Online NCVPS Course Policies:

- Students who are enrolled in NCVPS courses are assigned to room D10 for their course/s during the THS school day. Attendance is required and taken each day.
- 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 COMMITS 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!