



NPHS Freshmen Timeline - 2022/2023

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August:

- Review your grade point average. Your GPA counts. It is the GPA at the end of the junior year that is used for most college applications in the fall of the Senior year. The high school transcript has both a numeric as well as a 4.0 grade point average (you received a copy on the first day of school). Class rank uses the numeric grade point average.
- Encourage yourself to be enrolled in challenging courses as well as pathway courses of interest in one or more of these areas: Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Fine Arts, World Language or Advanced Academic Pathways in English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies
- Set personal goals for academic achievement as well as developing good organizational skills. Know how important strong reading and math skills are in your future career.
- Remember, the counselors in the counseling office are available to help YOU! Always contact the counselor regarding any of your questions or concerns
- GET INVOLVED with extra-curricular activities. Determine throughout the year what you have learned from these experiences especially in identifying personal abilities, aptitudes and interests.

September:

- Think about how course work is going including any major project deadlines.
- Begin or continue to be involved in extra-curricular activities. Think about what you have learned from these experiences especially in identifying personal abilities, aptitudes and interests.
- Review the PSAT page at gonphs.weebly.com to determine if you are going to take the PSAT this year. Some 9th graders sign up to take this practice SAT to get a head start on planning for college admissions. There is a cost to take this test, and, if you choose to take it, you must register in the Counseling Office.
- Participate in classroom guidance with the school counselors - you'll review GCIS and GAFutures, two tools that you'll use to complete Georgia's BRIDGE Career Tasks.
- Consider Dual Enrollment options for second semester or for the junior year, if applicable. As questions arise, talk with your counselor. These programs have specific deadlines!
- If you are considering Dual Enrollment, think about registering for the SAT and/or ACT. Take the

Accuplacer test at a Technical College if you are interested in Dual Enrollment at a Technical College next semester or during your junior year.

- You may need to file an NCAA Clearinghouse application if you plan to participate in college athletics. Not sure? Talk to your coach or see your school counselor for more information.

October:

- Attend the **PROBE Fair at PCHS**. Talk with military, technical school and college representatives. Most representatives will be from in-state schools. However, there are also some out-of-state postsecondary institutions represented. Typically, there are 60+ representatives at this valuable event.
- Discuss any college and/or career exploration information that may be valuable for you in making career decisions after high school graduation with parent/guardian and/or an adult in your career interest area.

November:

- Update your Individual Graduation Plan in GAFutures during a classroom guidance session with your school counselor. It is a state requirement that the parent review and approve this plan.
- During this classroom guidance session, your counselor will assist you in updating of GAFutures portfolio to indicate three career options that you have identified.
- Remember to be involved with people in the career interest areas that you have planned

December:

- Pass your first semester courses and any End-of-Course assessments and semester exams.

January:

- Start strong in your second semester courses. Remember, all of your high school courses will be posted on your transcript.
- Following the posting of first term grades, monitor your HOPE G.P.A. via your GAFutures account.
- Consider Dual Enrollment options for the junior year, if applicable. As questions arise, talk with your school counselor.
- If you are considering Dual Enrollment, think about registering for the SAT and/or ACT. Take the Accuplacer test at a Technical College if you are interested in Dual Enrollment at a Technical College next semester

or during your junior year.

February:

- Attend **SPIN (Student-Parent Information Night)** for Sophomores and Freshmen on **Feb. 15th, 6:00 PM**. Learn important information about high school, options at NPHS, and planning for life beyond.
- Complete the registration process for selecting courses for the 2019-2020 school year. Be certain to complete the Honors/Advanced Placement course request process for next school year.
- Review your PSAT results, if you took the test in October. Counselors typically provide score results to sophomores in early February. If you need some assistance in understanding the results, see your school counselor.
- Begin or continue to research and assemble a list of colleges, technical colleges, and/or specialty schools and the similarities and differences between schools.
- Check NCAA Clearinghouse certification if you intend to participate in college athletics.

March:

- Continue to talk with your parents and/or others in the careers in which you are interested.

April:

- If you are taking Advanced Placement courses, be sure to prepare for the AP exam.

May:

- Pass your second semester courses and any End-of-Course assessments and semester exams. Stay on top of earning your graduation credits.
- Consider visiting universities, colleges and/or technical schools based on your career interest over the summer.
- Monitor your HOPE G.P.A. in mid-June using your GAFutures account.
- Remember that your professional school counselor is available to answer questions as well as support and assist you. Consider emailing or making an appointment with your counselor if you have questions or concerns regarding next year.
- Review the North Paulding website and NPHS counselors website (gonphs.weebly.com) over the summer break

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