



High School Planning Guide

Wake Christian Academy has a strong academic and spiritual program to fulfill its purpose: to prepare students for adult lives in service for the Lord wherever He may lead them, whether into the world of work or further formal education. The following information is provided to assist students and parents in planning a course of study to meet each student's special interests and needs.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: WCA requires a total of 20 units plus one unit of Bible for each year at a Christian school. Other requirements include 4 units of English, 4 units of math, 3 units of science, 4 units of social studies, 1 unit of physical education/health, and 1 unit of computer. **Beginning with the Class of 2017, either 1 unit of computer or 1 unit of a Fine Arts course will be required.**

In order for a senior to march with his graduating class, he must have earned 23 units with an approved plan to complete the remaining unit during the summer following graduation. The student would not receive his diploma until 24 units have been earned.

TESTING REQUIREMENT: All students are required to take the American College Test (ACT) during their junior year in order to meet state testing requirements. A minimum score of 12 is required. Students are encouraged to retake the test as needed to meet college entrance requirements.

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN:

<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Bible I	Bible II	Bible III	Bible IV
English I	English II	English III	English IV
World History	Civics/Economics	U. S. History	Social Studies Elective
Phys Science	Biology	Science Elective	Science Elective
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Math Elective
PE/Health	Computer	Foreign Language I	Foreign Language II
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

CREDITS: To earn one credit, a student must receive at least a 60 for his **yearly** average in a subject which meets for 36 weeks (one school year) five days per week. (For example, if a student receives a 58 first semester, he may pass for the year if he receives at least a 62 for the second semester.) If, however, a student fails only one semester and does **not** pass for the year, he must make up only the semester failed. A student who fails both semesters must repeat the course.

NOTE: A student who misses more than 10 days in a class (excused or unexcused) during the semester may lose credit for that class.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS: Parents should be aware that in order for a student to attend one of the universities in the North Carolina system, he/she must have taken Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus or Advanced Functions & Modeling, and/or AP Calculus. Three sciences and two units of the same foreign language are also required. Another recommendation is that the final year of foreign language be taken in the senior year.

NCAA REQUIREMENTS: Any student who may play a college sport must have 16 core courses. Click on the following link and then VIEW HERE to find the WCA courses which meet this requirement. Enter the school code: 343237.
https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/index_hs.html

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS: In grades 9-12, rather than passing entire grade levels, students are passed or failed in each course taken. Any required course that is failed must be repeated, but this does not involve repeating the entire grade level. **NOTE: If English or Bible is failed, it must be made up in the summer (in a WCA approved program) in order for the student to be promoted to the next grade level no matter how many other credits are earned.**

The following credits are required for homeroom placement:

10th grade 5 units including 1 Bible course & 1 English course

11th grade 11 units including 2 Bible courses & 2 English courses

12th grade 17 units including 3 Bible courses & 3 English courses

ELECTIVES:

Any course listed below will be offered ONLY if there is sufficient enrollment and available resources.

Social Studies

Psychology/Sociology (12)
Psychology/Sociology (H/12)
*Honors US History
Current Events (H) (12)
*Civics/Econ (H/10)
*AP US History (12)

Fine Arts Electives**

AP Music Theory (11/12)
Concert Bells (H 10-12)
Chorale (H) (audition)
Chorus
Art
Symphonic/Marching Band
Orchestra
Yearbook (H)***
(application required)

Math

Algebra I
Geometry (H 9)
Algebra II (H 10)
Pre-Calculus (H)
Adv Functions & Modeling
Adv Functions & Modeling (H)
AP Calculus AB
*AP Calculus BC

Science

Chemistry (10-12)
*H Chemistry (10-12)
*AP Chemistry (11/12)
*AP Physics 1 & 2 (11/12)
*Biotech Research (H)
Honors Biology (10)
*AP Biology (11/12)
*Anatomy (H 11/12)

Computer

Computer Application
AP Computer

Foreign Language

Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III (H)
AP Spanish

English

*AP Lang & Comp (11)
*AP Lit & Comp (12)
Creative Writing (H 11/12)

Other Electives

Teacher's Aide
Boys' Weight Training

** Honors credit for chorale, band, orchestra, and concert bells:

Ninth grade students **may not** receive honors credit in fine arts classes.

Any student in the fine arts classes listed above may receive honors credit his second year and each subsequent year.

A student moving to a higher level of the same program may receive honors credit for his first year at the new level.

Example: A student who has been in chorus one year may receive honors credit for his first year in chorale.

***Ninth grade students **may not** receive honors credit for yearbook.

Any student in yearbook may receive honors credit his second year and each subsequent year of participation.

In order for a student to double up in Math the student must have a final average of 95 or higher in Pre-Algebra or Algebra I.

Student must maintain a minimum of 85 average to remain on the honors track.

* **PREREQUISITES:** Listed below are courses that can be taken only if the prerequisites have been met. The final decision, however, is based upon the recommendation of the teacher and the administration.

Course

Prerequisite

Geometry	C in Algebra I
Algebra II	C in Algebra I and Geometry
Pre-Calculus	A in Algebra II
Adv Functions/Modeling	C in Algebra II
AP Calculus AB	A in Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus BC	95 in Pre-Calculus and teacher recommendation
Anatomy	C in Biology
Biotech Research	C in Algebra II and a B in Biology; Priority to seniors
Chemistry	C in Physical Science, Biology, and Algebra I (or instructor approval)
H Chemistry	B in Physical Science, Biology, and Algebra I (or instructor approval)
AP Chemistry	A in Chemistry and Algebra II
AP Physics 1 & 2	B in Physical Science and Algebra II
Honors Biology	B in Physical Science and Geometry
AP Biology	B in 10 th grade Biology
Foreign Language I	C in English
Foreign Language II, III, AP	C in previous language class
Honors English	B or better in previous year's Honors English; A in regular English to move up
Current Events	Highest average in Honors US History
AP US History	C or better in CP or H US History

WEIGHTED CLASSES:

- ✓ Students taking honors courses receive one extra grade point.
 - ✓ Students taking Advanced Placement classes and the AP exam receive two additional grade points.
 - Admission to AP classes will be based on grades and teacher recommendation.
 - A student who does not take the AP exam will receive ONLY honors credit. (fee is roughly \$80)
- STUDENTS CHOOSING AP CLASSES MUST BE AWARE OF THE REQUIRED TIME/WORK COMMITMENTS.