

Welcome to Apex High! Here is some 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 to earn 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.

### ***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 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. Wake County Public 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
- \*Specific CTE State Assessments
- \*Teacher made exams for all other courses

### ***Will the grade I earned for a high school course taken in middle school 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. Please email him at [JHayes2@wcpss.net](mailto:JHayes2@wcpss.net) or see him in room 1253.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### ***What time does school start and end?***

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

### ***How many students are enrolled at Apex High?***

We have approximately 2200 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 your third period class. 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 at <http://www.wcpss.net/busrider>. If you need further assistance, please contact Assistant Principal Andrew Hill.

### ***Can I drive myself to school?***

Seniors may purchase a parking pass from the front office. 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 I 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" under Students to request an 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 Student Services 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 McDowell, or see your counselor who will hear your concern and 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 under Activities.

### ***What sports does Apex High offer and when are tryouts?***

We have over 35 sports teams. For detailed information, please visit [wakecountyathletics.com/apexhs](http://wakecountyathletics.com/apexhs).

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

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

## **DRIVER EDUCATION**

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

Driver Education is offered after school, holidays, and summer months through a private contractor, Jordan Driving School. Enrollment information is available from our site coordinator, Mr. Patrick Leary, or the Jordan Driving School website, [jordandriving.com](http://jordandriving.com). 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 the 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.