

# Robert L. Patton High School

## “Home of the Panthers”



Registration 2016

# Graduation Requirements

**In order to earn the 28 credits needed for graduation, you will take the following courses between 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades:**

<b>English</b>	4 credits - English I, English II, English III, and English IV
<b>Communication Skills</b>	1 credit - Communication Skills (taken in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
<b>Math</b>	4 credits - Math I, Math II, Math III, and 4 <sup>th</sup> Math (your choice)
<b>Social Studies</b>	4 credits - World History, *American History I, *American History II, and American History: Founding Principals: Civics, & Economics  <i>* (AP US History can be taken in place of American History I and American History II, but every student must take 4 social studies courses.)</i>
<b>Science</b>	3 credits - Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, and a physical science ( <i>Physical Science, Chemistry or Physics</i> )
<b>Health and PE</b>	1 credit - Health and PE
<b>Fine Arts</b>	1 credit - Visual Arts, Choral Music, Band, Dance <b>OR</b> Theater Arts
<b>Career/Technical Education (CTE)</b>	1 credit - Microsoft, Health Sciences, Construction/Masonry, Foods, Apparel, Auto-Tech, Fire-Fighting, Business, Cabinet-Making <b>OR</b> any other CTE Course
<b>General Electives</b>	<u>9 credits</u> - Other courses based on your preference (English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Fine Arts, PE, CTE)

**28 credits – Eligible for Graduation!**



# General Academic Information

- Eight courses minimum are taken each year in high school.
- Each course is 90 minutes long each day.
- Each course you pass earns you 1 credit
  - 0-5 credits – Freshman
  - 6-12 credits – Sophomore
  - 13-19 credits – Junior
  - 20+ credits – Senior
- You must earn at least 28 credits to graduate from high school.



The following scales apply to courses for the freshmen and sophomore classes during the 2016-2017 school year:

Letter Grade	Standard Courses	Weighted	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

# Thoughts about Course Selections

- How you mark the card will determine the classes you are scheduled for next year.
- Once your schedule is created, no changes can be made in your schedule unless you meet one of the four following reasons:
  - ***Misplaced in Course (computer error)***
  - ***Graduation Requirement needed for a Senior***
  - ***Course Failure***
  - ***Need to Balance Academic Load***
- Think about YOUR future intentions when selecting and ordering your choices.
- Please read through the 2016-17 Course Offerings on-line for more detailed information regarding registration at [phs.burke.k12.nc.us](http://phs.burke.k12.nc.us). Access it throughout the 2016-17 school year.



# Instructions for Completing Registration Form



- Use a **pencil** when completing Registration Form
- There is a space at the top of front side of Form where a name sticker will be placed when you meet with your counselor.
- Read Directions carefully on entire form
- Circle all Required Academic Courses you need for next school year (2016-17).
- Move to the Electives Courses section at the bottom of the front side and on the backside of the Registration Form. Choose 8. Rank these 8 courses from 1-8.
- Some courses are either strictly HN or CP. To take an HN course, you must have at least a B in the prior course and have teacher recommendation.
- YOU and your parents must sign the bottom of the back side of the Registration Form.
- Don't lose your Registration Form!
- Counselors will be meeting with all students over the next several weeks:
  - Rising Seniors - March 14-22
  - Rising Sophomores – April 14-April 22
  - Rising Juniors - March 23-April 13
- Rising Senior Students who are interested in mid-year graduation should indicate this on the registration card.
- Please see your counselor if you have any questions.



# Registration Card Selections

Helpful Hints and Information

## Academic Required Courses

- Please select the classes you *need* for next year. If you have failed any coursework **needed for graduation** and have not retaken it, you should circle those courses too. Remember, you need 28 credits to graduate!
- Try to select an English, Math, Social Studies, and Science course each year if possible.
- If you are unsure of which level of academic coursework to select or you need help in determining courses where you have a choice, try to talk with your teachers in those areas for suggestions and help. You not only want to challenge yourself, but to also be successful in the coursework you select. **Honors/AP level courses should only be taken if you have a grade of an A or a B in prerequisite coursework.**

# Elective Course Information

## AP and Academic Courses Electives

- Make sure to check prerequisites for these courses.
- You should have an A or B in prerequisite coursework in order to make an AP/HN selection.

## World Languages Electives

- Four year college bound students should select at least 2 levels of the same World Language.
- Levels I and II in the same World Language should be taken in the same school year if possible.

## Physical Education Electives

- Students may sign up for no more than two PE electives each year, one each semester.
- Student Athletes may want to consider Weight-training or Athletic PE. These two PE classes may be taken more than once.



# Band/Chorus Students

**Band and Chorus Students should make their selections at the level they feel they will be successful: Intermediate, Proficient, or Advanced. Both Fall and Spring selections should be chosen at the same level. Band and Chorus Directors will make final decision regarding level placement after registration is completed.**

- **Band Students must select 2 Band Courses for next year as follows:**

Band: Marching Band – Brass/Woodwind (Fall)  
Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble (Spring)  
or  
Marching Band – Percussion (Fall)  
Percussion Ensemble (Spring)

If you are interested in being part of the Color Guard, you will need to select:

Marching Band – Guard (Fall)

Band Color Guard is chosen later in the spring through tryouts. Students not selected for the Guard will be placed in an alternate course chosen on their registration sheet. Color Guard does not sign up for a Spring Band. Tryout Dates the 2016-17 Drum Line and Color Guard will be: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with Final Tryout for Drum Line on May 4<sup>th</sup> and for Color Guard on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

- **Chorus Students may select BOTH of the following courses for next year:**

Choral Music (Fall)            and            Choral Music (Spring)

# CTE Course Information

- Each student is required to take (1) Career and Technical Education class prior to graduation. When registering for classes, there will be a variety of Career and Technical Education classes on the registration form. Students will have the opportunity to take many electives throughout high school.
- Almost all CTE courses can be taken at either the HN or CP level. Students will determine their level choice at their first class meeting.
- Intro and Level I courses must be completed prior to Level II courses.
- Internships are offered for students who are currently employed or are volunteering. Internships in local industry may be available for those students who are interested. Please see Mrs. Shuping if you are interested.

Many Career and Technical Education Courses give students the opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials:

- Health Science II- CPR/First Aid
- Nursing Fundamentals- NA I Certification
- Personal Finance- EverFi
- Core & Sustainable Construction- NCCER
- Masonry I, II, III- NCCER
- Carpentry I, II, III- NCCER
- Microsoft Word/PowerPoint- Microsoft 2013 Certification
- Microsoft Excel/Access- Microsoft 2013 Certification
- Foods II- ServeSafe
- ProStart I- Certificate of Recognition Level I
- ProStart II- Certificate of Recognition Level II
- Fire Fighter Technology I, II, and III- After completing the modules in each of these courses and two additional courses, students can become a NC State Certified Firefighter

During their high school career, students have the opportunity to become a CTE concentrator. To become a CTE Concentrator you must earn four or more technical credits in one of the 16 Career Clusters/ or Pathway. When completing the four courses in a pathway the student can earn an endorsement for their diploma.

**\*\*If you need additional information about CTE courses please see the High School Course Registration Document on the Patton High School webpage.**



# Elective Course Information

## STEAM Electives

- STEAM courses are taught on the campus of WPCC.
- Students must complete an application to take these classes, as well as, select them on the Registration Card.
- Students must provide their own transportation.
- Most all STEAM classes receive AP or HN credit upon completion.

## Community College Electives

- Community College Courses are taken at the community college or on-line.
- Students must complete an application form to take these classes, as well as, select them on their registration card. Students may select *CC Placeholder* up to 4 times (2 in the Fall, 2 in the Spring). Please place your rank number for these electives in the correct place for a Fall course (Fall) or a Spring course (Spring).
- Students should be aware if they are planning to take a course at a community college, they need to check for the differences in the academic calendars between BCPS and that college.
- Some school fees and book costs will apply.



# Elective Course Information

## APEX, NCVPS, and BCPS On-line Elective Courses

- These courses are taught on-line at PHS. Students also have access to their coursework in these classes from home.
- Students must complete an application in addition to selecting these courses on their Registration Card.
- There are three AP on-line courses through APEX, four or five CP and HN on-line courses through BCPS, and many different types of courses available through NCVPS. Students choosing to take these courses need to indicate this by numbering or writing in the names of the courses they want to enroll in for the year as directed on the Registration Card. APEX and BCPS courses are listed on the cards. NCVPS courses can be found on the Burke County Public Schools website by going to the Departments tab and then to the Online Learning link. The Burke County Schools website address is [www.burke.k12.nc.us](http://www.burke.k12.nc.us).
- Students may register for up to two on-line classes per semester.
- Students may not register for courses on-line that are taught as seated classes at PHS unless seated classes are full or there is a conflict with scheduling.

# Contact Us

See your School Counselor if you need any help with questions or concerns about registration. We are here for you!

Jennifer Debnam (A-F)

[jdebnam@burke.k12.nc.us](mailto:jdebnam@burke.k12.nc.us)

828-433-3111

Joy Cooper (G-N)

[jccooper@burke.k12.nc.us](mailto:jccooper@burke.k12.nc.us)

828-433-3117

Traci Rigsbee (O-Z)

[trigsbee@burke.k12.nc.us](mailto:trigsbee@burke.k12.nc.us)

828-433-3113

