



Cambridge High School 9th/10th Grade Information Session

Presented by:
Cambridge High School Counseling Department

Please add questions to the chat throughout the presentation. We will create a follow-up Q&A that gets sent out via school communications and posted on the website with the recording of tonight's event.

Cambridge Administration/Counseling Teams

- Principal: Ashley Agans
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Amey Rishel, Counselor
- Students E-Lev: Dr. Becca Myers, Assistant Principal
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- Students Lew-Ror: Darius Maize, Assistant Principal
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- Students Ros-Z: Dr. Jeff Harrell, Assistant Principal
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Counseling Department Student Support Staff

- Graduation Coach/504 Coordinator: Anne von Bereghy
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- School Psychologist: Dr. Cindy Vinson
- Bilingual Community Liaison: Lorena De Alba
- Dual Enrollment/Virtual Class Support: Sydney Johnson



Cambridge Counseling Services

- **Guidance:** Course placement advisement
- **Academic Planning:** College/Career planning, goal setting, problem solving, graduation status tracking, college application support, letters of recommendation
- **Individual and Small Group Counseling:** Crisis intervention, parent/teacher/staff consolation and collaboration, outside agency referrals
- **Other:** New student enrollments, scheduling, special programs (Parent Info Nights, Financial Aid sessions, College Fair, etc.)

Counseling Appointment Requests

Students

- Scan QR codes located around building
- Stop in Bridge West
- Email
 - Mrs. Rishel, rishel@fultonschools.org
 - Ms. Evans, evansjl@fultonschools.org
 - Mrs. Meredith, meredithf@fultonschools.org
 - Mrs. Garcia, garcias@fultonschools.org

Parents

- Email or phone
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Graduation Credit Requirements= 23

Subject Area	Minimum Credits Needs
English	4
Math	4
Social Studies	3
Science	4
Health/Personal Fitness	1
World Lang/Fine Arts/Career Tech	3
Electives	4

Students planning to attend a 4-year college/university must take a minimum of 2 credits of the same World Language for college admissions.

Personal Fitness can be waived by completing 1 entire season of a GHSA sport, completing 1 entire season of a non-GHSA sport, completing 1 season of Marching Band, or earning 0.5 credit in dance, Cirque, or PE electives. Waiver info posted under "Academics" on CHS website. Must be turned in by end of 11th grade

Sample 4-Year Course Plan

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English	9 th Lit/Comp	10 th Lit/Comp	11 th Lit/Comp: American Lit	12 th Lit/Comp
Math	GSE Algebra I	GSE Geometry	GSE Algebra II	GSE Pre-Calculus
Social Studies	American Government (semester/0.5 credits)	World History	US History	Economics (semester/0.5 credits)
Science	Biology	Physical Science	Chemistry	Environmental Science
Health/Personal Fitness	Health (semester/0.5 credits)			Personal Fitness (semester/0.5 credits)
WL/FA/CTAE	French 2	French 3 Honors	French 4 Honors	AP French
Elective	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra

Earning Credits

- Each semester, students earn 0.5 credits for a final grade of 70% or higher.
 - Example:
 - Semester 1 of Biology= 0.5 credit
 - Semester 2 of Biology= 0.5 credit
 - Total Biology credit earned by end of year= 1.0 credits
 - Semester classes, like American Gov, earn 0.5 credits total.
- Semester grades are not averaged.
 - If a student fails a semester of any class, the failing grade will appear on the transcript even after the credit has been made up.

Cumulative Numeric Average vs. Grade Point Average (GPA)

Cumulative Numeric Average

- Fulton County calculates numeric averages by adding up grades in all classes on high school transcript and dividing by the total number of classes taken. The numeric average is on a 100-point scale. Example: 87 out of 100
- Transcripts are weighted: Includes 7 honors points added to final grade for Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses
- All grades are included in numeric calculation- failed grades, summer grades, grades for high school classes taken in middle school, Dual Enrollment grades, and online grades.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- High School GPA is calculated by the college/university
- Fulton Schools does not calculate GPA
- Students can see HOPE Scholarship GPA at www.gafutures.org
 - HOPE GPA is unweighted/core and can be used as estimation of college calculated GPA

Honors Points

- An additional 7 points is added to the final grade in any Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment course.
- Students must pass the course with a semester grade of at least 70% to earn honors points.

Example:

Class Name	Grade	Honors Points	Transcript Grade
10 th Lit/Comp Honors	90	7	97
AP Biology	68	0	68

Grade Promotion Policy

- 5+ credits= 10th Grade promotion
- 11+ credits= 11th Grade promotion
- 17+ credits= 12th Grade promotion
- 23+ credits= GRADUATION



- All students are considered 9th graders during their first year of high school.
- Students are promoted to the next grade at the end of the school year.

No Pass, No Play

- To participate in high school sports, students must pass at least 5 of their 6 classes from the previous semester (earn at least 2.5 credits)
- Students must also be on track for graduation (not retained in a lower grade level)



Credit Recovery

Failed classes can be recovered by...

- Retaking course as part of regular class schedule
- Completing a credit recovery course, if available
- Retaking course online through Fulton Virtual School or GA Virtual School as part of regular class schedule or during summer
- Attend Summer School, if course available

Please note that NCAA may not approve courses retaken through a non-traditional format such as credit recovery. It is the student's responsibility to research credit concerns with NCAA.

Academic Success and Support

- Self-advocate
 - Ask teacher for help
 - Attend help sessions
 - Talk with counselor or administrator
- Check Infinite Campus regularly
 - Monitor grades and attendance
 - Parents can set IC alerts
- Use some type of planner
 - Paper calendar or app on phone
 - Track homework, long-term assignments, upcoming assessments, club meetings, sports practices, appointments, etc.
- Develop individualized study and organizational habits
 - Ask teacher for help
 - Try different things
 - Talk with counselor for suggestions

Dual Enrollment

- What is Dual Enrollment?
 - High school students take college courses
 - Earn both college & high school course credit
 - State pays for up to 30 credit hrs
 - Courses offered in person and online
 - Details at <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/8737>
- When can students participate in Dual Enrollment?
 - 9th grade= no participation
 - 10th grade= Career Tech classes
 - 11th grade & 12th grade= any course listed in the State's Dual Enrollment Course Directory
- Requirements to plan ahead
 - Minimum SAT score of 1200 or minimum ACT composite score of 26 on single test administration

Naviance 101

- Step 1: Get Started
 - Students access Naviance through ClassLink to automatically log in
 - Naviance offers assessments that help students discover careers and colleges that may be the best fit
 - Self-Discovery tab
 - Career tab
 - Colleges tab



Georgia HOPE Program

- HOPE- *Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally*
 - Scholarship and grant program that rewards students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certification programs at eligible GA public and private colleges, universities, and technical colleges
 - www.gafutures.org –visit for details

GAfutures

Explore. Plan. Succeed.

HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships

- HOPE

- Partial college tuition payment
 - 100% of last year's tuition rate
- Be a US citizen and legal GA resident
- Graduate high school with minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA
- Pass minimum of 4 State rigor classes
- Be registered with Selective Service at age 18 if male
- Details at www.gafutures.org

- Zell Miller

- Full college tuition at GA public college/university
 - Partial tuition at GA private schools
- Be a US citizen and legal GA resident
- Graduate high school with minimum 3.7 HOPE GPA
- Pass minimum of 4 State rigor classes
- Minimum 1200 combined reading and math score on single SAT administration or 26 composite score on single ACT administration
- Be registered with Selective Service at age 18 if male
- Details at www.gafutures.org

HOPE Rigor Classes

- All Advanced Placement (AP) classes
- Dual Enrollment courses taken in core subjects
- Math: Advanced Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Advanced Math Decision Making
- Science: Human Anatomy, Chemistry, Physics
- World Language: level 2 and higher
- For a full list of rigor courses, visit www.gafutures.org

HOPE GPA Calculation

- HOPE- 3.0 GPA by averaging core coursework, including failing grades, on a 4.0 scale
- Zell- 3.7 GPA (same as above)
- Core Courses: English, math, science, social studies, World Language, specific CTAE classes

• Conversion:

A	90-100	4.0 points
B	80-89	3.0 points
C	70-79	2.0 points
F	0-69	0 points

- Honors pts are removed and a 0.5 weight is added back in for AP/DE classes only, not to exceed 4.0
- High school credit earned in middle school is NOT used
- GPA does not round up, i.e. 2.99 doesn't qualify for HOPE, 3.69 doesn't qualify for Zell
- All calculations done by GA Student Finance Commission- School counselors cannot calculate potential HOPE GPA

Create Student Gafutures Account

- Visit www.gafutures.org
- Select “Create an Account” option at top of homepage
- Complete the form- information marked with red asterisk is required
- After completing the *Account Creation Form*, make sure you check the box acknowledging acceptance of the *Terms of Use and Privacy Policy*.
- After account is created, select “My HOPE GPA” to view State calculation of GPA.

State Required Testing

- Georgia End of Course (EOC) Tests

English	Math	Science	Social Studies
11 th Lit/Comp- American Lit	Algebra I	Biology	US History

- EOC counts % of second semester final average

PSAT: October 12, 2023

- Free practice for the SAT during school day
- Assesses reading, math, writing and English language
- Connects students to scholarships and personalized online study tools
- Given to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students each Fall
- Will be digital this year!

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Options After High School

4-Year University- Bachelor's Degree

- At least 2 yrs of same World Language
- Course rigor and grades
- Well-rounded, i.e. clubs, sports, volunteering, leadership, etc.
- May require SAT or ACT score

2-Year Community College- Associate's Degree, Certification

- High school diploma
- Can transfer to 4-yr school

Technical College- Associate's Degree, Certification

- High school diploma
- Receive job placement assistance

Military

- High school diploma
- ASVAB assessment

Workforce

- May require high school diploma
- Resume

Apprenticeship

- Offered by some companies allowing participants to receive paid on-the-job training under certified expert

Gap Year

- Should be well planned
- Gain experience through travel
- Participate in service/volunteer programs
- Participate in Gap Year Program such as college bridge year

9th/10th Grade Student To Do List

- Create a 4-year high school plan
 - What do you want to accomplish?
 - Make sure you know what courses are required by your colleges of interest and that you take these classes
 - Use Naviance to investigate college/career ideas
- Start thinking about life after high school
 - What types of jobs interest you?
 - What do you need to do to get those jobs?
 - Use Naviance to investigate college/career ideas
- Identify your interests
 - What classes do you like and dislike?
 - What activities do you enjoy?
- Participate in extracurricular activities
 - Great way to explore interests and build leadership experience
- Explore summer opportunities
 - Look for a job or internship
 - Volunteer

Counseling Communication

- Twitter
 - @cambridgebears1
- Website
 - www.cambridgehs.org < Students and Families < Counseling Department



Thank you for attending!

