

Student First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ PowerSchool Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2020-2021 North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) Course Commitment

Below are the standard, honors, and AP NCVPS courses offered to 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade students (with a 3.0 GPA) and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students (with a 3.5 GPA). Course descriptions and specific course prerequisites on <https://ncvps.org/ncvps-course-catalog>

#### AP Courses are year long

AP Art History  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP European History (completion of Honors or AP World)  
AP Physics I  
AP Psychology (1 semester or yearlong)  
AP Human Geography (completion of an AP SS or English course)  
AP World History

#### Honors Courses

Honors Anatomy and Physiology (completion of Biology or Honors Biology)  
Honors Psychology  
Honors Forensic Science (completion of Biology and pre- or co- requisite of Physical Science)

#### Standard Courses

Journalism  
Latin I  
Latin II (completion of Latin I)  
Leadership Development  
Psychology  
Success 101

**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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Online Supervisor Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO THE COUNSELING CENTER ASAP**

### 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 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!