

# High School Registration Requirements

## What is registration?

The goal of registration is to ensure you sign up for the necessary classes to achieve graduation. During your high school career, you are required to pass the following: 4 English courses, 4 math courses, 4 social studies courses, 3 science courses, 2 foreign language courses, 1 health & PE course, and various elective courses totalling 28 credits.

Grade	Math*	Science	Social Studies	English
9th	Math I	Earth and Environmental	World History	English I
10th	Math II	Biology	Civics & Economics	English II
11th	Math III	Physical Science or Chemistry	American History I, American History II or AP US History	English III or AP English III
12th	AFM, Calculus, Pre-Calculus or AP Statistics		American History II or a 4th Social Studies	English IV or AP English IV

\* If Math I was taken in 8th grade then begin high school with Math II.

## What is the difference between standard, honors and Advanced Placement?

Most classes are offered at 3 different levels- **standard courses** cover the required curriculum. **Honors courses** cover the required curriculum with added depth and rigor and are generally recommended for students who have consistently earned As and Bs in that subject. **Advanced Placement (AP) courses** are taught at the college level and are the most rigorous courses offered. Students who participate in honors or AP courses earn additional quality points which positively affect GPA (see below). Additionally, students who take AP courses may also take the corresponding AP exam. If a student earns a score of 3 or higher, the student may earn a transferable college credit.

## What do you mean by quality points and Grade Point Average?

Grade Point Average is an average of your overall performance in high school. In order to calculate GPA you must convert each of your grades: A=4, B=3, C=2 and D=1. Add each of your numbers together and then divide the sum by the total number of classes taken. For example, if I earned a B, C, A and a B then my GPA would be  $(3+2+4+3)/4= 3.0$ . 3.0 or a B average is the general standard for acceptance into a college or university.

## What are online classes and who can take them?

PCCS offers a variety of classes through the North Carolina Virtual Public School. Participating students are scheduled for one period of the school day with a PCCS teacher to monitor online activities and offer any needed help. Online classes are only available for juniors and seniors.

## What is Career and College Promise?

Career and College Promise refers to the Gaston College program that allows juniors and seniors to take college classes for free while enrolled in high school. These classes result in credit for both high school and college and are available in traditional formats (on or off GC campus) and online.