High School 4-Year Planning

Learning about graduation requirements, credits, GPA's, and post-secondary admission requirements

Why is 4-year High School Planning Important?

- To graduate on time with your peers or to graduate early (either at the end of your Junior year or Mid-year as a Senior)
- To prepare a plan to attend a 2 or 4 year post-secondary education; Community College vs 4-year College admission requirements
- To know what classes you need to register for, for the following year
- Understanding the Diploma tract offered here at Community High School vs a Traditional High School

Minimum Credit Diploma

- What is a Minimum Credit Diploma?
- **22 Credits vs. 28 Credits** Diploma to graduate from Community High (CHS) vs Traditional High School
- For each class you pass you earn one credit towards the required 22 Credit Minimum Credit Diploma to graduate
- For each class you pass you earn a grade, all your earned grades combined creates a Grade Point Average (GPA). Learning and understanding what your GPA is important as it can affect your post-secondary plans.

How do I calculate my GPA?

GPA: Grade Point Average

A Standard Class carries a 4.0 Weight

A Honors Class carries a 4.5 Weight

An AP and ABTech Class carries a 5.0 Weight

To Calculate Your GPA:

Step 1: Add up all the grade points

Step 2: Divide the added grade points from Step 1 by the number of classes taken.

Graduation Requirements for Minimum Credit Diploma

4 English Credits: English 1, 2, 3, 4

4 Math Credits: Foundations of Math & Math 1, 2, 3 *OR* Math 1, 2, 3, 4

4 History Credits:

Students entering BEFORE 2020-2021: World History, American History I, American History II, Civics & Economics

Students entering AFTER 2020-2021: World History, Civic Literacy, American History, Economics and Personal Finance

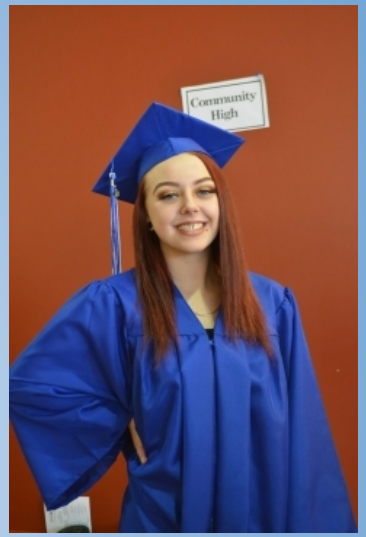
3 Science Credits: Earth Science, Biology, and Physical Science

Health and Physical Education

CPR Certification

A TOTAL OF 22 Credits

Additional Classes offered at CHS



- Foods 1 and Foods 2
- Horticulture 1 and Horticulture 2;
- Horticulture 1 Landscaping and Horticulture 2 Landscaping
- Advanced PE
- Academic Support
- Library Media Assistant (Pre-Approval required)
- ABTech Online Courses for Dual Enrollment
- NCVPS/Edgenuity Online Courses (If you are interested in learning what classes are offered please ask your counselor, there are tons of options)
- Edgenuity Foreign Language Classes (There are multiple options)
- Work Based Learning Credit

Post-Secondary Planning

If you plan to attend a 4 year college or university you will need to keep several things in mind;

1. GPA must maintain above a 2.8
2. Take and Pass Math 4 *(Possibly need and take a CCRG class for Math or English for a NC 2-year Community College)*
3. You must take and pass two sequential classes in the same foriegn language; Spanish 1 and 2, French 1 and 2, Sign Language 1 and 2
4. You must take the ACT and/or the SAT (You will take the ACT as a Junior while at Community for free) We have fee waivers for SAT/PSAT if you need one
5. Consider taking your classes at the honors level to boost your GPA and show rigour

4-Year High School Planning in Naviance

- Log-in to your IAM account
- Click on Clever
- Search and Click on the Naviance Icon
- Click on the top tab for Courses and select Manage Course Plans
- Click on the pink colored plus sign (inside of a circle) to create a new Course Plan