

GREEN LEVEL HS COURSE OFFERINGS

FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS

2021-22



When selecting courses for next school year, students will select a total of **12 courses**—8 primary selections and 4 alternate selections. When choosing alternate courses, however, students should not choose any courses that they have already chosen as primary selections. This does not increase the likelihood of getting a course.

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		
English (CHOOSE ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> English I <input type="checkbox"/> English I (Honors)	Mathematics (CHOOSE ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamental Math I elective AND Introductory Math elective (choose BOTH courses) <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Math elective <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of NC Math 1 elective AND NC Math 1B▲** (choose BOTH courses) <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 1 <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 2▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Math Plus (Honors)** elective AND NC Math 2 (Honors)▲** (choose BOTH courses) <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 2 (Honors)▲ <input type="checkbox"/> NC Math 3 (Honors)▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus (Honors)▲	Science (CHOOSE ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Environmental Science (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Biology (Honors)
Healthful Living (REQUIRED) <input type="checkbox"/> Healthful Living I (Honors)		Social Studies (CHOOSE ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> World History <input type="checkbox"/> World History (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> AP World History: Modern
**Students wishing to request paired courses that will be taught over the full year should select core courses—NC Math 1B & NC Math 2 (Honors)—as the “Required 9 th Grade Math Course” AND 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.		
Elective Courses		
Arts Electives <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.▲ Health/PE Electives <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Sports I▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine I▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Team Sports I▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training & Conditioning I▲	CTE Electives <input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Visual Design <input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Visual Design (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science I <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science I (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Design & Animation I <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Nutrition I <input type="checkbox"/> Health Science I (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture I <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture I (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Excel (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Word & PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Word & PowerPoint (Hon.) <input type="checkbox"/> Principles of Business & Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Python Programming I <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Engineering & Design Social Studies Electives <input type="checkbox"/> Conversations in Diversity (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology (Honors)	English Electives <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing I (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> The Human Experience (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership in Media I (Honors) <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership in Media II (Honors)▲ <input type="checkbox"/> Speech I (Honors) World Languages Electives <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)▲ Students who are currently enrolled in CA (as a part of Special Programs) or ESL courses should consult with their case manager and counselor for appropriate courses.

REGISTRATION REMINDERS & TIPS FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS

GENERAL TIPS & REMINDERS

- Other than required/core courses, all courses students request (whether primary or alternates) will be considered equally to give them a full schedule. As such, all students should make course requests very carefully.
- Students should base their course requests on their interests, desires, and skillsets—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 courses on the course offerings sheet or to learn more about course prerequisites, feel free to check out the WCPSS High School Program Planning Guide (available at www.wcpss.net/high-school). The Green Level HS website will also include additional information about courses in late January/early February.

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Course Levels

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.

MATHEMATICS

Paired Courses

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

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.

WORLD LANGUAGES

When to Start Foreign Language Courses

Rising 9th graders who have already started their foreign language studies by taking a high-school level foreign 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 generally wait until 10th grade to begin their second language study.