

APEX FRIENDSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

presents our

Rising 9th Grade Virtual Open House



HISTORY OF THE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY

Less than a year after the end of the Civil War, recently emancipated enslaved people found a place where they could meet, hold religious services, and ultimately build a community alongside white merchants and farmers. Soon after, Native Americans too settled among this area's inhabitants. Ultimately, in recognition of the unique cooperative spirit that made their lives possible, community leaders agreed to call their settlement Friendship, and this is where Apex Friendship High School stands today.





TOPICS TO BE REVIEWED

High School: The Basics	The Registration Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff to Know• Promotion and Graduation Requirements• Attendance• Athletic & Driving Eligibility• Getting Involved• Understanding GPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scheduling• Academic vs Honors• How to Decide What Placement is Appropriate• Review of Our Course Offerings• Additional Scheduling and Registration Considerations



HIGH SCHOOL: THE BASICS



OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Matt Wight
Principal



Clare Freed
Assistant Principal



Vanessa Harris
Assistant Principal



Noland Hicks
Assistant Principal



Will Kasapidis
Assistant Principal



Amy Matthews
Assistant Principal



Jordan Trull
Assistant Principal



OUR STUDENT SERVICES TEAM



Ashley Wilson
Dean of Students



Dania Borrero
Academic Counselor



Quzette Butler
Academic Counselor



Jennifer Conley
Academic Counselor



Stacy Davidson
Academic Counselor



David Donatini
Academic Counselor



Gretchen Krueger
Academic Counselor



Billy Lane
Academic Counselor



Fran Hughes
SAP Counselor



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE C/O 2026

Curriculum Area	Credits	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III (or AP , and IV
Mathematics	4	Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, and fourth Math course beyond Math 3 (Math 4, Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics)
Science	3	Biology, Earth/Environmental Science (or AP Environmental), and one of the following: Physical Science or Chemistry or Physics
Social Studies	4	World History (or AP World History), Civic Literacy (or AP US Government and Politics), American History (or AP US History), and Economics and Personal Finance
Health & PE	1	Healthful Living
Required Electives	2	2 electives in any combination from either Career and Technical Education (CTE), Arts Education, or World Languages
Additional Electives	8	Elective courses from any curriculum area
Total	26	<u>MINIMUM</u> required to graduate



PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Grade	Promotion Criteria	Credits
To 10 th Grade	One credit must be English I, two credits must be in the areas of Mathematics, Social Studies, or Science, and three additional credits	6
To 11 th Grade	Two credits must be English I and English II, one Mathematics credit, one Social Studies credit, and one Science credit, plus seven additional credits	12
To 12 th Grade	Three credits must be English I, English II and English III, and ability to be enrolled in remaining courses required to graduate	18



RISK FOR RETENTION



What happens if a student fails a required course?

- It must be retaken before graduation.
- Summer school options will be offered.
- The student may be retained.



BLOCK SCHEDULING AND ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is taken during **each** period.
- If a student is absent, please turn a note in to the attendance office within 2 days of student's return to school.
- Missing one day on a block schedule is like missing 2 days on a traditional schedule.
- Students are responsible for making up when they are absent.
- If there are extenuating circumstances leading to excessive absences, please communicate with teachers and counselors.
- WCPSS has released the [2022-2023 school calendar](#), please use this while planning vacations.
- Students are required to take exams. Please do not schedule vacations during exam week.





ATHLETICS

- All incoming freshmen are eligible for athletics fall semester of their freshman year.
- Make sure you have had a physical completed within the last year.
- Please note that workouts and tryouts for fall sports happen over the summer. Do not wait until the start of the school year to look in to fall sports.
- Contact fall coaches for workout and tryout dates.



ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Freshman are eligible for fall sports, however, for each season thereafter, students must meet the following criteria:

- 85% Attendance in the previous semester
- Must pass at least 3 out of 4 courses in the previous semester
- Must be promoted at the end of the school year
- Must maintain an overall GPA of at least 1.5
- Cannot be convicted of a felony



FALL SPORTS

Men's Soccer (JV & V)	Cheerleading (JV & V)
Football (JV & V)	Women's Volleyball (JV & V)
Men & Women's Cross Country	Women's Golf
Women's Gymnastics	Women's Tennis (V)

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball (JV & V)	Women's Softball (JV & V)
Women's Lacrosse (JV & V)	Men's Lacrosse (JV & V)
Men's Tennis (V)	Men's Golf
Women's Soccer (JV & V)	Women's Stunt
Men's and Women's Track & Field	

WINTER SPORTS

Cheerleading (JV & V)	Men's and Women's Indoor Track
Men's and Women's Swimming	Men's Basketball (JV & V)
Wrestling	Women's Basketball (JV & V)





AFHS CLUBS

- Student Council (StuCo)
- Honor Societies
- Co-curricular Clubs
- Service Clubs
- Start a New Club
- Complete List of Current AFHS Clubs and Organizations:

<https://bit.ly/AFHSClubs21-22>



DRIVER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In North Carolina, students under 18 can lose their driver's permit or license (or be prevented from getting a permit or license) if they:

- Do not pass at least 3 out of 4 courses each semester
- Drop out of school



GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

- GPAs are cumulative and are calculated based on the total number of courses completed by the end of each term.
- Quality points are the points assigned based on the grades earned for courses. Only classes receiving numerical grades are used to calculate your GPA, not Pass/Fail courses.

	Course	Mark	Weighted	Unweighted	Earned Credits
Grade: 8	2017/18				
	21092X0 NC Math 1	94			1.00
Grade: 9	2018/19				
35015X0	Earth/Environmental Science Honors	93	4.500	4.000	1.00
52552X0	Band (Beginning) / Instrumental Music : Band Beginning	99	4.000	4.000	1.00
22095X0	NC Math 2 Honors	93	4.500	4.000	1.00
10252X0	ELA Local Elective / Trends & Movements in Young Adult Lit	99	4.000	4.000	1.00
4A087X0	AP World History	91	5.000	4.000	1.00
10215X0	English I Honors	92	4.500	4.000	1.00
60492X0	Health and PE Grades 9-12 / Health and Physical Education	98	4.000	4.000	1.00
52552X0	Band (Beginning) / Instrumental Music : Band Beginning	99	4.000	4.000	1.00
Grade: 10	2019/20				
33205X0	Biology Honors	95	4.500	4.000	1.00
10225X0	English II Honors	93	4.500	4.000	1.00
52562X0	Band (Intermediate) / Instrumental Music : Band Intermediate	99	4.000	4.000	1.00
11412X0	Spanish I	96	4.000	4.000	1.00
42095X0	Amer His: Found Prin, Civ & Econ Honors / Am History:Founding Prin, Civics/Econ(H)	100	4.500	4.000	1.00
52562X0	Band (Intermediate) / Instrumental Music : Band Intermediate	100	4.000	4.000	1.00
23095X0	NC Math 3 Honors	100	4.500	4.000	1.00
11422X0	Spanish II	96	+ 4.000	+ 4.000	+ 1.00


Middle school grades for which you received high school credit do not factor into your GPA, but they do count towards your overall graduation requirements.

Grade Point Average (GPA): Your GPA is the sum of all the quality points earned divided by the total number of attempted credits.

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GPA =	4.2813	4.000	
	Weighted	Unweighted	



QUALITY POINTS ASSIGNMENTS BY LETTER GRADE AND COURSE TYPE



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



GRADING SCALE

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 – 70 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- 59 and Below = F



THE REGISTRATION PROCESS



SELECTING COURSES

- Rising 9th graders will register and enter their course selections through their middle schools between March 7th - March 25th.
- Registration is the student's time to request which courses they would like, but please note we cannot guarantee that students will receive all the courses they select in their schedule next school year.
- Selecting alternate course options is just as important as choosing primary courses. Do not choose the same courses for primary and alternate course selections, this does not increase your chance of receiving a course. Students must understand there's a strong possibility to receive alternate courses.
- When selecting courses, teacher recommendations should be followed with few exceptions.



SELECTING COURSES AND ALTERNATES

- Select 8 primary courses - core courses and electives
 - 1 English, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, 1 or 2 Math courses, Healthful Living, 2-3 elective courses
- Students must select 4 alternate elective courses
 - **Alternates must be different than primary course selections.**
 - Students should be prepared to take their alternate courses. At some point, students will receive their alternate courses!
- Course descriptions may be found here in the [Wake County High School Program Planning Guide](#).



TYPICAL PRIMARY & ALTERNATE SELECTIONS FOR 9TH GRADERS

1. English I
2. Math
3. World History
4. Earth Science or Biology
5. Health & PE
6. Elective (may be a Math elective)
7. Elective
8. Elective

- Alternate Elective
- Alternate Elective
- Alternate Elective
- Alternate Elective

All alternate course selections should be different from the primary course selections.



BLOCK SCHEDULING – SAMPLE 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
1. English I	1. NC Math 1
2. Healthful Living	2. Earth Science
3. World History	3. Foods I
4. Foundations of Math 1	4. Visual Arts Beginning

**Students may have up to three core in one semester depending on their course selections and course availability.



ACADEMIC OR HONORS?

- Honors classes are more rigorous than standard level classes, and they move at a faster pace.
- Students in honors classes are expected to:
 - Have a good work ethic
 - Be self-motivated/ independent learners
 - Have good time management and study skills
 - Take responsibility for their learning
 - Be willing to put in extra work to succeed
 - Have excellent reading and writing skills
 - Have at least a B in the previous course



TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Middle school teachers will make recommendations based on:
 - Work habits
 - Test averages
 - EOC / EOG scores
- If a student chooses to level down and take a lower level than what was recommended by their teacher, a waiver will be required.
- We strongly recommend you follow the recommendations of your teachers.
- Once the school year begins and you start classes, should you find a course to be more challenging than anticipated, it is not always possible to move to a different level.



9TH GRADE ENGLISH OPTIONS

- English I
- English I Honors
- Year-long English I - Students are selected for this course based on grades and EOG scores

How you should decide:

An Honors student needs to be a more mature student that shows upper-level thinking skills with an intrinsic motivation to read and learn. This student should also possess strong writing skills. Assignment completion and test scores should be considered as well.



9TH GRADE SCIENCE OPTIONS

- Earth Science
- Honors Earth Science
- Honors Biology - an option for students entering high school with Math 1 credit from middle school and must also register for Honors Math 2 and Honors English

How you should decide:

Recommendations should correspond with Math/English recommendations.

Only students registering for Honors Math 2 and Honors English I have the option of taking Honors Biology in the 9th grade.



9TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES OPTIONS

- World History
- Honors World History
- AP World History

How you should decide:

An **Honors** student scores well in reading and writing, should be capable of independent thought and can analyze, from both text and discussion, issues of history such as cause and effect. They should also be able to compare and contrast ideas, events, and the role that individuals play in the process of history.

AP World History is a college level class requiring a very mature student capable of learning on his/her own. The workload will be significant - a lot of independent reading and high-level thinking, note taking, and study skills.



MATH PLACEMENT

- Use your student's current Math course grades (especially their grades on tests) to decide.
- Math placements will be checked by both the sending middle school and AFHS.
- Students will be placed in Math based on what is in their best interest.



9TH GRADE MATH OPTIONS

Math Courses	Who Takes It?
Foundations of Math 1 and Math 1	Student earned a low B (or lower) in 8th grade math and Level III or IV (or lower) on EOG
Math 1	Student maintained high B's or A's in 7th and 8th grade math and Level III, IV, or V on EOG
Math Plus Honors and Math 2 Honors	Student made at least a high C in Math 1 and at least a Level III EOC
Math Plus Honors and Math 2 Academic	Student made a low C or D in Math 1 in middle school or Level I or II on EOC
Math 2 Honors	Student made an A or B in Math 1 in middle school and a high level III, IV, or V on EOC



HEALTHFUL LIVING (HEALTH AND PE)

- All 9th graders should take Healthful Living.
- This is the only Health and PE requirement for graduation.
- This is the prerequisite for all other PE courses.



WORLD LANGUAGES

- World Language courses are not required for high school graduation.
- Two consecutive levels of a world language is required for eligibility to a 4-year college/university.
- Spanish & French are offered at AFHS.
- French I will be offered to 9th graders if space is available after upperclassman are scheduled. Seats in French II spring semester are not guaranteed.



ELECTIVES – ARTS

- Theatre Arts Beginning
- Technical Theater Beginning
- Art History
- Visual Arts Beginning
- Vocal Music (Fall and Spring)
- Band Beginning (Fall and Spring)
- Modern Dance Beginning



ELECTIVES – CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

- Adobe Visual I
- Adobe Video Design Honors
- Apparel Development I
- Business Law
- Digital Design and Animation
- Fashion Merchandising
- Foods I
- Foundations of Health Science
- Interior Design I
- Marketing
- Microsoft Word and Powerpoint Honors
- Microsoft Excel Honors
- Principles of Business and Finance
- Python Programming I
- Sport and Event Marketing
- Technology Engineering and Design



ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

- African American Studies (Academic/Honors)
- AP Human Geography
- Astronomy Honors
- Creative Writing (Academic/Honors)
- Cultural Media Literacy Honors
- Holocaust and Genocide Honors
- Psychology Honors
- Speech I (Academic/Honors)
- The Human Experience Honors
- Trends and Movements in Young Adult Literature
- Spanish II
- French I
- French II



NCVPS – ONLINE LEARNING

- Very limited
- Is allowed to supplement what we cannot offer students at AFHS
- Course must be listed in the Wake County Program Planning Guide but is *not* offered at our school.
- Courses are taken at our school in a lab, not at home, during the normal school day.
- Must be part of a student's comprehensive course of study.
- Online learning is not for most students!



SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Transition meetings will take place in the spring at middle schools.
- If there is a significant need, middle schools invite a high school Special Education Teacher.
- Middle school case managers provide high school case managers with an updated IEP so that students are scheduled correctly.
- If parents have questions, they need to contact the middle school case manager.



SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Schedule changes are not always possible, so please choose wisely!
- Course descriptions can be found in the [WCPSS Program Planning Guide](#)
- Schedule changes are not allowed at all after the first 10 days of the semester.
- Courses cannot be dropped after the first 10 days of each semester.
- Teacher changes are never allowed unless a student has previously failed a course with that teacher.



ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING (AOE)

- A small learning community within our school
- Students' electives throughout high school focus on Engineering
- Students are grouped together for core courses.
- Problem based learning and critical thinking
- Students must apply now (online) during their 8th grade year.
- Your base must be AFHS.
- Students are chosen strictly through lottery (no legacy).
- More students apply than we have available seats.



AOE (CONTINUED)

- [AOE Website](#)
- Application period is February 1- March 31st
- Notifications are sent out in May

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NEXT STEPS

- Complete registration with your middle school
- After today, questions about registration and course selections should be directed to your middle school counselor or teacher through the end of the 8th grade school year.
- Students will attend 9th Grade Orientation in August prior to the start of school - students will receive be able to receive their schedule on this day. More information on dates and times will be provided later this spring.
- Follow us on Twitter ([@AFHSstudentserv](https://twitter.com/AFHSstudentserv)) and check the AFHS website (<https://www.wcpss.net/apexfriendshiphs>) for the latest information from the school.





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