

Welcome to Apex High! Helpful New Student Information.

ACADEMIC

How many credits do you need to graduate from Apex High?

You must earn a minimum of 26 credits to graduate from Apex High. See your counselor for specific courses.

How many credits can you earn in one school year?

Because Apex is on a block schedule, you have the potential of earning eight credits per school year.

What is a block schedule? Most Wake County schools operate on a block schedule which means that you take four courses in the fall semester and four different courses in the spring. You earn one credit for each course passed with the potential of earning eight credits each school year.

What is the grading/ GPA scale at Apex?

Students earn numeric grades on their report cards. WCPSS employs a grading scale consistent with guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and based on the following values:

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 60-69
- F = < 60

Grades 9, 10, 11. 12th see counselor	Grading System/Course Weights	Quality points	Quality points
	Standard Courses	Honors Courses	AP Courses
A	4	4.5	5
B	3	3.5	4
C	2	2.5	3
D	1	1.5	2
F	0	0	0

Can you withdraw from a class in progress? [PPG page 14]

Students are not allowed to drop a course after the first ten days of school. If a student withdraws after the ten-day period, a failure (WF) is noted on as the grade and the course is counted as a course attempted with no quality points earned. This action will result in a lower grade point average for the student.

Do I have to take a full schedule (four credits each semester)? [PPG page 14]

Yes. In high school, each student shall carry a course load equal to the number of instructional periods in the school day, unless special permission is given to the student by the principal. Students approved for Career and Technical Cooperative Education programs or dual enrollment in post-secondary schools are exempt from this policy.

Does AHS have an online system that allows students/parents to check grades?

Yes, WCPSS schools currently uses PowerSchool to check grades, attendance, transportation and fees or fines. For instructions on Parent accounts and Student accounts visit: <http://www.wcpss.net/student-information>.

How important are the final exams at the end of each semester? [PPG page 18]

Finals are very important; your final exam grade comprises 20% of your final course grade.

What types of Final Exams will I have in high school?

*End-of-course (EOC) = Math 1, Biology, English 2, Math 3 (beginning SY 2018/2019)

*NC Final Exams (NCFE) = English 1,3, and 4, Civics, World History, American History 1 and 2, Earth Science, Chemistry and Physical Science, Physics, Math 2, AFM, Discrete and Pre-calculus.

*Teacher made exams for all other courses.

Will the grade I earned in a middle school high school course be included in my high school GPA?

No. Only courses taken during high school years will be included in the student's GPA.

I am interested in Dual Enrollment at Wake Tech, finding a job, exploring potential careers or possibly finding a Work Internship for senior year. Who should I talk to about this? Mr. Jackson Hayes is our Career Development Coordinator and he can assist you. You may email him at JHayes2@wcpss.net, (room 1253).

GENERAL INFORMATION

What time does school start and end?

The student's school day is from 7:25 am – 2:18 pm. Buses leave campus shortly after dismissal.

How many students are enrolled at Apex High? We have approximately 2100 students currently enrolled at our school.

Is there a dress code? To help keep our students focused on learning without distractions, we expect everyone to dress appropriately. Our Code of Student Conduct prohibits disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive, obscene or unsafe clothing or bodily appearances. For more information, see Board Policy: Code of Student Conduct

How does lunch work?

There are two lunch periods-each 40 minutes long-determined by the location of your third period. You may pay with cash or by adding funds to your student account. Juniors/Seniors may apply for/purchase off-campus lunch passes.

Where can I find my bus number and schedule?

Bus information can be found in PowerSchool under transportation. You can request bus transportation by going to: <http://www.wcpss.net/busrider>. If you still need assistance, please contact Assistant Principal Andrew Hill.

Can I drive myself to school?

Seniors may purchase a parking pass from the front office for \$200.00. Please view more information on the AHS website. Juniors may check with the front office to determine if there are any parking passes available.

How long is each class period? Each of the four class periods is 88 minutes long.

How much time will I have between periods? You have six minutes to travel between classes.

Do we have to have a locker? No, but if you would like one, please speak to your Cougar Class (homeroom) teacher.

I think I need help, how can I find a free peer tutor? Visit the AHS website and click on "Tutor Connect" to request a Honor Society student tutor.

How can I contact my counselor? The best way to contact your counselor or request an appointment is via email. You may also stop in during your lunch to see if your counselor is available. If you are in crisis, you simply need to tell your teacher you need to see a counselor and obtain a pass to go directly to Student Services.

I feel that I am being bullied or feel threatened. What do I do? You may contact your Administrator, reach out to one of our SROs (police officers) Officer Mellenberger or Officer Allen, or see your counselor who will hear your concern & help direct you to the appropriate person to make your report. Please seek assistance from any adult at the school.

I am not feeling well; what should I do? WCPSS high schools do not employ full-time nurses for each school. If you are feeling ill, you may go to the front office to call a parent so that a family decision can be made about returning to class or being picked up from school. If you have a serious injury or medical emergency, please alert a staff member so that you can get immediate attention.

EXTRACURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

What Clubs do you have at Apex High? We have over 60 clubs. You may view them on the AHS website.

What sports does Apex High offer and when are tryouts? We have over 35 sports teams to find information go to wcpss.net/apexhs. Tryouts for fall sports 2019/20 is August 1st, winter is October 30th and spring is February 12th.

Does Apex High offer chorus, drama, music or art classes?

Yes, we have an expansive arts program including art, band, chorus, orchestra and theatre.

DRIVERS EDUCATION

I am interested in Driver Education. How does that work? [PPG page 18]

Driver Education is offered through a private contractor, Jordan Driving School, after-school hours, holidays, and summer months. Enrollment information is available from our site coordinator, Mr. Patrick Leary or Jordan Driving school website. You may return the completed/signed application to Student Services to be given to Mr. Leary. He will contact you via email with the date your driver's education session will begin.

What would cause my North Carolina driver's license to be revoked? At the end of each semester, a report of all students who failed two or more courses that semester is automatically sent to the NC Department of Motor Vehicles. Shortly thereafter, students will receive a letter from DMV alerting them that their license has been revoked due to poor academic standing and students may be asked to turn in their driver's license at a DMV office.