

# Graduation Requirements & Diploma Designations (Class of 2017)



# Graduation Requirements

## (Students Entering Grade 9 in 2013-2014)



- 2.0 Unweighted GPA
- Pass 10<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA ELA **and** Algebra 1 EOC
- Pass 24 Credits
  - 4 English
  - 4 Math
  - 3 Science
  - 3 Social Studies
  - 1 Fine/Performing/Practical Art (can include Speech or Debate)
  - HOPE
  - 8 Electives
  - Digital Learning course (within the 24 credits and **DOES** include Driver Ed.)
- Foreign language is encouraged but NOT a requirement. It IS a requirement for state university admission.
- Community service is encouraged but NOT a requirement.

# Digital Learning Bill (DLB)



- Complete it ASAP!
- How? Sign up for an online class through FLVS/CVS.
- What happens if you don't complete it by the beginning of next school year? You will automatically be placed in a computer lab here at school where you will work on Personal and Family Finance 😊 And no, I won't change your schedule once you're in this class.

# Diploma Designations



- You can earn a sticker on your diploma! You must complete the following requirements **in addition to** the standard diploma requirements in order to earn one of the following:

## **Scholar Designation**

- ✦ Pass Algebra 2 and the Algebra 2 EOC
- ✦ Pass Statistics or an equally rigorous course
- ✦ Pass Biology EOC
- ✦ Pass Chemistry or Physics
- ✦ Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- ✦ Pass U.S. History EOC
- ✦ Earn 2 credits of the same foreign language
- ✦ Earn 1 credit in an AP or dual enrollment course

## **Merit Designation**

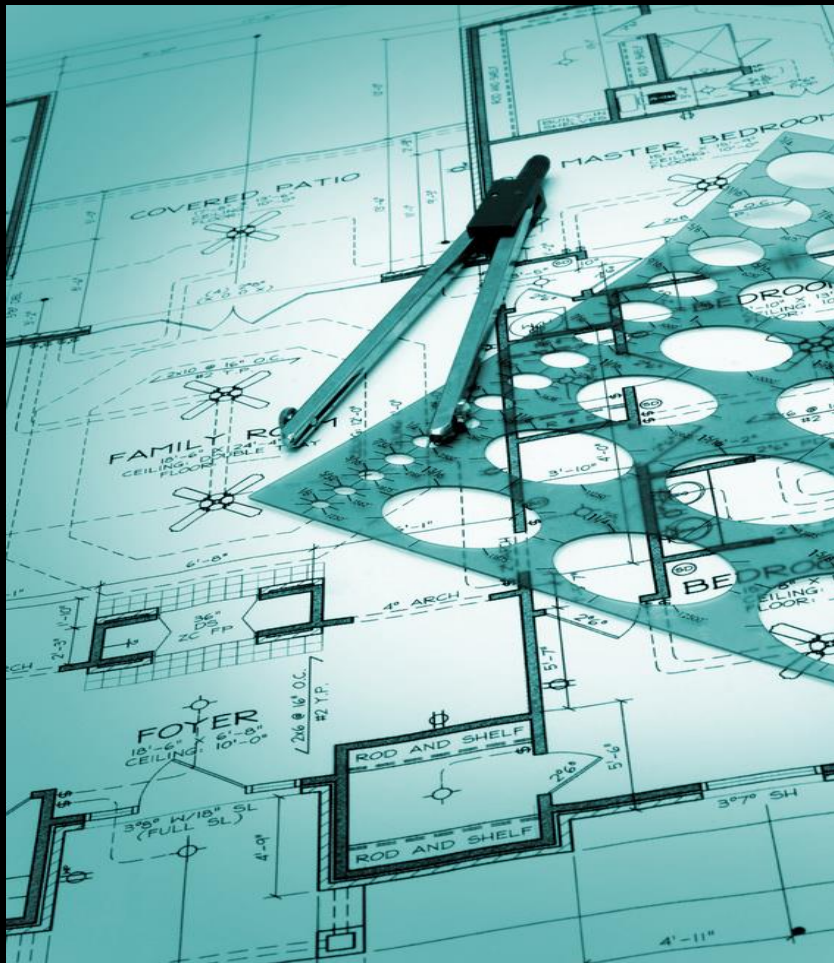
- ✦ Attain one or more industry certifications
- ✦ You **are** allowed to complete all requirements and earn both designations on your diploma.

# Registration for Senior Year



- December 2015
- How should you prepare for it?
  - Review your course history in FOCUS to verify which classes you have taken and passed and which classes you still need to take.
  - If you are interested in the Scholar Designation, you must be sure your schedule reflects the necessary requirements.
  - Review CTC website

# Charlotte Technical Center



- Aerospace Tech & Aviation
- Automotive Service Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Commercial Food & Culinary Arts
- Computer Systems & Information Technology
- Criminal Justice Operations
- Digital Design
- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Game Simulation & Animation/Programming
- Health Science 1 & 2
- Medical Administrative Specialist
- Patient Care Technician
- Practical Nursing

# What Should You Be Doing This Year?



- If you intend on applying to a college, you need to “beef up” your transcript as much as possible **this year!**
- How do you do that?
  - Take extra classes on virtual school
  - Volunteer
  - Retake the ACT/SAT
  - Join clubs
  - Do credit recovery if necessary
- Also, if you get accepted to a college and then seriously mess up your senior year, they will rescind their offer to you!

# What Should You Be Doing This Year?



- Check FOCUS religiously!!
- Review your transcript with a fine-toothed comb
- Have a game plan for after high school!!
  - Want to work? Great, get a job.
  - Want to go to the CTC? Awesome, apply to it when the time comes.
  - Want to go to FSW/SCF? Meet with an academic adviser now to plan your track.
  - Want to join the military? Talk to a recruiter now.
- The point is, do **SOMETHING**.



# Want to Be A Senior?



- **17** is the magic number! Not 16.5, not 16.
- If you have 16.5 credits or less, you will be retained in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at the beginning of next year and will miss out on senior activities for as long as you are listed as an 11<sup>th</sup> grader (which is a minimum of 1 semester).
- Moral of the story = don't get retained.

# Credit Recovery



- If you've failed a class required for graduation, you must make it up ASAP. There is no way around this!
- How do you do this?
  - Sign up for credit recovery either through night school (Edgenuity) or virtual school (FLVS/CVS).
- Check your transcript...do you have an F for a semester of a class that's required for graduation?
- Time is running out to get things made up!

# Low GPAs



- If your GPA is below a 2.0 right now, you need to bring it up ASAP!
  - 1.6-1.99- Do credit recovery and earn at least Cs
  - 1.3-1.59- Do credit recovery and earn at least Cs but also As and Bs
  - 0-1.29- Come talk to me and give careful consideration to attending The Academy
- Don't get any Ds...just don't.