

For Rising Ninth Grade Students:

Questions Frequently Asked During Registration

1. ***What is the most important factor for me to consider when selecting my courses for next year?***
 - Meeting graduation requirements
 - Determining the plans you have after high school, whether it is college, work force, or military
 - Keep your options open (every year, we find students who change their mind about college opportunities)

2. ***How many units do I need to graduate?***
 - the total number of credits will be **28**

Future Ready Core Graduation Requirements

English – 4 Credits

English I, II, III, IV

Math – 4 Credits

Math I

Math II

Math III

Math Beyond Math III

Science – 3 Credits

Physical Science or Chemistry

Biology

Earth/Environmental Science

Social Studies – 4 Credits

World History

Civics and Economics

American History Part I

American History Part II

US History AP

Turning Points Honors

Social Studies Elective

Health/Physical Education – 1 Credit

Electives – 12 Credits

2 elective credits from either Career Technical Education, Foreign Language or Arts Education

4 elective credits are also **strongly recommended** to be in one or more of the above areas as well

6 other elective credits

***28** Total Credits Needed for Graduation

3. ***What is a unit of credit?***
-a “unit of credit” represents one course that a student would take for the entire semester in which he/she would have at least a 70 average at the end of the semester.
-ninth grade students will be enrolled in 8 courses; thus, a student can earn a total of 8 units by the end of the ninth grade
4. ***How many units must I have at the end of the year to be promoted to the 10th grade?***
- Six
5. ***Can I register for Honors classes?***
- Honors classes consist of a challenging curriculum for the strong, self-motivated student.
 - Any student may register for an honors class with the understanding that the curriculum is much more rigorous and more study and preparation time is involved to be successful.
6. ***What do I need to do this spring to be eligible to participate in sports?***
- For fall sports, you will be eligible if you are promoted to the 9th grade
 - For the spring sports, you must pass 3 courses in the fall
 - You must also have 85% attendance (miss no more than 13 days, either excused or unexcused)
7. ***If I plan to attend a competitive college when I graduate from high school, what do I need to know as I move through the high school years?***
- Colleges will look at GPA, Class Rank, SAT or ACT scores, and especially your course selection
 - College admissions counselors want to see that you are making the best, most challenging choices in preparation for the college experience
8. ***What is the course sequence if I sign up for World History AP?***
- a. Students will take Civics Honors 9th grade year, World AP 10th grade year and US AP 11th grade year. The high school will automatically change those enrolled in World AP as 9th graders to Civics Honors for their 9th grade year.
9. ***What resources are recommended for me to use?***
- The ABSS High School Course Guide
 - The College Handbook and other publications produced by College Board
 - The following websites:
 - <http://www.collegeboard.com> includes colleges and career searches
 - <http://www.cfnc.org> College Foundation of NC – a one stop location to plan, apply, and pay for college
 - <http://www.abss.k12.nc.us/domain/1430> The Student Services page provides information about enrichment activities, SAT/ACT test dates, scholarship/financial aid, and other pertinent information
 - <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=walamance> Naviance Family Connection College information; scholarship search; career inventories
10. ***What if I change my mind about the courses that I register for today?***
- You should contact your middle school counselor for any changes prior to March 13th.
 - Student course selections are subject to be modified based upon final performance in the 8th grade.