# WELCOME TO APEX FRIENDSHIP HIGH SCHOOL!



#### **APEX FRIENDSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**

Less than a year after the end of the Civil War, recently emancipated slaves found a place where they could meet, hold religious services, and ultimately build a community alongside white merchants and farmers. Soon after, Native Americans too settled among this area's inhabitants. Ultimately, in recognition of the unique cooperative spirit that made their lives possible, community leaders agreed to call their settlement Friendship, and this is where Apex Friendship High School stands today.

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Perhaps the most important question in education today is, "What do our students need to be learning to be ready for an unpredictable future?"

### "Most Likely to Succeed"



### "Growth Mindset"



CLASS OF 2018-**GRADUATION &** PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS Apex Friendship High School Student Services

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- FUTURE READY CORE

- English-English I, II, III and IV
- Math-Math I, Math II, Math III and 4<sup>th</sup> math aligned with the student's post- secondary plans
- Science- Earth Science, Biology, and Physical Science (or Chemistry, or Physics)
- Social Studies- World History, American History I & American History II, and Civics/Economics (New name will be American History: The Founding Principles, Civics & Economics)
- Healthful Living I
- Electives- 6 required

2 from CTE, Arts or Second Languages 4 from Pathway Areas ( are **strongly recommended**)- CTE, Arts, or another subject area (English, science, etc)

- 4 Additional electives
- Minimum credit total required-26

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS...**

#### END OF COURSE EXAMS English II Math I Biology

#### • ALL CONSIST OF 25% OF THE STUDENT'S FINAL GRADE

#### NORTH CAROLINA FINAL EXAMS

English I World HistoryEarth ScienceMath IIEnglish IIIAmerican History IPhysical ScienceMath IIIEnglish IVAmerican History IIChemistryAFMCivics & EconomicsPhysicsDiscrete MathPre-Calc

\*ALL CONSIST OF 20% OF THE STUDENT'S FINAL GRADE

### UNC SYSTEM MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (MCR'S)

- WCPSS graduation requirements are closely aligned with these (4 units in English, 4 units in math, 3 units in science, etc)
- Math- Math I, Math II, Math III, 4<sup>th</sup> math beyond Math III (Discrete Math, Advanced Functions and Modeling, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, etc)
- Foreign Language- Two levels of the same foreign language (French I & II, Spanish I & II)
- Minimum GPA requirement is 2.5
- Minimum combined reading/math SAT score is 800
- Minimum ACT composite score is 17

#### PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS GETTING TO 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- 1+2+3=6 Formula
- Need to earn credit in English I (1)
- Need to Pass <u>2</u> of the following (Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Need to Pass <u>3</u> other courses.

\*Students may count high school courses taken in Middle School toward this formula.

#### PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS GETTING TO 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Need to earn credit in English II
- Need to Pass the following (Math, Science, <u>AND</u> Social Studies)
- Need to Pass enough classes to get to 12 credits.

\*Students may count <u>high school courses</u> taken in Middle School toward this formula.

# HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR CLASSES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Yes, per State Board of Education policy...

Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in 2010-2011 may earn graduation credit for high school math, second language, science and social studies classes passed in middle school.

(Wake County does not currently offer any high school science or social studies classes in the middle school grades.)

Applicable courses are listed on the transcript with final grade and credit issued. These courses are not included in the calculation of the high school GPA.

#### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

#### Are you in a CTE class this year?

Here are just a few of the CTE courses offered at AFHS:Foods IHealth Team RelationsApparel IMicrosoft Word/PublisherMicrosoft Excel/AccessPLTW Intro to EngineeringPrinciples of BusinessPLTW Principles of Engineeringand Finance

#### WHAT IS A TRANSCRIPT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### Let's review a transcript to help us understand...



#### THE TRANSCRIPT INCLUDES:

- > All of the courses you take in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and the final grade you earned for each class: A, B, C, D, or F
- High school classes taken in middle school (these grades are not factored into your high school GPA)
- > Your weighted and unweighted GPA and your class rank

## What goes into a final grade?

A final grade represents your work in a course over a semester: 1<sup>st</sup> Q grade + 2<sup>nd</sup> Q grade + Final Exam grade, OR, 3<sup>rd</sup> Q grade + 4<sup>th</sup> Q grade + Final Exam grade

### Final Exams are worth:

25% of your final grade if you are in an EOC course 20% of your final grade if you are in a non-EOC course



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

GRADING SCALE \*Grades are reported on Transcripts as the actual number grade

# GPA & Quality Points Rising 11<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Grade	Standard	Honors	AP
А	4	5	6
В	3	4	5
С	2	3	4
D	1	2	3
F	0	0	0

### GPA & Quality Points Rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders)

Grade	Standard	Honors	AP
A	4	4.5	5
В	3	3.5	4
С	2	2.5	3
D	1	1.5	2
F	0	0	0

### **Testing and Assessment**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: PLAN, AP
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: ACT, SAT, AP
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: SAT, ASVAB, AP, Work Keys

\***PSAT** is no longer offered during the school day. Will be a Saturday administration and students will pay the \$15 to sit for the exam.

#### College Planning in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade? YES

- College Admission Offices pay careful attention to the following items:
  - Difficulty of course load
  - Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - Class Rank
  - SAT/ACT scores
  - High school & community activities/volunteer work
  - Teacher/counselor/employer recommendations
- IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING YOUR FUTURE!

A few sources for college planning info: www.cfnc.org and www.collegeboard.com

#### **9th Grade MATTERS!**

# Don't forget, an "F"

Stays on your transcript forever, even if you repeat the class and earn a passing grade the next time you take it.

- Will be seen by any college/university admissions rep, scholarship committee member, employer, military recruiter, or college coach you send it to.
- Is calculated into your GPA as a 0 and significantly hurts your cumulative GPA. Take a look:
  - Student A- has all A's except for one class. He earns 7 final grades of A and 1 final grade of F. His 9<sup>th</sup> grade GPA will be 3.5 instead of a 4.0.
  - Student B- earns 4 B's, 3 C's and 1 F. Her 9<sup>th</sup> grade GPA will be 2.25 out of a 4.0/
  - Student C- has 2 B's and 3 C's and fails the other 3 classes. His 9<sup>th</sup> grade GPA will be 1.5 out of a 4.0.

 Starting in 2015-16 students are able to replace the "0" only on the GPA, providing the student repeats the exact same course.  Students must pass at least 75% of their courses (3 out of 4 on a block schedule) each semester to be able to obtain or keep their driver's permit/license!

# **Driver Eligibility:**



# **Athletic Eligibility:**

After first semester of their freshman year, students are eligible:

- If they pass three of their four classes AND
- If they have an attendance rate of 85% during the semester previous to the sport they wish to play AND
- If they have at least a 1.5 cumulative GPA or 2.0 from the prior semester.
- English must be passed in the semester it is taken in order to continue to play.

### AFHS DAILY SCHEDULE

Period	Start	End Time	Total
	Time		Time
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:25	8:50	85
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:56	10:22	86
Lunch	10:22	11:22	60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:22	12:47	85
4 <sup>th</sup>	12:53	2:18	85

### PURPOSE OF STAR LUNCH

- Increase student achievement.
- Maximize students' and teachers' time.
- Create choices for students.
- Develop students' time management and decision making skills.
- Build relationships.

### STAR LUNCH EXPECTATIONS

- STAR Lunch will be approximately 55 minutes long and divided into two halves:
  - Part A
  - Part B

A double bell will ring halfway through the lunch period. At that time every student must move somewhere.

#### EXAMPLES OF STUDENT STAR LUNCH SCENARIOS

- > Eat **A lunch** and attend **B tutorial**.
- > Attend **A tutorial** and eat **B lunch**.
- Attend A tutorial (eat lunch in class) and choose other activity during B.
- Attend other activity for A and attend B tutorial (eat lunch in class).
  - \*\*\*Checking students out

#### ARTS



- Band
- Chorus
- Dance
- Drama
- Visual Arts

#### ATHLETICS

- Athletic Director Matt Clifton
- AFHS will field all varsity sports in 2016-17
- AFHS will compete in the SWAC
- AFHS will field JV teams as numbers allow

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Student Council
- Honor societies
- Co-curricular clubs
- Service clubs
- Student interest clubs

### **Apex Friendship High School**

#### Technology-

- We encourage students to "bring their own device".
- Laptop, tablet (phones are not sufficient)
- Devices must be able to work in a "Google environment"

#### **PARENT ORGANIZATIONS**

- Athletic Booster Club
- Arts Boosters
- PTSA
- Business Alliance
- Academy Support Group

#### APEX FRIENDSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

#### In cafeteria:

- PTSA
- Athletic Boosters
- Transportation
- PowerSchool Information
- Drivers Education

In main office:

- schedules for 10th/11th graders
- volunteer registration

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Where do I get a list of supplies? Where do I find my child's teacher's website? How do I check my child's grades or progress? I'm not sure if I have a parent portal for Power Schools. How do I get one? How do I contact teachers? How does my child get make-up assignments after being absent? What should I do if I need to get a message to my child or if I need to pick him/her up early? Will my child get a school locker? Gym locker? Is there an activity bus that will transport students? When will we get to meet the teachers? How do I pay for lunch accounts? What supplies will my child need? How can I get involved as a parent? My child is struggling. Where do I find help? Will there be a Career Fair? College speakers? Can I change my child's bus route or bus stop? We signed up for Driver's ed. When will the class be offered?

#### APEX FRIENDSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

### Meet the Teacher night-Monday, September 12th 6:30

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"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

Lao Tzu