



# Apex High School - Home of the Cougars

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## Mission Statement:

Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) will provide relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators, and critical thinkers.

## General Information:

Apex High School is one of Wake County Public School System's thirty-four high schools. Our students participate in 39 varsity and junior varsity sports, 50 leadership and service-oriented clubs, and a full range of course offerings including Honors, Advanced Placement, and CTE Completers. The Academy of Information Technology (AOIT), an award-winning National Academy Foundation program, provides students with opportunities to study computer science, programming, database administration, web design, and other areas in the expanding digital workplace. The Class of 2022 had seven National Merit Scholarship finalists and earned almost six million dollars in scholarships.

## School Details:

Current Enrollment: 2,513  
Assistant Principals: 6  
Teaching Faculty: 131  
Senior Class: 626

## Accreditation:

Cognia  
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

## School Year:

180 days per year  
4x4 block schedule; 88 minutes per class

## Grading System

A = 90-100  
B = 80-89  
C = 70-79  
D = 60-69  
F = 0-59

## Class Rank:

Use weighted, final course grades for class rank.  
AP courses and eligible dual enrollment courses earn 1 extra quality point. Honors courses earn 0.5 extra quality points.

## Senior Honors:

In lieu of naming a valedictorian and salutatorian, WCPSS designated the following distinctions based on the weighted cumulative GPA:  
Summa Cum Laude: 4.25 or higher  
Magna Cum Laude: 4.0 - 4.249  
Cum Laude: 3.75-3.99

## Postsecondary Plans, Class of 2022

4 Year College: 69%  
2 Year Community College: 24%  
Military/Work/Other: 7%

## 2022 AP Scores

Total Exams: 1494  
Percentage earning a score of 3 or greater: 63%

## Advanced Placement Courses (27):

Art History  
Biology  
Calculus AB, BC  
Chemistry  
Computer Science Principles  
Computer Science  
English Language & Composition  
English Literature & Composition  
Environmental Science  
European History  
French Language & Culture  
German Language & Culture  
Human Geography  
Physics I & II: Algebra-Based  
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism: Algebra-Based  
Physics C: Mechanics  
Psychology  
Spanish Language & Culture  
Spanish Literature & Culture  
Statistics  
Studio Art 2-D Design, 3-D Design  
US Government and Politics  
US History  
World History

## Apex High School Student Services

### Dean of Counseling & Student Services

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## Wake County Public School System Graduation Requirements

**English** – English I, II, III, IV

**Math** – Math I, II, III, 4<sup>th</sup> Additional Math

**Science** – Earth/Environmental, Biology, a physical science (Chemistry, Physical Science, or Physics)

**Social Studies** – World History, Civics and Economics, American History I & II or AP US History & SS Elective

**Healthful Living**

**Electives**

-2 required electives of any combination from: Career & Technical Education, Arts, or World Language<sup>^</sup>  
(<sup>^</sup> Admission to a college/university in the University of North Carolina system requires 2 credits in a World Language.)

-4 elective credits strongly recommended (four-course concentration) from one of the following:

\*Career and Technical Education (CTE)

\*Arts Education (music, theater, visual arts, dance)

\*JROTC

\*Any other subject area (math, science, social studies, English, or cross-disciplinary)

-4 additional electives

**Total Number of Credits = 26**

### ***Covid-19 Information***

#### ***Grading for the Spring semester of the 2019-2020 School Year***

Per North Carolina State Board of Education [Policy GRAD-009](#), students in grades 9-11 during the 2019-20 school year were provided two options for final grades: Numeric grades or a PC19 or WC19. Numeric grades reflect the highest grade representing learning as of March 13, 2020, or as improved through the semester as remote learning continued. PC19 represents a passing grade and a full credit towards graduation; WC19 represents a lack of evidence of mastery in the course and indicates that the school is unable to award a full credit. Numeric grades are factored into the GPA and class rank; PC19 and WC19 grades are not.

#### ***Scheduling During the 2020-2021 School Year***

Due to Wake County Public Schools' decision to create a Virtual Academy within our school, some courses were limited for our students during the 2020-21 school year. Students could choose Virtual Academy for the fall semester or for the entire year.

#### ***Scheduling During the 2021-2022 School Year***

Wake County Public Schools (WCPSS) made the decision to create a Virtual Academy option through the district for students during this year. Students had to opt into the Virtual Academy for the entire 2021-2022 school year. Students within the Virtual Academy took a combination of classes from WCPSS teachers throughout the district and North Carolina Virtual Public Schools (NCVPS).