



Panther Creek High School Rising 9th Grade Curriculum Information

Welcome class of 2030 &
families!



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Goal of this Presentation

- X To provide information about registration and course offering information at PCHS for the 26-27 school year
- X This presentation will be available at the following link:
 - X <https://nc01911451.schoolwires.net/Page/53437>

Questions about Scheduling

- X Contact your assigned 8th grade counselor at your Middle School
- X Counselors at PCHS will be assisting rising grades 10-12 with registration on campus

**This presentation will be available on the website the next day*

Registration Process - How Does This Work?

1. Review your information received by the middle school with your child.
2. View teacher recommendations (process shared with you by your middle school).
3. Select classes with your child. (Google form will be shared by your middle school).
4. Student registers on Infinite Campus with their counselor at your middle School.
5. **PCHS Counselors will not be able to meet with you about registration. It all goes through your middle school.**
6. **Attend Freshman Orientation is August 12, 2026**

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF HIGH SCHOOL



Sample Schedule

Block 4 x 4 Fall & Spring Semester

1st semester	Period	2nd semester	Period
Spanish I	1st	English I	1st
Healthful Living	2nd	Business Essentials	2nd
FOM 1	3rd	Math IB	3rd
World History	4th	Earth Science	4th

Bell Schedule

SMART Lunch Daily Bell Schedule		
1 st	7:25-8:49	84 min
2 nd	8:55-10:19	84 min
SMART Lunch	10:25-11:19	25 min Lunch
	10:50-10:54 midpoint Transition	25 min Instructional
3 rd	11:25-12:49	84 min
4 th	12:55-2:18	83 min

Smart Lunch (Students Maximizing Achievement Relationships & Time)

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
A 10:24 UNTIL 10:54	English Special Education	Healthful Living Intramurals Social Studies	Math Special Education	Fine Arts Healthful Living Intramurals Science	Career and Technical Education (CTE) World Languages
B 10:54 UNTIL 11:18	Math	World Languages Science	Career and Technical Education (CTE) Fine Arts	English	Social Studies

Getting Involved at PCHS

Student Activities

- Student Activities Homepage
 - Clubs & Organizations List
 - Student Council
 - National Honor Society

Home > Student Life > Student Activities

Student Activities

Membership and participation in all student clubs and organizations is open to all students without regard to age, race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or other protected classifications.

Student Clubs

Panther Creek offers over 100 clubs and organizations for students to join. For a complete list of clubs and advisors, [click here](#).

New clubs may only be started through the interclub council. Application window and information on starting clubs can be [found here](#).



Student Council

Student council is the governing body for clubs and organizations at Panther Creek. For more information on Student Council and how to join, [click here](#).

**** Volunteer hours are great for college applications. However, they are not required for graduation and are not documented by the school.**

Student Activities**

Communication at Panther Creek

- Parents: Weekly Catamount Messenger to email on file in Infinite Campus
- Students:
 - Scrolling announcements played all day in classrooms
 - Catamount TV: Video news every Monday
 - Daily announcements every morning
 - Canvas via PCHS Student Announcements

Picking Classes for Freshman Year

X Core classes:

- X 1 English
- X 1 Math
- X 1 Social Studies
- X 1 Science
- X Health & PE

X Elective classes:

- X 3 Primary Electives
- X 3 Alternate Electives*
- X Number of electives in 1 year can decrease based on registered core courses
- X Wake Tech CCP courses are not available to 9th grade students for summer or 1st semester of 9th grade.
- X However, eligible students may be able to enroll in the CTE pathway for 2nd semester.

Which Core Courses are Right for my Child?

Core Classes should be picked based on:

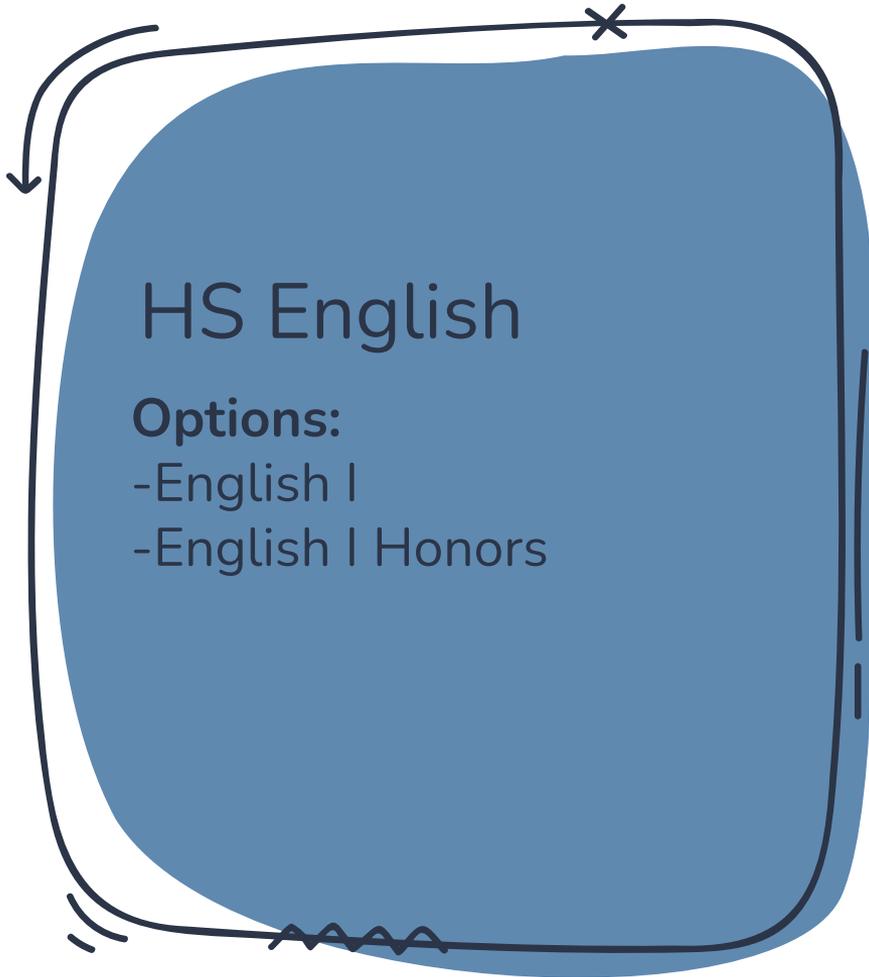
- Teacher Recommendation
- Grades in middle school subject classes
- Work Habits
- EOG Scores
- Interests

Levels: Academic, Honors, Advanced Placement



HS CORE COURSES





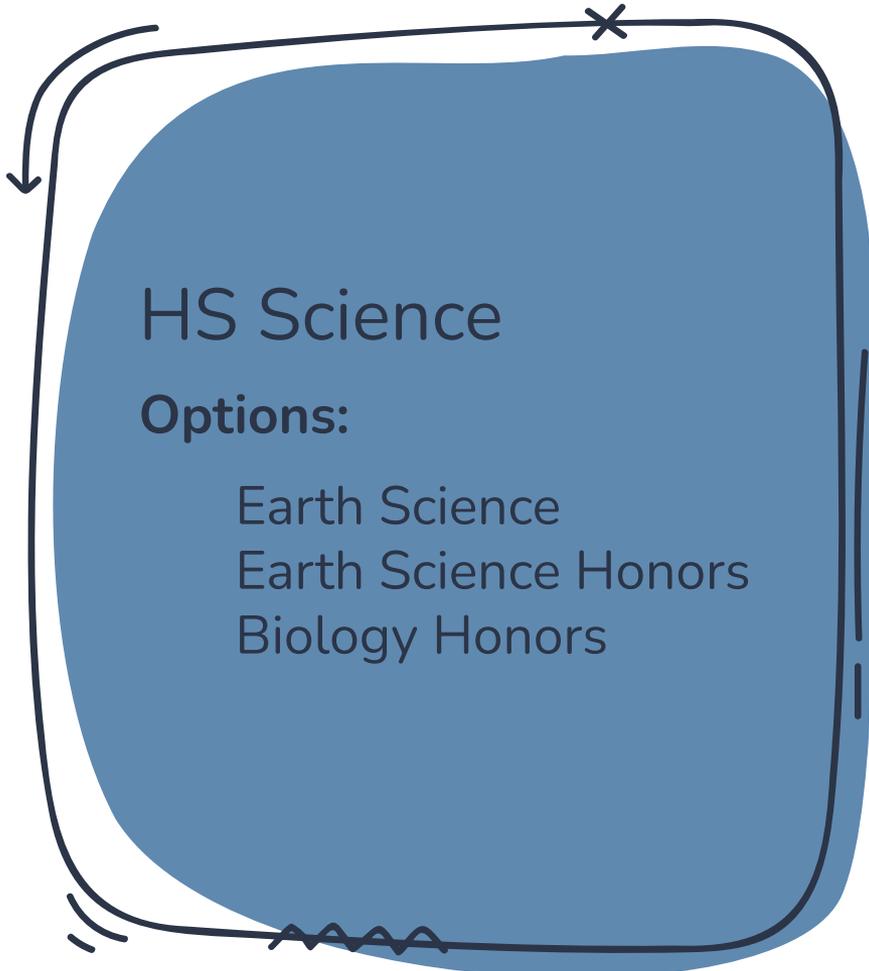
Data Indicators	9 th Grade Course(s)
A or B course grade in 8 th Grade English Language Arts OR Level 4 or 5 on previous ELA EOG tests	English I Honors (Semester)
C course grade in 8 th Grade English Language Arts; Level 3 on previous ELA EOG tests	English I Honors <i>*Highly recommend that student shows desire and ability to engage in more rigorous coursework</i> English I Academic
D or F course grade 7 th and 8 th Grade English Language Arts; Not proficient on previous ELA EOG tests	English I Academic

HS Social Studies

Options

- World History
- World History Honors
- AP World History

Data Indicators	9 th Grade Course(s)
A or B course grade in 8 th grade Social Studies OR Level 4 or 5 on most recent ELA EOG	Honors World History AP World
C course grade in 8 th grade Social Studies; Level 3 on most recent ELA EOG	Honors or Academic World History
D or F course grade in 8 th grade Social Studies; Not proficient on most recent ELA EOG	Academic World History



Data Indicators	9 th Grade Course(s)
A or B course grade in 8 th Grade Science OR Level 4 or 5 on most recent ELA EOG tests	Honors Earth/Environmental Science or Honors Biology (based on student choice/interest)
C course grade in 8 th Grade Science; Level 3 on most recent ELA EOG tests	Honors or Academic Earth/Environmental Science

Why does Science Depend on Math?

9th Grade Math Course: Foundations of Math and Math IB or Math I			
9th	10th	11th	12th
Math 1	Math 2	Math 3	Math 4
Earth Science (Honors or Acad.)	Biology (Honors or Acad.)	Chemistry/Physics/Phy. Science (Academic, Honors, AP)	

9th Grade Math Course: Math 2 Honors (or above)			
9th	10th	11th	12th
Math 2	Math 3	Math 4	Math Elective
Biology (Honors)	Chemistry/Physics/Phy. Science (Academic, Honors, AP)	Earth Science (Honors or AP)	

Sample Science Sequencing

Sample Science Sequences:

1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year
Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry or Physics	AP Environmental Science <i>or</i> Earth/Environmental Honors	AP Science (AP Chemistry, AP Biology or AP Physics) <i>or</i> Science elective based on choice/interest
Honors Biology	Honors Earth/Environmental	Honors Chemistry or Physics	AP Science (AP Chemistry, AP Biology or AP Physics) <i>or</i> Science elective based on choice/interest
Honors Earth/Environmental	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry or Physics	AP Science <i>or</i> Science elective based on choice/interest
Academic Earth/Environmental	Honors or Academic Biology	Honors/Academic Chemistry or Honors Physics	AP Science <i>or</i> Science elective based on choice/interest
Academic Earth/Environmental	Academic Biology	Physical Science	Science elective based on choice/interest

Typical High School Math Sequence Chart

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4
A	Foundations of NC Math 1 (NC Math 1A)	NC Math 1B	Foundations of NC Math 2	NC Math 2	Foundations of NC Math 3	NC Math 3	NC Math 4
B	NC Math 1		NC Math 2		NC Math 3		NC Math 4
C	NC Math 1 (Honors)		NC Math 2 (Honors)		NC Math 3 (Honors)		NC Math 4 (Honors) Or AP Precalculus and/or AP Statistics
D	Math Plus (Honors)	NC Math 2 (Honors)	NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus** or NC Math 4 (Honors)**		AP Statistics and/or Discrete Math for CS (Honors)
E	Math Plus (Honors)	NC Math 2 (Honors)	NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus		AP Calculus AB/BC and/or AP Statistics*
F	NC Math 2 (Honors)		NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus		AP Calculus AB/BC and/or AP Statistics*
G	NC Math 3 (Honors)		AP Precalculus		AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC	Math Analysis and/or AP Statistics*

Current Math:
Math 8

Options:

FOM 1A/Math IB

Math 1

Math 1 Honors

8 th Grade Course	Data Indicators	9 th Grade Course(s)
Math 8	A or B course grade in Math 8 OR Level 4 or 5 on most recent Math EOG	NC Math 1 or NC Math 1 Honors (Level 5) *NC Math 1 EOC at end of semester
	C or high D course grade in Math 8; Level 3 on most recent Math EOG	Foundations of NC Math 1 & NC Math 1B (Yearlong NC Math 1) *Elective credit for Foundations of NC Math 1 and Math credit for NC Math 1B *NC Math 1 EOC at end of 1B
	Low D or F course grade in Math 8; Not proficient on most recent Math EOG	Introductory Math *Elective credit for Fundamental Math I and Elective credit for Introductory Math

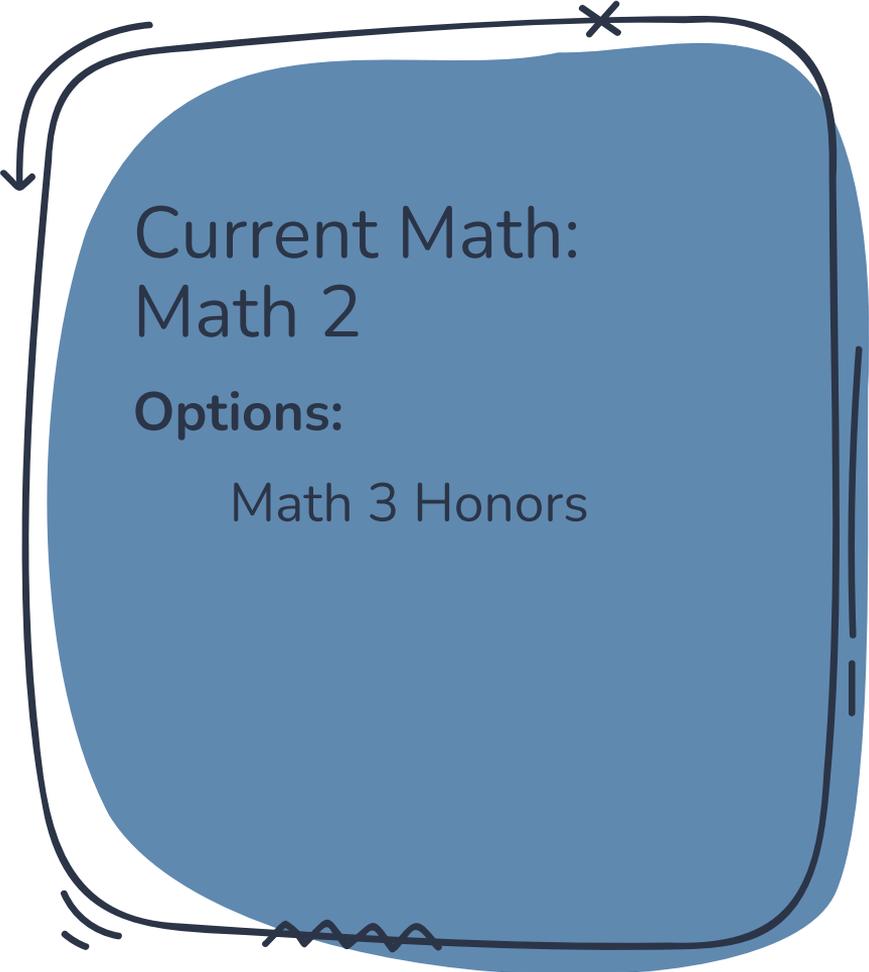
Current Math: Math 1 Honors

Options:

Math 2

Math 2 Honors

NC Math 1 Honors	Level 5 on the Math 8 EOG	Math 2 Honors
NC Math 1	A or B course grade in NC Math 1 OR Level 4 or 5 on most recent Math EOG	NC Math 2 Honors
	C or D course grade in NC Math 1; Level 3 or below on most recent Math EOG	NC Math 2
	F course grade in NC Math 1	Foundations of NC Math 1 & NC Math 1B (Yearlong NC Math 1) OR NC Math 1 (Semester)

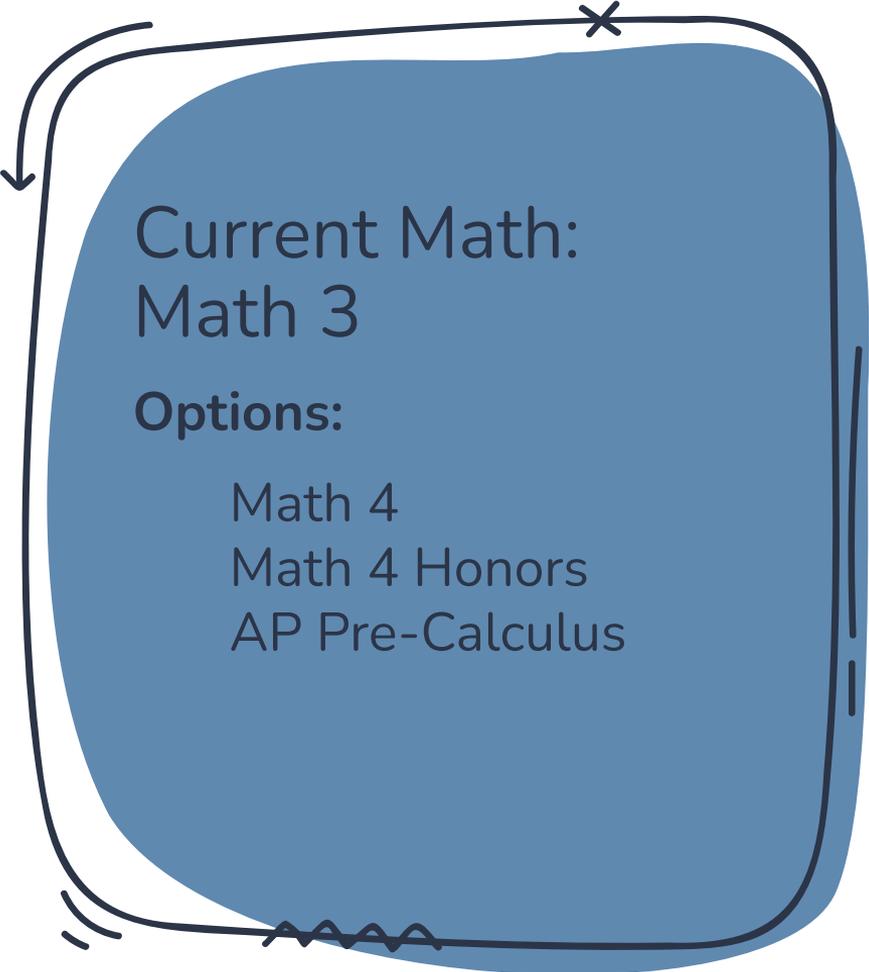


Current Math:
Math 2

Options:

Math 3 Honors

NC Math 2	Passing grade in NC Math 2 (Course grade of A - C recommended)	NC Math 3 Honors
	Students with a low grade who wish to retake NC Math 2 Honors should make a written request to their school counselor. Details should be given to the student regarding retaking a high school credit course.	NC Math 2 Honors



Current Math:
Math 3

Options:

Math 4

Math 4 Honors

AP Pre-Calculus

8 th Grade Course	Data Indicators	9 th Grade Course(s)
Math 3 (for HS credit)	A, B	AP Precalculus or Honors Math 4
	C, D	Honors/Academic Math 4
	F	Math 3

Arts Education Graduation Requirement

Effective for Students Entering 10th in Fall 2026

In alignment with state legislation and NC State Board of Education policy, all North Carolina students must complete 1 credit in Arts Education to graduate. This ensures every student experiences a well-rounded education through Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, or Visual Arts.

Requirement Details

- X Applies to students who entered Grade 6 in Fall 2022 (entering Grade 9 in 2025–26).
- X Students must earn one full credit in Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, or Visual Arts during Grades 6–12.
- X The course must follow the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- X Clubs, partial units, or informal experiences do not count.

Computer Science Graduation Requirement

Starting for students entering 9th in the 2026–2027 school year.

- ✗ This will not increase the total number of credits but reduces the total required number of elective credits by one.
- ✗ The course(s) that meet the graduation requirement provided may be offered to middle school students and would fulfill the requirement. Counselors will review transcripts and options with students to ensure that the qualification is met.

World Languages

- World language credits are **NOT REQUIRED** for graduation. However, they are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for entry to a 4-year UNC system college/university.
 - Need TWO levels of ONE language
 - Spanish 1 & 2, French 1 & 2
- If you are currently in Spanish 1 (8th grade), continue with language next year.
- Why wait?
 - Give students time to get used to the block schedule
 - Moves FAST and is as difficult as a core class
 - Students have more space for electives so they could take both levels in one year (no gap!)
 - Can still make it to the AP level if they begin sophomore year

How to Pick Elective Classes

Considerations:

- Transition to 9th grade
- Balancing of Schedule
- Career Exploration
 - Business
 - Engineering
 - Technology
 - Sports Medicine
 - Arts
- Interests
- Prerequisites for other classes

Health & PE:

- Need 1 credit to graduate HS
- Honors Level

More Information

- High School Websites
 - Look under Student Services
 - Look under 10-12 Registration Sheet
- WCPSS High School Planning Guide

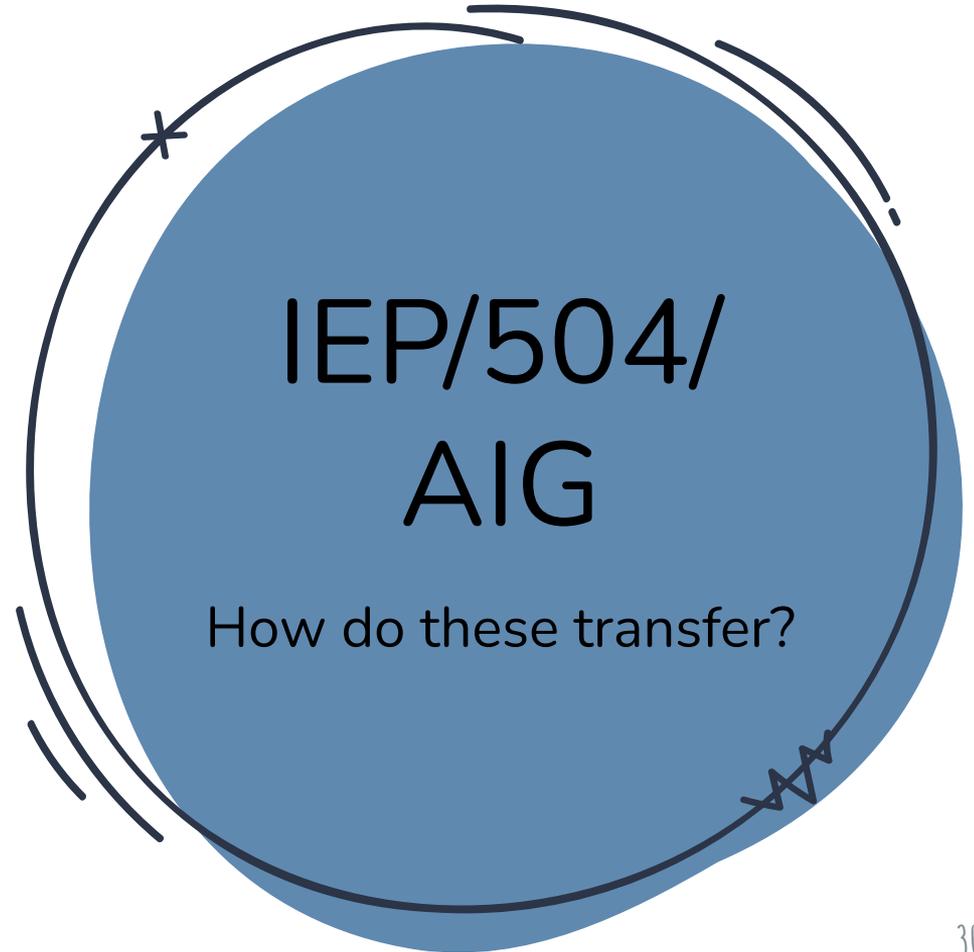
IEP: Will transfer to new school & a case manager will be assigned

504: Will transfer to new school & school counselor will be the case manager

AIG: Will register for Honors and AP courses. There are not any supplemental services.

Suggestions

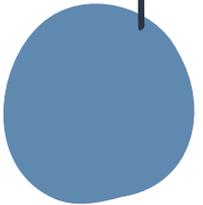
- Be your child's advocate
- Ask questions & seek help



Helpful Links

[PCHS Rising 9th Grade Course Offerings](#)

[WCPSS 2026-27 Program Planning Guide](#)



3 Year Grad Option



Mr. Mapp, API
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North Carolina House Bill 259

- A high school student in Wake County Public Schools who is at least 16 years of age in your 3rd year of high school and desires to graduate after 3 years may request to graduate after 3 years of being in high school.
- This **must** be done prior to starting your freshman year.
- Students must earn the North Carolina required 22-credits to receive the 3-year diploma.
- 3-Year graduates may apply to receive a North Carolina scholarship during what would be their 4th year of high school.

3-Year Graduate Application Process

- Forms will be available online to print and complete.
- Parents/Guardians fill out the [3 Year Application](#) and submit it to their students counselor (submit in person). **Forms are due by May 1, 2026. Email completed form to Mr. Mapp.**
- Students will have to maintain progress towards the NC required 22-credits to remain eligible for the 3-year graduate option.
- The school will notify parents/guardians if a student is not meeting the minimum requirements and the student will no longer be eligible for the 3-year graduate option.

3-Year Graduate

- Three year graduates may apply to receive a North Carolina scholarship during what would be their fourth year of high school.
- This scholarship can only be issued if the student meets the following criteria:
 - Enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution. – A school that is:
 - A constituent institution of The University of North Carolina as defined in G.S. 116-2(4).
 - A community college as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2).
 - A nonprofit postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3).
 - Matriculated status. – Being recognized as a student in a defined program of study leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible postsecondary institution.

3-Year Early Graduate - Proposed Schedule

9th 1st Sem	9th 2nd Sem	10th 1st Sem	10th 2nd Sem	11th 1st Sem	11th 2nd Sem
Math #1	Math #2	Civic Lit. or AP Gov & Pol	Amer. History or APUSH	ECON	Eng IV or AP Lit
Eng I	Science #1(Biology or Earth Science)	Eng II	Science #2(Biology or Earth Science)	Eng III or AP Lang	Elective
World History or AP World History	Elective	Math #3	Comp Science or AP Comp Sci	Math #4	Elective
Healthful Living	Elective	Elective	Elective	Science #3 (PS, Chem, or Physics)	Elective

Key Points

- It is our recommendation that students complete all four years of high school to prepare themselves educationally for post-secondary plans.
- If a student is approved to be a 3-year graduate, they may have a rigorous schedule that is demanding on time.
- Colleges and universities review rigor and course load when considering student applications.
- 3-Year Graduates will be able to participate in “Graduate Activities” but will not be able to participate in “Senior” only activities due to their non-senior classification.
- Students will participate in PCHS graduation.

Key Points

- Students are not able to participate in any school activities, as a student, after they graduate from high school. Additionally, students cannot return for a 4th year after they have progressed through the 3-year graduate option.
- PCHS will recognize early graduates at the school level.
- 3-Year Early Graduates will be able to attend the PCHS Prom.
- 3-Year Early Graduates will take the ACT in their junior/final year of high school.
- 3-Year Graduates **will not** be able to apply for scholarships designated for seniors.

Any
Questions?