

NCVPS Guide for Students & Families

General Information

NC Virtual Public Schools (NCVPS) provides students an opportunity to take courses online *for free* that may not be available at NCHS or that cannot be scheduled due to conflicts in an existing schedule.

A successful NCVPS student is one who has the following qualities:

- Independent learner
- Strong reader
- Motivated
- Past success in NCHS classes
- Internet access
- Adequate computer skills

Course Expectations

NCVPS courses are entirely online and require a high level of independence. Students are expected to login to their course *daily* for a *minimum of 60 minutes per day*. NCVPS recommends students spend approximately 75-90 minutes per day working on the course (time varies depending on semester or yearlong courses).

Grades

Grades for this course will be entered at the end of the semester and will be on the student's high school transcript. Quarter grades will not be entered but are available as progress reports from the NCVPS teacher to parents. The NCHS NCVPS contact will occasionally receive updates from NCVPS teachers and may share the update with the student's alpha school counselor.

Enrollment/Withdrawing

Students will be dropped from the course if they fail to login during the first 10 days and/or their name appears on any NCVPS inactive reports. Students will receive a WF (withdraw failing) on their high school transcript. ***Even if NCVPS allows the student to drop the course without penalty, a grade of WF will appear on their CCS transcript.***

Textbooks for NCVPS courses:

Most textbooks for NCVPS courses are loaded as e-texts into the student's course automatically. AP courses may require textbooks; students should check the NCHS media center prior to purchasing any textbooks. Students may be eligible for reimbursement of any textbooks needed for NCVPS courses. Students must reach out to their school counselor for more information about reimbursement.

Login Information

Login information is emailed to students to the email address provided on the NCVPS user agreement. If no email or an incorrect email is provided, login information is emailed to the student's CCS Outlook email account. Login information is emailed to students approximately 2 days prior to class beginning. *Login information does not work until the first day of the NCVPS class.* Students login to their NCVPS course through NCVPS Canvas Page.

Location

Students work in the NCHS media center during their assigned period for the NCVPS course. Students *may* have the option to work off campus with signed parent permission AND availability in the student's schedule (e.g. 1st or 4th period). Preference will be considered, but not guaranteed due to availability in the student's schedule.