

# Welcome to Northside High School!



Future 9th Grade—2022-2023 School Year

## How do I sign up for classes for my 9th grade year?

- Complete your registration form with the help of your counselors, teachers, and parents. You will bring the registration form home to your parents and talk over your final class choices.
- Turn in your signed registration form to your BES or NES Counselor by Deadline: Thursday, March 16!

### What classes do I take to graduate?

You will need to earn 28 Total Credits to graduate from NHS. Each class receives 1 credit and students take 4 classes per semester/ 8 classes per year. There are 2 semesters each school year.

- 4 English (1,2,3,4)
- 4 Math (Math 1,2,3 and 4th Math (Either Math 4/MAT 171 or eligible CTE classes/Foundations of Math)
- **3 Science** (Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, Physical Science or Chemistry)
- **4 History** (World History, American History, Economics & Personal Finance, and Civic Literacy.
- 1 Health/PE
- 12 Electives
  - \* (2 foreign lang. credits—if attending 4 year college.)
  - \* **Recommendation**: 4 elective credits in 1 area below: Career Technical, Arts, ROTC, or academic subject.

## How do I move to the next grade level?

- 6 Credits to be a 10th Grade Student
- 13 Credits to be an 11th Grade Student
- ♦ 20 Credits to be a 12th Grade Student
- Each class receives 1 credit.
- You must pass 3 out of 4 classes each semester to get/keep your drivers license and play sports.

#### What about attendance?

 Attendance is taken by period—you can't miss more than 8 days per class!

# How do I prepare to take college classes?

BCCC offers both college transfer classes (transfer to most UNC 4 year colleges) and career technical classes to 11th & 12th grade students. Students can currently take a number of college classes at no cost to them. Some classes are taken via distance education at NHS and others are taken at BCCC.

Aim to earn a 2.8 unweighted GPA or above

#### What is the schedule like at NHS?

- The school day runs from 8:30—3:25.
- Same 4 classes each day per semester.
- 3 lunches as determined by your 3rd period.
- Panther Time—tutoring time each day.

### Which clubs/sports can I join?

- Clubs—FBLA (Business), FFA (Agriculture),
  HOSA (Health Science), Beta, Skills USA
  (Carpentry & Drafting), SGA (Student Govt.),
  Key Club, FCCLA (F & CS), Science, Video,
  History, Robotics, Poetry, Pep Club
- Sports Football, baseball, cheerleading, volleyball, golf, basketball, softball, cross country, track, wrestling

**Get Involved** - To learn valuable life skills and start building your resume to prepare for future scholarships, a job, or college admissions!

## What is a transcript?

A record of your 9th - 12th grades. A calculation called the Grade Point Average (GPA) is updated after each semester. Colleges will look at your GPA when you start applying. Classes receive the following weights for GPA calculations:

- Honors Classes—4.5 Quality Points
- College and AP Classes—5 Quality Points
- Non-honors classes—4 Quality Points

#### **Grading Scale for classes:**

A: 90—100

B: 80—89

C: 70-79

D: 60—69

#### School Counselor

Mrs. Searcy will be your school counselor during all 4 years of high school. She looks forward to meeting each of you!