



# GREEN LEVEL GATORS

## 2023-2024 COURSE MINI-GUIDE

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### GET READY TO #BIGCHOMP NEXT YEAR!

#### A message from GLHS Administration + Student Services:

Hello Gators (and Future Gators)! The time has come to select courses for the 2023-2024 school year. To assist you through this process, we have developed the course registration mini-guide which includes a variety of resources and helpful information for you to consider. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next year in #TheSwamp!

### WHY IS COURSE REGISTRATION SO IMPORTANT?

Using student course requests, we develop the master schedule for the entire school that 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, what periods courses are offered, and much 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 the requests of 2000+ students. To build a master schedule that provides the best opportunities for our students requires much planning and careful consideration of all parts involved. Because of this, we ask students and parents to plan and register very carefully. If you have any questions about course registration, feel free to reach out to your counselor below:

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### REGISTRATION TIMELINE:

While student course selection is a massive part of the registration and scheduling process, there are many other puzzle pieces at play when trying to build the best possible master schedule for the entire school. To get a glimpse into some of the different components that are involved in this enormous task, please feel free to view of tentative timeline below.

#### FEBRUARY 22, 2023

##### Open House 2023

Join us on campus for an Information Session from 6-6:30pm followed by a self-guided tour from 6:30-7:30pm. Learn about our course offerings, student activities + organizations + athletics, meet our GLHS faculty + staff and purchase spirit wear.

#### MARCH 6 - MARCH 24, 2023

##### Registration for Rising 9th Graders

Current 8th graders will register for 2023-2024 courses with their middle school counselors. Track 1 starts February 27 to March 7.

#### MARCH 2023

Rising 10th-12th Grade students will attend a whole group Advisory session led by Student Services.

#### MARCH 13 - 24, 2023

##### Registration for Rising 10th, 11th and 12th Graders

Current 9th, 10th and 11th graders will register for courses through PowerSchool with Student Services during their 2nd period class in the Media Center. Student Services will also offer Connectivity Sessions throughout registration for open support.

#### APRIL - JULY 2023

##### Master Scheduling

GLHS Staff works to develop master schedule for the school

#### JULY - AUGUST 2023

##### Review of Student Schedules

GLHS administration and counselors review every schedule multiple times to ensure that they are just right! Students and parents are advised that they might see different versions of student's schedules in PowerSchool throughout the summer. These are not the FINAL schedules until official notice by the school. What you may see are simply simulations that we run to test different scenarios.

#### AUGUST 2023

##### Official Release of Student Schedules

Once school administrators and counselors have finished student schedules, they will be officially published for viewing a week or two before the start of the school year. Once schedules are officially finalized, we will share via official school messaging platforms.





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### REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:

- ☒ Review the promotion + 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 website.
- ☒ Select courses for the '23-'24 school year. Rising 9th graders will do this with their middle school counselors. Rising 10th-12th graders will do this on PowerSchool with the GLHS Counselors.
- ☒ Review and discuss course selections with parents/guardians.
- ☒ Request a meeting with your counselor to discuss course selections and four-year plan (for rising 10th-12th graders). GLHS counselors will meet with ALL rising Seniors beginning in late March/early April as part of their counselor conferences. Students can schedule these conferences online or attend a Connectivity session between February 28-March 11, 2023.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

For Ninth Graders Entering in 2013 or later	
English	4 Credits: English I, II, III, IV
Math	4 Credits: NC Math 1, NC Math 2, NC Math 3, and a 4th Math Course to be aligned with the students' post high school plans.
Science	3 Credits: A physical science course, Biology, Earth/Environmental Science
Social Studies	4 Credits: (**see applicable notes below) <u>Entering high school Fall 2019 or before:</u> World History (or AP World History), American History: Founding Principles: Civics & Economics (or Civic Literacy), AND American History I, American History II (or AP US History & 1 additional social studies elective) <u>Entering high school Fall 2020:</u> In addition to the requirements for students entering in Fall 2019 or before, students must also earn a credit in Economics & Personal Finance. <u>Entering high school Fall 2021 or after:</u> World History (or AP World History), Founding Principles of the US/NC: Civic Literacy, American History (or AP US History), and Economics & Personal Finance.
Healthful Living/P.E.	1 Credit: Healthful Living I <u>AND</u> 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 Languages. 2 World Language credits required for minimum application 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 Program Planning Guide:

<http://www.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 the specific courses illustrated in the table below:

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







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### CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSES FOR YOU:

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

Below is a graphic showing the three levels of courses we offer. To the right, you can see how each course type contributes to GPA.

#### ACADEMIC

Academic courses are standard level classes that will provide students with access to meaningful and rigorous work. These classes will often include many different supports to ensure students are successful.

#### HONORS

Honors courses are a great way for students who wish to challenge themselves with a deeper exploration of topics presented in the academic version of certain classes. These courses are also great preparation for taking AP courses in the future.

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

AP courses are the most challenging courses that we offer at Green Level. Due to the potential for students to earn college credit by performing well on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Exams in May, these courses may have additional demands and workloads than non-AP courses.

### GPA QUALITY POINTS

Below is a table showing the number of quality points awarded towards GPAs based on letter grades by course type:

	Acad.	Hon.	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

- ☒ **COURSE LEVELS:** Acad. (Academic), Hon. (Honors), AP (Advanced Placement)
- ☒ **LETTER GRADES:** A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (59 & Below)

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR POWERSCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Current middle school students will register for courses with their middle school counselors between February 28-March 25, 2023. Rising 10th-12th grade students will register on their own through PowerSchool between February 28-March 11. Below are instructions on how to do this:

1. Go to PowerSchool (<http://wcpss.powerschool.com/public>) and enter your username and password.
2. Click on the "Class Registration" tab in the left sidebar.
3. Click on the pencil icon next to each category. You will need to select eight (8) **PRIMARY** course requests and four (4) **ALTERNATES**. If you're choosing any paired courses (i.e.: NC Math 2 Honors, Math Plus Honors, etc.), remember to select the core course in the pairing as your required PRIMARY core course: the elective should be chosen in one of the primary elective slots.
4. After selecting all of your courses, click on the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.





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## Course Offerings for Rising 9th Graders

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Please note, honors courses marked with a pentagon (◆) will also be available at the academic (standard) 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 with their corresponding teacher. In addition, students should also pay close attention to courses that are marked with a triangle (▲) as they have prerequisites (courses that must be taken before taking that course).

Required & Core Courses (CHOOSE 5 TOTAL)		
<b>English (CHOOSE ONE)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> English I (Honors) ◆	<b>Mathematics (CHOOSE ONE)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamental Math I elective <b>AND</b> Introductory Math elective (choose <b>BOTH</b> courses) <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Math elective <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of NC Math 1 elective <b>AND</b> NC Math 1B ▲** (must choose <b>BOTH</b> courses) <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 1 Honors <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 2 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Math Plus (Honors)** elective <b>AND</b> NC Math 2 (Honors) ▲** (choose <b>BOTH</b> courses) <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 2 (Honors) ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 3 (Honors) ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Pre-Calculus ▲	<b>Science (CHOOSE ONE)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Environmental Science (Honors) ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> Biology (Honors) ◆
<b>Healthful Living (REQUIRED)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Healthful Living I (Honors)		<b>Social Studies (CHOOSE ONE)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> World History (Honors) ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> AP World History: Modern
<p>**Students wishing to request paired courses that will be taught over the full year should select core courses—NC Math 1B &amp; NC Math 2 (Honors)—as the “Required 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Course” <b>AND</b> select the elective that is paired with these courses—Foundations of NC Math 1 and Math Plus (Honors)—in one of the “Required Elective” slots.</p>		
Elective Courses (CHOOSE 7 TOTAL)		
<b>CTE Electives</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Visual Design I (Honors) ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science I (Honors) ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> Business Essentials <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Design & Animation I <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Nutrition I <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture I (Honors) ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Excel (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Word & PowerPoint (Honors) ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> Python Programming I <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Engineering & Design  <b>Social Studies Electives</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology (Honors)	<b>Arts Electives</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Music: Band-Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Music: Band-Intermediate ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Dance: Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Dance: Intermediate ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Theatre: Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Theatre: Intermediate ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Arts: Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Arts: Intermediate ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts: Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts: Intermediate ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Music: Chorus-Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Music: Chorus-Inter. ▲  <b>Freshmen requesting to be placed in an Arts or World Language course other than level 1 (beginning) should refer to arts placement information on next page.</b>	<b>English Electives</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing I (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> The Human Experience (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Media Literacy (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership in Media I (Honors) <b>AND</b> Leadership in Media II (Honors) ▲ ** (must choose <b>BOTH</b> courses as primary requests) <input type="checkbox"/> Speech I (Honors)  <b>World Languages Electives</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Latin I <input type="checkbox"/> Latin II ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> French I <input type="checkbox"/> French II ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> French III (Honors) ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish I <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish II ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish III (Honors) ▲



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- Students should base their course requests on their interests, desires, and skill sets -- not those of their friends, siblings, neighbors, etc. Each student is different and needs to choose courses that will ensure their success.
- To learn more about the course offerings sheet or to learn more about course prerequisites, feel free to check out the WCPSS High School Program Planning Guide ([www.wcpss.net/high-school](http://www.wcpss.net/high-school))

#### FINE & PERFORMING ARTS:

Courses in the arts department generally have four different levels from which students can choose (not including AP). Below are the different levels by which courses are categorized:

- Beginning = Level 1 (initial course for 9th graders)
- Intermediate = Level 2
- Proficient (Honors) = Level 3
- Advanced (Honors) = Level 4

##### Want a Full Year of a Performing Arts Course?

Students who wish to request a full year of a certain arts course, need to request two courses. For example, if a 9th grader wished to take two semesters of Chorus, they would need to request both the Beginning (Level 1) and Intermediate (Level 2) courses.

For information on placement auditions/portfolios, please visit the Green Level website in early March for additional details.

#### WORLD LANGUAGES:

##### When to Start World Language Courses

Rising 9th graders who have already started their world language studies by taking a high-school level world language course in middle school are recommended to continue their language studies their freshman year to eliminate gaps in language instruction to the extent that it is possible.

Students who have not started taking world language courses that result in high school credit prior to the 9th grade year should consider waiting until 10th grade to begin their second language study.

Students who are interested in placing into a higher level world language class should refer to the Green Level HS website in early March for additional details.

#### MATHEMATICS:

There are a few courses that are intended to be paired—with students taking one course in the fall and the second course in the spring. Below is a list of courses that fall into this category for rising 9th graders:

- Fundamental Math I & Introductory Mathematics
- Foundations of NC Math 1 & NC Math 1B
- Math Plus (Honors) & NC Math 2 (Honors)

Students who are requesting one of these paired sets of courses need to request both courses as primary course requests when selecting courses.

- NC Math 1B or NC Math 2 (Honors) should be selected as the required courses.
- Foundations of NC Math or Math Plus (Honors) should be chosen as the elective.

#### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL):

Rising 9th graders who require ESL classes per their LEP should work with their middle school counselor and ESL teacher to request the appropriate courses.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:

Rising 9th graders who require Curriculum Assistance (CA) courses per their IEPs should work with their counselor and IEP case manager to request these courses.





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Core Courses (Choose 1 each)			
English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
<u>10<sup>th</sup> Graders</u> <input type="checkbox"/> English II Honors ◆ ▲	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of NC Math 2 ▲ elective AND NC Math 2 ▲ (choose <b>BOTH</b> courses)** <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 2 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 2 Honors ▲	<u>Biology Courses</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Biology Honors ◆	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Graders</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Literacy Honors ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> AP US Government & Politics
<u>11<sup>th</sup> Graders</u> <input type="checkbox"/> English III Honors ◆ ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP English III: Language & Comp. ▲	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of NC Math 3 ▲ elective AND NC Math 3 ▲ (choose <b>BOTH</b> courses)** ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 3 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 3 Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 4 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 4 Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Pre-Calculus ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus AB ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus BC ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics ▲	<u>Earth/Environmental Science Courses</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Environmental Science Honors ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Environmental Science ▲	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Graders</u> <input type="checkbox"/> American History Honors ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> AP US History
<u>12<sup>th</sup> Graders</u> <input type="checkbox"/> English IV Honors ◆ ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP English IV: Literature & Comp. ▲		<u>Physical Science Courses</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science ▲	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Graders</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Economics and Personal Finance Honors ◆
Elective Courses			
Arts Electives		World Language Electives	
<u>Instrumental Music: Band</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning – Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate – Level 2 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient Honors – Level 3 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Honors – Level 4 ▲  <u>Modern Dance</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning – Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate – Level 2 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient Honors – Level 3 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Honors – Level 4 ▲  <u>Music Theory</u> <input type="checkbox"/> AP Music Theory  <u>Technical Theatre</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning – Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate – Level 2 ▲	<u>Theatre Arts</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning – Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate – Level 2 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient Honors – Level 3 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Honors – Level 4 ▲  <u>Visual Arts</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning – Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate – Level 2 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient Honors – Level 3 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Honors – Level 4 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Studio Art 2D or 3D Design ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Studio Art Drawing ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Painting Proficient Honors ▲  <u>Vocal Music: Chorus</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning – Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate – Level 2 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient Honors – Level 3 ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Honors – Level 4 ▲	<u>French</u> <input type="checkbox"/> French I <input type="checkbox"/> French II ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> French III Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> French IV Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP French Language & Culture ▲  <u>Latin</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Latin I <input type="checkbox"/> Latin II ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Latin III Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Latin IV Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Latin ▲  <u>Spanish</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish I <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish II ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish III Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish IV Honors ▲ <input type="checkbox"/> AP Spanish Language & Culture ▲	



Additional Elective Courses	
CTE Electives	Science Electives
<p><u>Adobe Design</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Visual Design I Honors 🏠</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Video Design I Honors 🏠 ▲</p> <p><u>Animal &amp; Plant Sciences</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science I Honors 🏠</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science II Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture I Honors 🏠</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture II Honors ▲</p> <p><u>Computer Science</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Python Programming I</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Python Programming II Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science Principles</p> <p><u>Entrepreneurship &amp; Finance</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship I Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship II Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Essentials</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Macroeconomics</p> <p><u>Microsoft Excel, Word, &amp; PowerPoint</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Excel Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Word &amp; PowerPoint Honors 🏠</p> <p><u>Food &amp; Nutrition</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food &amp; Nutrition I</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food &amp; Nutrition II Honors ▲</p> <p><u>Healthcare</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical Technology Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health Science I Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health Science II Honors ▲</p> <p><u>Technology Engineering &amp; Design</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Digital Design &amp; Animation I</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Technology Engineering &amp; Design Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Technological Design Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Game Art Design Honors ▲</p> <p><u>Honors CTE Internship</u></p> <p>Rising seniors who are interested in an internship should apply with our CDC, Ms. Cotton (<a href="mailto:ecotton@wcpss.net">ecotton@wcpss.net</a>).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Forensic Science Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Forensic Science II Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marine Ecology Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Chemistry ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics I: Algebra-Based ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics II: Algebra-Based ▲</p>
	Social Studies Electives
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Law &amp; Justice Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sociology Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP Psychology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AP US Government &amp; Politics</p>
	English Electives
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing I Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Human Experience Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Media Literacy Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership in Media I Honors &amp; Leadership in Media II Honors ▲ <b>(must request both courses)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Speech I Honors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook I and II Honors <b>(must request both courses; this course pairing is for first time students)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook II Honors ▲ and Yearbook III Honors ▲ <b>(must request both courses; this course pairing is for returning students)</b></p>
	Healthful Living/P.E. Electives
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> PEPI and PEPI II ▲ <b>(must request both courses)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine I ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine II ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine III Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine IV Honors ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Sports I ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Sports II ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Team Sports I ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Team Sports II ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training &amp; Conditioning I ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training &amp; Conditioning II ▲</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training &amp; Conditioning III ▲</p>
Special Programs & ESL Electives	
<p><u>Curriculum Assistance &amp; ESL Classes</u></p> <p>Students who require Curriculum Assistance (CA) courses as a part of their IEPs or ESL classes will work with their case managers and counselors to request the appropriate courses for 2023-24.</p>	



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Within the arts programs, there is also often a desire to take a full year of a certain course. If that's the case, students would need to request two courses in their course requests. If needed, arts teachers will work with students and counselors to modify appropriate level placements at a later date.

#### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) & SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:

Rising 10th-12th graders who require ESL classes per their LEP or Curriculum Assistance (CA) courses per their IEPs will work with their case manager to identify needed courses for next year and to make course request changes that are needed to reflect any plan that is currently in place.

#### YEAR-LONG COURSES:

##### Two-Part Courses

Below is a list of courses that will be taught as full-year courses. To enroll in these courses, students must submit a request for both courses as primary requests.

- Leadership in Media I & II Honors
- Yearbook I & II; OR Yearbook II & III; OR Yearbook III & IV
- PEPI I & II

#### UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES:

##### Dual Enrollment - Wake Tech CCP

Wake Tech Community College offers free courses! Eligible students can choose from two pathways, CTE (certifications) and/or CT (getting ahead in general core courses for college). Learn more here: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/48704>

##### Schedule Reduction - Juniors and Seniors ONLY

Juniors taking CCP courses are eligible for one period off per semester and seniors with their graduation requirements are eligible to request a schedule reduction. Here is more information: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/48575>

##### Honors CTE Internships

Rising seniors who are interested in a CTE internship should apply with our CDC, Ms. Cotton ([ecotton@wcpss.net](mailto:ecotton@wcpss.net)). Information is available on her website (<https://glhscdc.weebly.com/>).





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### GPA + CLASS RANK EXPLAINED:

#### ✓ Grade Point Average (GPA)

A student's grade point average (GPA) is calculated by adding all quality points earned while in high school (grades 9-12) and dividing by the number of courses taken. The weighted GPA includes any additional quality points earned by taking Honors/AP/IB courses, while the unweighted GPA does not include any additional quality points. Courses that are assigned Ps, PC19 and credits earned via Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) do not count towards the overall GPA. Students who have questions about how their GPA is calculated should meet with their counselor.

#### ✓ Class Rank

There shall be periodic compilations of class rankings in high school for the purpose of making an individual student's class rank available to the student, his/her parent, and to other institutions, such as colleges/universities for the purpose of college/university admission and/or scholarships. To determine class rank, each high school uses final course grades, dividing the total number of quality points divided by the total number of credits attempted. The results are rounded to the fourth decimal place. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, Community College courses included on the most recent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement Transfer List, and courses taught at four-year universities and colleges carry one (1.0) extra quality point. Honors courses carry one-half (0.5) extra quality point. This program guide designates courses with weighted credit with an "AP" or "HN."

Latin Honors rank is calculated and awarded in accordance with Policy 3450, Class Rankings. For students graduating at the end of eight semesters, all high schools will determine senior honors using the GPA at the end of the 1st semester of the graduating year (semester 7). If any student believes that their last semester courses will impact their honors status, they can request that the school review their transcript and final grades. If final semester grades are likely to result in a new/different recognition, the school will honor that recognition. Please note that updates to honors status will only be able to be changed in the graduation program up until a certain date as those are printed well before graduation. No student who earns graduation honors will have their status altered if their final GPA falls in the last semester of study. For students graduating midyear, the school will use this same system for determining graduation honors using the weighted GPA from the last completed semester of study. The principal shall have final approval of honors designations.

### LATIN HONORS:

Beginning in 2018-19, the WCPSS will designate the following senior honors in lieu of naming a Valedictorian or Salutatorian. Reference: [WCPSS School Board Policy 3450, Class Rankings](#)

1. Students with a 3.75 - 3.99 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of **cum laude**.
2. Students with a 4.0 - 4.249 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of **magna cum laude**.
3. Students with a 4.25 or higher weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of **summa cum laude**.





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### SKETCH YOUR PLAN:

As you move through the course offerings, use this planning guide to map out the plan that best fits you.

\*\* Remember this is just a plan. Keep your alternates in mind and stay open to multiple paths.

#### FRESHMAN:

##### Primary Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

##### Alternative Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

#### SOPHOMORE:

##### Primary Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

##### Alternative Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

#### JUNIOR:

##### Primary Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

##### Alternative Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

#### SENIOR:

##### Primary Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

##### Alternative Selections

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

