

RISING 9TH GRADE REGISTRATION PREVIEW

**2017 – 2018
Registration**

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9TH GRADE YEAR IN HS

- College admissions will be based upon:
 - GPA (weighted vs. unweighted)
 - Class Rank
 - The rigor of your courses (Honors and AP)
 - ACT / SAT Scores
 - School and community involvement
 - Community service
- Rigor is important but so is the right choice.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- State Board of Education policy allows middle school students in grades 6-8 to receive graduation credit for high school courses taken in middle school. To receive credit, students pass the course and score a Level III on any EOC associated with the course, if applicable. The course must conform to the high school course of study and provide 135 hours of instruction.
- These courses meet graduation requirements but are not factored in to a student's high school GPA.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Credits: Eng. I, Eng. II, Eng. III, & Eng. IV
Math	4 Credits: Math I, Math II, Math III and a 4th Math
Science	3 Credits: A Physical Science course, Biology, & Earth/Environmental Science
Social Studies	4 Credits: World History, Civics & Economics, American History I & II
Health/PE	1 Credit Health/Physical Education
Electives	2 Credits: Art, CTE or World Language + 4 Credits: Additional electives
Second Language*	<i>Not required for graduation:</i> However, 2 levels of the same language required to meet minimum application requirements for UNC schools.

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY OF COURSES

- **College Prep (CP)** – Course content, pace, and academic rigor follows standards specified by the NCSCOS with content enrichment where appropriate.
- **Honors** - Course content, pace, and academic rigor place high expectations on the student and surpass standards specified by the NCSCOS. These courses demand greater independence and responsibility than CP Level courses. *This level or higher is suggested for competitive college admission.*
- **Advanced Placement** – Course content, pace, and academic rigor are college-level as adopted by the College Board and prepare students to take the AP examinations which *may lead to college credit.*

WEIGHTING OF CLASSES

Grade	# Grade	CP	Honors	AP
A	90-100	4	4.5	5
B	80-89	3	3.5	4
C	70-79	2	2.5	3
D	60-69	1	1.5	2
F	0-59	0	0	0

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Your student has received an ivory colored registration card & Program of Studies
- Registration card includes core classes and electives
- Please select **8 classes** by marking an X by the course
- Please select **4 alternates** by marking an "A" by the course.
- Counselors will meet with students the week of April 11.

ENGLISH RECOMMENDATIONS

8th Grade ELA
(Final Grade 60 - 89)

• CP English I

8th Grade ELA
(Final Grade 90+)

• Honors English I

English I
(Level I – III)

• CP English II

English I
(Level IV+)

• Honors English II

SOCIAL STUDIES RECOMMENDATIONS

**8th Grade Social
Studies (Final
Grade 60 - 85)**

- **CP World History**

**8th Grade Social
Studies (Final
Grade 85+)**

- **Honors World
History**

MATHEMATICS RECOMMENDATIONS

Pre-Algebra

(Final Grade 60 - 79 and lower than Level III)

- Foundations of Math I
- Math I

Pre-Algebra

(Final Grade 80 - 90 and Level III+)

- CP Math I

New for 2017/18
Honors Math I
Recommended for students
with an average over 90%

8th Grade Math I

(Final Grade 60 - 79)

- CP Math II

8th Grade Math I

(Final Grade 80 -100)

- Honors Math II

8th Grade Math II

- Honors Math III

SCIENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Science EOG
Level 1-3**

- **CP Earth Science**

**Science EOG
Level 4+**

- **Honors Earth Science**

HEALTH AND PE

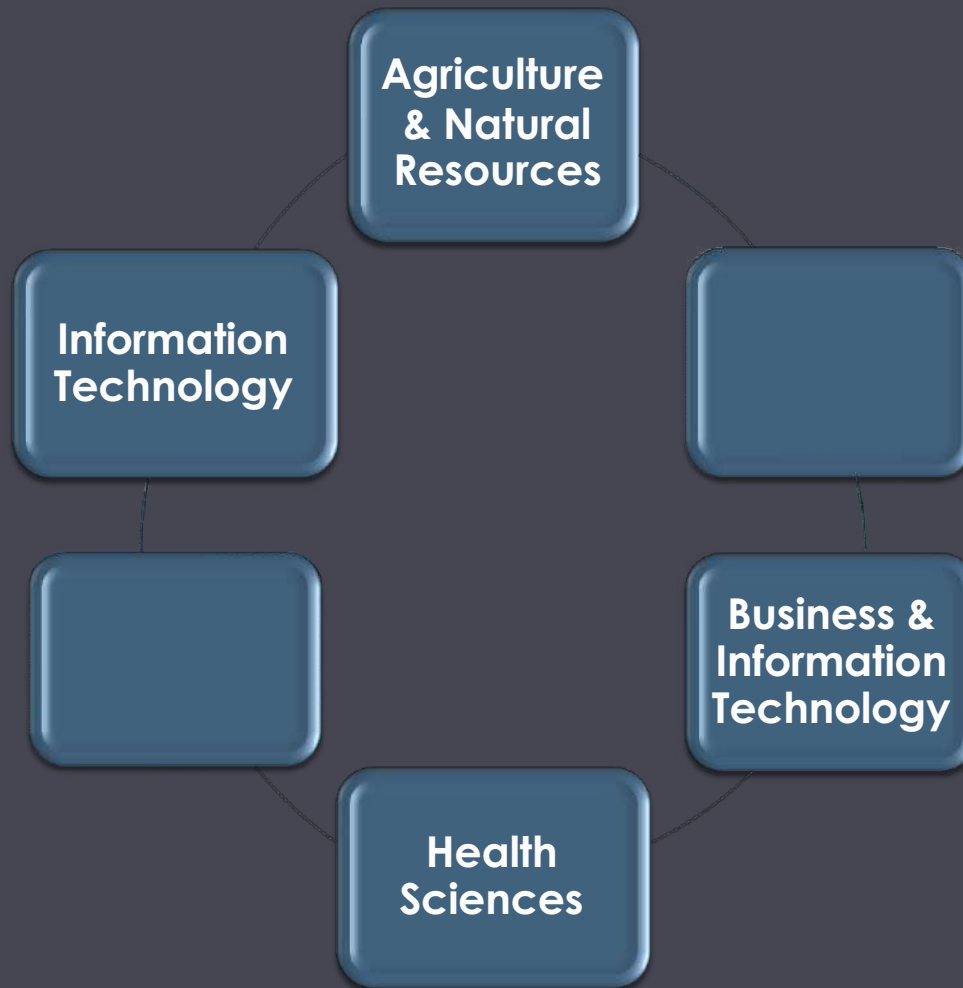
- All students must have one credit of Health and PE. This is typically a Freshman course. If you have not passed Health/PE you must register for this course!

Health/PE (required for
all)

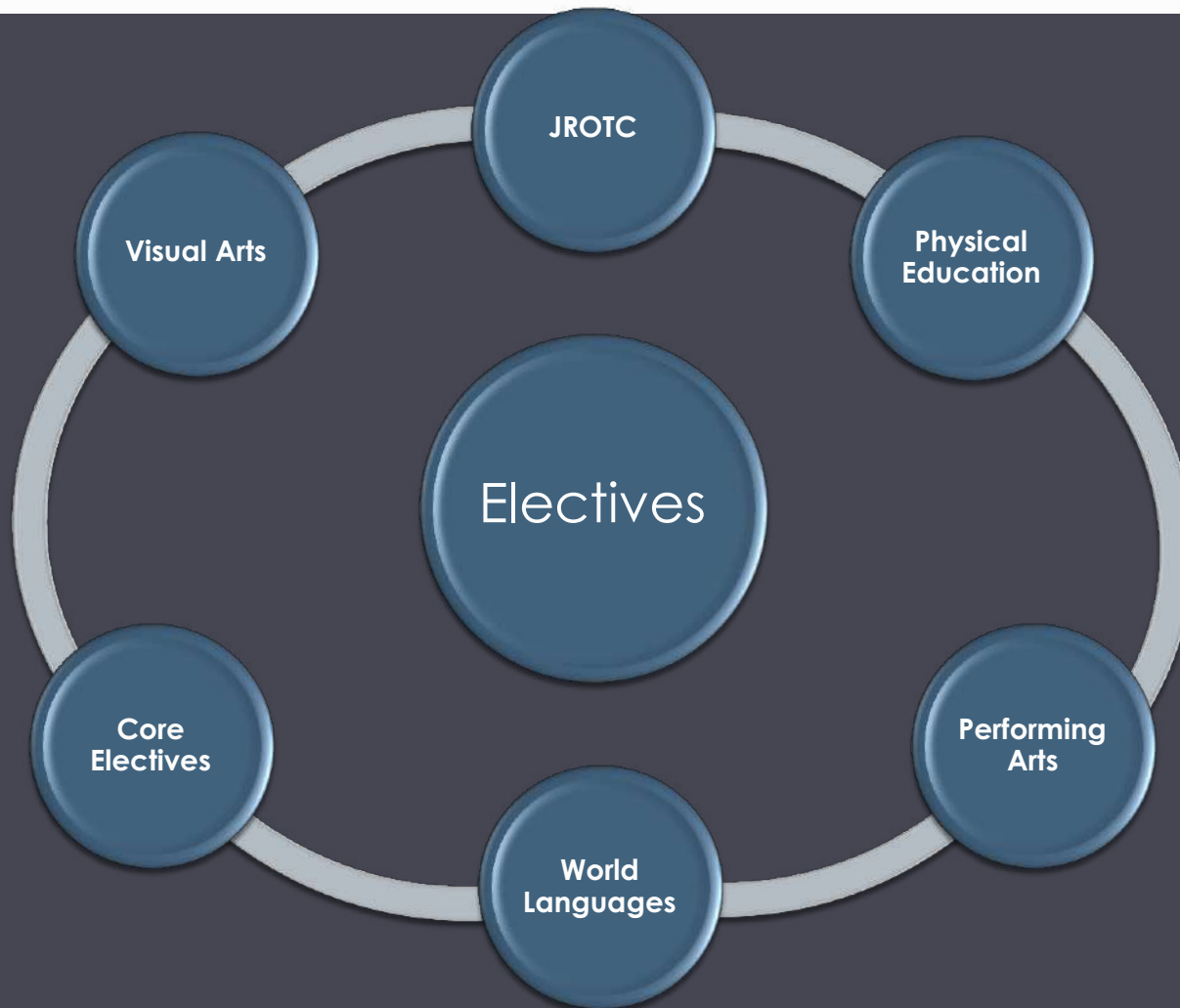
WORLD LANGUAGE

- World Language is not required for graduation, however to meet the minimum requirements for any UNC system school, you **must have a minimum of 2 levels of the same world language.**

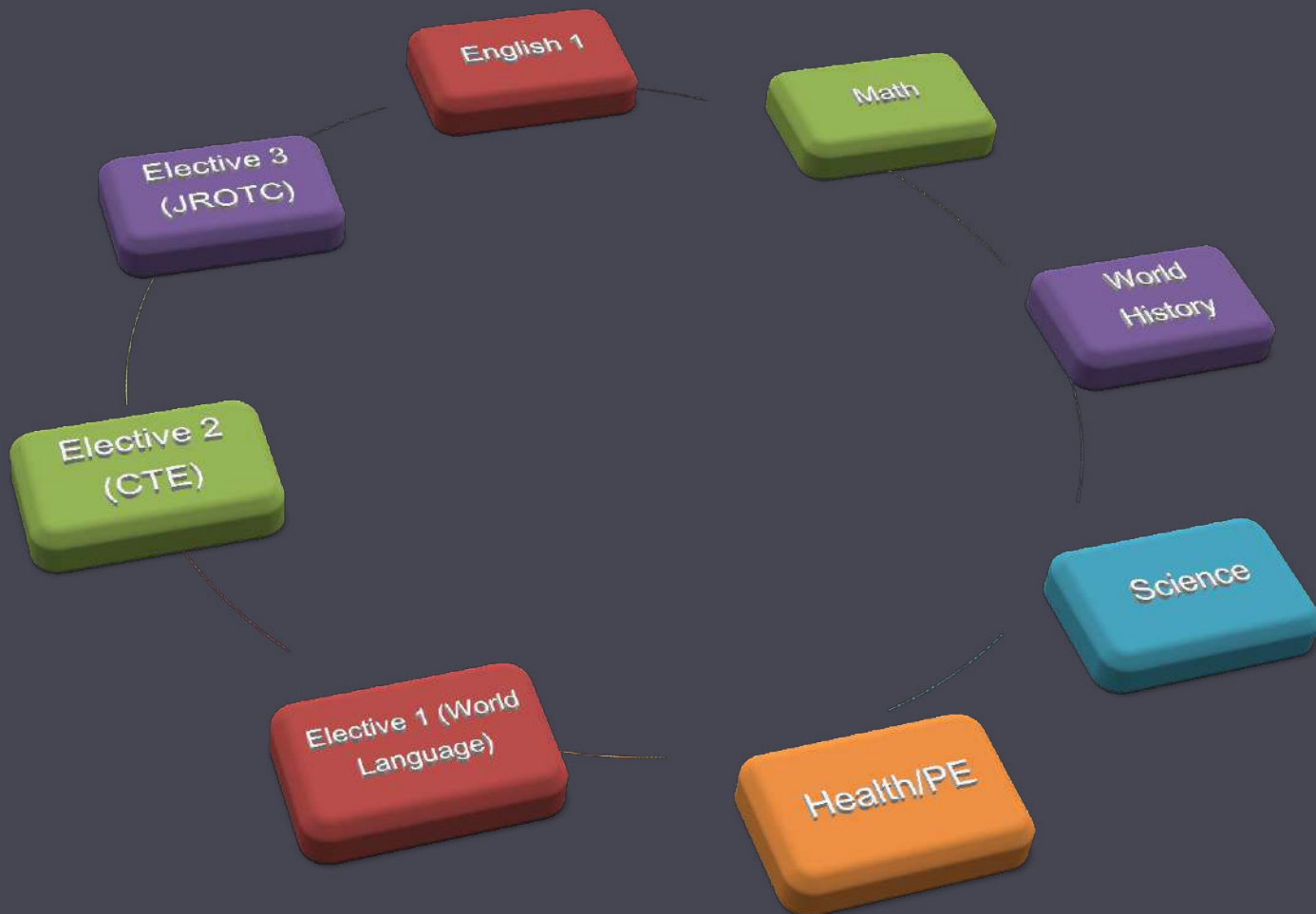
ELECTIVES (CTE)



ELECTIVES (CON'T)



9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTIONS



EXAMPLE OF A 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

FALL 2017 (August – January)		SPRING 2018 (January – June)	
1 st	English I	1 st	Math I
2 nd	Earth Science	2 nd	Spanish I
3 rd	JROTC I	3 rd	Theatre Arts I
4 th	Health and PE	4 th	World History

CLASSIFICATION/PROMOTION STANDARDS

Grade Level	Promotion Requirements
Grade 9	Promoted from 8 th Grade
Grade 10	6 credits including English 1
Grade 11	13 credits including English 2
Grade 12	20 credits including English 3

PASS/FAIL COURSES

Students will be permitted to enroll in **one (1) elective course per school year on a Pass-Fail basis.** The course may be in addition to courses that use only a Pass-Fail grading system. However, the student must decide within the first two weeks if the course is to be taken on a pass-fail basis. **NC Scholars may not take a required course on pass/fail status.**

WAIVERS

As you are selecting your courses, you will have the option of selecting CP, Honors, or AP courses. If your grade in a previous course does not meet the recommended grade to take an advanced course, you may be asked to complete a waiver. This waiver will require a parent/guardian's permission to take the advanced course.

You will be notified by a counselor if a waiver is required.

Waivers are available on the school counseling website