's grade level Canvas Course and on the registration page of the Student Services website. It includes:
  - All available courses at HRHS (AP, honors, CTE, etc.)
  - Online classes through NCVPS.
  - For rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, dual enrollment Career and College Promise (CCP) classes.
- There is also a "Registration To Do List"



Registration To Do List for the 2021-22 School Year

**Considering Options for Course Selections**

- Watch your Grade Level's Advisement Video
- Check out the course options sheet to know what is available.
- Consider using the Planning Sheet to organize your thoughts.
- Consider using the Four-Year Plan to know what is required.

**Select Courses through Power School**

- Be sure you know your PS password.
- If you do not remember it, please ask a teacher to reset it.
- Watch "How to Register for Classes in PS" Video
- Don't forget: Pick 8 courses and 3 alternate classes.

**Registration Forms**

- If you are choosing a class you do not have the pre-req for, please submit a waiver to your counselor.
- Remember if you are signing up for a class with an application, that you fill it out (pick an alternate you want in case you do not get the class)
- Check out the NCVPS User Agreement if interested in a VPS class
- Be sure to select "Placeholder NCVPS" as a course request

**Career and College Promise (RCCC) -Rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades only**

- Be sure to watch the "CCP Advisement" Video
- And watch "How to Register for CCP" Video
- Turn in the CCP User Agreement Form
- Select "CCP Placeholder" as a course request
- Follow the instructions for all the other steps to register for RCCC



# Selection of courses

- ▶ Students can pick classes until Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ They must know how to log in to PS and a teacher can reset their password if needed.
- ▶ Students will pick:
  - ▶ 8 primary choices and 3 alternates. These choices tell us how many sections of each class we should build into the master schedule. Classes that many students select will get more sections; classes that few students select will get fewer or no sections. Selecting carefully now helps ensure the classes you want are offered.
- ▶ Counselors check each student's selections to be sure they have taken the prerequisite classes; that they are meeting graduation requirements and that previous grades indicate that they can be successful in the courses.

# Regular or Honors Level Classes ?

## Honors can be a good choice if...

- ✓ The student has achieved an 80 or better average in a previous honors class or a 90 or better average in a previous regular class in the same subject.
- ✓ The student is willing to work hard and go beyond the minimum.
- ✓ The student likes to be challenged and does not give up easily.
- ✓ The student is always prepared for class with homework and supplies.

If a student selects an honors class but does not meet the criteria, the student will be placed in a regular course until a **waiver form** is signed by a parent. The waiver requires the student remain in the honors course once it has started, so submit a waiver only if you are sure your student is ready to commit to the higher expectations.

# Required English Classes

There are four required English classes:

- ▶ English I (regular or honors)
- ▶ English II (regular or honors)
- ▶ English III (regular / honors) or AP English Language
- ▶ English IV (regular / honors) or AP English Literature



# Required Math Classes

Students must complete 4 math classes to graduate

- ▶ NC Math I (regular or honors)
- ▶ NC Math II (regular or honors)
- ▶ NC Math III (regular or honors)
- ▶ A 4<sup>th</sup> math. Choices are:
  - ▶ NC Math IV (regular or honors). For students considering careers not emphasizing Science, technology, engineering or Math.
  - ▶ Discrete Math for Computer Science Honors. For students considering careers in technology.
  - ▶ Pre-Calculus Honors. For students considering careers in STEM fields.



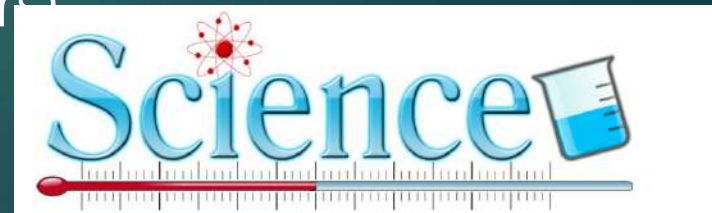
# Additional Math Options

- Honors Calculus/AP Calculus AB \*1<sup>st</sup> semester/2<sup>nd</sup> semester pairing. Take Pre-Calculus Honors first. These two classes together equal Calculus 1.
- AP Calculus AB/BC \*1<sup>st</sup> semester/2<sup>nd</sup> semester pairing. Take Calculus Honors first. These two classes together equal Calculus 2.
- AP Statistics. Take Honors Math 3 first. This class could serve as 4<sup>th</sup> math.

# Required Science Classes

There are three required Science Classes:

- Earth/Environmental Science (regular or honors)
- Biology (regular or honors)
- Choose one Physical Science:
  - Physical Science
  - Chemistry (regular or honors)
  - Physics (regular or honors)





# Science Electives

Taking more science classes looks great on college applications! Choices are:

- Forensic Science Honors (Seniors only): do well in Chemistry first
- Chemistry (regular or honors); do well in Math 2 first
- Anatomy & Physiology Honors: do well in Chemistry first
- Physics or Honors Physics: do well in Math 3 first
- AP Physics I: do well in Pre-Calc first
- AP Physics II
- AP Environmental: do well in Honors Chemistry first
- AP Biology, AP Chemistry \*both yearlong

# Required Social Studies Classes

**Students currently in 10-11<sup>th</sup> grades:** must complete WH, Civics, AH I & II or AP US and a 4<sup>th</sup> SS

**Students currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** must complete WH, Civics/Civic Literacy, American History (or APUSH) and Personal Finance

- AP World History can count as the WH requirement (for those who took H Civics as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader)
- AP US History (replaces AH1 & 2)

\*additional 4<sup>th</sup> social studies elective required

# Social Studies Electives



For those who take APUSH and need a fourth SS class. The choices are:

- Current Events
- Holocaust & Genocide
- AP European History
- AP US Government and Politics
- AP Psychology (Seniors only)

# World Languages

World Language classes are NOT a high school graduation requirement, but...

- Students who plan to attend a four-year college or university must take a level 1 and level 2 class in the same language to be eligible to apply.
- Many colleges recommend a third World Language course.
- Colleges like to see a World Language in senior year.
- HRHS offers Spanish I – IV and French I - IV

# Classes with Applications

▶ Introduction to Broadcasting

▶ Leadership

▶ Office/Media Assistant

▶ Does not receive credit

▶ Cannot choose where placed (Front office, Student Services or Media Center)

▶ Sports Medicine 3

▶ Yearbook

▶ JROTC - at JM Robinson.

▶ Student must provide one-way transportation.

▶ HRHS provides transportation to JM Robinson for a 4<sup>th</sup> period class and from JM Robinson for a 1<sup>st</sup> period class.

Be sure to fill out the application and pick a class you would take IF you didn't get in.




# AP Courses

- AP courses are **college level** classes taught at HRHS. After scoring a level 3 or higher on the AP exam and passing the course, students earn college credit, high school credit and 1 quality point added to their high school GPA.
- Choices:
  - AP English Language, AP English Literature
  - AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics
  - AP Biology (year-long for 1 credit), AP Chemistry (year long for 1 credit), AP Environmental, AP Physics I and II
  - AP Psychology, AP European, AP US Government and Politics, AP US History, AP World History
  - AP Seminar, AP Research
  - AP Studio Art

# AP Capstone Diploma for rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders

Watch the AP Capstone video for more information

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.



The diagram illustrates the AP Capstone Program structure. It features the title 'AP Capstone' in large blue and green letters, with 'Capstone Program' written below it. On the left, there is an illustration of a graduation cap and diploma, labeled 'AP Capstone Diploma'. In the center, a blue-bordered box contains three items: 'AP SEMINAR - YEAR 1' with 'Analytic and Inquiry skills', 'AP RESEARCH - YEAR 2' with 'Research the topic you studied', and '4 AP Courses and Exams Completed during highschool'. On the right, a green-bordered box is labeled 'AP Seminar and Research Certificate' and contains an illustration of a certificate with a yellow star.

## AP Capstone

Capstone Program

AP Capstone Diploma

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Analytic and Inquiry skills

AP RESEARCH - YEAR 2  
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4 AP Courses and Exams  
Completed during highschool

AP Seminar and Research Certificate



[www.NCVPS.org](http://www.NCVPS.org)

NCVPS is only for classes that are not taught at HRHS.

- ▶ They are online classes for high school credit.
- ▶ These classes require self-discipline, strong reading / writing skills, and the motivation to meet deadlines without being reminded. Students must have a minimum 2.8 Unweighted GPA to be eligible.
- ▶ Students can take these classes during the regular school day, after school at home or during the summer.
- ▶ If you would like to take one of these courses, select **“Placeholder VPS” (Fall or Spring)** during registration. You will receive a User Agreement form. If you agree to the terms, complete and return it promptly. Your School Counselor will fit the online class into your schedule. We cannot guarantee which period it will fit in your schedule.
- ▶ Students who select “Placeholder VPS Fall or Spring” but do not return the user agreement, will be placed in one of their **alternates**.

# Career and College Promise (CCP)

[www.rccc.edu/ccp](http://www.rccc.edu/ccp)

- ◀ These are **college level** classes taught by Rowan Cabarrus Community College professors to high school Juniors and Seniors who are ready for college-level studies. Minimum 2.8 GPA required.
- ◀ These classes are offered online or seated at RCCC campuses. They follow the college calendar, so pay attention to start/end dates.
- ◀ After passing the course with at least a C, students earn college credit, high school credit and 1 quality point added to their high school GPA.
- ◀ These classes start the student's college GPA, so it is very important to do well!

# Career and College Promise

- ▶ If you would like to take a CCP course, select “**Placeholder CCP – Fall or Spring**” during registration.
- ▶ Turn in the User Agreement form.
- ▶ Upon receipt of the completed User Agreement, School Counselors will contact students to begin the college registration process.
- ▶ School Counselors will fit the CCP class into your schedule. We cannot guarantee which period it will fit in your schedule.

Students who select “Placeholder CCP” but do not return the user agreement, will be placed in one of their **alternates**.



# Registration tips:

- ▶ Make sure to pick 3 ALTERNATES wisely! Students often must be placed in one of their alternates due to scheduling conflicts, so do not list any of your 8 primary choices as an alternate.
- ▶ Schedules for students who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), are created with input from EC teachers, students and parents following the IEP meeting.
- ▶ Student-Athletes who plan to play a sport in college, should select courses that help their NCAA Core GPA. Student Athletes must have at least 3 classes in their schedule each semester (and pass them) to be eligible to compete in their sport the following semester.
- ▶ If you realize after registration that you wish to make a change, e-mail your School Counselor ASAP. There will also be a schedule change window later in the Spring semester.

# Seniors Only

- Rising seniors cannot sign up for 1<sup>st</sup> level courses (unless they sign up for level 1 in the Fall and level 2 in the Spring).
- Seniors have the option to “Flex” one or more class periods if they have room in their schedule after passing all required classes. Be VERY careful before choosing ‘FLEX’ if you hope to be admitted to a college. Here’s what colleges say about ‘Flex’ periods:
  - “...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 Admissions
  - If you decide to ‘Flex’, complete and return the form to your counselor. Students are not allowed to remain on campus during ‘Flex’ time as they cannot be supervised, so you must provide your own transportation.

**We cannot guarantee which period a FLEX will fit in your schedule.**

# General questions?

