

A photograph of a classroom. In the background, a large black chalkboard is mounted on a light blue wall. The chalkboard has white text written on it. In front of the chalkboard, there are several rows of light-colored wooden desks. Each desk has two bright orange plastic chairs tucked under it. The floor is a light-colored tile. The overall lighting is bright and even.

Welcome!!!

Preparing for your Junior or
Sophomore year!

What You need to know and do

**Presented by your counselor: Mrs.
McLaughlin**



What are we going to talk about today?

- Plagiarism
- DMV & Attendance
- Graduation Requirements
- Post-Secondary Information
- College Information
- NCAA Eligibility
- North Star News
- Course Selection for Junior and Sophomore Year
- ACT (Required for Graduation)
 - ACT Prep course offered
- Survey

The background of the slide is a blurred image of a library with bookshelves. Overlaid on this are various white, glowing icons related to mathematics and science, including a plus sign, a zero, a magnifying glass, a question mark, a pi symbol, a sine wave, and a person running. At the bottom, an open book is visible.

Plagiarism

- What is Plagiarism?
 - Copying and pasting information from the internet without citation
 - Paraphrasing someone else's words/ideas without citation
 - Teachers use software to detect plagiarism
 - DON'T DO IT!!!!
 - You will face discipline action: See North Star Student handbook

DMV & Attendance

If you want to get your license you need to go the North Star Resources [link](#) on the main page to request the needed paperwork for the DMV.

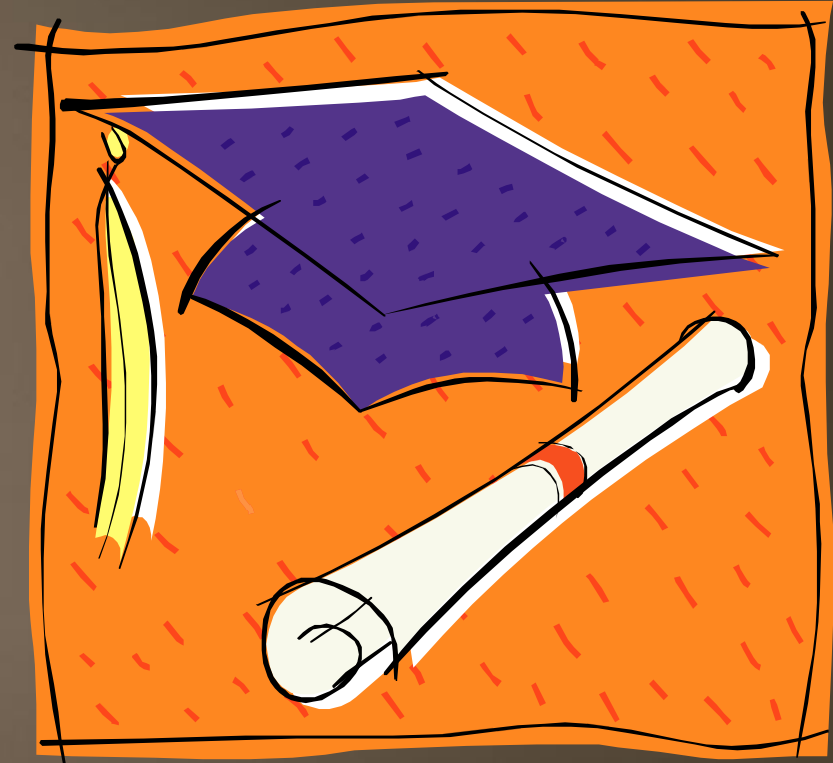
You must plan ahead as it may take a day or two to get the form you need.



How many
credits are
required to
graduate from
High
School???

Diploma Requirements & Options

- **Standard:** 23 credits and ACT exam
 - English: 4 credits
 - Math: 3 credits
 - Science: 2 credits
 - Soc. Studies: 3 credits (World History; US History; $\frac{1}{2}$ Government; $\frac{1}{2}$ Economics)
 - PE/ROTC: 2 credits
 - Health: 0.5 credits
 - Comp Science: 0.5 credits
 - Electives: 6 credits
 - Arts/Humanities/CTE: 1 credit (art, music, 3rd year of foreign language)
 - Flex Credit: 1.0 credit***
 - A 2nd or 3rd year CTE computer course in one program of study
 - 4th year of math (including Alg 2 or higher)
 - 3rd year of science
 - 4th year of social studies (Geography, Psychology, etc)



No GPA Requirement

Diploma Requirements: Advanced

- REQUIREMENTS: 24 Credits and ACT Exam
 - English: 4 credits
 - Math: **4 credits** (must include Algebra 1, Geometry & Algebra 2 or equivalent)
 - Science: **3 credits**
 - Soc. Studies: 3 credits (World History; US History; ½ Government; ½ Economics)
 - PE/ROTC: 2 credits
 - Health: 0.5 credits
 - Comp Science: 0.5 credits
 - Electives: 6 credits
 - Arts/Humanities/CTE: 1 credit (art, music, 3rd year of foreign language)
- **GPA Requirement of a 3.25 (weighted or unweighted)**
- **Meets the requirement for the Nevada Millennium Scholarship**



Diploma Requirements: Honors

- REQUIREMENTS: 24 Credits and ACT Exam
 - English: 4 credits
 - **Math: 4 credits** (must include Algebra 1, Geometry & Algebra 2 or equivalent)
 - **Science: 3 credits (2 Credits must be in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)**
 - Soc. Studies: 3 credits (World History; US History; ½ Government; ½ Economics)
 - PE/ROTC: 2 credits
 - Health: 0.5 credits
 - Comp Science: 0.5 credits
 - Electives: 6 credits (2 credits of the same world language required)
 - Arts/Humanities/CTE: 1 credit (art, music, 3rd year of foreign language)
- **8 credits of the above classes must be Honors** (AP course and some dual enrollment college courses can count towards this requirement)
- **GPA Requirement of a 3.4 (weighted or unweighted)**
- **Meets the requirement for the Nevada Millennium Scholarship**



Diploma Options/Endorsements

College and
Career Ready
diplomas: see back
of Grad Guide

Seal of Biliteracy
testing Junior or
Senior year.

STEAM

STEM

CTE Certificate



POST-SECONDARY PLANNING THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

➤ College

- Additional information in the next slide

➤ CTE Program

- <https://doe.nv.gov/CTE/>
- <https://www.tmcc.edu/academics/certifications>

➤ Apprenticeships

- <https://www.buildingtradejobs.org/>
- <https://www.nvapprenticeship.org/students/#getting-started>

➤ Cosmetology

- <https://milaninstitute.edu/>
- <https://paulmitchell.edu/reno>
- <https://internationalacademyofstyle.com/>

➤ Military

- <https://www.goarmy.com/>
- <https://www.airforce.com/>
- <http://nationalguard.com/NV>
- <https://www.navy.com/>
- <https://www.marines.com/>

Still unsure what you want to do? Try taking career assessments to help in your discovery.

- [Nevada Career Explorer](#) - use a library card log in to save results



UNR/UNLV:

English (4 credits)
Math (3 credits- through Algebra 2)
Social Studies (3 credits)
Science (3 credits- two lab sciences)

OR an Advanced Diploma

***Minimum 3.0 Core GPA**

SAT and ACT scores are no longer required for admission but can be used for class placement



Alternate Admission into UNLV
*22 composite score on the ACTs



Nevada State College

- English (4 credits)
- Math (3 credits)
- Science (2 credits-1 lab science)
- Social Studies (3 credits)
- 2.5 GPA



Community College in Nevada **TMCC/WNC/GBC/CSN**

- High School Diploma or HSE Required
- No GPA Requirement
- Cost effective
- NV Promise Scholarship

Out of State:

- Research college admission requirements early. Use sites such as the following to research colleges:
 - [Big Future on Collegeboard](#)
 - [NICHE Best Fit](#)
 - [Cappex](#)
 - Go to directly to the your college of interest's admissions webpage. Search Freshman Admissions Requirements
- ** Many require 2 years same foreign language and 1 year of visual/performing art*

College Admission Requirements

College Planning Tips

WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR? Some ideas:

GPA

Some may require test scores

Class rank

Volunteer Work/Community Service (quality vs. quantity)

Activities, clubs, athletics, awards- leadership!

Evidence of special talent

Employment

First generation college student

Essays/Letters of Recommendation

Interviews/Auditions/Portfolios (more common for private schools, performing arts or fine arts programs)



Thinking of playing sports in College? What you need to know about NCAA Eligibility!

Division I: 16 Core Courses

- English, Math, Science, Social Science
- Additional coursework from above areas
- SAT/ACT scores (must be sent directly to NCAA)
- NCAA does **not** accept CBE, A Plus or BYU: **Pass your classes the first time in the classroom!**
- Review approved courses at:

www.eligibilitycenter.org



- **NEW UPDATE:** During the 23-24 School Year all courses will be offered via Edgenuity. We no longer be using the Connexus platform, however, all Edgenuity courses will be taught using the North Star model. They will be taught by our certified teachers and live lessons, office hours, and Riggins Days will all still be offered.

Junior/Sophomore schedule course selections

- Review graduation plan
 - Credits
 - Requirements
 - GPA



NORTH STAR ONLINE SCHOOL

Report Type:

Application for Graduation in: Grade:

Grad Prog (Academ. Plan)

Special Ed: ☐ 504: ☐ ELL: ☐

First Gen. ☐

Student ID:

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

DOB:

Ethnicity:

This form represents your student's graduation plan. Below are the requirements for a Washoe County High School Diploma. Each box represents a course that has been taken or needs to be completed in a specific subject area. Also listed below are your student's test scores from select college and career readiness assessments, as well as, GPA, and post-secondary plans. Please contact your student's high school counselor if you have questions or concerns. Each subject box represents one half (0.5) credit unless otherwise noted.

| English | Mathematics | Science | World History | US History | American Gov't | Electives |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| ENG 101 COMPOSITION I (0.500) | OL ALGEBRA 1 S1 | OL BIOLOGY 1 | OL WORLD HIST 1 | OL US HISTORY 1 | OL AMER GOV 1 | CE 201 WORKPLACE READINESS (0.500) |
| ENG 101 COMPOSITION I (0.500) | OL ALGEBRA 1 S2 | OL BIOLOGY 2 | OL WORLD HIST 2 | OL US HISTORY 2 | | CE 201 WORKPLACE READINESS (0.500) |
| OL ENGLISH 1 | OL ALGEBRA 2 S1 | OL MARINE SC 1 | | | | OL ACT PREP |
| OL ENGLISH 2 | OL ALGEBRA 2 S2 | OL PHYS SCI 1 | | | | OL INTRO TO EARLY CHILD |
| OL ENGLISH 3 (H) | OL GEOMETRY 1 | | | | | OL PERSONAL FINANCE |
| OL ENGLISH 4 (H) | OL GEOMETRY 2 | | | | | OL PHYS SCI 2 |
| OL ENGLISH 5 (H) | | | | | | OL PRE-CALC A (H) |
| OL ENGLISH 6 (H) | | | | | | OL SPANISH 1 |
| | | | | | | OL SPANISH 2 |
| | | | | | | OL SPANISH 3 |
| | | | | | | PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (0.500) |
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Grad Plan

- Grad plans being mailed will be for **standard diplomas** only. If you are trying for an Advanced or Honors diploma, be sure to review previous slide with what is needed. (Ex: 4th yr math, 3rd yr science, etc)
- Each box under the subject represents a semester course or a ½ credit
- Boxes that are filled represent classes that have been completed and credit has been earned
- Boxes that are blank are credits you still need for graduation
- Current courses for this semester will not be on grad plan until you have passed and completed them.

Credits Completed: Credits Required:

Credits Needed: Class Rank/Size:

Un-weighted GPA: Core GPA (u/w):

Weighted GPA: Req'd GPA:

Colleges and Universities may calculate the core GPA differently. Please check with your college or university to ensure accuracy.

College and Career Readiness Assessment Requirement Met: ☒

| ACT | | SAT | |
|----------|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Math: | <input type="text" value="18"/> <input type="text" value="2/23/2021"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Reading: | <input type="text" value="23"/> <input type="text" value="2/23/2021"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Writing: | <input type="text" value="6"/> <input type="text" value="2/23/2021"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Science: | <input type="text" value="19"/> <input type="text" value="2/23/2021"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| English: | <input type="text" value="17"/> <input type="text" value="2/23/2021"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Comp.: | <input type="text" value="19"/> <input type="text" value="2/23/2021"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

| Work In Progress | Credits |
|----------------------------|---------|
| T2 11248 OL MARINE SC 2 | 0.500 |
| T2 11314 OL PRE-CALC B (H) | 0.500 |
| T2 11514 OL AMER GOV 2 | 0.500 |
| T2 11624 OL SPANISH 4 | 0.500 |

| CCR Requirement | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 14032 ENG 101 COMPOSITION I | 1.0 |
| 11621 OL SPANISH 1 | 0.5 |
| 11622 OL SPANISH 2 | 0.5 |
| 11623 OL SPANISH 3 | 0.5 |

College/Career Seals

Career Ready High School Endorsement ** ☐

College Ready High School Endorsement ** ☐

Seal of Biliteracy ☐

Seal of STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ☐

Seal of STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics ☐

Civics Examination ☒

** College and/or Career Ready Endorsements are only applied to the transcript when the remaining requirements to the College and Career Ready Diploma are met.

Below is the plan to meet the requirements needed for a high school diploma:

Choosing your Courses

NORTH STAR online school
Course options 2023-2024
*****This is NOT the Course Selection form.*****

All courses are offered online via the Edgenuity platform

ENGLISH (4 Credits Minimum)

| 9 th Grade | 10 th Grade | 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| English 1-2 | English 3-4 | English 5-6 | English 7-8 |
| Honors English 1-2 | Honors English 3-4 | Honors English 5-6 | Honors English 7-8 |

MATH (3 Credits Minimum)

| 9 th Grade | 10 th Grade | 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Algebra 1-2* | Geometry 1-2 | Algebra 2 1-2 | Probability and Statistics |
| Honors Algebra 1-2* | Honors Geometry 1-2 | Honors Algebra 2 1-2 | Financial Math |
| | | | Honors Pre-Calc w/Trig |

*If student has taken Algebra 1 in middle school, they would then start with Geometry

SCIENCE (2 Credits Minimum)

| 9 th Grade | 10 th Grade | 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Biology 1-2 | Physical Science 1-2 | Environmental Science 1-2 | Option to take any science not previously taken (talk to counselor for more details) |
| Honors Biology 1-2 | Chemistry* 1-2 | Honors Physics* | |
| | Honors Chemistry* 1-2 | | |

*Admittance into Chemistry, Honors Chemistry and/or Honors Physics is dependent on grade earned in previous science class

SOCIAL STUDIES (3 Credits Minimum)

| 9 th Grade | 10 th Grade | 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| No Social Studies course in 9 th grade | World History 1-2 | US History 1-2 | American Gov (1 sem) |
| | Honors World History 1-2 | Honors US History 1-2 | Honors American Gov (1 sem) |
| | | | Economics (1 sem) |

HEALTH (0.5 Credit Required)/COMPUTER SCIENCE (0.5 Credit Required) Both courses typically taken in 9th grade

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Health (1 sem) | Computer Science (1 sem) |
|----------------|--------------------------|

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2 Credits Minimum) PE typically taken in 9th and 10th grade

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|--------|----------------------|
| PE 1-2 | Lifetime Fitness 1-2 |
|--------|----------------------|

ELECTIVES (1 Credit Minimum of Arts/Humanities Required)

| | |
|---|--|
| Spanish 1-2 Spanish 3-4 Spanish 5-6 Career Essentials 1-2 Intro to Business 1-2 Strategies for Academic Success (1 sem) Personal Finance (1 sem) Intro to Information Technology 1-2 | Intro to Health Science 1-2 Intro to Careers in Education and Training (1 sem) Art History 1-2* Psychology 1-2* Communication & Speech 1-2* Intro to Medical Terminology 1-2* Sociology (1 sem)* *Can be used as an Art/Humanities credit |
|---|--|

- Use the course options list to help you choose your courses: [Click Here](#)
- Course selection forms are online
- You are encouraged to schedule a meeting with me to go over your course selections
- Please be sure to submit your course selections by the due date
- You are NOT expected to do this perfectly. I will be sure to check your selections to meet graduation requirements

Other Course Options



Dual Credit College courses: Make an appointment, [see website](#)



Extended Studies credit

[PE, Community Service](#)



[Internships: Through CTE Dept.](#)



[Signature Academy/CTE](#)



Off Campus online courses: [BYU](#)



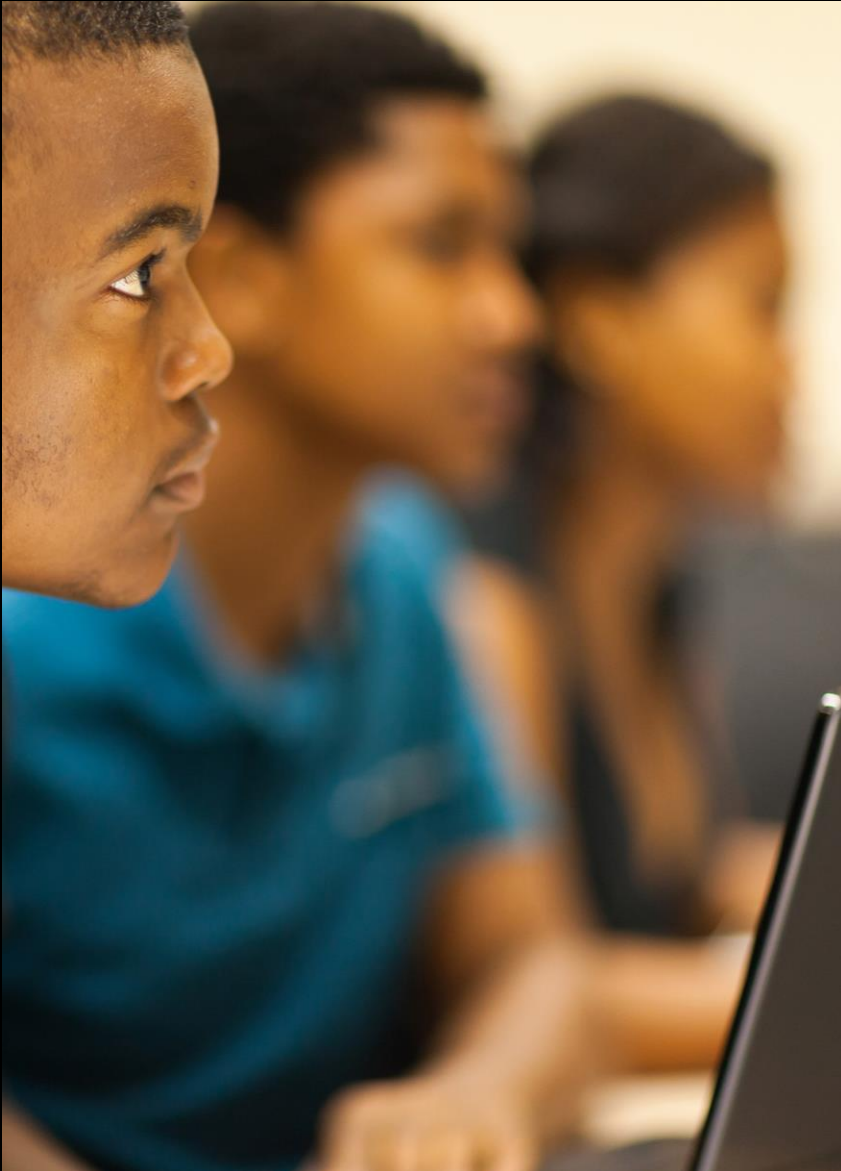
[Work Experience](#)



Concurrent Enrollment: Classes taken at zone school (Must have permission from zone school to do this)



Please make an appointment with me to discuss these options



Dual Credit

- TMCC Jump Start: <https://www.tmcc.edu/jump-start-program>
- UNR Early College Academy: <https://admissions.unr.edu/portal/dual-enrollment>
- Great Basin College: <https://www.gbcnv.edu/highschool.html>
- Dual Enrollment applications and list of approved dual credit courses available on wcsd.net.
- For more questions, please contact me



Work Study

- Can replace an elective class in schedule
- Must be able to provide paystubs, which include paid taxes
- Must work 180 hours to earn ½ credit
- **Must submit a work study contract**
- More information available on NS Counseling Website



Course Selection

- **BEFORE CHOOSING YOUR COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR....**
- Review your graduation plan and transcript
- Keep in mind the credits that you need to meet graduation requirements, especially for specific diploma types (Advanced, Honors, etc)
- If you are interested in certain endorsements or seals, please refer to this [document](#)
- College bound students, be sure you are meeting the college admission requirements
- If you are playing sports in college, be sure you are meeting NCAA eligibility requirements
- If you are choosing "Other Course Options" be sure to contact me

Course Selection

Fill out online [Course Selection Form](#) **DUE MARCH 17, 2023**

CURRENT SOPHOMORES/NEXT YEAR JUNIORS

- <https://forms.office.com/r/vBrNiZu2XU>

CURRENT FRESHMEN/NEXT YEAR SOPHOMORES

- <https://forms.office.com/r/1dHXZrvhcV>

All Juniors and Sophomores must carry a minimum of 6 courses.

- This is a full schedule at North Star.
- 2 course can be outside of North Star (ie Dual Credit, Concurrent, Correspondence, etc)

Want to take an Honors course:

- Should earn at least a B in the subject at semester.
- Recommend to introduce these classes slowly.
- Adding 3+ advanced courses at once without prior advanced classes is not recommended.

- If you are attending a **different school** next year, you must contact the counselor at that school to fill out their course selection sheet.
- If you are unsure whether you will stay with North Star or not, please complete the Course Selection Form
- If you do not complete the Course Selection Form by the due date of March 17th, I will have to choose your classes for you.
- Schedule changes in the fall will **NOT** be approved for any other reason other than meeting graduation requirements. Choose wisely and choose for the full year.

• **ACT Exams are required for graduation. This is taken in the Spring of Junior Year**

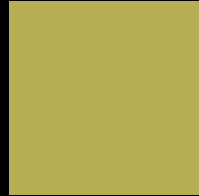
- Course Selection forms must be submitted by **March 17th.**

- **IF NOT COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY THIS DATE, I WILL BE SELECTING YOUR COURSE FOR YOU.**

Survey & Appointments



Junior Planning Survey:
<https://forms.office.com/r/zWYVMBJ49u>



Sophomore Planning Survey
<https://forms.office.com/r/uPCXwQeVnp>



Counseling website:
<https://www.washoeschools.net/nscounseling>



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