

TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL

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Trust, Tenacity & Teamwork

*Mission: Engage, Encourage & Equip
others to make tomorrow better than
today!*

HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS

With a population of approximately 57,000 people, Haywood is the third-largest county in Western North Carolina; Haywood County schools is the largest school system west of Buncombe County. Comprised of eight elementary schools, three middle schools, one K-8 charter school, two traditional high schools, an alternative high school, and an early college, Haywood County Schools proudly serves over 7,500 students.

Tuscola High School is located about 25 miles west of Asheville, NC, and 20 miles east of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Reservation. Our school was established in 1966 and currently includes grades 9 through 12 serving approximately 914 students. Tuscola transitioned to a 4 by 4 traditional block schedule (from a year-long 7 period day) during the 2015-2016 school year. Classes meet for 85 minutes and credits are awarded at the end of each semester.

Athletic teams compete in the 2A Western Mountain Athletic Conference. Numerous athletic opportunities are available to our students including football, volleyball, track, cross country, cheer, golf, swim, basketball, wrestling, tennis, baseball, softball, and soccer. Our arts program includes coursework in visual art, vocal music, and music performance: The choral program has two student choirs and an additional auditioned show choir, and our band program includes an award-winning extra-curricular marching band. Additionally, Tuscola currently offers over 25 clubs.

Our student population is approximately 85% white; 1% each African American, Asian American, American Indian; and 11% Hispanic/Latinx. 41% of Tuscola students qualify for free/reduced lunch; 49% of students in our school system qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Tuscola is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits (Math I, Math II, Math III, and a higher level course for which Math III is a prerequisite)
- 4 Social Studies Credits (World History, American History I, American History II, Civics & Economics)
- 3 Science Credits (Earth and Environmental, Biology, and a physical science)
- 1 Health and PE Credit
- 2 Required Electives (Art, CTE, or Foreign Language)
- 4 Elective Credits (a 4-course concentration is recommended in arts, ROTC, and academic area, or a Career Technical Education cluster)
- 28 Total Credits**

Note: College/University bound students should earn at least two World Language credits

Tuscola Counseling Center

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Grading Scale

A = 90-100 (4 quality points toward GPA)
 B = 80-89 (3 quality points toward GPA)
 C = 70-79 (2 quality points toward GPA)
 D = 60-69 (1 quality point toward GPA)
 F = 59 and below (0 quality points)

Additional Quality Points Toward “Weighted” Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Advanced/Honors Classes earn an additional ½ quality point
- Advanced Placement (AP) Classes earn an additional 1 quality point
- Career and College Promise (dual enrollment) courses offered through Haywood Community College earn an additional 1 quality point

AP Courses Offered

- AP U.S. History
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP Seminar
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Research
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Biology (off-campus; student must provide transportation)
- AP Chemistry (off-campus; student must provide transportation)
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB

Note: These classes are offered ONE PERIOD each year: Thus, availability (including course conflicts) is a factor when considering student transcripts.

Honors/Advanced Courses Offered:

- Honors English 1, 2, 3, 4
- Honors Math 2, 3: Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Earth and Environmental, Biology, Chemistry
- Honors World History, American History 1, American History 2, Civics
- Southern Appalachian History
- Honors Spanish 3, 4
- Honors French 3, 4
- Visual Art Advanced, Visual Art Proficient, Vocal Music Advanced, Vocal Music Proficient, Band Advanced, Band Proficient
- Drafting 2 Architecture, Drafting 2 Engineering, Drafting 3, Nursing Fundamentals, Masonry 1, Computer Engineering 2, Microsoft Excel, Foods 2, Welding 1,2,3, Agriculture Mechanics 2, CET 1, Interior Digital Applications, Sports Entertainment and Marketing 2

Other advanced placement and honors/advanced courses are available through the North Carolina Virtual Public School.

2021 Graduates' Post-Secondary Plans	Student %
Public University	31%
Private University	5%
Community College	31%
Trade Schools	3%
Military	3%
Employment	23%
Other	4%

Test Scores

SAT	Evidence Based Reading & Writing		Math	Total	
Tuscola	570		555	1125	
ACT	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Tuscola	17.0	18.6	20.1	19.3	18.9

2021 Graduates Are Attending The Following And More:

Haywood Community College East Carolina University Western Carolina University North Carolina State University Appalachian State University Boston University Mars Hill University Lees McRae College University of North Carolina Charlotte	Southwestern Community College Charleston Southern University University of Tennessee Knoxville East Tennessee State University University of Mississippi Emory & Henry University Lincoln Technical Institute Nashville University of North Carolina Greensboro University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
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Note for Spring 2020 courses: Due to COVID-19 precautions, HCS transitioned to online learning for March 2020 - May 2020. Students' grades on transcripts may reflect a P for pass or a W for withdrawal.

2020 Graduates Total: 221

North Carolina Academic Scholars	54
National Honor Society	34
Career & Technical Honor Society	66