



GREEN LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE REGISTRATION MINI-GUIDE 2020-21



MESSAGE FROM GLHS ADMINISTRATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

Greetings Gators (and future Gators!) The time has come to select courses for the 2020-21 school year. To assist you in making the best decisions, we have developed this course registration mini-guide. As such, please take some time to review its contents.

A PEAK AT WHAT'S INSIDE



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WHY IS COURSE REGISTRATION SO IMPORTANT?

Using student course requests, we develop the master schedule for the entire school. This schedule not only dictates what classes students end up being assigned, but also how many sections of certain classes we offer, which teachers teach what classes, how many students are in each class, where classes are taught, what periods courses are taught during, and much more.

As you can probably tell, this is not something that can be easily changed without disrupting many other pieces of the puzzle—especially when trying to accommodate requests from hundreds of students. To develop a master schedule that provides the best opportunities to our students requires much planning and careful consideration on the parts of all involved. As such, we ask students and parents to plan and register very carefully.

HAVE QUESTIONS? SPEAK WITH YOUR COUNSELOR...

If you have any questions about course registration, feel free to reach out to a counselor. All students are assigned a counselor based on their last name. Below are the names of our counselors along with their email addresses and their assigned student caseloads based on last name.

Counselor	Email Address	Caseload
Mrs. Hamilton Roberts	hroberts3@wcpss.net	A-B
Ms. Emily Simpson	emsimpson@wcpss.net	C-D
Ms. Mayra Garcia	mgarcia2@wcpss.net	E-N
Mr. Rob McAuliffe	rmcauliffe@wcpss.net	O-Z

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST



- Review the promotion and graduation requirements
- Review teacher recommendations and discuss course options with teachers if necessary
- Access additional registration information online and learn more about courses on the GLHS registration site (bit.ly/GLHSCourses)
- Select courses for the 2020-21 school year. Rising 9th graders will complete this process with their middle school counselors. Rising 10th and 11th graders will complete independently in PowerSchool (see instructions on page 3).
- Review and discuss course selections with your parents/guardians.
- Meet with your counselor to discuss course selections and four-year plan. GLHS counselors will meet with each current GL student during the month of March (parents and guardians will also be invited to attend with their child).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Below are the graduation requirements for students pursuing a Future-Ready Core high school diploma.

	Entered High School Fall 2019 and Before	Entering High School in Fall 2020 and Beyond
English	4 credits – English I, II, III, and IV	
Math	4 credits – NC Math 1, NC Math 2, NC Math 3, and a 4 th -level math course aligned with post-high school plans	
Science	3 credits – a Physical Science course, Biology, and Earth/Environmental Science	
Social Studies	4 credits – World History (or AP World History), American History I: Founding Principles, American History II (or AP US History & 1 additional social studies elective), and American History: Founding Principles, Civics & Economics	4 credits – State Board of Education currently finalizing new requirements.
Health & PE	1 credit – Healthful Living I AND Successful Completion of CPR requirement outlined in NCGS 115C-81.	
Additional Electives	10 additional credits with at least 2 elective credits from a combination of CTE, Arts, and World Language. 2 World Language credits required for minimum application requirements to UNC System schools	

For more detailed information or information regarding the graduation requirements for students following the Occupational Course of Study, please refer to the WCPSS High School Program Planning Guide (<http://wcpss.net/high-school>).

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

High school students are promoted from one grade level to the next by attaining credits that are earned through successful completion of specific courses as illustrated in the table below:

From	Promotion Criteria	Credits
9 th to 10 th Grade	English I; 2 credits in the areas of math, social studies, or science; and 3 additional credits	6
10 th to 11 th Grade	English II; 1 credit in math; 1 credit in social studies; 1 credit in science; & 2 additional credits	12
11 th to 12 th Grade	English III; enrollment in a program which, if successfully accomplished, will result in the completion of graduation requirements	18



AP COURSES AT GLHS

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science
AP Computer Science Principles
AP English: Language & Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP Human Geography
AP Music Theory
AP Psychology
AP Spanish: Language & Culture
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art 2D Design
AP Studio Art 3D Design
AP United States History
AP World History: Modern

CHOOSING THE RIGHT CLASSES!

At Green Level, we offer a variety of courses that are intended to appeal to our students' different interests. When deciding what courses to take, students should consider past performance in classes, teacher recommendations, along with potential outside commitments. The best advice that we can give to students and families, however, is to make decisions about course requests based on individual needs, desires, and interests—not those of friends, siblings, neighbors, etc.

As we continue to grow, the likelihood of being able to change courses once the school year starts will decrease. As such, please be very thoughtful and intentional when requesting courses. While the registration window will close in March, students who have a change in heart about a course that they signed up for can schedule an appointment with their counselor before current school year ends to discuss the possibility of changing a request.

GRADING SCALE AND QUALITY POINTS FOR GPA

Below is a table showing the number of quality points awarded towards grade point averages based on letter grades by course type.

Letter Grade	Academic	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

OKAY... HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

Current middle school students will register for courses with their middle school counselors during the month of March (students on Track 1 will register earlier—between February 24th and March 6th. Current 9th and 10th grade students will register independently through PowerSchool between **February 24th and March 6th**. Below are instructions on how to do this:

1. Go to PowerSchool (<http://wcpss.powerschool.com/public>) and enter your username and password (if you've forgotten your password, please visit to Student Services or the Media Center).
2. Click on the "Class Registration" tab in the left margin.
3. To register for classes, click on the pencil icon next to each category. You will need to select eight (8) primary course requests and four (4) alternates.
4. After selecting your courses, click on the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Below is a list of courses we anticipate offering to rising 9th graders. Students should select their **five (5) required core courses** from the left column ("Required Core Courses") along with **three (3) other elective courses** for the **initial set of eight (8) primary course selections**. Students should then select **four (4) additional elective courses** that they would be interested in taking should they not receive one of the first three (3) electives they picked in their primary selections. When choosing alternates, **students should NOT pick any courses that they have already selected in the primary course selections**. Honors courses marked with a star (★) will also be available at the non-honors (academic) level. All students will register for the honors version of the course and will be provided the option to opt-out of the honors level at the start of the semester. Courses marked with a triangle (▲) have required recommended prerequisites.

Required Core Courses	Special Education Courses
English (REQUIRED) ☒ English I (Honors) ★ Math (CHOOSE ONE) ☐ Introduction to Math ☐ Foundations of NC Math 1 (fall) AND NC Math 1B (spring) ** ☐ NC Math 1 (one semester course) ☐ NC Math 2 ▲ ☐ NC Math 2 (Honors) ▲ ☐ NC Math 3 (Honors) ▲ ☐ Pre-Calculus (Honors) ▲ Science (CHOOSE ONE) ☐ Earth/Environmental Science (Honors) ★ ☐ Biology (Honors) Social Studies (CHOOSE ONE) ☐ World History (Honors) ★ ☐ AP World History Healthful Living (REQUIRED) ☒ Healthful Living I (Honors) **Students who enroll in Foundations of NC Math 1 will automatically be enrolled in NC Math 1B when they choose courses in PowerSchool.	Students with documented Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) that require Curriculum Assistance (CA) or other courses associated with services provided in IEPs will be manually registered for these classes. As such, students with IEPs who require these classes should register for a full slate of courses (8 primary selections and 4 alternate selections). Once GLHS receives IEP information for rising 9th graders, school staff will manually modify course requests for these students to add appropriate courses in place of the courses that students originally chose.
My Course Selections English: English I (Honors) Math: Science: Social Studies: Healthful Living: Healthful Living I (Honors) Elective: Elective: Elective: Alternate Elective: Alternate Elective: Alternate Elective: Alternate Elective: **Please choose alternates carefully as they may be used to replace one or more of the 3 primary electives chosen.	

Elective Courses

As previously mentioned, after choosing your five (5) required core courses, you will then select **three (3) elective courses** to complete the **initial set of eight (8) primary course selections**. You will then select **four (4) additional elective courses** that you would be interested in taking should you not receive one of the first three (3) electives you picked. **Do NOT pick any of the eight (8) primary courses you already selected as alternates.**

Arts Electives

Arts courses are offered as semester courses. As such, students who wish to take certain courses for the entire year, must request multiple courses (i.e., Vocal Music - Beginning and Vocal Music - Intermediate). All freshmen requesting to be placed in an arts course other than level 1 (beginning) will be required to complete a placement assessment.

Band

___ Instrumental Music: Band - Beginning
___ Instrumental Music: Band - Intermediate ▲

Chorus

___ Vocal Music: Mixed Chorus - Beginning
___ Vocal Music: Choral Ensemble - Intermed. ▲

Dance

___ Modern Dance - Beginning
___ Modern Dance - Intermediate ▲

Theatre & Technical Theatre

___ Theatre Arts: Beginning
___ Theatre Arts: Intermediate ▲
___ Technical Theatre: Beginning
___ Technical Theatre: Intermediate ▲

Visual Arts

___ Visual Arts: Beginning
___ Visual Arts: Intermediate ▲

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Electives

Accounting

___ Accounting I (Honors) ☆

Adobe

___ Adobe Video Design (Honors) ☆ ▲
___ Adobe Visual Design (Honors) ☆

Animal Science

___ Animal Science I (Honors) ☆

AP Computer Science

___ AP Computer Science Principles

Biomedical Technology & Healthcare

___ Health Science I (Honors) ☆

Entrepreneurship

___ Entrepreneurship I (Honors) ☆

Financial Securities

___ Principles of Business and Finance

Food Science

___ Foods & Nutrition I

Plant Systems

___ Horticulture I (Honors) ☆

Python Programming

___ Python Programming I

Technology & Engineering Design

___ Technology & Engineering Design

Supplemental Courses

___ Microsoft Excel Honors (Honors) ☆
___ Microsoft Word & Powerpoint (Honors) ☆

English Electives

___ Creative Writing I (Honors) ☆
___ The Human Experience (Honors)
___ Leadership in Media 1 (Honors) AND
___ Leadership in Media 2 (Honors) ▲ **
___ Speech 1 (Honors) ☆
___ Yearbook 1 AND Yearbook 2 ▲ **

***Leadership in Media and Yearbook are yearlong courses; students who enroll in level 1 will automatically be enrolled in level 2 of the corresponding course.*

English as a Second Language (ESL) Electives

Students who are in ESL programs should work with their ESL teacher to determine appropriate courses to request.

___ ESL 1, Part 1 ___ ESL 1, Part 2
___ ESL 2, Part 1 ___ ESL 2, Part 2
___ ESL 3, Part 1 ___ ESL 3, Part 2
___ Advanced Language Support for ELLs

Social Studies Electives

___ Conversations in Diversity (Honors) ☆
___ Holocaust & Genocide in World Studies (Hon.)
___ Psychology (Honors)

World Language Electives

___ French 1
___ French 2 ▲
___ French 3 (Honors) ▲
___ Spanish 1
___ Spanish 2 ▲
___ Spanish 3 (Honors) ▲
___ Latin 1
___ Latin 2 ▲



Course Selection Sheet for Rising 10th & 11th Graders

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Below is a list of courses we anticipate offering to rising 10th and 11th graders. Students should select their **four (4) required core courses** from the left column ("Required Core Courses") along with **four (4) other courses** for the **initial set of eight (8) primary course selections**. Students should then select **four (4) additional elective courses** that they would be interested in taking should they not receive one of the first four (4) electives they picked in their primary selections. When choosing alternates, **students should NOT pick any courses that they have already selected in the primary course selections**. Honors courses marked with a star (☆) will also be available at the non-honors (academic) level. All students will register for the honors version of the course and will be provided the option to opt-out of the honors level at the start of the semester. Courses marked with a triangle (▲) have required recommended prerequisites.

Required Core Courses	
English (ONE REQUIRED) ____ English II (Honors) ☆ ____ English III (Honors) ☆ ____ AP English III: Language & Composition ▲	Science (ONE REQUIRED) ____ Earth/Environmental Science (Honors) ☆ ____ Biology ____ Biology (Honors) ____ Physical Science ____ Chemistry (Honors) ▲ ____ Physics (Honors) ▲ ____ AP Environmental Science ▲
Math (ONE REQUIRED) ____ Found. of NC Math 2 (fall) AND NC Math 2 (spring)** ____ NC Math 4 ▲ ____ Pre-Calculus (Hon.) ▲ ____ NC Math 2 (Hon.) ▲ ____ AP Calculus: AB ▲ ____ NC Math 3 ▲ ____ AP Calculus: BC ▲ ____ NC Math 3 (Hon.) ▲ ____ AP Statistics ▲	Social Studies (ONE REQUIRED) ____ World History (Honors) ☆ ____ AP World History ____ American History II (Honors) ☆ ____ AP US History
**Students who enroll in Foundations of NC Math 2 should also register for NC Math 2. Students taking both classes will take Foundations of NC Math 2 during first semester and NC Math 2 during second semester.	

Special Education Courses
Students with documented Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) that require Curriculum Assistance (CA) or other courses associated with services provided in IEPs will be manually registered for these classes.
As such, students with IEPs who require these classes should register for a full slate of courses (8 primary selections and 4 alternate selections). Once student course requests have been entered into PowerSchool, IEP case managers will meet with students to identify courses to drop in place of CA courses (or other courses required as per their IEP). When this is done, student requests will be modified in PowerSchool to reflect these changes.

My Course Selections	
English: _____	Elective: _____
Math: _____	Elective: _____
Science: _____	Elective: _____
Social Studies: _____	Elective: _____
	Alternate Elective: _____
	Alternate Elective: _____
	Alternate Elective: _____
	Alternate Elective: _____
**Please choose alternates carefully as they may be used to replace one or more of the 4 primary electives chosen.	

Elective Courses

As previously mentioned, after choosing your four (4) required core courses, you will then select **four (4) elective courses** to complete the **initial set of eight (8) primary course selections**. You will then select **four (4) additional elective courses** that you would be interested in taking should you not receive one of the first four (4) electives you picked. **Do NOT pick any of the eight (8) primary courses you already selected as alternates.**

<u>Arts Electives</u>	<u>Career & Technical Education (CTE) Electives</u>	<u>English Electives</u>
<u>Band</u> Instrumental Music: Band - Beginning ▲ Instrumental Music: Band - Intermediate ▲ Instrumental Music: Band - Proficient ▲ Instrumental Music: Band - Advanced ▲ AP Music Theory ▲ <u>Chorus</u> Vocal Music: Mixed Chorus - Beginning Vocal Music: Choral Ensemble - Intermed. ▲ Vocal Music: Choral Ensemble - Proficient ▲ Vocal Music: Choral Ensemble - Advanced ▲ <u>Dance</u> Modern Dance - Beginning Modern Dance - Intermediate ▲ Modern Dance - Proficient ▲ <u>Technical Theatre & Theatre Arts</u> Technical Theatre: Beginning Technical Theatre: Intermediate ▲ Theatre Arts: Beginning Theatre Arts: Intermediate ▲ Theatre Arts: Proficient ▲ <u>Visual Arts</u> Visual Arts: Beginning Visual Arts: Intermediate ▲ Visual Arts: Proficient ▲ Visual Arts: Advanced ▲ AP Studio Art 2D ▲ AP Studio Art 3D ▲ Sculpture/Ceramics - Intermediate ▲ Sculpture/Ceramics - Proficient (Honors) ▲ Sculpture/Ceramics - Advanced (Honors) ▲	<u>Accounting & Financial Securities</u> Accounting I (Honors) ☆ Principles of Business and Finance <u>Adobe</u> Adobe Video Design (Honors) ☆ ▲ Adobe Visual Design (Honors) ☆ <u>Animal Science & Plant Systems</u> Animal Science I (Honors) ☆ Horticulture I (Honors) ☆ Horticulture II (Honors) ▲ <u>AP Computer Science</u> AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science <u>Biomedical Technology & Healthcare</u> Health Science I (Honors) ☆ Health Science II (Honors) ☆ ▲ Biomedical Technology <u>Entrepreneurship</u> Entrepreneurship I (Honors) ☆ <u>Food Science</u> Foods & Nutrition I Foods & Nutrition II (Honors) ▲ <u>Python Programming</u> Python Programming I Python Programming II <u>Technology & Engineering Design</u> Technology & Engineering Design Technological Design Honors ▲ Engineering Design Honors ▲ <u>Supplemental Courses</u> Microsoft Excel Honors (Honors) ☆ Microsoft Word & Powerpoint (Honors) ☆	Creative Writing I (Honors) ☆ Leadership in Media 1 (Honors) Leadership in Media 2 (Honors) ▲ The Human Experience (Honors) Speech 1 (Honors) ☆ Yearbook 1 Yearbook 2/3 ▲ <u>Healthful Living Electives</u> Lifetime Sports I ▲ PEPI I ▲ Sports Medicine I Team Sports I ▲ Weight Training & Conditioning I ▲ Weight Training & Conditioning II ▲ Weight Training & Conditioning III ▲ <u>Science Electives</u> Anatomy & Physiology (Honors) ▲ Forensic Science (Honors) ▲ AP Chemistry ▲ <u>Social Studies Electives</u> Conversations in Diversity (Honors) ☆ Holocaust & Genocide in World Studies (Hon) Psychology (Honors) AP Human Geography AP Psychology <u>World Language Electives</u> French 1 French 2 ▲ Spanish 1 Spanish 2 ▲ AP Spanish Language & Culture ▲ Latin 1 French 3 (Honors) ▲ French 4 (Honors) ▲ Spanish 3 (Honors) ▲ Spanish 4 (Honors) ▲ AP Spanish Language & Culture ▲ Latin 2 ▲
<u>English as a Second Language (ESL) Electives</u> ESL 1, Part 1 ESL 2, Part 1 ESL 3, Part 1 Advanced Language Support for ELLs	ESL 1, Part 2 ESL 2, Part 2 ESL 3, Part 2	

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