

## General Advice:

- Look at the "big picture"
  - Consider all 4 years and plans beyond high school
  - Be aware of graduation requirements and desired college/university requirements
- Consider interests and passions
  - Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses
  - $\circ$  Visual and Performing Arts  $\rightarrow$  band, dance, art, etc.
  - Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)
- Be aware of other options
  - Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)
  - Virtual courses through NC Virtual Public School (NCVPS) and NC School of Science and Math (NCSSM)
  - Career and College Promise (CCP) courses (college credit)

## 9th Grade Considerations:

- STEAM Freshman Academy
- Consider Honors courses and AP when applicable
- AP options available (college credit)
  - AP Environmental Science
  - AP US Government and Politics
  - Generally, students will take
    - English 1
    - Math 1 or Math 2
    - Earth and Environmental Science (may choose AP Environmental Science)
    - World History OR Founding Principles of the United States and North Carolina: Civic Literacy (if taking AP World History as a sophomore)
    - Health and PE required 9th-grade course

## 10th - 12th Grade Considerations:

- Distinction Pathways
- Economics and Personal Finance is a required 12th-grade course
- A 4th math vs. a 4th level math
- AP options available (college credit)  $\rightarrow$  check prerequisites
  - ELA AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition
  - Math AP Calculus, AP Statistics
  - $\circ\quad$  Science  $\rightarrow$  AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics
  - Social Studies → AP World History, AP U.S. History, AP Psychology, AP US Government and Politics

## Resources:

- DCHS Student Services <u>https://bit.ly/DCSStudentServices</u>
  - Registration Handbook <u>https://bit.ly/DCHSReg</u>
- DCECHS Student Services <u>https://bit.ly/DCECStudentServices</u>