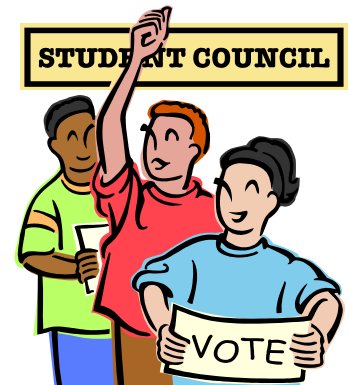




The Basics of High School

Freshman Advisement 2015-2016



9th Grade Advisement - What Took Place

- For those who attended, each 9th grade student and his/her parent **met with a member of each department** at AHS.
 - This included: English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, P.E., fine arts, and career tech.
- In making a 4-year plan, **each teacher recommended courses** for students based on their current courses and grades.
- After visiting each department, parents **completed an evaluation form** and **checked-out** with a counselor.

High School – The Basics

What is a Transcript?

- A cumulative permanent record
- A record of all courses taken in high school and the grades received
 - By the end of the year, a student can earn a total of 8 credits.
- Includes GPA and class rank
 - Grades from freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior year are part of a student's GPA.
 - Class rank is determined by GPA.
- Colleges use transcripts to help determine what kind of college student you will be.

GRADING SYSTEM

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	74-79
D	70-73
F	69 & below

- If students fail an academic course, they will have to repeat that course before they will receive credit.
- A failing grade will appear on a student's transcript forever. It will not be removed even if the course is repeated and the student receives a passing grade.





Grade Point Average



- GPA is the **numeric average** of all grades calculated on a 4.0 scale.
- **GPA scale:** A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0
- The higher the grades, the higher the GPA!
- Failing a course or getting a low grade will lower a student's GPA!

How many credits do I need to earn to stay on track for graduation?

By the end of the **1st year** in high school, students must earn at least 5 credits total (though students have the opportunity to earn 8 credits their first year).

- These 5 credits **MUST include** the REQUIRED
 - **1 English credit**
 - **1 science credit**
 - **1 math credit** (this does not include CCGPS Coordinate Algebra Support)



How many credits do I need to earn to stay on track for graduation?

By the end of the **2nd year** in high school, students must earn at least **10 total credits**.

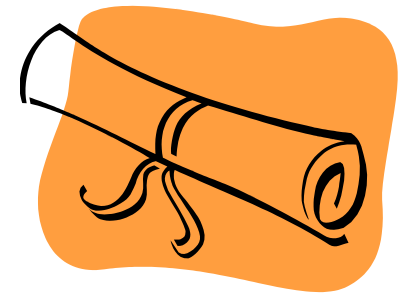
- These 10 credits **MUST include** the **REQUIRED**
 - **2 English credits**
 - **2 science credits**
 - **2 math credits** (this does not include CCGPS Coordinate Algebra Support or CCGPS Analytic Geometry Support)



How many credits do I need to earn to stay on track for graduation?

By the end of the 3rd year in high school and in order to promote to a senior homeroom:

- Students must earn at least 16 total credits including the 2 English, 2 math, and 2 science classes required previously.**



How many credits do I need to earn to stay on track for graduation?

- In order to **graduate**, students need to have earned a total of **23 specific credits**.
- Students have the opportunity to earn up to **32 credits** by the end of 12th grade on a block schedule.



Graduation Requirements

Class of 2019

English 4 Credits

Math 4 Credits

Science 4 Credits

Social Studies 3 Credits

Health/Personal Fitness: 1 Credit

**Career Tech; Fine Arts; and/or
*Foreign Language:** 3 Credits

**2 credits of the same FL are
REQUIRED for college entrance*

Electives: 4 Credits



Honors & AP Courses

- Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in each academic subject area and fine arts.
- AP courses include rigorous college-level coursework.
- It is **highly recommended** that students who wish to obtain admission to a selective 4-year college take honors and AP level courses in high school.
- Students in AP courses have the opportunity to take an AP exam at the end of the course, which may allow them to earn college credit.



What is the HOPE Scholarship?

Earn \$\$ for college for good grades!

- Students who receive the HOPE Scholarship can get part or all of their college tuition paid for!
- Students must graduate with a **3.0 GPA in ALL core curriculum** subjects. This scholarship covers a significant portion of the previous year's tuition rate.
- **Zell Miller Scholarship:** Students must graduate with a **3.7 GPA in ALL core curriculum** subjects **AND** must also meet one of the following: (1) score at least a 1200 (math and reading portions) on a single administration of the SAT, or (2) score a 26 Composite Score on a single administration of the ACT or (3) be named Valedictorian or Salutatorian. This scholarship covers 100% tuition.
- **Core curriculum** subjects include **ALL** English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language classes. **All** coursework in these subjects is used in computing the HOPE GPA.
- HOPE Rigor requirement must be met as well. See next slide.



HOPE Rigor Requirements

- In order to be HOPE eligible, the class of 2019 must earn at least four credits in courses from the following categories:



Advanced math

- Advanced Alg./Trig
- Pre-Calculus

Advanced science

- Chemistry, Physics

Advanced Placement

- in core subjects

University System of Georgia

- in core subjects
- Dual enrollment

Advanced foreign language

- Level 2 and higher

HOPE Grant

Available to any student who:

- Attends a Georgia technical college
- Pursues a technical diploma or certificate or associates' degree
- No minimum GPA requirement
- **MUST** be a Georgia resident for more than 12 months.





Visit the AHS



CAREER CENTER

- Research college/career information:
 - 4-year colleges & 2-year colleges
 - Technical schools
 - Financial aid & scholarships
 - Summer programs
 - Careers



- Get online with GA College 411 and Career Cruising



- **A – D** **Mrs. Neely**

- **E – G** **Mrs. Turner**

- **H – K** **Mrs. Ream**

- **L – R** **Mrs. Welch**

- **S – Z** **Mrs. McAllister**

- **Counseling Office** **Mrs. Rich**

- **Career Center** **Mrs. Teague**

Looking for more information for 9th Grade Year?

**Review the 9th Grade Parent Night
presentation located on the
counseling webpage**

