

Welcome to High
School
Class of 2028



Common Terms

- **Freshman (9th grade), Sophomore (10th grade), Junior (11th grade), Seniors (12th grade)**
- **GPA - Grade Point Average (this is all your final grades averaged together)**
- **On-level, Honors, and AP (advanced placement) courses**
- **EOC's - End of Course assessment**
- **HOPE - College scholarship offered to students who meet eligibility and plan to attend a college in GA after high school.**

High School 101

- **A Document you and your parent will receive to review important high school information.**
- **This will be sent to your parent soon and is electronic!**

Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond



*High School 101
A Handbook for Students and Parents
Paulding County School District*

Supports BRIDGE Advisement Mandates



Please note: The information provided in this guide is subject to change as updates and/or requirements become final from the Georgia Department of Education, Paulding County School Board (policy), and/or the Georgia Student Finance Commission Guidelines.

Graduation Requirements

- **Students must take and pass 23 classes to graduate in Ga. These credits must be earned in specific subject areas.**
- **4 credits in English**
- **4 credits in Math**
- **4 credits in Science**
- **3 credits in Social Studies**
- **1 Personal Fitness and Health or 3 credits in JROTC**
- **3 credits in CTAE/Fine Arts/World Language**
- **4 Electives**



What is a Credit and Transcript?

- Credits are earned when students pass a course with a 70 or higher. Each block course is worth 1 credit.
- For each 9-week course taken and passed a .5 credit is awarded.
- **What is a Transcript?**
- A transcript is an official document that all high schools in the United States use and records high school courses taken
 - This includes all courses passed and failed, even electives!
 - This document is used to send to colleges, trade schools, military, and some employers after you graduate high school.
 - This document will follow you even if you move to another school or state

Promotion to Next Grade Level

For students to be promoted to the next grade level, they must earn a certain number of credits to be promoted to the next grade level.

- 5 credits to be a sophomore
- 11 credits to be a junior
- 17 credits to be a senior



High School Schedules

- In high school, you will be on a block schedule. This means you will take 4 classes in the Fall (Aug - Dec) and will take 4 new classes in the Spring (Jan - May).
- Block courses are 90-minutes in length.
- Each semester you will have 2 core courses, and 2 elective courses
- Most 9th Graders take: Biology, World Geography,
9th Lit./Comp and Algebra.



















Example of a High School Schedule

Sample One – Typical Ninth Grade schedule

















Fall

Spring

	Fall	Fall	Spring	Spring
1st	26.0120000-11  BIOLOGY Humphrey, Peggy K Start: 8/1/2022	26.0120000-11  BIOLOGY Humphrey, Peggy K	52.0210000-21  THEATRE ARTS/FUNDAMENTALS I Bishop, Kathryn Asher	52.0210000-21  THEATRE ARTS/FUNDAMENTALS I Bishop, Kathryn Asher
2nd	23.0610000-112  NINTH LIT/COMP Abbey, Haley Morgan Start: 8/1/2022	23.0610000-112  NINTH LIT/COMP Abbey, Haley Morgan	60.0710000-122  SPANISH I Barrios, David	60.0710000-122  SPANISH I Barrios, David
3rd	08.4740000-13  MARKETING PRINCIPLES Latimer, Robin Gazaway Lunch: 5th Lunch 1:12-1:33 Start: 8/1/2022	08.4740000-13  MARKETING PRINCIPLES Latimer, Robin Gazaway Lunch: 5th Lunch 1:12-1:33	27.0990000-323  GSE ALGEBRA I Gelmini, Mackenzie Raines	27.0990000-323  GSE ALGEBRA I Gelmini, Mackenzie Raines
4th	36.0580000-114  HEALTH and PER FIT COMBINED Pederson, Austin James Start: 8/1/2022	36.0580000-114  HEALTH and PER FIT COMBINED Pederson, Austin James	45.0711000-24  WORLD GEOGRAPHY Steele, James Walter	45.0711000-24  WORLD GEOGRAPHY Steele, James Walter

















Example of a High School Schedule

Sample Two – Started HS classes in MS

<p>23.2630010-1 </p> <p>HONORS WORLD LIT/COMP Frank, Samara</p>	<p>23.2630010-1 </p> <p>HONORS WORLD LIT/COMP Frank, Samara</p>	<p>36.0580000-21 </p> <p>HEALTH and PER FIT COMBINED Hynninen, Maisie S</p>	<p>36.0580000-21 </p> <p>HEALTH and PER FIT COMBINED Hynninen, Maisie S</p>
<p>60.2720010-2 </p> <p>HONORS SPANISH II Escamilla, Herbert G</p>	<p>60.2720010-2 </p> <p>HONORS SPANISH II Escamilla, Herbert G</p>	<p>27.0991010-22 </p> <p>GSE HONORS GEOMETRY Gardener, Geoffrey K</p>	<p>27.0991010-22 </p> <p>GSE HONORS GEOMETRY Gardener, Geoffrey K</p>
<p>26.2120010-3 </p> <p>HONORS BIOLOGY McGuire, Michael Lunch: 1st Lunch 11:40-12:01</p>	<p>26.2120010-3 </p> <p>HONORS BIOLOGY McGuire, Michael Lunch: 1st Lunch 11:40-12:01</p>	<p>11.4460000-123 </p> <p>INTRO TO SOFTWARE TECH Harrill, Amy C</p>	<p>11.4460000-123 </p> <p>INTRO TO SOFTWARE TECH Harrill, Amy C</p>
<p>07.4413000-4 </p> <p>INTRO BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY Montgomery, Thomas M Start: 8/1/2022</p>	<p>07.4413000-4 </p> <p>INTRO BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY Montgomery, Thomas M</p>	<p>45.0770000-24 </p> <p>AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY Desjarlais, Sarah D</p>	<p>45.0770000-24 </p> <p>AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY Desjarlais, Sarah D</p>

Example of a High School Schedule Sample Three – Year-long elective

- Band, JROTC, & Chorus are year-long electives

<p>53.0741000-1 </p> <p>BEG INSTRMNTL ENSBLM I</p> <p>Stephens, Joseph Jordan</p> <p>Start: 8/1/2022</p>	<p>53.0741000-1 </p> <p>BEG INSTRMNTL ENSBLM I</p> <p>Stephens, Joseph Jordan</p>	<p>53.0361000-21 </p> <p>BEGINNING BAND I</p> <p>Stephens, Joseph Jordan</p>	<p>53.0361000-21 </p> <p>BEGINNING BAND I</p> <p>Stephens, Joseph Jordan</p>
<p>27.0990000-2 </p> <p>GSE ALGEBRA I</p> <p>Nickens, Stephanie Michelle</p> <p>Start: 8/1/2022</p>	<p>27.0990000-2 </p> <p>GSE ALGEBRA I</p> <p>Nickens, Stephanie Michelle</p>	<p>26.0120000-122 </p> <p>BIOLOGY</p> <p>Sweeney, Ryan McLain</p>	<p>26.0120000-122 </p> <p>BIOLOGY</p> <p>Sweeney, Ryan McLain</p>
<p>45.0711000-903 </p> <p>WORLD GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>Steele, James Walter</p> <p>Lunch: 4th Lunch 12:49-1:10</p> <p>Start: 8/1/2022</p>	<p>45.0711000-903 </p> <p>WORLD GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>Steele, James Walter</p> <p>Lunch: 4th Lunch 12:49-1:10</p>	<p>23.0610000-23 </p> <p>NINTH LIT/COMP</p> <p>Brand, Russell T</p>	<p>23.0610000-23 </p> <p>NINTH LIT/COMP</p> <p>Brand, Russell T</p>
<p>36.0580000-4 </p> <p>HEALTH and PER FIT COMBINED</p> <p>Jackson, Chavius J</p> <p>Start: 8/1/2022</p>	<p>36.0580000-4 </p> <p>HEALTH and PER FIT COMBINED</p> <p>Jackson, Chavius J</p>	<p>11.4460000-24 </p> <p>INTRO TO SOFTWARE TECH</p> <p>Pittman, Ashley B</p>	<p>11.4460000-24 </p> <p>INTRO TO SOFTWARE TECH</p> <p>Pittman, Ashley B</p>

What Electives Can I take?

Elective course opportunities vary by each high school and are subject to change. Currently the following are electives offered by North Paulding High School.

- Basic Agricultural Science
- Drafting and Design
- Audio & Video Technology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Automotive
- Business and Technology
- Construction
- Culinary (cooking)
- JROTC (ARMY)
- Intro to Law & Public safety
- Marketing Management/Sports Mktg
- Intro to Personal Care (Cosmetology)
- Healthcare (Nursing and Sports Med)
- Digital Technology
- Computer Science
- French I
- Spanish I or Spanish II
- Chorus
- Band
- Music Theory
- Music Technology
- Beginning Guitar Techniques
- Theatre
- Visual Art (art)
- Weight Training
- Team Sports
- Game Design (new)

How Do I Choose My Classes?

- In high school, you will get to choose some of your classes, like your electives, **but you may not always get the ones you wanted.**
- Some courses are required to graduate, and you will not get to choose these courses such as Math, English, Science, and Social Studies.
- Choose electives based on your goals/plans after high school, and not what other students want or tell you to choose.
- You may change your pathway selection after each school year, but remember, if you choose an elective, and get the elective, you must take the class the entire semester!

How Do I Choose My Classes?

1

You will begin choosing your classes for high school soon! You will work with your teachers, counselors, and parents on choosing the right courses for you.

2

Interested in taking an honors-level class when you get to high school? Start talking to your teachers now about expectations and improvements to be recommended for these courses.

3

Your counselor will be sending elective and core selection information to your parents in the coming weeks.

Honors and AP Courses

- **Students have the opportunity to take Honors and/or Advanced Placement (AP) courses during high school. These courses are more rigorous. The content is more difficult, higher expectations, more homework, and are faster paced.**
- **Students who take an honors course and pass the class with a 70 or higher earn 5 additional bonus points.**
- **Students who take an AP course and pass the class with a 70 or higher, earn 10 additional bonus points.**
- **Teachers must recommend students for Honors and AP Courses. If you want to take an Honors or AP and were not recommended, you may ask for a course waiver.**
- **The only AP course a student may take as a freshman is AP Human Geography (Social Studies elective course)**

Pathways

- You will hear the term “pathways” many times over the next four years in high school.
- A pathway is when a student completes and passes all 3 classes in a pathway area. Students who do this and pass the end of pathway exam, will receive a cord to wear at graduation.
- Pathways are highly encouraged to complete, but NOT a graduation requirement.
- Students who complete a pathway will also receive a seal for their diploma
- Some examples of pathways are Art, Band, Chorus, JROTC, Business, Marketing, Cosmetology, Construction, and many more!

Do I have to take PE?



- Yes, students **must** take both Personal Fitness and Health to meet graduation requirements.
- Students may earn 3 credits in JROTC and meet the Health and Personal Fitness requirement.
- Students may not substitute Team Sports or Weight Training for Health and Personal Fitness.

Do I have to take a World Language to Graduate?

NO! Students may earn 3 credits in a CTAE or Fine Arts course and meet this area for graduation requirements.

BUT.....

If you plan on attending a 4-year college after high school, you will need to earn 2 credits, in the same foreign language for acceptance into most 4-year colleges.



Sports in Highschool

- Students are offered the opportunity to play a sport in high school. Each high school has various sports students must try out for. Be sure to contact the head coach of each sport and ask about conditioning and tryout information.
- Did you know...
- To play sports in high school students must earn **2.5 credits** each semester to be eligible to play. This is a GHSA guideline that is followed by all GA high schools.
- Also, students must be on-track to graduate and in their cohort grade level

Clubs/Activities

- Getting involved in clubs and school activities are important for a few reasons.
 1. Connects students with other students of same interest
 2. Builds a stronger community
 3. Opportunity for additional scholarships after high school
 4. May be needed for college applications to make your application stronger.
 5. May lead you to new opportunities.

How to get connected –

- Check out the high school website for a list of clubs and activities
- Looks for club opportunities during the Reality Fair
- Listen for daily announcements, newsletters, or information sent in Canvas



Clubs at NPHS

- **Astronomy Club**
- **Beta Club**
- **Book Club**
- **Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy**
- **Computer Science Honor Society**
- **DECA**
- **FBLA- Future Business Leaders**
- **FCA- Fellowship of Christian Athletes**
- **FCCLA- Family Career Community Leaders**
- **FFA- Future Farmers of America**
- **FLY Fishing of America**
- **Fly Fishing and Cold-Water Conservation Club**
- **Gay Straight Alliance**
- **HOSA-Health Occupations Students of America**
- **International Thespian Society**
- **Investment Club**
- **JROTC-Army**
- **Multi-cultural Association**
- **National Art Honor Society**
- **National Honor Society**
- **National Honors Spanish Club**
- **National Math**
- **Robotics Club**
- **SKILLS USA**
- **Sources of Strength**
- **Speech And Debate**
- **Student Government Association**
- **Tri-M Music Honor Society**
- **Student Television Network Association**
- **Technology Student Association**
- **Chorus**
- **Theater**
- **Band**

HOPE Scholarship

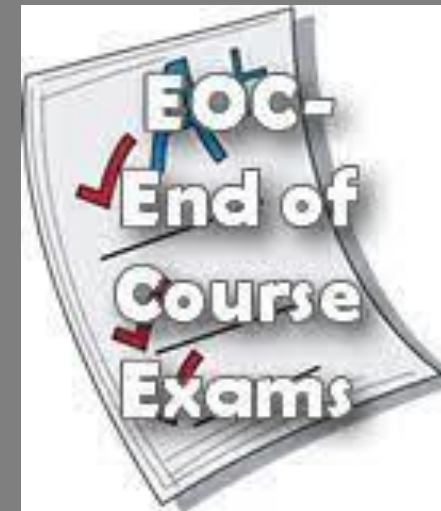
- You will be hearing your high school counselors talk a lot about the HOPE scholarship, and it's very important for you to know what this is.
- This program is for students who plan on attending a two- or four-year college, in Georgia, after high school and helps pay for your college classes after you graduate high school.
- HOPE GPA includes your core and world language courses only (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language)
- It may seem early to plan for college, but HOPE GPA starts building during 9th grade!

To be eligible for the HOPE GPA students must:

1. Graduate from high school
2. Have a 3.0 HOPE GPA (different than your high school GPA).
3. Take 4 rigor classes during high school

What is an EOC?

- EOC's are end of course assessments that will count for 20% of a student's final grade.
- Courses with EOC's are Algebra I, Biology, American Literature, and US History
- Some 8th grade students are currently taking Algebra I and you will take the EOC next semester (this will count for 20% of your final grade just like a high school course). Talk with your teacher if you have further questions.
- EOC's cannot be exempted and are state mandated tests.



What's Next?



Begin Reviewing our counseling website at GONPHS.WEEBLY.COM



Find your graduating class Tab (Class of 2028, Rising Freshmen)



Here you will locate a list of our electives and begin reviewing classes you might be interested in taking



Your middle school counselor and teachers will begin working with you and your parents on selecting core courses. Be sure you are reviewing elective options, so when the time comes, you know what you are signing up for!



Don't request an elective you do not know what it is or because a friend tells you to do so. You may get this elective and be stuck with it an entire semester.

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