

Student First & Last Name: _____ Student PowerSchool Number: _____
Grade: _____

2016-2017 North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) Course Commitment Form

Below are the standard, honors, and/or AP courses NCVPS offered to 10th/11th/12th grade students (**with 3.0 GPA**). Please read course descriptions and specific course prerequisites on <http://www.ncvps.org>. Place a check by the course(s) for which you are interested.

Since specific course offerings (and the entire school's schedule) are affected by student requests during registration, completion of this application COMMITS your choice to this class if it is available to you; course changes will NOT be considered next year unless this course conflicts with the time of another application-required course.

___ Success 101	___ Arabic I	___ Honors Mandarin Chinese III	AP COURSES ARE YEAR-LONG:
___ Leadership Development	___ Arabic II	___ Honors Mandarin Chinese IV	___ AP European History
___ African-American Studies	___ German I	___ Latin I	___ AP Government and Politics
___ Medieval Studies	___ German II	___ Latin II	___ AP Human Geography
___ Journalism	___ Honors German III	___ Honors Latin III	___ AP Psychology
___ ACT Prep	___ Honors German IV	___ Honors Latin IV	___ AP Computer Science
___ SAT Prep	___ Japanese I	___ Russian I	___ AP World History
___ Psychology	___ Japanese II	___ Russian II	___ AP Music Theory
___ Honors Psychology	___ Mandarin Chinese I		
___ Honors Anatomy & Physiology	___ Mandarin Chinese II		

Student and Parent/Guardian: Please read the guidelines for online NCVPS courses on the back side of this sheet, and then sign below if you are **committed** to this course. We want students to have as many opportunities as possible to expand their educational experience at Tuscola, but it is imperative that families give these decisions careful thought and consideration! If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor at 456-2408 before the application deadline.

I have read and understand the expectations of the online NCVPS courses (listed on the back of this sheet) available to Tuscola High School.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
Student email: _____
Student phone number: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent phone number: _____

Student's GPA:

504/IEP:

THS use only:
Counselor Approval Signature and Date: _____ Class: _____ Fall/Spring/ Yearlong (CIRCLE)
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Class: _____ Fall/Spring/ Yearlong (CIRCLE)
Online Supervisor Signature and Date: _____ Class: _____ Fall/Spring/ Yearlong (CIRCLE)

Online NCVPS Course Policies:

- Online courses (through North Carolina Virtual Public School) require that students remain organized and pace themselves without constant adult reminders. Students and guardians should understand that NCVPS instructors are NOT Tuscola High School employees. Students and guardians are encouraged to follow the online course description and syllabus AND to check their academic progress online regularly.
- These students should be able to use technology adequately to locate online resources, complete and upload written assignments, and communicate with their instructor via email, text, Blackboard, or Moodle.
- **Additional technical requirement** for LANGUAGE COURSES will include Quicktime, Shockwave, and Flash for videos as well as Blackboard Collaborate Rooms setup, Blackboard IM, and a working headset. Firefox is the recommended browser for Mac users. Additional programs may need to be installed and ready for students to type in non-English alphabet characters.
- Honors or Advanced Courses will have more independent work (including more homework) and higher expectations regarding quality of student work. Consequently, final grades for honors or advanced courses are “weighted” an additional one-half point towards the student’s total grade point average.
- Advanced Placement Courses could potentially earn a student college credit. Consequently, the level of independent work and expectations are even higher. Final grades for AP courses are “weighted” an additional point toward the student’s total grade point average.
- Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be required to take the AP Exam at the end of the course. Scores range from 1 to 5; colleges independently decide whether or not to award credit (and how much) based on the specific course and the exam grade. Students can usually find the university’s AP credit policy on the university’s website.
- Standard and honors/advanced courses earn one credit and require one block one semester. **AP courses earn one credit and require one block EACH semester (year-long).**
- Completion of this application COMMITTS the student’s choice to this class if it is available: S/he will not be allowed to change courses when school resumes this fall. Class sizes in OTHER courses in this department can be adversely affected if students commit to an online standard, honors/advanced or AP class and then try to change classes after school begins. PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR CHOICES VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION.
- Academic integrity is an absolute expectation of all students at Tuscola High School. Students who plagiarize (i.e. use another person’s words OR ideas as their own without correctly documenting credit) will be penalized academically AND disciplined according to the Tuscola High School Integrity Code. In addition, college / university applications frequently inquire about the applicant’s high school discipline record, and school officials will be required to report cheating or plagiarism. Students are expected to always turn in their own best work. If a student has ANY questions about how to document researched material, s/he should consult his/her teacher!