



NAPERVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Guidelines for taking classes that weren't recommended

Naperville North High School relies on instructors, students, and parents to make careful observations and evaluations regarding course selection. Occasionally, a student will elect to take a weighted, honors, AP, or regular-level course despite the fact that he or she may not have been recommended by an instructor for placement.

In situations such as these, the following will be understood:

Students are committing to taking this class for the full term (either one semester or one full year) with the following notes:

1. Within the first **five days of the semester**, a student may elect to move in to the regular, academic course. This can be done with the school counselor – and parent permission. Example: On day four, a student decides that AP World History should be replaced with World Cultures;
2. **From days 6-20 of the semester**, a student may drop the course without penalty for a study hall. This can also be done with the school counselor – and parent permission. In rare instances, a student may be allowed to “drop down” a level, but evidence must exist regarding clear misplacement, and Instructional Coordinator approval is needed. Students that are earning C’s or better are not misplaced.
3. **After the 20th day of the semester**, a student may not, under any circumstance, drop a course without earning a “WF” (a withdrawal/fail) on the transcript. The student will then be placed in to a study hall. A student’s total credits and future placement in a content area will be impacted by this decision.

Please consult *The Program Planning Guide* (posted on the Naperville North website and distributed to each student during junior high school visits) for course descriptions.

Students:

1. Consider the recommendations afforded by junior high/high school instructors;
2. Read the course descriptions of each class that you plan to take – carefully;
3. Understand that Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors coursework may have summer assignments which are not optional;
4. Consider the extra-curricular time commitments;
5. Contemplate adding a study hall to your course selections;
6. Choose electives that allow exploration of academic, technical, and creative interests that will enhance your college and career goals;
7. Share this information with your parents so that you can have an appropriate discussion at home before entering selections on the Infinite Campus portal.

**NNHS encourages students to challenge themselves, but students need to be mindful of a healthy balance between school and home. Commitment is good.
Over-commitment is not sustainable.**