

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 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Success 101                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic I            | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Mandarin Chinese III | <b>AP COURSES ARE YEAR-LONG:</b>                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development      | <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic II           | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Mandarin Chinese IV  | <input type="checkbox"/> AP European History        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African-American Studies    | <input type="checkbox"/> German I            | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin I                     | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Government and Politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medieval Studies            | <input type="checkbox"/> German II           | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin II                    | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Human Geography         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors German III   | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Latin III            | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Psychology              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACT Prep                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors German IV    | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Latin IV             | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT Prep                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese I          | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian I                   | <input type="checkbox"/> AP World History           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese II         | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian II                  | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Music Theory            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Psychology           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin Chinese I  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Anatomy & Physiology | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:
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504/IEP:
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**THS use only:**  
Counselor Approval Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Fall/Spring/ Yearlong (CIRCLE)

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Fall/Spring/ Yearlong (CIRCLE)

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!