



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**