

# Curriculum Night

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An overview from the Academic  
Counselors for parents of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
graders



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# Graduation Requirements

**Math** – 4 Credits (*Multiple sequences*)

**English** – 4 Credits

**Science** – 4 Credits (*Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4th Science*)

**Social Studies** – 4 Credits

(*World Geography, World History, US History, 20th Century World Topics*)

**Gov't/Econ** – 1 Credit = two ½ credits

**Foreign Language** – 3 Credits (*Same language in high school*)

**Fine Arts** – 2 Credits (*Same fine art earned in the high school*)

**PE** – 1.5 Credits

**Professional Communications** – ½ Credit (*One semester*)

**Interpersonal Studies** – ½ Credit (*One semester*)

**Technology** – 1 Credit

**TOK** – 1 Credit = two ½ credits

**Other Electives** – 2.5 Credits

**TOTAL # of Credits = 29**

\*successful completion of the EOCs and STAAR tests \*Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) requirements

\*\* IB Diploma Candidates will have additional requirements based on the program\*\*

# Credits vs. Years Taken in High School



*Credits Earned and Years Taken in High School are two different things.*

1. Foreign Language
2. Math
3. Fine Art

Ex: Scholars that take Foreign Language I and IIA in middle school have earned 1.5 credits of the high school credit requirement for UNHP **but still must complete 3 years of foreign language in high school.** (IIB, III, and IV at the least, ending fulfillment in Grade 11 at the earliest). As a result, a high school senior could earn a range of 3-5 foreign language credits by the time of graduation.

The same credits vs. years taken in high school clause applies to Fine Art and Math, depending on the grade the scholar took Algebra I.

# GPA & Rank: NHP Grading System

	On 100 Scale	On 4.0 Scale
A+	100-97	4.0
A	96-93	4.0
A-	92-90	3.7
B+	89-87	3.3
B	86-83	3.0
B-	82-80	2.7
C+	79-77	2.3
C	76-73	2.0
C-	72-70	1.7
F	69 and below	0.0

## Calculation of weighted GPA:

- Quality Points are based on the following scale:
  - AP/IB: 1.0
  - Honors: 0.5
  - Please note that any scholar in Algebra Honors in middle school will not receive weighting)
  - All other courses: 0.0

# Honors/AP Courses for Grades 9-10

Honors and AP Courses offered to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade scholars:

## Grade 9

1. Algebra I Honors
2. Geometry Honors
3. Algebra II Honors
4. Biology Honors
5. English I Honors
6. AP Human Geography

## Grade 10

1. Geometry Honors
2. Algebra II Honors
3. Pre-Calculus Pre-AP
4. Chemistry Honors
5. World History AP
6. English II Honors
7. Spanish/French III Honors
8. AP Studio Art



\*Please be mindful that MYP curriculum is already considered advanced curriculum.

# Communication of Rank



## Internal Communication of Rank

- AT THE END OF THE YEAR in 10<sup>th</sup>
- Top 25%
- End of **semester** in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at scholar request
- For all scholars in 26%+, scholars and their families will be told what **quartile** they are in.

## External Communication of Rank

- We will eliminate the rank field on the transcript
- Communication of ranks will only be shown on counselor reports in the form of a standardized letter/report, secondary school report, mid-year report, or final year report
- For scholars in the top 25%, counselors will note scholar as Valedictorian, Salutatorian, 'Top 10%' or 'Top 25%'
- For scholars not in the top 25%, counselors will note 'not ranked by Uplift' if asked to provide rank

# Pre ACT Test

## September 4, 2019

### **Q: What is the PreACT?**

A: The PreACT provides valuable practice for the ACT, including questions and scores similar to those on the ACT test. It is designed to help scholars explore a broad range of options for their future. It prepares them not only for their high school coursework but for their post-high school choices as well.

PreACT can serve as an independent program or as the entry point into ACT's College and Career Readiness System.

### **Q: What is assessed on the PreACT test?**

A: PreACT contains four curriculum-based assessments: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The assessment is based on the major areas of high school and postsecondary instructional programs and measures the skills and knowledge needed for college success.

Additionally, the PreACT includes a career exploration component that stimulates scholars' thinking about future plans and relates personal characteristics to career options.



# PreACT Benefits

- ▶ Test Questions like those on the ACT
- ▶ Score reports like those on the ACT
- ▶ Ideas for Improvement
- ▶ Career suggestions based on your goals and interests
  - PreACT reports provide career possibilities and career suggestions based on your interests and results.



## ▶ What is needed for test day?

- **3 sharpened soft lead (No. 2) pencils and good erasers**
- **An analog watch for pacing**
- **Calculator for the math test (visit [act.org/theact/calculator](http://act.org/theact/calculator) to review the ACT calculator policy)**
- **Snack & water bottle**
- **Wear layers**
- **Eat breakfast**
- **Get a solid sleep, night before**



# PSAT

## October 16, 2019



- The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
  - A program co-sponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).
  - A standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT.
  - Only grade 11 will take the PSAT.
  - As an 11<sup>th</sup> grader, it gives you the chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.
- The PSAT/NMSQT measures:
  - Critical Reading Skills
  - Math Problem-Solving Skills
  - Writing Skills

# College Prep: How to Prepare

## What Scholars Can DO NOW

- Work hard in every class (Academics)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade matters
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Stay The Course... You still have time!
- Challenge yourself
- Get Involved (Extracurriculars, UNHP, Community)
- Take advantage of summer programs
- Visit local colleges (Formal and Informal)
- Ask Questions



# Updates

- All information is made available on the Counselor's Corner page of the NHP website.  
[www.northhillsprep.org](http://www.northhillsprep.org)
  - > Families & Scholars
  - > Counselors Corner
- Appointments can be made by emailing the individual counselor. (after Sept 16)
- We do not make “preferential changes” to schedules. We only make changes due to error.
- Website will be updated as information becomes available.



# Thank you!

We look forward to a  
successful academic year!