

# WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR 9TH GRADERS

**Presented by JTH Student Services Dept.**

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Academic Support & Advising

College & Career Planning

Social & Emotional Support

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# WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU, THE STUDENT?

- Come to school - attendance policy 10 days
- Do your work, try to make good grades
- Follow the rules
- Be purposeful; refine and work towards your goals - work, college, military?
- Athletics & Driving Privileges based on grades

# WHY SHOULD YOU CARE NOW?

- It is easier to do the right thing now, than to go back in time
- Your grades now count towards your GPA which will be sent to colleges in a few years.

# PROMOTION AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive your NC High School diploma you need  
28 credits:

4 English

1 Graduation Project

4 Math

4 History (World H., Civics, American 1 & 2)

3 Science (Earth, Biology, a Physical Science  
such as Physical Sci, Chem, or Physics)

1 Health & PE

2 Foreign Language (not for diploma, but  
required for college)

9 Elective Credits

To be promoted from 9th to 10th:  
6 credits, including English I & Math I

To be promoted from 10th to 11th:  
12 credits

To be promoted from 11th to 12th:  
20 credits

# GPA & WEIGHTED GRADES FOR CLASS OF 2020

## Grade Point Average (GPA)

Conversion Scale and sample calculation

\*\*\* note: only FINAL grades are computed into GPA\*\*\*

Grade	Reg	Hon.	AP
A	4	4.5	5
B	3	3.5	4
C	2	2.5	3
D	1	1.5	2
F	0	0	0

Band	94 (A)	4
Honors English 2	86 (B)	3.5
Spanish 1	80 (B)	3
Honors Math 2	95 (A)	4.5
AP World History	91 (A)	5
Biology	77 (C)	2
Foods 1	65 (D)	1
		23/7 = <b>3.29 GPA</b>

# STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Statistics show students involved in organized activities: clubs, band, sports, church groups, part-time jobs are more likely to be successful in school than students who are not.
- Colleges want to know the students they are admitting use their free time to do something of substance - to grow, learn, or help others. Part-time jobs are valued, too.
- Universities and employers look for students who will enrich and contribute to classes *AND* campus life. How a student spends his or her year is indicative of the involvement the college might hope for from the student.
- SMART Lunch: This time can be used to participate in one of the 58 clubs offered at Hoggard, if it isn't being used for academic support.



# STAYING IN THE KNOW

- Beyond academics, it is important to be mindful of the following:
  - Peer groups
  - Social media/phones
  - Decision-making

Bullying and harassment of any kind is not tolerated in New Hanover County Schools. If someone is bothering you on a repeated basis, do not engage in the conflict, but come tell an adult.

# CYBERBULLYING

The most common places where cyberbullying occurs are:

- Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter
- SMS (Short Message Service) also known as Text Message sent through devices
- Instant Message (via devices, email provider services, apps, and social media messaging features)
- Email
- With the prevalence of social media and digital forums, comments, photos, posts, and content shared by individuals can often be viewed by strangers as well as acquaintances. The content an individual shares online – both personal content as well as any negative, mean, or hurtful content – creates a kind of permanent public record of their views, activities, and behavior. This public record can be thought of as an online reputation, which may be accessible to schools, employers, colleges, clubs, and others who may be researching an individual now or in the future. Cyberbullying can harm the online reputations of everyone involved – not just the person being bullied, but those doing the bullying

QUESTIONS?

# ACTIVITY

- **No HS diploma-Average salary= \$25,636. Unemployment rate=8%**
  - **High school diploma=\$35,256. Unemployment rate=5.4%**
  - **Some college=\$38,376. Unemployment rate=5%**
  - **Average 2 year degree salary=\$41,496. Unemployment rate=4.3%**
  - **Average 4 year degree salary=\$59,124. Unemployment rate=2.8%**
  - **Average Master's Degree salary=\$69,732. Unemployment rate=2%**
  - **Average professional degree salary=\$89,960. Unemployment rate=1.5%**
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- **Jobs in the STEM (science, tech, engineering, math) fields have starting salaries that are well above average. Highest average pay for new grads is software developer (\$65,232), followed by engineer (\$63,036) and actuary (\$59,212). Down at the low end of the study's pay spectrum are customer service representatives (\$35,848) and assistants (\$35,592).**

# MATCHING BUDGET TO EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

<https://www.quicken.com/budget-calculator>