

## **ACCELERATED PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE ENTRY**

It is the goal of New Hanover County Schools that students shall graduate from a rigorous, relevant academic program that equips them with knowledge, skills, and dispositions. Academic rigor and relevance are based on established expectations that ensure that students develop the capacity to master content that is complex and challenging.

In this environment, school counselors and other guiding adults in the middle and high school settings shall:

- Provide guidance and information to students about course selections and requirements prior to ninth grade;
- Know and understand the number and nature of credits required for college entrance;
- Encourage ninth grade students, where feasible and appropriate, to complete the aforementioned requirements in less than four (4) years;
- Help students to establish schedules that promote their early completion within three (3) years of requirements for college entry, to the extent appropriate for the individual student;
- Inform students about opportunities to accelerate completion of graduation requirements and early college entrance opportunities;
- Provide information in such settings as orientation sessions, class and grade-level meetings, small group settings, and/or one-to-one sessions; and
- Distribute and explain information to school staff and parents.

CROSS REF: [Policy 7072 Advanced Studies Program](#)

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