



Career Readiness Academy

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Dear Seniors and Parent/Guardian of Seniors,

Thank you for your patience and support as we work through difficult times resulting from Covid-19. Districts around the state have received guidance from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) and the NC State Board of Education (SBE) on how districts will proceed with supporting seniors during these unprecedented events. The goal of this letter is to provide the most recent updates that we have at this time.

Course Credit and Graduation:

NCDPI's goals for the Senior Class of 2020 are to graduate high school seniors by meeting the minimum SBE graduation requirements of 22 credits on the originally scheduled graduation date (This is a reduction from the NHCS graduation requirement of 28 credits). Students must meet all of the state required course requirements normally set forth by the NC State Board of Education.

- Seniors are asked to engage in remote learning during this time in their courses.
- Fall Courses - students will receive credit for fall courses as already stored in PowerSchool. Fall grades will count toward Grade Point Average.
- Year long courses - the fall term grade will be counted into the GPA (½ credit weighted). The spring term will receive a PC-19 or a WC-19 based on their progress and grade as of March 13, 2020 and will not have an impact on GPA. Students with a WC-19 should work with their teacher to bring the grade up to PC-19.
- Spring Courses - Seniors will receive a Pass (PC-19) or Withdrawal (WC-19) based on their progress and grade as of March 13, 2020 for their spring courses.
- If a senior has an F as of March 13, 2020 in a class that is a graduation requirement, schools shall provide remote learning opportunities for the senior to improve to a passing grade (PC-19). Opportunities for seniors to pass graduation requirements shall include remote learning, participation in credit recovery as appropriate for content taught through March 13, 2020, or pass a locally developed final assessment aligned to instructional topics through March 13. Locally developed assessments could include portfolio, interview, teacher-created test, project and/or some other performance based measure.
- Seniors not passing a course that is not required for graduation as of March 13, 2020 will have the option of bringing their grade up to a passing grade (PC-19) by the end of the school year or they may choose to withdraw from the course and receive a grade of Withdraw (WC-19).

High School Career and Technical Education Courses

The above grading guidance applies for Seniors in CTE courses. If the senior's CTE course(s) includes the opportunity for students to earn a credential, teachers will continue to provide instructional material and preparation for the credential assessment. Students will be provided an opportunity to sit for the credential assessment affiliated with their course if currently provided as an option. Once a definitive answer is determined about returning to school, specific plans for credential assessments will be made. Students must meet all the required course requirements set forth by the NC State Board of Education.

Career and College Promise Courses (CCP)

For all dual enrollment opportunities, continue to work closely with representatives from partner colleges and universities for completion of college courses, if possible. The goal is for students to complete CCP courses and other dual enrollment courses within the current term. However, we understand that there may be a multitude of factors which may impact this completion. If the student does not have the opportunity to access or is unable to access college coursework, NCDPI will





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need to focus on the high school and college transcripts separately. If a senior completes their CCP course, the earned college grade will appear on the college transcript. The college transcript is the authoritative source for college grades. **Senior CCP students, in collaboration with their parent and counselor, must make a decision by 4/28 to withdraw or continue in their college course(s). Guidance for CCP courses is below.**

Senior/parent and counselor decision must be made by 4/28 <i>(Four possibilities listed below)</i>	High School Transcript	Cape Fear CC Transcript	Possible Implications
PC-19 Notify Cape Fear Community College of Withdraw by 4/28/20	PC-19 if passing course on 3/13/20 and not continuing - high school credit awarded	W on transcript	W on Cape Fear CC transcript could negatively impact future federal financial aid eligibility criteria
WC-19 Notify Cape Fear Community College of Withdraw by 4/28/20	WC-19 if not passing course on 3/13/20 and not continuing - no high school credit awarded. Consult your counselor to check on graduation requirements.	W on transcript	- W on Cape Fear CC transcript could negatively impact future federal financial aid eligibility criteria - Seek high school counselor advice if course is a graduation requirement
PC-19 and continuing in CCP course at CFCC	PC-19 if passing course on 3/13/20 and continuing - high school credit awarded	Earned grade will be on Cape Fear CC transcript	
Failing CCP course and continuing in CCP course at CFCC	If CCP course is passed by the end of term - PC-19 given and high school credit awarded	Earned grade will be on Cape Fear CC transcript	Consult your high school counselor for implications if the CCP course is not passed.

Additional info is linked here: https://files.nc.gov/dpi/documents/advancedlearning/ccp.covid19guidance.3.27.20.final_.pdf

New Hanover County Schools is committed to helping our seniors earn their diplomas and graduate. Please reach out to your guidance counselor if you should have questions or if you are in need of support. We will continue to provide updates to you as additional information becomes available.

Thank you for your support of New Hanover County Schools and we hope that you are well and stay well.

Regards,

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