

8th Grade Parent Orientation First Flight High School

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What Makes 9th Graders Successful?

- Motivation
- Attitude
- Organization
- Parent Support
- Sense of direction/purpose
- Attendance

Program of Study 2017-2018

- Online at: <http://ffhs@daretolearn.org>
- Contains course descriptions and prerequisites
- Graduation Requirements
- Minimum Admission Requirements of the UNC System
- NC, Global and STEM Scholars
- Career & Technical Classes – concentrations and certifications
- AP class information
- Athletic and Driver's ED eligibility
- Attendance Policy

Hybrid Schedule

- A combination of 55 min. year-long classes and 90-min. semester classes
- Better transition for entering 9th graders
- More time to learn concepts and practice
- Less of a gap between sequenced courses
- Coincides with NC graduation requirements
- Students can still accelerate as necessary

Sample Schedule

	Yearlong	
	Semester 1	Semester 2
1st	English 1	
2nd	Health PE	Art 1
3rd	World History	Earth Science
4th	Band	
5th	Math 1	

How to decide which and how many honors classes to take

- Go with the students' strengths
- Listen to teacher recommendations and be honest about the work ethic
- Consider extra-curricular activities and go for a balance

Class of 2021 Grading Scale

- 10-point Grading Scale
- Honors courses will be weighted an additional .5 quality point
- AP courses will be weighted 1 additional quality point
- COA (available in 11th/12th grades) courses will be weighted the same as AP courses



College and Career Now

Your Future Starts Here

Phase 1

- High School Classes in middle school
 - Math 1
 - Math 2
 - English 1
 - Earth Science
 - World History
 - Spanish 1

Phase 2

- College course offerings in High School
 - College and Career Promise (COA)
 - **On DCS Campus (increasing access to students)**
 - **Students attending class on COA campus**
 - **Online**
 - AP Course on campus
 - AP Course online NCVPS

Phase 3

- A **focused** pathway for earning the most college credits for each individual student
 - Save money
 - Save time
 - Experience college level work
 - Increase the variety and opportunity

College
Now

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Career

2 Year

4 Year

College and Career Now

Opportunity

Variety

Flexibility

Savings

Choosing Courses

- Make course selections carefully
- First choices will be honored if possible
- Alternate course selections are as important as first choices
- Courses will be offered based on demand and teaching staff availability
- Conflicts arise in the master schedule

Making Good Choices

- Direct questions about teacher recommendations to the 8th grade subject teacher
- 9th graders have five classes they must take
 - decisions on whether a student should take an honors or regular class are best made from the input of the student, parent and teacher

Freshman Registration Sheet

Please choose 7 classes and 2 alternates. The academic classes are on the front and the electives are on the back. Place an A in the box for your alternates. If a class needs a contract or additional forms there will be a line for you, your parent, and the teacher to initial. (Student = S _____ Parent = P _____ Teacher = T _____) If you initial below the courses you are stating that you read the appropriate contact and will fulfill all requirements. Please place your phone numbers below in case there is a problem over the summer then a counselor can contact you or your parent. Each form should be signed by the student and their parent.

Student's Name _____

Student's Phone # _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Phone # _____

English

- English 1
- Honors English 1
- English 2
- Honors English 2
- Other

Science

- Earth Science
- Honors Earth Science
- Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Other

Math

- Foundations of Math 1
- Math 1
- Math 2
- Honors Math 2
- Math 3
- Honors Math 3
- Other

Social Studies

- World History
- Honors World History
- Civics and Economics
- Honors Civics and Economics
- American History 1
- Other

Required

- Health and PE

Elective Options: Choose your electives. Pick two alternates and place an A in the box.

English Electives

- Creative Writing I
- Creative Writing II*
- Creative Writing III*
- Public Speaking
- Introduction to Publications
- Newspaper I*
- Newspaper II*
- Newspaper III*
- Newspaper Editing Honors^

S ___ P ___ T ___

Yearbook I*

Yearbook II*

Yearbook III*

Yearbook Editing Honors^

S ___ P ___ T ___

Social Studies Electives

- Contemporary Issues

Science Electives

- Forensic Science+
- Oceanography+
- Human Anatomy/Physiology+

Health and PE Electives

- Life Skills and Sports*
- Strength Training*
- Athletic Training I
- Athletic Training II*

Foreign Language Electives

CNC Schools Require 2 credits

- Spanish I
- Spanish II*
- Spanish III Honors*
- Spanish IV Honors*

Internships

You must be in 11th or 12th

- CTE Internship
- CTE Service Learning

S ___ P ___ T ___

Fine Arts Electives

- Art I
- Art II*
- Art III Honors*
- Art IV Honors*
- AP Art*
- Arts & Crafts
- Photography I
- Photography II*
- Photography III*
- Digital Photography*
- General Mixed Chorus
- Advanced Concert Choir^

S ___ P ___ T ___

Band ? Honors (Marching)

Jazz Band

Honors Jazz/Stage Band^

S ___ P ___ T ___

String Orchestra

Music Theory

Theatre Arts I

Theatre Arts II*

Theatre Arts III*

Technical Theatre*

Career and Technical Education

- Career Management
- Environmental/Natural Resources I
- Environmental/Natural Resources II*
- Microsoft Intro to Computer Science
- AP Computer Science Principles+
- Microsoft Excel and Access
- Microsoft Word and PowerPoint
- Multimedia and Webpage Design
- Personal Finance
- Intro Culinary Arts and Hospitality I+
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality II*
- Foods I
- Foods II*
- Parenting and Child Development
- Early Childhood Education I*
- Early Childhood Education II*
- Health Team Relations
- Health Science I*
- Health Science II*
- Nursing Fundamentals*

Career and Technical Education Cont.

- Marketing
- Strategic Marketing*
- Fashion Merchandising
- Marketing Management*
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing I*
- Entrepreneurship I
- Advance Game Art and Design
- Game Art and Design
- Scientific and Technical Visualization I
- Scientific and Technical Visualization II*
- Core and Sustainable Construction
- Carpentry I*
- Carpentry II*
- CTE Advanced Studies (Carpentry)*
- Drafting I
- Drafting II – Architectural*
- Adobe Visual Design
- Adobe Digital Design*
- Adobe Video Design*
- Public Safety I
- Public Safety II*

Interdepartmental Electives

- AVID
- Broadcast Journalism
- Peer Tutoring
- Peer Health Education
- Student Services Assistant
- Technology Assistant

NC Virtual Public Schools

- _____
- _____
- S ___ P ___ T ___

CCP – College of the Albemarle

You must be a Junior, have a 3.0 GPA, and a qualifying test score to take CCP.

- _____
- _____
- S ___ P ___ T ___

*class requires a prerequisite
+class is not offered to freshmen
^audition or teacher approval

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Schedule Changes

- Schedule changes will be made only under certain conditions:
 - *student is scheduled for a course for which he/she did not register or which was not selected as an alternate
 - *student does not meet the prerequisite
 - *student is academically misplaced or there is a computer error

Registration Schedule

- April 19 – FFHS counselors present 8th grade to classes and hand out registration forms
- April 24 – Signed registration forms are due to social studies teachers.
- April 26 - FFHS counselors meet individually with 8th graders to review registration forms

Questions?