Registration for 2015-16

Honors, AP, NCVPS Online, & HCC Opportunities

Introductions

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Why are we meeting today?

Information/Understanding

- Opportunities
- Expectations
- Application Process

Honors Courses

What are Honors / Advanced courses?

- Opportunity to learn MORE about a subject that interests you
- Opportunity to learn MORE about a subject that you may wish to pursue in college or career
- Additional ½ point toward cumulative GPA
- More rigorous than standard level: demonstrates motivation and hard work
- Different prerequisites than standard courses AND typically require teacher recommendations
- Semester long courses 1 Credit

Honors Courses Delivery Options

Two options:

- Face-to-face
 - Taught by PHS teacher

– NCVPS

- Courses taken online with non-PHS teacher
- Only courses not offered at PHS
- 3.5 GPA required for 10th graders; 3.0 GPA required for 11th/12th graders

Some Honors/Advanced Courses can meet graduation requirements:

- Honors English 2, 3, 4
- Honors Math 2, 3 and Pre-Calculus
- Honors Biology
- Honors American History 1,2 and Honors Civics

Some Honors/Advanced Courses are ELECTIVES:

- Spanish 3, 4 and French 3, 4
- Biology 2, Chemistry 2, Physics
- Native American Studies
- Art 3, 4
- Honors Fitness and Nutrition 1,2

Additional Honors Options

- Honors Bach to Broadway III / IV and Honors Orion III / IV (audition with K. Medford)
- ROTC III/IV (talk with Commander Weaver)
- Band III/ IV (pre-requisites are Band I /II)

Additional APPLICATION courses (standard / not "weighted")

- Yearbook (year-long): See Mrs. Ensley.
- Media Assistant (1 semester): 12th grade only. See Mrs. Wyatt.
- Nursing Fundamentals (2 blocks one semester): 12th grade only. See Mrs. Kuykendall.

AP Courses

What are Advanced Placement Classes?

College Board

Required to take the AP exam (scored 1-5)

- College-level classes
 - Prepare students for rigor of college
 - Can earn college credit (check college/university website for individual AP credit policy)

Who should take AP Classes?

- Students who meet the prerequisites
- Students with excellent time management skills
- Students who are self-motivated and independent workers
- Personal commitment to success
- Students who understand the work will be more rigorous and involve more out of class work

Advanced Placement Courses

Two Options:

- Face-to-Face
 - Course is taken with a PHS teacher
 - Year-long: 2 credits
 - Fall honors elective (+ ½ quality point) + Spring AP Course(+1 quality point)
- NCVPS Online
 - Course taken online with a non-PHS teacher
 - Only courses not offered at PHS
 - Year-long: 2 blocks; only one credit
 - Course earns one additional quality point toward cumulative GPA

Potential Face-to-face Courses

For Juniors:

- AP English III
- AP US History
- AP Biology

For Seniors:

- AP English IV
- AP Calculus
- AP Biology

**An additional elective will be paired with each course.

AP Face-to-face COURSES

- Turning Points in American History (fall) + AP US History (spring): These courses taken in 11th grade replace American History 1 and American History 2 requirements. THESE STUDENTS WILL SKIP "HISTORY" IN 10TH GRADE.
- Biological Laboratory Methods + AP Biology (electives)
- Calculus Research + AP Calculus
- Introduction to Language + AP English III (one honors elective + English III requirement)
- Introduction to Literature + AP English IV (one honors elective + English IV requirement)



NCVPS Online

In 2005, on the recommendation of the North Carolina e-Learning Commission, the General Assembly established the North Carolina Virtual Public School

- The purpose of the North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) is to provide courses to students across North Carolina that individual schools might not be able to offer!
- The authorizing legislation for NCVPS states: "NCVPS shall be available at no cost to all students in North Carolina who are enrolled in NC's public schools."

Things to Consider

- The course offerings are only courses NOT taught at PHS and can be taken during any class period.
- All NCVPS courses will count as elective credits.
- ALL WORK AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY.
- Teacher could be located anywhere across the state; the instructor will not be a Pisgah teacher, and there will not be a Pisgah teacher responsible for assisting these students. (There WILL be a site-based facilitator for technical issues.)
- NCVPS's grading periods do not match PHS MUST MONITOR GRADES CAREFULLY! Students (and parents) can do this on the NCVPS site with password! Also, this may require a student to work on a non-school day at PHS.

SO....WHO CAN TAKE NCVPS COURSES?

Rising 11th and 12th graders must have a

- 3.0 or higher GPA
- plus additional course-specific requirements of NCVPS
- and 2 teacher recommendations.

Rising 10th graders must have

- 3.5 or higher GPA
- plus additional course-specific requirements of NCVPS
- and 2 teacher recommendations
- IF room is still available in the Online Learning Lab after 11th/12th students are registered



Honors Online

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Psychology

(These courses offer an additional ½ point toward student's cumulative grade point average; these courses are "weighted.")

Standard Online

- ACT Prep
- African American Studies
- Arabic I/II
- German I/II
- Japanese I/II
- Journalism
- Latin I/II
- Leadership Development
- Mandarin Chinese I / II
- Medieval Studies
- Psychology
- Russian I/II
- SAT Prep
- Success 101

AP Courses Offered ONLINE

AP Art History AP Human Geography AP Psychology AP European History AP Government and Politics

Note: Online AP Courses are year-long and earn <u>ONE</u> credit, so students will earn 7 (instead of) 8 credits. This means students are expected to work 90 minutes each day both semesters.

(These courses offer an additional 1 point toward student's cumulative grade point average; these courses are "weighted.")

PHS Course Commitment Form

- Must be signed by you and parent
- Must be returned to subject area teacher by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.
- Signing-up for course commits you to that course, if available:
 - School must know numbers in order to determine the number of sections offered.
 - Form commits student(s) to class; if they preregister and then change their mind, numbers and sections are unbalanced and other classes overloaded.

HCC COURSES

"Career and College Promise" Initiative

Career Technical Opportunities (11th and 12th grades) ✓ At PHS: Auto Repair 1, 2 ✓ Online: Criminal Justice 1,2 ✓ At HCC Early Childhood 1,2 **Electronics** 1 Auto Repair 3 (year-long) Auto Body These courses are earning high school AND college credit!

Students are expected to meet minimum GPA requirements and be approved by their high school principal.

✓HCC INSTRUCTOR (not PHS employee)
✓Career and College Promise: tuition free!
✓Responsible for text books

Actual college classes....so you are starting a real college transcript: Monitor your own progress!

✓ College schedule (may not match HCC schedule)

Please keep in mind, these are NOT "high school" classes...

--May be *online*: You must be able to use technology to download information, upload assignments, and communicate with your instructor.

--May be *at HCC*: You are responsible for transportation and ATTENDANCE. You are expected to make mature choices to represent PHS positively.

College Transfer Opportunities (11th and 12th grades)

These include classes like...

Art 111, Art Appreciation Com 231, Public Speaking Eng 111, Writing and Inquiry His 111, World Civilizations I Psy 150, General Psychology Soc 210, Introduction to Sociology and more...

--These are courses many freshmen will be required to take at 2-year and 4-year schools as "general education" requirements.

--These courses offer an additional 1 point toward student's cumulative grade point average; these courses are "weighted."

Students must have a <u>3.0 GPA</u>, must receive principal approval, and must have <u>PLAN, ACT, PSAT, or SAT</u> scores that qualify them "college ready"...

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Applications due to Counseling Center Monday, February 16.

--Application (signed by you and parent)\
--Agreement (signed by you and parent)
--Privacy agreement (signed by you and parent)
--Test scores (if applicable)

Pisgah High School 2015-16 Course Guide is available:

http://phs.haywood.k12.nc.us/

http://teacher.haywood.k12.nc.us/ phs-counselingcenter/

