

# STUDENT AGENDA BOOK

2024-2025



# BROOKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## 2024 – 2025

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO STUDENTS:	THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED WITH STUDENTS AND/OR MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS/PARENTS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BHS Student Agenda Book in Digital format</li> <li>- GCPS Student/ Parent Handbook (hard copy provided to 9<sup>th</sup> graders)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Available on GCPS webpage:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCPS Student/ Parent Handbook</li> <li>- GCPS AKS</li> </ul> <p><u>Available in Student Agenda Book online on BHS webpage:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BHS Honor Code</li> <li>- Compulsory Education Law</li> <li>- Right to Search Locker Policy</li> <li>- Acceptable Use of Electronic Media</li> </ul>

### DIGITAL STUDENT AGENDA BOOK

The digital Student Agenda Book is provided as a reference source for important school information. Parents are encouraged to review the book layout and assist in their child's development of necessary organizational skills for use well beyond their education at BHS.

**Annual Notification of School Sponsored Clubs/Extracurricular Activities** is located in the back of the **GCPS Student/Parent Handbook**: A complete list of **School Sponsored Clubs/Extracurricular Activities** has been provided in **Section VI** of the Student Agenda Book. For more information on school-sponsored clubs/activities or available student-initiated clubs/activities, please visit the school website: [www.brookwoodhighschool.net](http://www.brookwoodhighschool.net).

### STUDENT PARENT DISCIPLINE HANDBOOK

The Gwinnett County Board of Education authorizes publication of the GCPS Student/Parent Handbook in accordance with School Board policies and procedures and Georgia laws. It contains important information for parents, students, school personnel, visitors, and citizens. The handbook is provided to better support schools and improve communication with students and families. The handbook is available to all students and parents online at the GCPS website: [www.gcpsk12.org](http://www.gcpsk12.org). Freshmen receive a copy of this book in their Guided Study.

### ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS (AKS)

Gwinnett County Public Schools is dedicated to pursuing excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student. The Academic Knowledge & Skills (AKS) outline what we, and our community, believe all children should learn at each grade level and in each subject or course. By setting these standards for our students, we are providing the greatest opportunity for their success, both in their education and in their future endeavors as adults. More information is located at [www.gcpsk12.org](http://www.gcpsk12.org).

## **ACADEMIC HONESTY/HONOR CODE**

The Brookwood tradition of excellence requires an academic environment that rejects cheating or any other form of dishonesty. An essential part of education is developing a sense of honor, responsibility, and ethical principles that extend to all facets of life. Self-esteem and self-respect grow from meeting challenges with honesty and individual effort. Students earn respect for themselves and their academic work through academic integrity and ethical conduct. Recognition, understanding, and using academic integrity policies prepare students for college and life. It is an essential part of education and citizenship. **The Brookwood High School Honor Code is included in this book and on the school's website in the Academics section through the "Honor Code" link.**

## **COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAW**

The Compulsory Education Law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1) states that every parent, guardian, or other person who has control of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 must enroll and send their child to school. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine, community service, or a combination of the penalties.

Gwinnett County Public Schools has an attendance protocol in place. Schools will inform parents and students of attendance expectations and the consequences for excessive unexcused absences, including notice to parents of their student's excessive absences. A pattern of absences could put a student at risk of not achieving grade level/course AKS. Under state law, a student with more than 5 unexcused absences is considered truant.

## **RIGHT TO SEARCH**

In efforts to ensure the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities possess the authority to conduct a reasonable search of students, including but not limited to their possessions, lockers and vehicles when on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, or at any school event held away from the school if it is established there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will reveal a violation of the law, the Student Conduct Behavior Code, local school rules or any illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials. If found, authorities may search a student's locker/vehicle and may seize any illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials discovered in the search. As used in this policy, the term, "unauthorized" means any item dangerous to the health or safety of students or school personnel, or disruptive of any lawful function, mission, or process of the school, or any item described as unauthorized in school rules found in the Gwinnett County Board of Education Student/Parent Handbook.

## **ACCEPTABLE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

Failure to follow the guidelines established in school policy and the Gwinnett County Public Schools Student Conduct Behavior Code will result in disciplinary action that may include restricted or denied access to school computers and other instructional technology tools. Electronic Media Policy & Procedure information is provided in the Student Parent Handbook (GCPS), and Student Agenda Book (Section V. Student Conduct).

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS**

In compliance with the requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) statute, parents are entitled to request information about the professional qualifications of their child's teacher. The following information may be requested:

- 1) Certification;
- 2) College major/graduate certification or degree held by the teacher; and
- 3) Qualifications of the paraprofessional, if paraprofessional services are provided.

If you wish to request information concerning the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or paraprofessional, please contact the school principal.

**SAFE SCHOOLS HOTLINE / 1-877-SAY-STOP or 1-877-729-7867**

**ANONYMOUS – CONFIDENTIAL – TOLL-FREE – 24 HOURS A DAY/7 DAYS A WEEK**

**Report drugs, weapons, bullying, threats, or other safety issues.**

**Co-sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation**

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## ADMINISTRATION

Principal:	Dr. Brett Savage
Assistant Principals:	Archie Berry, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Affairs Donna Bishop, 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Discipline Support David Cashman, Community School Kristin Chelko, Curriculum & Instruction Joe Cox, Assessments Jason Dopson, Athletics and Activities Erin Goodman, 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Affairs, Special Education Ryan Hanik, 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Affairs Sharon Macoy, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Affairs Jennifer Maloney, Professional Development Dr. Russell Nicometi, Attendance Dr. Daria Williamson, Counseling

## CONTACT NUMBER INFORMATION

Absence Line (A2)	678-344-2606	Guidance/Counseling (A1)	678-344-2603
Check In/Out (A2)	678-344-2607	Main Office (A1)	770-972-7642
Clinic (A18)	770-736-2097	Student Parking (B120)	770-736-3985
Community School (A1)	770-978-5064	<b><u>GRADE LEVEL OFFICES</u></b>	
Confidential Hotline	770-822-6513	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade (F24)	770-736-3148
Curriculum (A11)	678-344-3740	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade (E24)	678-344-6302
Athletic Office	678-344-9024	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Grade (B120)	770-736-3985

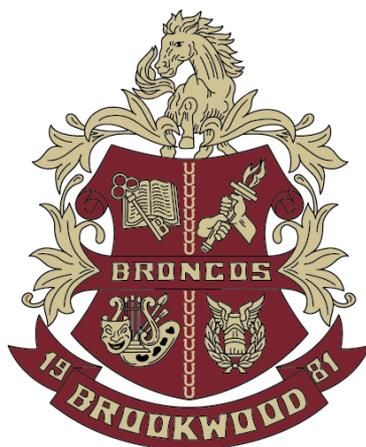
The Brookwood faculty and staff would like to thank  
**BROOKWOOD PTSA**  
for its continued support of our school.

# 2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

<b>AUG</b>	5	MON	First Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
	15	THU	Parent Open House, 5:30 p.m.
	13	TUE	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, 6 p.m.
	20	TUE	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, 6 p.m.
	22	THU	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, 6 p.m.
<b>SEPT</b>	2	MON	Labor Day (School Holiday)
	17	TUE	PROBE College Fair at BHS, 6 p.m.
	13	FRI	6-Week Progress Reports
	20	FRI	Digital Learning Day #1
	26	THU	Financial Aid Night, 6 p.m.
<b>OCT</b>	10-14	THU-MON	Fall Break
	25	FRI	12-Week Progress Reports
<b>NOV</b>	5	TUE	Digital Learning Day #2
	7	THU	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, 6 p.m.
	14	THU	College Credit Options Night, 6 p.m.
	25-29	MON-FRI	Thanksgiving Break
<b>DEC</b>	17	TUE	First Final Exam (full day, modified bell schedule)
	18-20	WED-FRI	Final Exam Days (early release at 11:45 a.m.)
	23-31	M-F, M-TU	Winter Break
<b>JAN</b>	1-3	WED-FRI	Winter Break
	3	FRI	Student Holiday, Fall Final Exam Make-Ups
	6	MON	First Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
	20	MON	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School Holiday)
<b>FEB</b>	7	FRI	Digital Learning Day #3
	12	WED	6-Week Progress Reports
	13-17	THU-MON	School Holidays
<b>MAR</b>	14	FRI	Digital Learning Day #4
	28	FRI	Progress Reports
<b>APR</b>	7-11	MON-FRI	Spring Break
<b>MAY</b>	16	FRI	First Final Exam (full day, modified bell schedule)
	19-21	MON-WED	Final Exams (early release at 11:45 a.m.)
	21	WED	Last Day of School
	22	THU	Spring Final Exam Make-Ups for Grades 9-11 Summer Break Begins

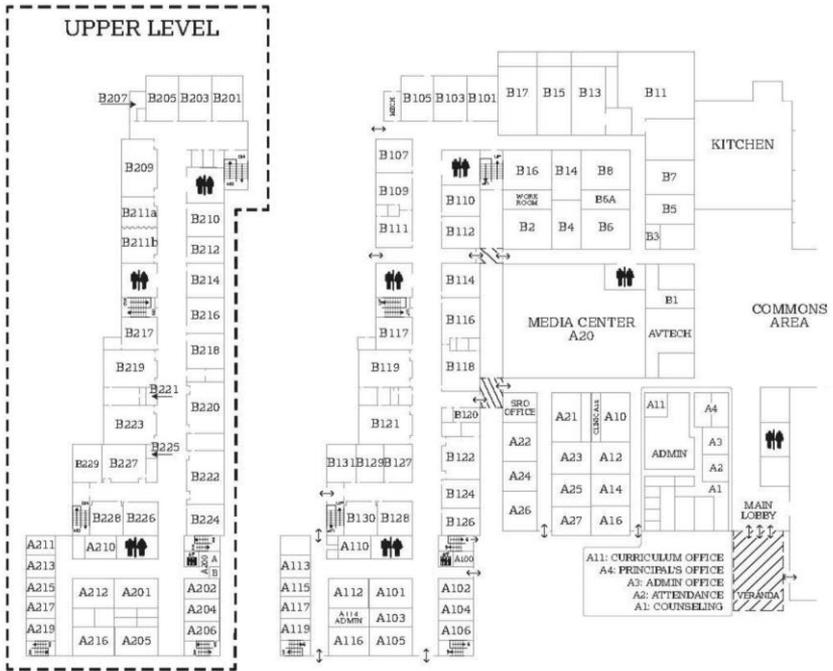
## BELL SCHEDULE 2024-2025

PERIOD	BEGIN	END	SCHEDULED EVENTS
1	7:20	8:16	1st Period / Moment of Silence / Pledge
2	8:23	9:15	2nd Period
3	9:22	10:14	3rd Period
4	10:21	11:13	4th Period / Lunch / Guided Study
			4A      10:14      10:40 4B      10:47      11:13
5	11:20	12:12	5th Period / Lunch / Guided Study
			5A      11:13      11:39 5B      11:46      12:12
6	12:19	1:11	6th Period / Lunch / Guided Study
			6A      12:12      12:38 6B      12:45      1:11
7	1:18	2:10	7th Period



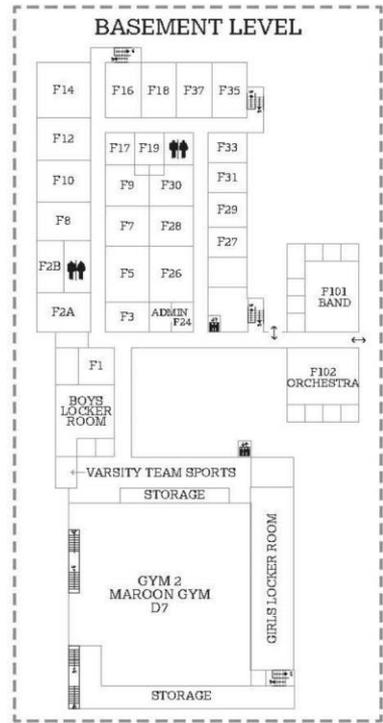
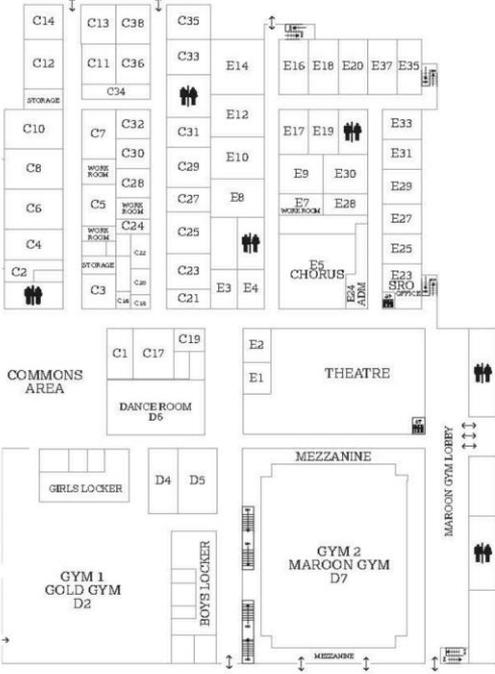
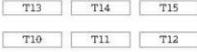
# SCHOOL MAP 2024-2025

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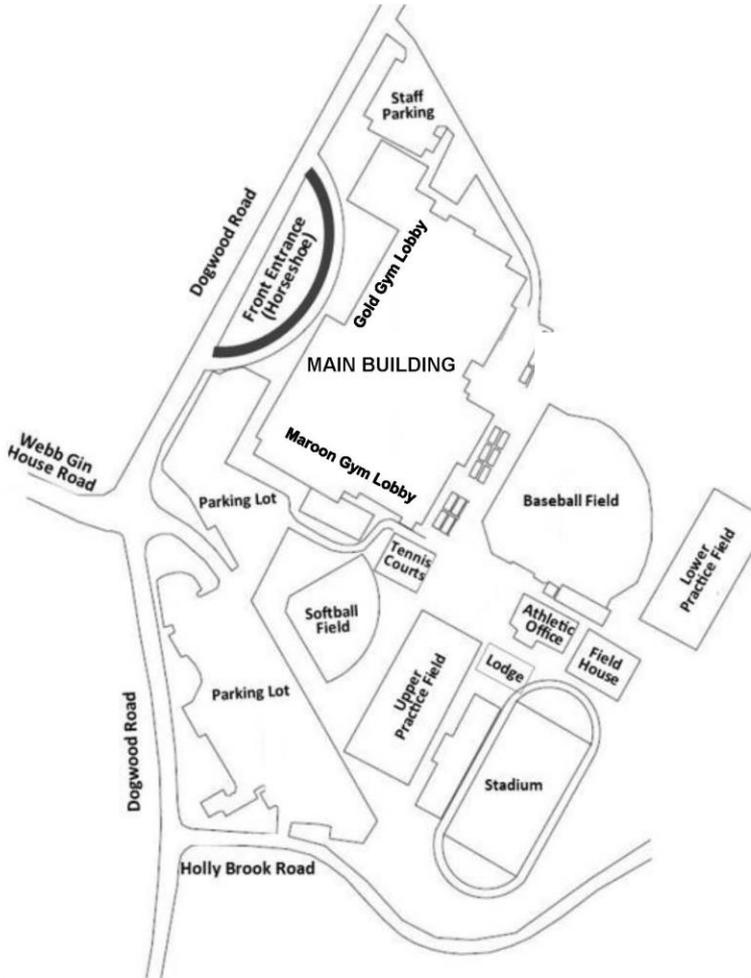


LEGEND

	ELEVATORS
	RESTROOMS
	STAIRS



# CAMPUS MAP 2024-2025



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students,

Welcome back! I hope you had a terrific summer vacation full of rest and rejuvenation. I am looking forward to another great year at Brookwood. This is Brookwood's 44th school year. From the beginning, Brookwood students have been dedicated to maintaining our tradition of excellence in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, and in service to others. In addition, your predecessors have worked hard to create a wonderful school culture for those who follow their legacy.

Our past has been defined by excellence; our future is in your hands. The staff and I can't wait to support you as you prepare for your future. We're counting on you to continue to uphold the tradition of excellence and help us grow and improve as we move forward. We appreciate your commitment in the classroom, your mature behavior, and your extracurricular connections. As we venture into a new school year, there are new opportunities awaiting you at Brookwood. I encourage each of you to find somewhere to get connected. We want to help each student feel a sense of belonging and ownership in our school.

This handbook provides general information about Brookwood's opportunities for students and our expectations for you. Please read it carefully and share it with your parents. The policies and procedures outlined here are meant to provide a safe, engaged, and orderly environment for learning. I'm looking forward to the best school year yet.

Go Broncos!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brett Savage

Principal, Brookwood High School

## FROM YOUR BHS PTSA CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Your PTSA is excited about the upcoming year and the programs and events we have planned to support our students, faculty, parents, and the Brookwood Community. Brookwood High School PTSA will continue to uphold these national and state standards for PTAs:

- Open communication between home and school
- School respect and support of parents' roles in their student's lives
- Parents' connection with their children's learning
- Welcome reception of parent volunteers at the school
- Parent involvement in school decisions that affect children
- Community involvement in the education process

We encourage you to be as involved with your children's academic lives as much as you are able. Research shows that actively involved parents are an essential element to the overall achievement of students' present and future academic and social success. Brookwood PTSA provides many opportunities for you to be involved. No amount of volunteer time is too little; it is all valuable and very much appreciated. Please consider joining the Brookwood PTSA and volunteering to help with one of our events. Anyone may join, from parents and grandparents to aunts and uncles. Please visit our website [www.brookwoodhsptsa.com](http://www.brookwoodhsptsa.com) for more information. We look forward to working with you throughout the school year.

Best regards,

Quynh Tran and Kim Wooten

PresidentBrookwoodPTSA@gmail.com

BHS PTSA Co-Presidents, 2024-2025

## FROM YOUR SGA PRESIDENT

Welcome back, Broncos! I hope you had a wonderful summer and are energized to take on this school year. This year is OUR chance to grow as people, create precious memories, and support our community.

As we begin this school year, take the time to reflect on your goals and discover your best study methods and strategies to fit your class load, abilities, and work ethic. Remember high school is a marathon and not a sprint, and everyone is running their own race. Do not compare yourself to others rather challenge yourself to reach your full potential. Balance your time to include family, friends, extracurriculars, studies, and your own mental health. I want to encourage you to get involved in our school community and seek out what brings you joy. Within Brookwood's many organizations and opportunities, there is a place for everyone.

When you face adversity, do not forget that you are surrounded by individuals who care about you and want to support you. Whether it be your family, friends, classmates, a trusted teacher, or a counselor, as a Brookwood student, you have a fantastic support system that is always willing to help you achieve your goals. Around every corner and down every hall, there are people who care about you and your well-being, so never hesitate to reach out to those around you when you need help. Build connections, forge new friendships, and do not hesitate to try something new.

Never forget that you belong here at Brookwood, so continue to strive for excellence while staying true to yourself. I know your future is bright, and when we come together, we can truly achieve great things. I'm looking forward to seeing what we will accomplish together this year!

Sapna Patel  
SGA President, 2024-2025

## GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### VISION

Gwinnett County Public Schools will become a system of world-class schools where students acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and careers.

### MISSION

The mission of Gwinnett County Public Schools is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.

**STRATEGIC GOALS:** Our plan for achieving our mission

**Gwinnett County Public Schools will...**

- Ensure a world-class education for all students by focusing on teaching and learning the Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum.
- Ensure a safe, secure, and orderly environment for all.
- Optimize student achievement through responsible stewardship of its financial resources and the proactive pursuit of all resources necessary to meet current and future demands.
- Recruit, employ, develop, and retain a workforce that achieves the mission and goals of the organization.
- Support instructional and operational needs with technological systems and processes that support effective performance and desired results.
- Provide and manage the system's facilities and operations in an exemplary manner as determined by programmatic needs and best management practices.
- Apply continuous quality improvement strategies and principles as the way the organization does business.

# THE BROOKWOOD CLUSTER

## BELIEFS

- I. High Expectations for All
- II. Safe, Respectful Learning Environment
- III. Diverse Opportunities and Innovation for ALL
- IV. High Levels of Collaboration Among All Stakeholders



## BROOKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

### MISSION

The mission of Brookwood High School is to provide a challenging learning environment that emphasizes the critical thinking skills students need to become productive citizens and lifelong learners.

### ORIGIN

Plans for the school started in 1977 to help relieve overcrowding of South Gwinnett and Parkview. A committee of educators from across the county were pulled together to create specifications for the facility. The school opened in 1981 under the leadership of Principal Emmett Lawson.

### NAME

The school was named for the intersection of Hollybrook Drive and Dogwood Road where the school is located.

### MASCOT

The mascot was selected by a committee of students. Bronco is derived from Spanish “broncho,” meaning tough. American Indians valued the free roaming wild broncos and ownership was a source of prestige and power. Various sketches of broncos were considered before students chose the final pose. The runner-up for the mascot was bears.

### MAROON & GOLD

Brookwood’s colors were chosen by students. The runner-up was Carolina blue.

### ALMA MATER

The lyrics were written by teacher Lori Ziecker and combined with the music of “Eternal Father, Strong to Save,” a Navy hymn.

To Brookwood High we sing thy praise  
the scene of many cherished days.

With strength and wisdom as our aim,  
we'll strive to honor thee with fame.

Chorus:

Thus evermore we sing thy praise  
Maroon and Gold of Brookwood Days.

With friendship ever in our hearts,  
our thoughts from here will n'er depart.

The Bronco spirit we do yell,  
Will cheer us as we say farewell.



### MOTTO

The original motto was “Establishing a tradition of excellence.”  
This evolved into the current motto “A tradition of excellence.”

### CREST

The four symbols in the crest stand for the “key to knowledge, communities that came together to form Brookwood, fine arts, and extracurricular activities.”

## SECTION I. ACADEMIC HONESTY & HONOR CODE

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### CHEATING

Cheating includes any attempt to defraud, deceive, or mislead a teacher in arriving at an honest evaluation of student achievement. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Looking at another student's answers or work or sharing answers on an independent assignment or assessment unless expressly permitted by the teacher.
2. Attempting to communicate information in any way during an independent assignment or assessment unless expressly permitted by the teacher.
3. Having cheat sheets or information written on the body or other personal objects.
4. Using programmed calculators or other electronic devices unless expressly permitted by the teacher.
5. Looking at quiz, test, or exam materials prior to their administration.
6. Sharing or receiving information regarding an assignment or assessment.
7. Failing to give credit when the ideas, words, or works of others are used. (See the information on pages 13 and 14 regarding Plagiarism.)
8. Submitting work that is not created by the student. This includes, but is not limited to, file sharing (submitting the same work with different header, copying files to and from electronic devices and web tools, and/or receiving or purchasing solutions or works from others).
9. Taking or transmitting photographs of secure assignment or assessments.
10. ANY electronic device (including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart watches) visible during ANY assessment can be considered cheating. At no time during an assessment should an unauthorized electronic device be visible or accessible.

*Cheating is inexcusable conduct and will be dealt with strictly. A zero will be given for the assignment. The teacher will contact the parent(s), and a record of the incident will be placed in the student's disciplinary file. On the second and future offenses, students will receive consequences in addition to a zero. Students may lose other privileges, positions, or opportunities as determined by the administration.*



## **BROOKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PLAGIARISM POLICY**

The following definitions and explanations clarify and explain the Brookwood High School Honor Code regarding plagiarism in essays, research papers and other writing across all subject areas. The goal here is to clearly show the difference between original scholarship, sloppy scholarship, and plagiarism.

**Original Scholarship:** Original scholarship is work where all ideas are the writer's own or considered common knowledge (i.e., general knowledge that the average educated reader would know without having to look it up). When using information from other sources (through direct quotes, paraphrasing, or summarizing), give credit to those sources by using a recognized citation method and include enough information in the citation so that the reader can locate the original work on their own.

**Sloppy Scholarship:** Sloppy scholarship is work that contains original scholarship but has carelessly cited information from other sources.

Examples of sloppy scholarship include, but are not limited to:

- Using one citation at the end of a paragraph when part of the information may not have come from that one source, or it may have come from another source
- Omitting or using incorrect punctuation marks in citations
- Inconsistent or incorrect use of recognized citation method
- Putting quotation marks around a piece of information without giving an in-text citation
- Including a works cited page without properly acknowledging citations within the paper
- Including proper citations within the paper without a corresponding entry in the works cited page
- Accidentally distorting or misinterpreting an author's original meaning

Consequences for sloppy scholarship:

- Point deduction according to the rubric or scoring method
- In some cases, students may be required to correct the errors in sloppy scholarship.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the act of stealing, using, and/or representing another person's ideas or words as your own writing or ideas.

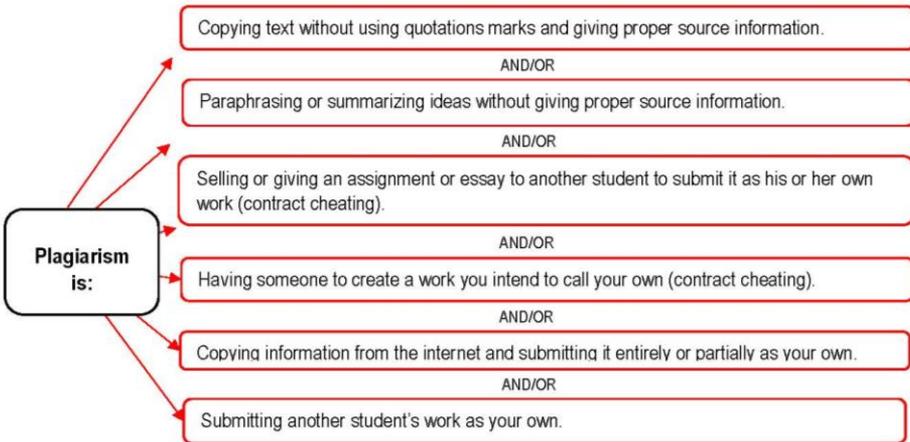
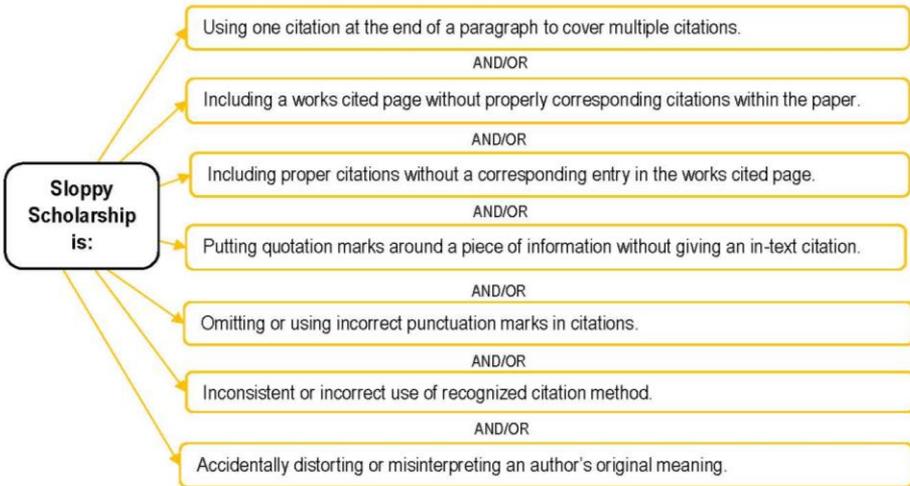
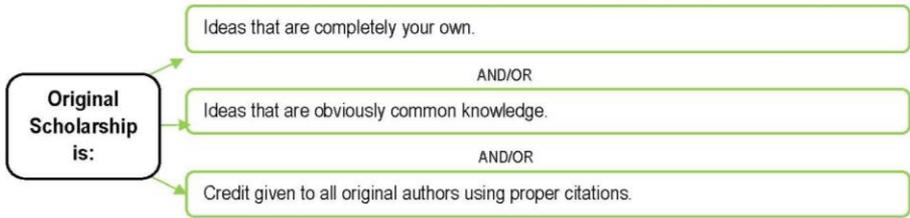
Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- Copying phrases, sentences or paragraphs without quotations marks and giving proper source information
- Paraphrasing or summarizing ideas without giving proper source information
- Selling or giving work to another student to submit it as his or her own (contract cheating)
- Asking someone or paying someone to create a work you intend to call your own (contract cheating)
- Downloading or copying information from the internet and submitting it entirely or partially as your own
- Submitting another student's work as your own

Consequences for plagiarism (according to the Brookwood Honor Code):

- Zero for the assignment
- Teacher will contact the parent(s).
- A record of the incident will be placed in the student's disciplinary file.
- Multiple offenses will result in consequences in addition to a zero.

For more information about plagiarism and how to avoid it, please visit [www.plagiarism.org](http://www.plagiarism.org).



## SECTION II. GENERAL INFORMATION

### ACADEMIC AGENDA BOOK

All students will have access to the electronic agenda book, which can be found in the student section of the school website.

### ALCOHOL AND DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM (ADAP)

All students enrolled in a health class are required to take and pass a state-mandated course on alcohol and drug awareness. On completion and passing this course, students are issued an ADAP certificate. Students may request a replacement certificate from the desk in the Gold Gym Lobby for a fee of \$5.

### ATHLETIC PASSES

Students \$89, Adults \$99. Purchase passes on MyPaymentsPlus through October 28. Passes are valid during the 2024-25 school year for every home athletic event except state or region playoffs. All student passes purchased prior to Monday, August 12, will receive a ticket to attend the Varsity Football Corky Kell Dave Hunter Classic at the Mercedes Benz Stadium on Saturday, August 17 at 10 a.m.

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students are permitted to ride only their assigned bus. Exceptions to this rule can be approved by Counseling in A1.

### CLINIC

The school maintains a clinic for students. Clinic personnel supervise the administration of medications, notify parents/guardians of sick or injured students, and administer first aid to students following school guidelines. Students who become ill or injured during the school day should request a pass from their teacher to go to the clinic. Clinic personnel will contact a parent or guardian as situations require. **All students who require checkout due to illness or injury must check out through the clinic.**

#### **Health Management Plans**

Contact clinic personnel if you need to update your student's medical condition or complete a Health Management Plan. Call 770-736-2097, or email [melanie.pickens@gcpsk12.org](mailto:melanie.pickens@gcpsk12.org) or [allison.rhodes@gcpsk12.org](mailto:allison.rhodes@gcpsk12.org).

#### **Parent VUE**

Please update phone numbers and emergency contact information.

#### **Prescription/Non-Prescription Medication**

For the safety of all students at our school, these guidelines should be followed:

1. All medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, must be accompanied with an Administration of Medication Request form. This form is available in the clinic or can be downloaded from the school website [www.brookwoodhighschool.net](http://www.brookwoodhighschool.net). **All medications must be brought to the school clinic by an adult. Students are not allowed to carry medication on campus, exception being emergency medication such as an EpiPen or asthma inhaler.**
2. Administration of prescription and over-the-counter medicine (even for a short period of time) is discouraged. Parents/ guardians should check with their physician regarding the need for medications to be administered during school hours. Medications prescribed for three times daily often can be given before school, after school, and at bedtime. If you have any questions about this procedure, please call the school clinic.
3. **All medications must be in the ORIGINAL CHILD-PROOF CONTAINER.** Prescription medications must be in the labeled prescription bottle. Pharmacists can give a duplicate labeled container with only the school dose. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of any changes and to update medication forms. Medications stored in envelopes, baggies, etc., will not be administered. **ALL MEDICATIONS NEED TO BE ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO DIRECTIONS ON THE LABEL.**
4. **Medications must be picked up at the end of the school year, or the school will dispose of them.**

## COUNSELING OFFICE

### Brookwood High School Counselor Mission Statement:

The mission of the Brookwood High School Counseling Department is to provide a developmentally appropriate counseling program leading all students to personal/social development, improved academic performance, career exploration, and transition to appropriate postsecondary options.

### Counselor Services for Students:

Counselors work with students individually, in small groups and in classroom guidance. There is an on-call counselor each school day to address emergency or crisis situations.

### Examples of Counseling Topics:

- Student Success
- Grief
- Family Changes
- Study Skills
- New Students
- Foreign Exchange
- Stress Management
- Credit Recovery
- Summer School
- Postsecondary Planning
- Course Selection
- Crisis Intervention
- Dual Enrollment

### How to Make Appointments:

Students may schedule an appointment with the Counseling Office Manager. Appointments are counted as instructional time and not considered a class absence.

**Find a counselor's email address and student assignment by last name. Visit the Counseling Overview page under the Counseling tab on the school website or scan the QR code below.**

### Counseling Department:

#### 9th–10th Grade Counselors

(A – Ei) Cary Settles

(Ej – Le) Beata Lech

(Lf – Rn) David Lee

(Ro – Z) Torrye Isom

#### 11th–12th Grade Counselors

(A – Co) Melissa Stephenson

(Cp – Ht) Sybilree Fitzgerald

(Hu – Me) Elizabeth Ceuninck

(Mf – Sa) Ashlee Linderman

(Sb – Z) William Blair

#### College and Career Specialist

Rhon'Nesia Sharpless

#### Office Manager

Karen Smith

#### Registrar

Aimee Cantrell

#### Records Clerk

Miriam Calejo



### School Social Workers

School social workers work collaboratively with various staff at the local school as well as district level personnel to identify needs and remove barriers for students. They serve as the liaison between the school, family, and community. GCPS social workers are assigned to all the schools in each school cluster. This enables them to serve all school-age family members. Students of the Brookwood Cluster are served by Sarah Stokes (sarah.stokes@gcpsk12.org) and Brianna Lloyd (brianna.lloyd@gcpsk12.org).

**Parent Services:**

Informational (evening) meetings are provided throughout the year. Parent conferences are available by appointment by contacting the Brookwood Counseling office manager at 678-344-2603.

<b>PARENT NIGHTS 2024-2025</b>			
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night</b>	Tuesday, August 13, 2024	Commons	6:00 p.m.
<b>PARENT OPEN HOUSE</b>	Thursday, August 15, 2024	Commons and Classrooms	5:30 p.m.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night</b>	Tuesday, August 20, 2024	Commons	6:00 p.m.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night</b>	Thursday, August 22, 2024	Commons	6:00 p.m.
<b>Financial Aid Information Night</b>	Thursday, September 26, 2024	Commons	6:00 p.m.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night</b>	Thursday, November 7, 2024	Commons	6:00 p.m.
<b>College Credit Options Night (AP/Dual Enrollment)</b>	Thursday, November 14, 2024	Commons and Gold Gym	6:00 p.m.

*\* Please refer to the Counseling section on the BHS website for more meeting information.*

<b>CRISIS HELP NUMBERS</b>		
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233	24 Hours
AID Gwinnett, Inc. (Positive Impact Health Centers)	770-962-8396	
Alcoholics Anonymous	404-525-3178	
Child Abuse Reporting (Division of Family and Children Services – DFACS)	678-518-5500	
Cocaine Anonymous Hotline <a href="http://www.GeorgiaCA.org">www.GeorgiaCA.org</a>	404-255-7787	24 Hours
National Sexual Assault Hotline	800-656-4673	24 Hours
Home of Hope at Gwinnett Children’s Shelter (for homeless mothers and children)	678-546-8770	24 Hours
Georgia Crisis & Access Hotline (mental health/substance abuse/suicide prevention)	800-715-4225	24 Hours

**CONFIDENTIAL 24-HOUR HOTLINE**  
**1-877-729-7867 (State Department of Education)**  
**HELP KEEP YOUR SCHOOL SAFE.**

If you think you know that someone is carrying a weapon, drugs, or alcohol, please call.  
 You do not have to give your name.

# WHERE TO REPORT AN ISSUE OR CONCERN OR WHERE TO ASK FOR HELP

**CONTACT A  
PROFESSIONAL  
DIRECTLY**

**DON'T  
RELY ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA**

**RUMORS  
CAN SPREAD  
MISINFORMATION  
AND CAUSE  
DAMAGE**

- Anxious or fearful about a situation?
- Seen or heard something that concerns the safety or wellbeing of you or others?
- Witnessed an impropriety, violation or crime on campus or an online post that concerns you?

## **BROOKWOOD COUNSELING**

Located in the **Main Office (A1)** and in **F-Hall (F19)**, counselors are available to help. Come see your counselor or make an appointment, or send an email if you prefer. Confidentiality will be maintained in each situation. To find counselor assignment and contact information, visit the Counseling Overview webpage on the school website.

## **BROOKWOOD ADMINISTRATORS**

Go to any grade-level office to voice your concerns and/or make an appointment with a school assistant principal or Principal Ford. For contact information by phone or email, see the Directory tab on the Brookwood website homepage.

**Grade-Level Offices:** 9th > F24, 10th > E24, 11th/12th > B120.

## **SCHOOL POLICE OFFICERS**

Do not hesitate to reach out to our uniformed police officers while they are on duty in the halls, The Commons or in their offices (**E23 and across from A21**). To call or leave a confidential telephone message, dial **678-344-6775** or **770-736-2145**.

## **GWINNETT SCHOOL SAFETY AND VIOLENCE HOTLINE**

If you or someone you know suspects that someone is carrying a weapon, drugs or alcohol, if you or someone is being bullied, or if you have other concerns related to our school, call Gwinnett County Public School's Hotline at **770-822-6513** to leave a confidential message. To speak to someone directly for help, call **770-513-6715**.

## **EMERGENCY HELP**

If you are in danger and fear for your safety while outside of school, call **911** or go to any **QuikTrip** and tell an employee you are in need of a safe place. A Safe Place agency staff member will transport you to a Safe Place agency location and provide support.

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION**

If you have thoughts of suicide, call the 24-hour Suicide Prevention Hotline at **1-800-715-4225**.

**ASVAB:**

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a free career interest inventory, will be offered to all students in the fall and spring of each year. This test is an excellent opportunity to:

- Learn more about yourself and the world of work
- Explore occupations in line with your interests and skills
- Develop an effective strategy to realize your career goals

There is no military commitment in taking this test. Mrs. Smith in the Counseling Office coordinates this test.

**College & Career Center Services:**

The center, located in A1, houses a wealth of information concerning occupations and post-secondary choices. A counselor is available to assist students and parents in their search for information. Information concerning colleges, technical schools, armed services, careers, and financial aid is available.

**Representatives and Guest Speakers:**

We invite representatives from colleges, vocational-technical schools, military services, and the world of work to present informational sessions during the school day. Programs are advertised in the Junior and Senior Bulletins available on the BHS website under Counseling. Interested students must sign up in advance to attend.

Passes are available in the College and Career Center. *Passes are not issued on the day of the presentation.* The classroom teacher has the final approval of a student's attendance.

**Proof of Residency and Immunization:**

The parent or guardian must provide proof of residency in the district and attendance zone at the time a student is initially enrolled in a school. All students must be properly immunized and have the official Georgia immunization form on file in the counseling office. Hearing, dental, and vision screening is also required. Failure to comply with these guidelines may lead to withdrawal from Brookwood High School.

**Governors Honors Program:**

Brookwood High School participates in the Governors Honors Program. Students are nominated by their teachers and compete at the county and state levels. Selected students pursue academic interest areas during the summer on a college campus.

**Records Transfer:**

Copies of a student's educational record may be transferred to officials of other schools or school systems in which the student seeks to enroll. Unless parents express, at the time of enrollment in the Gwinnett County Public Schools, a need for additional notice of the transfer of student records, the records transfer to the enrolling school or school system will occur without further notice.

**Effective July 1, 1997, Georgia Law requires:**

*Students in sixth grade or higher transferring to a new school will be required to provide academic and disciplinary transcripts to school officials. Students will be required to disclose conviction of designated felony acts, whether they currently are serving a suspension or expulsion from another school, the reason for such discipline, and the term of the discipline. Schools can refuse to admit students under disciplinary action from other school systems. In lieu of compliance, a student may be admitted on a conditional basis if he or she and his or her parent or legal guardian executes a document providing the name and address of the school last attended authorizing the release of all academic and disciplinary records to the school administration. Every school system in the state will be obligated to provide complete information to a requesting school within ten (10) days of receipt of request.*

### ***Student Records:***

Under the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, parents have several rights, which include the right to inspect and review educational records of their child, the right to challenge the content of those records, the right to control the release of educational records of their child, the right to complain to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Office about the school's failure to comply with the law, and the right to be informed of these rights just listed.

To obtain a copy of the Gwinnett County policies on their compliance with the law, or to request the opportunity to inspect and review your child's records, contact your child's school.

Gwinnett County Public Schools provide the student and his or her parent with important rights pertaining to student records.

### ***These rights include:***

- the right to receive this information in a format understandable to student and parent;
- the right to inspect and review student records by parents (and in the case of students over the age of eighteen, by students) within 45 days of the request and the right to have the records explained;
- the right to copies of student records;
- the right to challenge the content of student records and the procedures for doing so, including the availability of formal proceedings to resolve these disputes;
- the right to request that material be removed from student records and the procedures for doing so;
- the requirement of parental or student consent and methods of consent before the disclosure of student records except in certain circumstances;
- the rights of separated or divorced parents and legal guardians pertaining to student records;
- the schedule of destruction of particular student records;
- the content, location and particulars concerning permanent records, official records, and supplemental records.

***The student or parent may contact the local school for more information about the above list of rights.***

### ***Transcript Requests***

Transcripts to be sent to institutions within the state of Georgia can be sent through [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org) at no charge. Final transcripts and those for colleges outside the state of Georgia are available from the Counseling Office for a \$5 fee.

Students are responsible for mailing officially sealed transcripts and all supporting materials. This procedure enables students to have the "hands-on control" of when and where transcripts are sent.

### ***Student Withdrawals:***

1. The enrolling parent/guardian must contact the Records Clerk at 678-344-3479 at least 24 hours prior to the date of withdrawal.
2. The enrolling parent/guardian must sign a withdrawal form and present a picture I.D.
3. The parent/guardian should ensure that all textbooks, library books, Chromebooks, and chargers are returned to the Records Clerk and all fees have been paid.

### ***Work Permit***

The Counseling Office processes work permits only for students younger than 16 years of age. Go to Brookwood's website [www.brookwoodhighschool.net](http://www.brookwoodhighschool.net) and then to the Counseling section. Follow the link for Work Permits and fill in the personal information. Print the data sheet to give the employer for completion.

After the employer fills in the section, return the sheet to Mrs. Smith in the Counseling Office and show her a form of identification that shows your birth date. Allow a minimum of 24 hours to complete. There is a \$5 fee.

It is the policy of the Gwinnett County Board of Education not to discriminate on the basis of gender, age, race, ethnic group, color, disability, religion, belief, or national origin in the educational programs and activities, or admissions to facilities operated by the Gwinnett County Board of Education, or in the employment practices of the school system.

## **CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Intensive Credit Recovery (CR) is a program for students who did not pass a class and earned a grade between the ranges of 50% to 69%. Students can take a condensed version of the course to earn credit towards graduation. Successfully completed CR grades will appear on a student's transcript, but they will NOT replace the failed grade.

### **Who is eligible?**

Students who meet the criteria above are eligible. CR is offered at a standard, college preparatory class level. Resource, Co-Taught, Honors, Gifted, Accelerated, and Advanced Placement courses are not available.

### **When are the Intensive CR sessions offered?**

Intensive CR session and registration dates are listed below. Students must attend BOTH days of the face-to-face sessions for the entire time each day.

### **How does the program work?**

- CR sessions take place over a two-day period: four hours on Friday and eight hours on Saturday.
- Brookwood uses a self-paced class with embedded tests for Credit Recovery.
- Students may take only ONE Intensive Credit Recovery course. It is recommended that math be the priority if more than one class is needed.
- NCAA does NOT recognize this Credit Recovery program for eligibility purposes.

## **DELIVERIES TO SCHOOL**

Parents are discouraged from bringing items such as lunches, gym bags, and books to school to be delivered to students. Interruption of classes to deliver notes for these items interferes with instruction. We do not deliver flowers, gifts, or fast-food lunches to students.

**Federal lunch program prohibits delivery of fast food during the school day.**

## **DRIVER'S EDUCATION**

The Brookwood Community School offers a Driver's Education program at least three (3) times throughout the year. All classes are developed and scheduled by the instructors as soon as the previous class is finished. Information about new classes is given to students during the daily announcements at school. Announcements are also made weekly in the "Saddle Up" newsletter and quarterly on the Community School webpage under the Directory tab. Each course has 30 classroom hours and six (6) hours of behind the wheel driving. The maximum number of students per class is 34. Students submit a copy of their current learner's permit with their registration. Class fee is \$450. For additional information and registration forms, visit the Community School webpage.

## **DRIVER'S LAW**

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) requires a notarized Certificate of Enrollment when students aged 15-17 apply for a driver's license or permit.

Certificates of Enrollment are available at the desk in the Gold Gym Lobby and require a \$5 processing fee. Students should fill out the form, allowing one school day for processing. Certificate of Enrollment request forms can be obtained during the summer 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for the same fee. Students and their parents may visit the DDS website at [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov) to confirm they have all the documentation required to obtain a driver's permit or license.

## **DUAL ENROLLMENT SCHOLAR AWARD**

Georgia's Dual Enrollment program allows students to earn college credits while they are in high school by taking courses through a state college or university. The Dual Enrollment Scholar Award was designed to honor those students who have utilized this program to help them prepare for college and have been successful in their coursework. The criteria for being named a Dual Enrollment Scholar is to earn an overall A average (90.0 with no rounding) in all combined Dual Enrollment courses taken by the end of the first semester of senior year, with a minimum of five courses completed. Labs that carry a credit of 0.0 and courses that have a college credit value less than three will not be included in the determination. Qualifying recipients will be noted in the Graduation program as a Dual Enrollment scholar and may purchase a medallion to wear at the ceremony. In addition, recipients will have their names displayed on a commemorative board and will be invited to participate in a celebration.

## ELEVATOR ACCESS

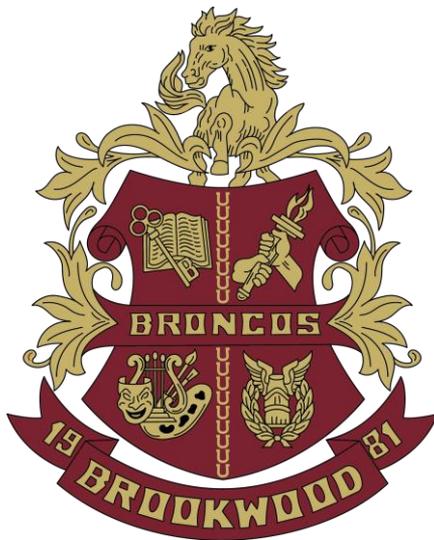
The school is equipped with three elevators for students who are unable to use the stairs. Two elevators are used for access to F Hall and the Maroon Gym. Obtain a pass from E24 to use these elevators. The third elevator is in the A100 building and is used to access A200 and B200 classrooms. Obtain a pass from the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade Office (B120) for permission to use this elevator.

## FOOD SERVICES

Brookwood offers a wide variety of healthy meal options. The food court features traditional entrées, pizza, chef salads, hot and cold sandwiches, wraps and vegetarian selections daily, as well as a student salad bar. Abundant choices of fruits and vegetables are always available. Wednesdays feature a Farm-2-School selection from local growers. Visit the GCPS or BHS websites for menus, or download the NutriSlice app to any smart phone.

**Lunch is \$2.50 (reduced price is \$.40) and includes milk, one entrée, and at least one serving of fruit and/or vegetable but can include up to one entrée, two servings of both fruit and vegetable and a milk. Breakfast costs \$1.50 for all students and is served 6:45 - 7:20 a.m. A la carte milk is \$.40.**

Student accounts are accessible with the student ID number. Meals may be prepaid by cash or check at the registers. Credit cards are not accepted at the registers but can be used by setting up an account at MyPaymentsPlus.com. Money placed in the “general account” will allow students to purchase meals and à la carte items. High school students will be allowed to charge up to \$4. Charges are not allowed for supplemental or à la carte items. Once the charge limit has been met, the student may receive a designated alternate meal at no charge as defined by the School Nutrition Program (SNP). Additionally, once the charge limit has been met, the parent/guardian will be notified by the local school via phone call and/or email. A charge list will be provided to the principal at the end of every month. Charging for meals will not be allowed after April 30. The SNP manager is always available to students and parents to answer any questions and address any concerns or special requests.



## GRADUATION AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Students are assigned to grade level Guided Studies based on the number of units attained by the previous Spring semester.

Grade	
10	5 credits
11	11 credits
12	17 credits
Total units required	23 credits required

## GWINNETT COUNTY ONLINE

[www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com](http://www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com)

Contact online campus at [www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com](http://www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com) for information regarding online course options.

## HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Stewart B. McKinney/Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homeless situations to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school and pre-school programs. In accordance with this law, Gwinnett County Public Schools affords homeless children and youth equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education such as Head Start, Even Start, State Pre-K, and Title I Preschool Programs as provided to other students.

Homeless children and youth will have access to education and other services that they need to have an opportunity to meet the same challenging state student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. Please contact Assistant Principal Daria Williamson for information ([daria.williamson@gcpsk12.org](mailto:daria.williamson@gcpsk12.org)).

## IDENTIFICATION (ID CARDS)

Students are provided with a photo ID in October after school pictures are taken. Students not in a regularly scheduled Language Arts class will need to arrange for a photo during a school picture day or go to the Media Center with questions. Students must carry the card with them while on campus for identification, library book checkout, lunch charges, school dances and other activities. Replacement IDs can be purchased in the Media Center for \$5, before or after school. There is a 24-48 hour turnaround time to receive a new card.

## INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

It is the practice of the Gwinnett County Public Schools to provide instructional and related services appropriate to provide a free appropriate public education for individuals with documented disabilities.

Brookwood High School wishes to meet the needs of all our students and families. If any member of your family needs assistance or has questions regarding mobility impaired issues or handicapped access, please contact 770-972-7642 Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., or 770-978-5064 Monday through Thursday, 3-9 p.m. Individuals may also contact the appropriate grade level office for information regarding such services.

## LOCKERS

All students who pay a locker fee are assigned a school locker and may pick up their locker slip from their Academic Contact teacher (Guided Study) or through the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Office. Students are discouraged from sharing a locker or giving locker combinations to anyone.

Every effort is made to ensure that lockers are in good repair; however, an occasional problem may arise. If a locker does not lock properly, the student should notify the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level office *immediately*. The non-working locker will be repaired, or a new locker will be issued as soon as possible. If the student fails to report the broken locker, he/she takes full responsibility for the items placed in it (including textbooks). BHS recommends that students secure their items in LOCKED lockers while using the locker room (PE, after-school sports, etc.). BHS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

***The school assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen articles, including textbooks.***

Lockers are the property of BHS and may be inspected and searched by school officials. No decals, stickers or padlocks may be put on lockers. Students must write their locker combination in the area provided in the agenda book or note it on their cellphone, so if they forget the combination after a holiday, they will have it available.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

If you have lost clothing, a lunch box, water bottle, or book bag, please check the Maroon Gym Lobby.

If you lost small valuable items (i.e., air pods, phone, jewelry, wallet, keys), please go to the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Office, E24.

If you have lost a textbook, please go to the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Office, E24.

## **MEDIA CENTER**

The Media Center is a place where students converge in exploration, evaluation, creation and sharing. We provide spaces for group work and individual learning, access to information and technology, and media staff that are focused on supporting the needs of 21st century students. An extensive collection of young adult novels and engaging non-fiction supports our goal of encouraging life-long readers.

The Media Center is open from 6:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 6:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Fridays. Students may come to the Media Center during the school day with a class, independently with a pass, and during their lunch period.

### **Circulation Policies**

- A student may check out a maximum of five (5) books at a time for a period of three weeks.
- Students may renew their materials unless the books are on reserve for another patron.

There are no fines for overdue books; however, students are responsible for paying for lost books (\$10 for paperbacks, \$20 for hardbacks).

*A student may NOT check out additional materials if the student has an overdue book or fine.*

A student may NOT take a final exam at the scheduled time if books or fines are due to the Media Center.

### **Technology Use**

Students will be issued a 1:1 GCPS device, such as a Chromebook, for school-related use. Students are responsible for their assigned Chromebook and a charger and should be able to present the Chromebook and any accessories if requested by BHS staff. Students should maintain their Chromebooks and chargers. Lost or damaged Chromebooks and chargers will result in fines assessed on students' accounts. Students should charge their devices nightly so that they are ready for use during school, especially during testing.

In addition, desktop computers in the Media Center are available for students to use for school-related purposes.

When using any technology, students should comply with the Responsible Use of Technology and Electronic Media for Students available in the GCPS Handbook for Students & Families.

### **Technology Tips**

When working on school assignments on personal devices (not GCPS-issued Chromebooks or BHS desktop computers), ensure that the file types will be compatible so that they may be opened on school computers. Students should email or share academic work completed on a personal device to their Google school emails or Google drive to access while on campus. Failing to do so may limit students' ability to access the work. We encourage you to use the digital storage space available on your GCPS Google Drive and in eCLASS (Activities > Locker) for easy access between devices.

## **MISS BROOKWOOD SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

The Miss Brookwood Scholarship Pageant (MBSP) is a Brookwood High School fundraiser that offers girls, grades 9-12, an opportunity to develop interview skills, practice public speaking, interact with judges, and make new friends. Through the generosity of community businesses and individuals, the event raises close to \$20,000 for BHS PTSA annually. In keeping with tradition, PTSA allocates the funds toward educational support at the school, college scholarships, and special events.

Eligibility: MBSP contestants must be passing at least five of six classes in the previous semester and on track for graduation. They must also have suitable discipline and attendance records. Grade level administrators determine final eligibility. Three judges independently evaluate contestants in four categories: interview, on-stage question, evening wear, and effort. Visit [www.brookwoodHSptsa.com](http://www.brookwoodHSptsa.com) for more information.

## **PARKING**

On-campus parking is available for eligible seniors, possibly juniors, and students enrolled in off-campus curriculum where transportation is not provided. The cost to park on Brookwood's campus is \$70, plus \$20 for the online parking class. Go to the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade Office (B120) with any questions regarding parking. You can also find information located on the Brookwood website under the Students tab.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for parking spaces:

#### Academics:

- Pass all classes during the Spring 2023-2024 school year **or** make up failed classes in Credit Recovery or during Summer 2024 Semester

#### Attendance:

- Have fewer than 10 unexcused absences during the 2023-2024 school year

#### Discipline:

- No In-School (ISS) or Out-of-school (OSS) suspensions during the 2023-2024 school year

#### Parking Class Completion:

- In addition to meeting academic, attendance and discipline criteria, students requesting parking must complete a mandatory online parking information session (\$20 cost). **Completion of the online session does not guarantee the student a parking space.**

### **Maintaining Parking Privileges**

Student parking may be revoked at the discretion of school administration for:

1. Falling out of good academic standing during the school year
2. Chronic absenteeism
3. Exhibiting a pattern of unexcused tardies/check-ins to school
4. Chronic AWOLs from class and school
5. Incidents leading to ISS or OSS

Refunds for parking fees will not be given if a student's parking is revoked for any of the above reasons.

### **Security**

1. Any vehicle parked illegally on the campus of Brookwood High School may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.
2. Efforts are made to ensure parking lot security, but Brookwood High School and Gwinnett County Public Schools assume no responsibility for damages, loss, or theft.
3. Students drive and park on campus at their own risk.
4. Students are not allowed in any parking areas at any time during the school day without written permission of **a grade-level office, except when arriving to or leaving campus.**
5. Upon arrival at school, students should go directly into the building.
6. Any on-campus vehicle is subject to search by school officials.
7. In the event of an accident in the parking lot, the accident should be reported to any office. The office will then contact a school resource officer (SRO).

## **PASSES**

- Any student out of class is required to have a pass with him or her indicating where they are going.
- A pass only entitles the student to walk the most direct path to and from the intended destination, including but not limited to the nearest restroom to their class.
- Students not following the guidelines above may be considered AWOL.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Emergency procedures for evacuation are posted in classrooms throughout the campus.

Evacuation drills, weather preparedness drills, and lockdown drills are conducted periodically with the intent to demonstrate real-life scenarios and establish effective responses from students, faculty, and staff. Students are expected to follow the directions of the teacher during all drills and emergency situations.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY  
RESULTING IN CAMPUS EVACUATION TO ADJACENT FACILITIES,  
PARENTS ARE DIRECTED TO LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.  
INFORMATION ALSO WILL BE POSTED ONLINE AT  
[www.gcpsk12.org](http://www.gcpsk12.org), [www.brookwoodhighschool.net](http://www.brookwoodhighschool.net), AND/OR [www.gcpsk12.org/brookwoodhs](http://www.gcpsk12.org/brookwoodhs).  
PARENTS CAN BE ASSURED THAT PLANNING FOR SUCH AN EVENT  
HAS PREPARED BOTH FACULTY/STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR A SAFE RESPONSE.**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA – @BUSTERCONNECTS**

Find Brookwood's official social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter by following the school mascot, Buster, at @busterconnects.

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

The purpose is to recognize and reward students for making a positive contribution to Brookwood.

The committee gives out two awards. The Bronco Service award is awarded to students for going 'above and beyond the call of duty' to assist a fellow student or staff member and random acts of kindness. The Departmental Award is awarded to students who have demonstrated improvement in a particular discipline. All departments will submit two students a month to be recognized and rewarded. Awards are given out at our Student Recognition Committee Luncheons in the fall and spring.

## **TITLE IX INFORMATION**

If you believe you are being mistreated by a school employee on the basis of your race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, or handicap, contact Brookwood's local school Title IX administrators:

Dr. Russell Nicometi – Title IX Coordinator

Dr. Daria Williamson – Title IX Investigator

You may also contact the school system's Title IX coordinator for assistance by writing or calling:

Office of the Chief of Staff  
GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
437 Old Peachtree Rd. NW  
Suwanee, GA 30024-2978 (678-301-6011)

If a student feels he or she has been disciplined in an unfair manner, the student does have a right to appeal through the administrative levels.

## TRANSPORTATION/STUDENT DROP-OFF

### Use the following two drop-off designated areas ONLY:

#### Parking Lot B

Use the drop-off lane in this lot for students to enter through the Theater/ Maroon Gym main doors. This lot is accessed from the intersection of Webb Gin and Dogwood roads.

#### Parking Lot C

Use the drop-off lane in this lot for students to enter through the A100-wing doors. This lot is accessed from Dogwood Road (southeast of the school's main front entrance).

To maintain safety and efficiency, parents and students should follow signs/arrows and parking personnel along the curb. Please advance to the front of the drop-off lanes.

**IMPORTANT: Parking Lot A along Holly Brook Road and the bus lanes, which are shaped like a horseshoe and located in front of the school, are NOT student drop-off areas. Parents should NOT enter these lots to drop off students. Failure to abide may result in a fine and/or a police report.**

## UPSTANDER

The Brookwood UPSTANDER initiative is student-centered in its creation and implementation. Brookwood encourages and celebrates UPSTANDER qualities represented in the four pillars of characters that spell C.A.R.E. (Citizenship, Advocacy, Respect, Engagement). UPSTANDERS are people of action and purpose. They take a stand and make a difference, particularly for individuals and causes that appear vulnerable. They counter apathy, combat injustice, promote goodwill and galvanize peers into action. Throughout the year, Brookwood staff recognizes UPSTANDER behavior in students with UPSTANDER coupons at school. In 2017, Brookwood established the Brookwood UPSTANDER of the Year Scholarship for a graduating senior(s). In 2018, Brookwood established the Citizen of the Year award for a member of the community. Beginning in 2019, Brookwood began the initiative to align the current UPSTANDER program with the statewide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework, joining more than 1,200 Georgia schools and 27,000 schools nationwide. Through this data-driven, evidence-based framework which supports academic outcomes, a reduction in disciplinary incidents, and a school's sense of safety, Brookwood will continue to promote understanding and respect for the four pillars of an UPSTANDER, as well as the consistent reinforcement and acknowledgement of both staff and students. In addition, this framework will support Brookwood through the development of targeted interventions based off clear trend data to improve overall school climate for all stakeholders.

Learn more at [www.BrookwoodUpstander.com](http://www.BrookwoodUpstander.com) or [www.PBIS.org](http://www.PBIS.org).

## VISITORS

Any visitor with legitimate business on school grounds must sign in at the Gold Gym Lobby Desk and request a visitor's pass. All visitors must have a photo ID to complete the check-in process. The visitor's pass must be clearly visible the entire time the visitor is on campus. Visitors must sign out before exiting the building.

**Students are not allowed to have visitors during the school day.**

Parents and visitors are to make an appointment to see a teacher, the principal or other administrators, the counselors, or to visit their children's classes.

**WITHOUT SUPERVISION,  
NO STUDENTS OR UNAUTHORIZED VISITORS  
MAY REMAIN IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING OR ON CAMPUS  
AFTER REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS.**

## SECTION III. ACADEMICS AND INSTRUCTION

Brookwood offers a strong academic program for students. A comprehensive set of learning objectives called **Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS)** is implemented in all subjects. The AKS provides a common foundation for teachers to use as they develop meaningful lessons. Teachers supplement the AKS with a variety of strategies to create an academically rigorous environment for students.

### BROOKWOOD STUDENTS CONSISTENTLY ACHIEVE HIGH SCORES ON THE:

1. End of Course/Milestones Assessments (Main Administrations in December and May)
2. PSAT, SAT and ACT (**The ACT is not administered at Brookwood.**)
3. AP Exams (Administered in May)
4. District Assessments (Administered throughout the year)

### BROOKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CONSISTENTLY RANKS AMONG THE TOP IN THE STATE ON STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.

### ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES

#### Teacher Tutoring

Office Hours - Teachers are available by office hours for student "drop-in" assistance. Office hours are posted outside each classroom and on the teacher's eCLASS page. Students unable to meet during office hours may request help before or after school by appointment.

Standardized Tests - Students unsuccessful on the Gateway Test are offered intervention at various times during the school year. Contact the Testing Office at 678-344-6774 with questions or go by A114 and ask to speak with Mrs. Fowler and/or Mr. Cox.

### ACADEMIC LETTERS

The Academic Letter Program honors the academic achievement of students. Beginning the Spring Semester of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, students are eligible for an academic letter each year, as long as they have met these requirements:

1. Been enrolled and completed three (3) consecutive semesters at Brookwood High School
2. Earned a minimum 90.0 overall cumulative numeric grade average of all courses taken for high school credit as of the last completed semester. The 90.0 overall average determination is figured without rounding of scores.

Students will be notified of their award and invited to the Academic Letter Ceremony, typically held virtually in mid-April. Following the ceremony, students who have earned the award receive a certificate and their choice of a letter (that can be affixed, like a patch, to a jacket) or a pin, if they previously received a letter. Generally, students choose their first award to be a letter and then any subsequent awards to be a pin that can be placed on top of the letter.

Freshmen who have earned at least a 90.0 overall average of all courses taken in the Fall Semester of the current year while attending Brookwood High School will receive an Academic Certificate of Achievement.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP COURSES)

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program enables students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Brookwood offers more than 31 classes in various subject areas. AP classes are available to all students who are willing to accept the challenge of a rigorous curriculum.



**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO**  
Visit the College Board AP webpages for course descriptions, exam dates, study materials, and more.

**Advanced Placement Classes** are college courses taught in high school with college-level content. A student may earn college credit for the course if the student's score(s) on national AP Exams are satisfactory. Colleges and universities consider AP courses to be the gold standard for the test of rigor of schedule on a student's transcript during the college application process.

**The Brookwood Advanced Placement Scholar Recognition** is designed to pay tribute to students who have

utilized the Advanced Placement course offerings to better prepare themselves for the college classroom. AP Scholars will have the opportunity to purchase a medallion to be worn with the graduation gown. The medallion will be embossed with the Brookwood crest and will hang from a maroon and gold ribbon. Students will also receive a special diploma seal and will have their names permanently displayed on the AP Scholar plaque.

The criteria for being named an AP Scholar is to be “on track” to receive four units in Advanced Placement courses by the end of the senior year with a “B” average or better overall in those courses by the end of the first semester of the senior year. (Note: Econ and Gov are only .5 units each.) Students who will qualify for this honor will be notified by letter in February. The recipients will be recognized at a celebration and will receive their purchased medallions at that time.

### **ADVISEMENT/GUIDED STUDY**

Brookwood High School Advisement Program fosters a supportive environment for all students. The program helps guide students to be Upstanders, citizens who advocate for themselves and others and who are respectful and engaged. Guided Study teachers complete activities twice a month to provide support and enhance students’ academic and personal growth.

### **CLASS RANK**

Class rank is based on the cumulative numeric grade average. The student’s class rank is listed on the bottom of his/her transcript.

#### ***Grading Scale***

Excellent	A	=	90 and above
Above Average	B	=	80 – 89
Average	C	=	70 – 79
Failure of Acceptable Progress	F	=	below 70

### **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN A NON-GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Any student taking classes through non-Gwinnett County school programs may be responsible for End-of-Course Assessments required for the second semester of the following classes: Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History, and 11th Grade Language Arts. Contact your counselor or the Testing Office for more information. If the non-Gwinnett County Public Schools program requires that the final exam be proctored locally, employees of Gwinnett County Public Schools may not assume this responsibility.

### **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Juniors and seniors who wish to participate in the Dual Enrollment program can potentially receive both high school graduation credit and college credit. Several options are available for students to participate in this program. Find information on the Counseling section of our school website.

### **eCLASS**

eCLASS is the GCPS digital content, learning, assessment, and support system. Brookwood students are expected to check their MY eCLASS page on a regular basis to find current grades, online textbooks, and research resources. In addition, many teachers post homework assignments and other content on their eCLASS course pages.

### **EARNING CREDITS**

Gwinnett County Public Schools offers several means by which students may retake courses that have been failed during the regular school year. These programs include: School Plus programs offered through Phoenix High School, Gwinnett Online, Credit Recovery, and GCPS Summer School. GCPS believes that providing ways for students to make-up credits through its school system and based on its AKS will provide the best foundation for success in subsequent classes, standardized tests, and postsecondary education.

Counselors, teachers, and administrators can advise students as to the appropriate GCPS classes required for graduation but cannot recommend or offer advice regarding other programs outside of Gwinnett County Public Schools. However, if these alternative programs are utilized, it is the responsibility of the student and/or parent to communicate this intent to the appropriate counselor, investigate the accreditation status of the program, and have an official transcript with the grade and credit earned sent to the Counseling Office. Graduating seniors must have classes completed by May 1 and verified by an official transcript.

## GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Gifted-level courses are available in some subject areas during grades 9-11.** Although some AP classes are available for grades 9-11, gifted course selections for grade 12 are mostly AP. Gifted students may choose which gifted classes to take, but they should carefully consider the potential impact of lack of gifted or AP classes on their transcripts. The college admission process requires *rigor of schedule* (the most rigorous courses available in the school) to be fully competitive for selective colleges and universities. The only confirmation of gifted placement on transcripts is enrollment in gifted classes.

**Quest Internship** is an off-campus elective class in which gifted students in grades 11-12 work with a mentor in the business or professional world. Students leave campus the last period of the day and must be old enough to drive and provide their own transportation. Students also participate in resume preparation, career research, interviews, internship seminars, presentations, and final exams. Intern supervisors find placements for students in the metro area or local community. Students can also supply contact information of a willing professional whom they know. See the school website (Academics > Academic Programs > Gifted Program) for more information. Contact Mr. Michael with any questions: [chris.michael@gcpsk12.org](mailto:chris.michael@gcpsk12.org).

### Qualifying for the Gifted Program:

The procedures for identifying and placing students in the state-funded gifted program are governed by rules and regulations required by the Georgia Department of Education. **Referrals** to the gifted program may come from teachers, parents, students, or as a result of system-wide testing. Students interested in being evaluated for gifted placement must submit their names via email to the school referral team. If the referral team recommends the student for gifted evaluation, a gifted education teacher will schedule evaluations using four criteria: ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation. Students must qualify in **three of the four** categories. After providing a copy of previous gifted eligibility scores and then being placed in the GCPS gifted program, **transfer students from gifted programs in other Georgia public schools** receive an automatic transfer. Students must attend classes at BHS before they can be referred and evaluated for the gifted program. **Transfer students from other states or private schools** must be evaluated according to Georgia eligibility criteria, even if they have previous gifted placement. Private evaluations from outside the school system cannot be substituted for test data generated at the local school. For more information, see the school website (Academics > Academic Programs > Gifted Program). Contact Mr. Michael with any questions: [chris.michael@gcpsk12.org](mailto:chris.michael@gcpsk12.org).

## GRADUATION

The graduation ceremony is by invitation to students in good standing who have met all credit and testing requirements as prescribed by the state of Georgia and Gwinnett County Public Schools. Students must also have returned all textbooks, Chromebooks, library books, school-issued items (including sports uniforms and equipment), and cleared all fines.

Appropriate behavior before and during ceremonies is expected.

## HOSPITAL HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Homebound instruction is available for students who are under medical care and will be absent at least 10 consecutive days. An application supported by a doctor's recommendation is necessary for placement in this program. Instruction includes a homebound teacher and "teleclass" instruction. Contact your student's counselor at 678-344-3560 for more information on this program.

## **HOMEWORK**

The Board of Education strongly endorses the use of homework to promote student learning. Through quality homework, students have opportunities for enrichment, extension and remediation of instructional objectives and practice of skills.

The teacher has the obligation to assign homework as necessary to meet instructional objectives and to use the homework to evaluate and monitor student progress. Through a strong home/school partnership, homework has the potential to increase learning and student achievement.

### ***Homework Requests***

Students who have been or expect to be absent three or more consecutive days, please check online resource pages (eCLASS and/or Google Classroom) and communicate with teachers. Please allow 24 hours for teachers to respond to a request.

## **HONOR GRADUATES**

Students who have earned a cumulative numeric grade point average of 90.0 percent or higher at the end of the first semester of their senior year will be recognized as Honor Graduates. Under no circumstances will grade point averages lower than 90.0 percent be rounded up for this recognition.

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the graduating class are selected based on class rank at the end of first semester of the senior year. The Valedictorian will be the member of the senior class with the highest numerical cumulative average of those students receiving a diploma. The Salutatorian will be the graduating senior with the second highest average of those seniors receiving a diploma.

## **PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL**

Phoenix High School exists to serve the needs of high school students who prefer a nontraditional setting or who need to retake failed classes. The academic year is divided into four nine-week mini-semesters. Students may take classes after the regular school day for a fee, or attend full time at no charge. The curriculum is structured to provide for students' individual needs. Phoenix High School is a Gwinnett County Public School.

Students who have withdrawn from their home school to attend Phoenix High School on a full-time basis may not participate in the graduation ceremony of their home school. Phoenix High School students will be able to participate in the Phoenix High School graduation ceremony upon completion of the high school course requirements. For a student enrolled full-time at Phoenix High School to graduate from his/her home school, the student must withdraw from Phoenix and enroll in his/her home school for his/her entire final semester of high school.

## **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards are issued at the end of each semester and mailed directly to student homes. It is a record of the student's final grade and credit for each class.

## **SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS**

Course request changes are honored until May 31 as long as space in the course remains and the student has met prerequisites. After that, schedules are rarely changed and only for legitimate reasons, which include failure of a prerequisite course or previous receipt of credit for a course.

## **TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**

### *Grayson High School*

Program offers technical classes in 3-hour blocks of time. Morning transportation between Brookwood and Grayson is provided. AFTERNOON TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED. Interested students should see their counselor.

### *Maxwell School of Technology*

Program offers technical classes in 3-hour blocks of time. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Bus transportation between Brookwood and Maxwell is provided. Interested students should see their counselor.

## STANDARDIZED TESTS AND RESOURCES



SAT [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)



ACT [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

### **Testing Prep Resources**

SAT	<a href="http://www.khanacademy.org">www.khanacademy.org</a>
Aid/College Planning	<a href="http://www.gafutures.org">www.gafutures.org</a>
Homework	<a href="http://www.gwinnettpl.org">www.gwinnettpl.org</a>
EOC	<a href="http://www.gadoe.org">www.gadoe.org</a>
Gateway	eCLASS page – Brookwood Gateway
SAT Prep Class	Brookwood Community School
Tutoring	National Honor Society and Beta Club

### **End-Of-Course/Milestones Assessments**

May 2024: End-of-Course (EOC) assessments are administered at all high schools in the state of Georgia. An EOC will be required for the following courses: Algebra I, 11th grade American Literature and Composition, Biology, and United States History. The EOC accounts for a portion of a student's final grade.

### **Final Exams**

Cumulative exams will be given the last four days of each semester. We ask that you avoid scheduling appointments during the final days of the semester because of review for and administration of final exams.

**Exams will not be given early.** Students will not be permitted to check out during an exam period. If a student misses an exam due to an excused reason, the exam can be taken on the announced make-up day.

### **Final Exam Exemption:**

High school graduating seniors who have an overall "A" average, 90% or greater, will be exempt from taking local semester examinations for the second semester except when an EOC or District Assessment is required. High school graduating seniors who have an "A" average or greater in a specific course may be exempt from taking a local second semester examination on a course-by-course basis.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT TESTING?** Come to A114, or call 678-344-6774.

## TEXTBOOKS

Students will be responsible for reimbursement to the school for lost or damaged textbooks. Students must turn in or pay for the textbooks issued to them in order to take exams on the regularly scheduled exam day. Students who have lost a textbook for a class should see the teacher of that class or the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Office (E24) for the replacement cost of the textbook. Payment for lost textbooks may be submitted on MyPaymentsPlus.com. A copy of payment page should be printed to serve as proof to the teacher that the student has paid for the lost book(s). Students also have the option to pay for lost textbooks with a check or money order in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Office. If the textbook is found, the county will mail a refund in the form of a check.

According to Gwinnett County School Board procedure, lost or damaged textbooks need to be purchased through the school for the full, current price. The purchasing of textbooks via other markets (on-line, bookstores) are not options. Students failing to settle lost or damaged book issues may result in the loss of privileges such as participation in an extracurricular activity, loss of school privileges, including parking, and/or a delay in issuing grade reports, diplomas, transcripts, or certificates of progress.

## TRANSFER CREDIT

Credit will be awarded from accredited schools only. The definition of an accredited school is one that is accredited by or holding provisional status from the Georgia Accrediting Commission, the Georgia Association of Christian Schools, the Association of Christian Schools International, the Southern Association of Independent Schools and/or one of the accrediting agencies that is a member of the Georgia Private School Accreditation Council and/or one of the following regional accrediting agencies:

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)
- Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASAC)
- Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
- The Alabama Independent School Association

Grades transferred to Gwinnett County Public Schools from home school or a non-accredited, public/private school for courses required for graduation in Gwinnett County Public schools will be accepted upon the student passing a locally/state developed examination for each course for which credit is requested. It is the student's responsibility to take the appropriate tests, so please check with your counselor to determine how to take them.

If a student scores 70% or better on the exam or exams, the grade(s) will be recorded on the transcript as pass (P) and credit will be awarded; however, these courses will not be calculated in a student's grade point average. Scores under 70 will not be recorded on the transcript and no credit will be awarded.

## WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS

The Work-Based Learning program is open to juniors and seniors. The program provides students an opportunity to learn work-related skills through an approved job. Students leave school early for either one, two or three periods.

Students earn school credit, and many are paid by the employers for their work. Students do not need a job to sign up for the program during registration, but an approved job placement must be acquired before the first day of school.

### ***To be Eligible:***

Students must have good attendance, no severe discipline issues, and must have reliable transportation to and from work. See Mrs. Creasy in B6A for an application.

## SECTION IV. ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is critical to the attainment of high academic achievements and efficient use of instructional time. School attendance is the responsibility of both parents and students.

### EXCUSED POLICY

**State law** requires school attendance for students ages 7 to 16. Gwinnett County Board of Education Policy states that students will be excused from school under the following circumstances:

1. Personal illness or attendance in school endangering a student's health or the health of others
2. A serious illness or death in a student's family necessitating absence from school.
3. A court order or an order by a governmental agency, including pre-induction physical examinations for service in the armed forces, mandating absence from school.
4. Observing religious holidays, necessitating absence from school as indicated by the Gwinnett County calendar for religious observances.
5. A period not to exceed one day is allowed, at the discretion of the local unit of administration, for registering to vote or voting in a public election.
6. Visiting with a parent or legal guardian prior to or during leave from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard (maximum of five school days per year).

Absences for medical or court appointments will be classified as unexcused until the proper documentation is received from the physician or office of the court. Please contact the attendance office regarding pre-existing medical conditions.

### UNEXCUSED POLICY

Absences are unexcused for all other reasons, including **but not limited to**:

Missing Bus	Family Visits/Events	College Visits
Oversleeping	Power Outage	Vacations/Trips
Car Trouble/Traffic/Accidents	Passport/Immigration	Babysitting
Running Errands and/or Skipping School	Unspecified Family Emergency	Driving Tests
Dual Enrollment Orientation		

### ***Returning to School After an Absence***

The student must bring a parent/guardian or doctor's note to his/her first period teacher **within two days** of returning to school. The note should include the date, *reason*, parent/guardian signature, and phone number for verification. The student's first period teacher will classify the absence Excused or Unexcused and issue a Permit to Class. The student is responsible for showing the yellow/pink Permit to Class to each teacher throughout the day.

### AWOL

Once a student arrives on campus, the student is considered to be at school and must obtain permission to leave campus for any reason by checking out in the Attendance Office, even if classes have not yet begun.

A student is considered AWOL and subject to behavior consequences, *including temporary or permanent revocation of campus parking privileges* if he/she:

- Leaves campus without checking out
- Arrives to school late and fails to check-in through the attendance office
- Is absent from school without parent permission
- Skips a portion of a class, a full class, or several classes
- Is out of class without a pass from the teacher
- Fails to go to The Commons and stay in The Commons during assigned lunch period
- Goes to vehicle without permission

## CHECK-OUT POLICY

Any student needing to leave campus during the day for any reason must check out through Check-In/Out at the Attendance Office. Contact with parent or guardian will be required before a student is released from school.

**STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHECK OUT DURING A FINAL EXAM PERIOD.**

On days prior to school holidays or special events, a student's parent/guardian may be required to come to school to check out the student.

**Check-outs for medical or court appointments will be classified as unexcused until proper documentation is received from the physician or office of the court.**

Students are not allowed to check themselves in or out when they reach the age of 18 unless the student has an approved emancipated student document on file with the Counseling Office.

### **Procedure for Check-Out:**

- The student needs to take his/her check-out note to the Attendance Office **before 7:15 a.m.** The note must include date, reason, parent signature, and parent's telephone number.
- The check-out staff will call to verify the note and prepare a pass for the student to pick up prior to leaving.
- **Students should not use their cell phone to call parents when they are ill.** Instead, the student should get permission from his/her teacher to report to the clinic. Clinic staff will contact the parent and, if necessary, check out the student excused. If this process is not followed, the student's check-out may be classified as unexcused.
- Parents requesting that their student check out for reasons other than illness or injury should call the Attendance Office.
- Students who check out for medical or court appointments must bring the written documentation of the appointment to the Attendance Office when they return to school in order to excuse the check-out.
- If the student returns the same day, the student needs to show his/her teachers the check-in pass.
- Due to the size of the school and number of activities at the end of the school day, students will not be permitted to check out after 1:45 p.m. **Please schedule appointments accordingly.**

## EXCESSIVE ABSENCES POLICY

Chronic absenteeism affects a student's ability to learn and succeed in school.

Students may be placed on medical restriction if they miss 10 or more days in one semester. This means that any absences over 10 must have medical documentation submitted for it to be excused.

School approved field trips/activities, medically documented absences and suspensions will NOT count toward excessive absences.

*If a student has a serious medical or legal problem, the student's parent/guardian should notify the attendance administrator and the student's counselor.*

## MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

*For excused absences and school sponsored activities.*

If a student has missed an assignment due to an excused absence, the grade of zero will be averaged in the place of that grade until the student makes up the work.

**All pre-assigned work will be due on the day of a student's return from an absence.**

*Suspended students shall make up tests and assignments that the teacher determines will have impact on the student's final grade and mastery of course content. Assignments that the teacher does not require to be made up will not count towards a student's final grade.*

**IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO COMPLETE MAKE-UP WORK WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS UPON RETURN TO SCHOOL.**

## **TARDY ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM (TAP)**

All students are expected to be in school and/or class on time. Students are considered tardy to school after the First Period Tardy Bell sounds (7:20 a.m.). **Tardies to school are classified as excused or unexcused according to the state guidelines for absences. Students receive six tardy warnings per semester. Consequences will start on the seventh tardy.** Tardiness to school for medical or court appointments will be classified as unexcused until proper documentation is received from the physician or office of the court.

### ***Procedure***

Students arriving late to school must present a note from a parent/guardian stating the date, reason for the late arrival, parent signature, and parent phone number for verification or the tardy will be classified unexcused. **Excused notes must be brought in within two days of the tardy.**

**Arrival Time:**

**7:20 AM**

**Report Directly To:**

**Attendance Office**

Tardy Accountability Program (TAP) Check-in/Check-out Office.

Attendance personnel will classify the tardy as excused or unexcused and issue a *Permit to Class* for the student to show to his/her 1st period teacher.

Unexcused late check-ins are counted as a TAP.

## **TARDINESS TO SCHOOL AND TO CLASS POLICY**

All students are expected to be in school and in class on time as listed on the bell schedule. There is adequate time between classes and before school for students to arrive on time. Students should be in the classroom or gym when the tardy bell begins to ring. *Teachers have the discretion to send students to receive a TAP if they are not in their class when the bell rings as long as the teacher has made the expectations clear to the students.*

### ***Procedure***

Students who are not in class on time will be required to report to the Attendance Office in room A2. The Attendance Administrator will process the student and assign consequences when needed. Tardy consequences range from a Restorative Essay to out-of-school suspension. A late permit will be given for admission to class. Students who arrive at the Attendance Office more than five minutes after the bell may be considered AWOL.

# SECTION V. STUDENT CONDUCT

## STUDENT BEHAVIOR

The Student Conduct Behavior Code of Gwinnett County Public Schools provides standards for acceptable conduct of our students. This includes the consequences for not meeting our standards of conduct. Furthermore, this Code of Conduct establishes our policy of conduct that pertains to endangering the safety of the school and/or disrupts the educational experience for other students. The complete Student Conduct Code of Gwinnett County Public Schools and the GCPS Student-Parent Handbook may be found on the school and county websites ([www.gcpsk12.org/brookwoodhs](http://www.gcpsk12.org/brookwoodhs) and [gwinnett.k12.ga.us](http://gwinnett.k12.ga.us)). All GCPS students and parents are expected to review the GCPS Student Conduct Behavior Code.

### THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT CONDUCT BEHAVIOR CODE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- To ensure an environment for teaching and learning that is safe and protected from disruption and harassment.
- To provide information to students and parents about rules and regulations (expected student conduct) of the school system and possible penalties for violations of these rules and regulations.
- To provide uniform administrative and disciplinary procedures in the local schools.
- To provide for enforcement of school disciplinary rules when the student is:
  - on school property or on the way to or from school;
  - in attendance at school;
  - or at any school sponsored activity, including activities outside of the calendar school year;
  - or engages at any time or place in conduct that has a direct effect on maintaining order and discipline in the schools and/or the learning environment.

**Local school administrators have broad discretion to determine consequences for most student misconduct at the local school level.**

The range of consequences for misconduct that can be assigned by a local school administrator may include but are not limited to:

- Student Conference
- Parent Conference
- Restorative Practices
- Lunch Detention
- Before or After School Detention
- In-School Suspension (ISS)
- Saturday School
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) up to 10 days (per occurrence)
- Referral to a Student Disciplinary Tribunal which may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.

Depending upon the severity of the offense, Safety and Security may be contacted for referral to law enforcement officials.

All rule violations handled by an administrator are cumulative over a student's Gwinnett County career.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The specified actions in this section are typically what will result following infractions. However, deviations from these guidelines may occur if the administrator determines that the individual circumstances warrant it.

### Teacher Consequences for Minor Classroom Disruptions may include:

- 1st Student one-on-one conference with Teacher
- 2nd 30-minute Teacher Detention and parent contact
- 3rd 1-hour Teacher Detention and parent contact
- 4th Administrative Referral

## DISCIPLINARY SCALE

The decision to charge a student for violation of the Student Conduct Behavior Code shall be made by the administration of the local school. The range of consequences for misconduct that can be assigned by a local school administrator and staff may include:

### LEVEL I DISCIPLINE:

Consequences may range from a conference, teacher detention, counselor referral or other classroom-based interventions.

### LEVEL II DISCIPLINE:

Consequences may include an administrative conference, administrative detention, counselor referral, parent conference, loss of extra-curricular privileges or other administrative interventions.

### LEVEL III DISCIPLINE:

Consequences may be any combination of interventions listed above along with in-school and/or out-of-school suspension ranging from 1 to 3 days.

### LEVEL IV DISCIPLINE:

Consequences may be any combination of interventions listed above along with in-school and/or out-of-school suspension ranging from 1 to 6 days.

### LEVEL V DISCIPLINE:

Consequences involve up to 10 days of out-of-school suspension pending a disciplinary tribunal for consideration of long-term suspension, placement in an alternative program, or permanent expulsion.

***The discipline scale may be altered and/or changed at the discretion of the administration.***



## **BROOKWOOD EXPECTATIONS**

1. Students are expected to exhibit the characteristics of an UPSTANDER: Citizenship, Advocacy, Respect, and Engagement. Therefore, students are expected to conduct themselves as mature young adults while on the BHS campus.
2. Students are expected to comply with reasonable requests of staff, including identifying themselves by name when asked. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary consequences.
3. Students are expected to remain seated in The Commons before school and during lunch.
4. Students are expected to behave appropriately in the hallways.
5. Students must exit the building by 2:25 p.m. unless at a school-sponsored activity and supervised by a teacher, coach, or sponsor. Unsupervised students observed on school property after 2:25 p.m. may receive a warning for loitering. Subsequent violations may result in more severe consequences. Students staying after school for extracurricular activities or tutoring must make arrangements to be picked up promptly following the conclusion of the activity.
6. Students should remain in supervised areas once they arrive and while they are on campus. Students are not to loiter in the restrooms, stairwells, or outside of the building.
7. Students are expected to be in class when the bell rings. Students must have a hall pass to be in the hall when class is in session.
8. Students may not wear anything which may make them unable to be identified. This includes but is not limited to hats and hoods.
9. Each restroom stall is intended for the use of a single student. Students found in the same restroom stall may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

**SEE ANY ADMINISTRATOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP.**

## **DETENTION**

### **Lunch Detention**

Students may be assigned lunch detention if they are in violation of school rules. Students assigned this consequence will serve lunch detention for the entire Guided Study/lunch period. They will be provided lunch during detention and may work on assignments. Failure to serve lunch detention may result in further consequences.

### **Administrative Detention**

Students may be assigned administrative detention if they are in violation of school rules. Students assigned this consequence will serve administrative detention from 2:25-4:10 p.m. They may work on assignments during detention. Failure to serve administrative detention may result in further consequences.

## **DRESS CODE**

Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. In addition, students should adhere to the Brookwood High School Dress Code at extracurricular school events and banquets/ award ceremonies.

1. Hoods, hats, and headgear should be removed upon entering the building.
2. Shirts/tops that are too low cut or expose any portion of the waist, torso, hips, midriff, back or undergarments are not allowed. Strapless or spaghetti-strapped shirts/tops are prohibited.
3. All dresses, shorts, skirts, and pants must be an appropriate length. The waist must be worn on or above the hips.
4. The following items are prohibited:
  - Excessively tight clothing
  - Trench coats or similar articles
  - Wording/symbols that advocate, depict, or imply violence, drugs, alcohol, sex, gang, or other illegal activity
  - See-through clothing is not allowed.
  - Undergarments should not be visible.
5. Due to safety factors, shoes must be worn at all times at school.
6. Students may not wear masks, face paint, or other face or head coverings which may make them unidentifiable.
7. Students are not allowed to display clothing or symbols that have been identified by the Gwinnett County Police Gang Taskforce as being commonly identified with gangs. This rule is subject to updates as additional apparel becomes identified as gang-affiliated or disruptive.

Exceptions for religious or medical reasons, fundraising, or school functions will be granted by the administration. Exceptions, changes, and additions to the Brookwood High School Dress Code may be made by the principal or his/her designee for specific reasons.

If, in the judgment of the administration, a student is dressed inappropriately for school, the student may be required to change clothing and/or may receive consequences.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES & SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY USE**

Being responsible stewards of electronic devices and practicing digital citizenship are important skills for students.

### **Personal Electronic Devices**

1. Students are extended the privilege of possessing and using personal electronic devices on school grounds in the following situations:
  - During classroom instruction when explicitly authorized and supervised by the classroom teacher during that specific class period
  - During class transitions, before school, and during lunch
  - It is expected that students unplug when speaking to any adult. Students must be able to respond to an adult when spoken to.
2. Electronic devices should not be used in the following situations:
  - To film or take pictures
  - In a way that can cause disruption or distraction to the learning environment

- During any assessment, ANY electronic device (including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart watches) visible during ANY assessment can be considered cheating. At no time during an assessment should an unauthorized electronic device be visible or accessible.

### 3. Consequences

- Violations of the electronic device policy will result in consequences as determined by the administration.
- Upon request, failure to surrender a device to an administrator or staff member may result in additional disciplinary consequences, including Out of School Suspension.
- At the third violation, the electronic device will be confiscated, and the parent/guardian must collect it.

*Exceptions, changes, and additions to the Brookwood High School Electronic Device Policy may be made by the principal or his/her designee for specific reasons.*

**Brookwood High School is not responsible for loss or theft of electronic devices. It is the responsibility of the student to secure these items of value.**

#### **Acceptable Use of Electronic Media for Students**

At Brookwood High School, technology is an important instructional resource. The use of Gwinnett County Public School (GCPS) computers is a privilege, not a right. Failure to follow school rules and the guidelines established in the GCPS Student Conduct Behavior Code will result in disciplinary action that may include restricted or denied access to school computers and other instructional technology tools.

The following guidelines are in addition to the Acceptable Use of Electronic Media for Students Procedure published in the GCPS Student/ Parent Handbook.

1. Students will use school technology for educational purposes only.
2. Any student who intentionally damages and/or vandalizes any hardware or software will receive an administrative referral for school property abuse and may be held responsible for the cost of repairing or replacement of the damaged item.
3. Students are not permitted to copy school software or bring software from home to install on the school machines.
4. Students will be held responsible for information viewed, received, and sent when using the Internet.
5. Students will not attempt to access personal data or e-mail of others, including peers, teachers, and administrators, or try to break desktop or network security on any GCPS machine.
6. Students will not share passwords.

Failure to follow GCPS and Brookwood High School acceptable use of electronic media guidelines will result in an administrative referral and a minimum of a level I consequence as defined in the GCPS Student Conduct Behavior Code.

**Students should be aware that conduct violations related to technology use may also constitute criminal offenses punishable by law. In accordance with Georgia Criminal Code 16-9-93:**

1) Any person convicted of the crime of computer theft, computer trespass, computer invasion of privacy, or computer forgery shall be fined not more than \$50,000 or imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

**Any person convicted of computer password disclosure shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or incarcerated for a period not to exceed one year, or both.**

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY CONSEQUENCE**

If a student attends any extra-curricular activity possessing or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, he/she will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a time period of six (6) school calendar weeks. The student(s) will also receive consequences outlined in Gwinnett County Student Disciplinary Policies. Gwinnett County Public Schools has instituted an Athlete Code of Conduct beginning in 2011-12. All our athletic teams already have team rules in place. The county policy is a minimum standard. Local schools and coaches can make rules that are more stringent than the county minimums. Any student in violation will also be reported to the School Resource Officer (SRO). ***A student disciplinary tribunal decision will supersede the above.***

## **FIGHTING**

Any student involved in a fight will be subject to the consequences outlined in the Gwinnett County Student Discipline Handbook. In addition, students involved in a fight may face criminal charges.

Any student filming or otherwise encouraging a fight in progress can be subject to discipline consequences.

## **FOOD AND DRINK**

Eating and drinking in classrooms and hallways are discouraged. Students should consume food and beverages in The Commons and other designated areas.

## **GUIDED STUDY - GUIDELINES**

- Students are required to be engaged in academic activities for the duration of Guided Study.
- Students are to complete homework, study or read.
- No sleeping, eating, or socializing.
- Failure to exhibit appropriate behavior and follow class guidelines will result in discipline referral.
- It is the student's responsibility to make sure that the guided study teacher is aware that they will be in an alternate location by using the Orange Guided Study Pass.
- No permanent passes will be issued.

Consequences can be adjusted as the Administrator deems appropriate.

## **HARASSMENT/BULLYING**

Harassment and/or bullying are not tolerated. If a student feels that he/she is being harassed or bullied by another student, it should be reported immediately to a teacher, counselor, or administrator.

Bullying and verbal threats are against school rules and should be reported to an administrator or by calling 1-877-729-7867. NOTE: Bullying violations may result in a disciplinary hearing and possible expulsion from school as well as SRO notification and action.

## **PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION**

Public display of affection may result in school consequences.

## **RESTRICTED LUNCH**

Students who violate school rules may be assigned lunch detention.

## **TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS**

### **Possession of Vaping Device or Empty Vape Cartridges**

**1st Offense:** Level II Consequences

**All Subsequent Offenses:** Level II or Level III Consequences

### **Possession or Use of Tobacco or Nicotine**

**1st Offense:** Level I Consequences

**All Subsequent Offenses:** Level II Consequence

### **Possession or use of Marijuana (any cannabis-based product including hemp or THC)**

**1st Offense:** 9-day OSS suspension, which may be reduced to three days at the discretion of the administrator, with the completion of the Creating Lasting Family Connections (Drug Awareness) class

**2nd Offense:** Student Disciplinary Tribunal which could result in a suspension up to one year in length, placement in the GCPS Alternative School, or permanent expulsion.

## **TRUANCY, AWOL**

### **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL OR CLASS FOR 10 MINUTES OR MORE WITHOUT PERMISSION**

Consequences for AWOL will range from an administrative conference/warning to ISS/OSS.

Excessive AWOLs will result in a County Attendance Contract, which could lead to a disciplinary hearing.

AWOLs from school (students leaving campus) may receive multiple day suspension on the first offense.

### **Unexcused Failure to Serve Administrative Detention**

If a student is scheduled for an Administrative Detention and fails to serve, he/she will receive additional consequences which may include additional Administrative Detentions, Saturday School, or in-school suspension (ISS).

Administrative Detentions may not be rescheduled except for medical emergencies. Late students are not permitted and will receive consequences for failure to serve.

### **Unexcused Failure to Serve Saturday School**

Students who fail to serve the assigned day will be seen by an administrator and assigned ISS or OSS suspension. Late students are not permitted and will receive consequences for failure to serve.

## SECTION VI. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Brookwood offers many extracurricular activities for all levels of student involvement. We believe that many opportunities for growth and enrichment can be found through student participation in athletics, academic clubs, service organizations, and career-focused activities.

### Attendance

Students must attend school at least three full class periods to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities for that day. Students who are serving In-School Suspension or Out-of-School Suspension are not allowed to participate in practice or games on the date of the suspension.

### Eligibility Regulations

Brookwood High School offers the opportunity for students to participate on various athletic teams and in academic activities. Team membership is subject to tryouts and Georgia High School Association regulations. In order to be eligible to compete in athletic and/or academic competitions, students must have passed at least five subjects the preceding semester and be on track for graduation. In other words, sophomores must have five units, juniors must have eleven units, and seniors must have seventeen units. A student also must meet the residency requirement for athletics, i.e., live in the Brookwood school district.

### Field Trips

A student must obtain each of his/her teachers' signatures confirming their grade in the class. Failure to follow this procedure could result in disciplinary action. The student is responsible for making up any work missed during his/her absence. Parents and students should give careful consideration to participating in an off-campus activity if the student does not have a passing grade in all his/her classes. Students who are not passing all classes may not be allowed to participate in an off-campus activity. Lack of attendance and/or discipline history may also affect eligibility for participation. Parents and students should be aware that there is no guarantee of refunds for deposits or prepaid trips.



## SPORTS SUMMARY AND CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

The following is a summary of school sponsored athletic and club/organization activities for 2024-25, including details on eligibility, schedules and contact information.

### Sports

#### BOYS

- Football
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Swimming and Diving
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Track and Field
- Golf
- Lacrosse

#### GIRLS

- Cheerleading
- Softball
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Swimming and Diving
- Wrestling
- Dance
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Soccer
- Golf
- Lacrosse

#### CO-ED

- Esports

### Clubs/Organizations (categories, school-sponsored)

*Find additional clubs (i.e., student-initiated) on the school website under Athletics/Clubs.*

- Academic Clubs and Honor Societies
- Career-Focused
- Communications
- Fine Arts
- Foreign Language
- Leadership
- Publications
- Service (Community, School)
- World Cultures

# BOYS SPORTS BROOKWOOD

ALL ALTHETES MUST HAVE A SPORTS PHYSICAL ON FILE.

## FALL

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

17 County Championships, 19 Region/Area and 12 State titles – Cross Country is open to all students. Conditioning starts the week after Memorial Day. Contact Coach Dehnke with questions.

ben.dehnke@gcpsk12.org

### **FOOTBALL**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>**

2017 Region Championships and State Final 4, 2018 and 2019 State Playoffs – Spring/Summer training activities are ongoing. See Coach Philip Jones as soon as possible to participate.

philip.jones@gcpsk12.org

## WINTER

### **BASKETBALL**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Basketball tryouts are held in October. Contact Coach Cason for information, or visit the team website, brookwoodbasketball.sportngin.com.

cory.cason@gcpsk12.org

### **SWIMMING AND DIVING**

7-time State Champions – Registration meeting will be held in September. Practice begins early October, and the season concludes with State in February. Visit brookwoodswimdive.org or see Coach Hildebrand.

will.hildebrand@gcpsk12.org

### **WRESTLING**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Region Champs 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Wrestling is open to all students with or without experience. Registration opens late September. Season begins mid-October and ends mid-February. Training is available year-round. Contact Head Coach Chris Cicora or visit www.brookwoodwrestling.com for more details.

chris.cicora@gcpsk12.org

## SPRING

### **BASEBALL**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Baseball is on a try-out basis. A player interest meeting is held in September, and tryouts begin in January. Contact Coach Robby Gilbert or visit brookwoodbroncobaseball.org for details.

### **GOLF**

#### **Varsity, JV**

Tryouts for JV and varsity are held in the spring. Informal workouts are held in the fall. Visit brookwoodbroncogolf.com or contact Coach Sochacki for details.

edward.sochacki@gcpsk12.org

### **LACROSSE**

#### **Varsity, JV**

Lacrosse is on a tryout basis. Look in August/September for important information about fall/spring opportunities and expectations. Fall strength and conditioning is in September; tryouts are in January. For information, contact Coach Ulloa in Room B111 or by email.

dru.ulloa@gcpsk12.org

### **SOCCER**

#### **Varsity, JV**

3-time State Champs, 9-time Region Champs – Soccer is on a try-out basis. To be eligible, students must be passing five out of six classes. Info meeting in September; tryouts in January. For more information, visit the team website or contact Coach Mohsen.

adel.mohsen@gcpsk12.org

### **TENNIS**

#### **Varsity, JV**

9-time State Champion, 21 Region Championships – Brookwood consistently wins regional titles and has held state titles in the recent past. Tryouts are in mid-January; matches begin in February. Contact Coach McElroy.

rachel.mcelroy@gcpsk12.org

### **TRACK AND FIELD**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Open to everyone. Practice starts in January. Visit brookwoodtrack.com or contact Coach Bell.

murry.bell@gcpsk12.org

# GIRLS SPORTS BROOKWOOD

ALL ALTHETES MUST HAVE A SPORTS PHYSICAL ON FILE.

## FALL

### **CHEERLEADING (FOOTBALL)**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9th**

Tryouts will be held during the spring semester prior to the season. Contact Mrs. Towey.  
emma.towey@gcpsk12.org

### **COMPETITION CHEERLEADING**

*Region Champions 2016-23 and Top 15 in the State* — The team participates in competitions against other schools focusing on stunting, tumbling, jumps and motions. Tryouts held in March. Contact Coach Mrs. Towey.  
emma.towey@gcpsk12.org

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

*20-time County Champions, 27-time Region/Area Champs, 6-time State Champions* — Summer conditioning begins in June. Official practice begins the first week of school (M-F). Meets run September to November. For more info, visit [brookwoodcrosscountry.com](http://brookwoodcrosscountry.com) or contact Coach Harrison for more information.  
lauren.harrison@gcpsk12.org

### **SOFTBALL**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9th**

*2023 Region Champions, 2023 State 3rd Place, 2018 Elite 8, 2015 State Runner Up, 22 Straight State Playoff Appearances* — Visit the team website at [www.brookwoodbroncossoftball.org](http://www.brookwoodbroncossoftball.org). For more information, contact Coach Parham.  
casey.parham@gcpsk12.org

### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

#### **Varsity, JV**

2020, 2021 Area Champions. Tryouts will be held in the fall. Contact Coach McLane for more information. [bhsflagfootball.com](http://bhsflagfootball.com)  
ben.a.mclane@gcpsk12.org

## WINTER

### **BASKETBALL**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9th**

*2023 State Champions and 6-time Region Champions* — Tryouts will be in October, summer camps in June. Contact Coach Mincy, visit [brookwoodbasketball.sportngin.com](http://brookwoodbasketball.sportngin.com), and see @LBroncosBBall on Twitter for details.  
courtney.mincy@gcpsk12.org

### **CHEERLEADING (BASKETBALL)**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9th**

Tryouts will be held spring semester prior to participation. Email Head Coach Mrs. Towey.  
emma.towey@gcpsk12.org

### **DANCE TEAM**

The Broncos Dance Team performs hip-hop at home basketball games, various school events, and takes part in GHSA sanctioned competitions. Auditions take place in early May. Dancers who make the team will be required to take part in a June clinic. The official season starts in October and runs through February. Dancers will have after-school rehearsals to prepare for basketball games, starting in September. Eligibility follows GHSA guidelines. Contact Head Coach Tshudy.  
ellen.tshudy@gcpsk12.org

### **SWIMMING AND DIVING**

*7-time State Champions* — Registration meeting will be held in September. Practice begins early October, and the season concludes with State in February. Visit [brookwoodswimdive.org](http://brookwoodswimdive.org) or see Coach Hildebrand.  
will.hildebrand@gcpsk12.org

### **WRESTLING**

Wrestling is open to all students with or without experience. Registration opens late September. Season begins mid-October and ends mid-February. Training is available year-round. Contact Head Coach Chris Cicora or visit [www.brookwoodwrestling.com](http://www.brookwoodwrestling.com) for more details.  
chris.cicora@gcpsk12.org

## **SPRING**

### **TRACK AND FIELD**

#### **Varsity, JV, 9<sup>th</sup>**

A registration and information meeting will be held in in October. Tryouts will be held during the first week of practice in January. Contact Coach Morez or visit [brookwoodtrack.com](http://brookwoodtrack.com) for details. [andre.morez@gcpsk12.org](mailto:andre.morez@gcpsk12.org)

### **GOLF**

Tryouts for JV and Varsity are held in the spring. Informal workouts are held in the fall. Visit [brookwoodbroncogolf.com](http://brookwoodbroncogolf.com) or contact Coach Sochacki for details. [edward.sochacki@gcpsk12.org](mailto:edward.sochacki@gcpsk12.org)

### **LACROSSE**

#### **Varsity, JV**

Lacrosse is on a tryout basis. Look in August/September for important information about fall/spring opportunities and expectations. Fall strength and conditioning is in September; tryouts are in January. For information, contact Coach Thomas in B201 or by email. [dawn.n.thomas@gcpsk12.org](mailto:dawn.n.thomas@gcpsk12.org)

### **SOCCER**

#### **Varsity, JV**

*2011, 2017, 2021 Region Champions, 2017 Quarterfinals. State Champions in 1998 and 2003* — Tryouts begin in January. There is an informational meeting in December. Visit [brookwoodsoccer.com](http://brookwoodsoccer.com) or contact Coach Tolmich for details. [michael.tolmich@gcpsk12.org](mailto:michael.tolmich@gcpsk12.org)

### **TENNIS**

#### **Varsity, JV**

*26 Region Championships (9 consecutive: 2011-2019) and one State Championship* — Brookwood Tennis has a tradition of success. Teams consistently win regional titles and have also held state titles in the recent past. Tryouts are held mid-January; matches begin in February. Contact Coach McElroy. [rachel.mcelroy@gcpsk12.org](mailto:rachel.mcelroy@gcpsk12.org)

## **CO-ED SPORTS BROOKWOOD**

### **ESPORTS**

All students are welcome to try out for the various Brookwood Esports teams, including Rocket League, League of Legends, Splatoon, Super Smash Brothers, Madden, and Mario Kart. No physicals are required; however, student must be academically eligible to play competitively according to the GHSA guidelines. Seasons take place in both Fall and Spring semesters. There are membership dues to cover the cost of tournament entries, team jersey, and other expenses. Contact Coach Branch ([jack.branch@gcpsk12.org](mailto:jack.branch@gcpsk12.org)), Coach Huard ([brian.huard@gcpsk12.org](mailto:brian.huard@gcpsk12.org)), or Coach Winzeler ([mick.winzeler@gcpsk12.org](mailto:mick.winzeler@gcpsk12.org)) in F-30 for more information.



# SCHOOL-SPONSORED CLUBS/NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER STUDENT LIFE TO SEE THE FULL LIST,  
INCLUDING STUDENT-INITIATED CLUBS.

## Academic

Academic Team  
National Honor Society  
Philosophy Club  
Writers Club

## Foreign Language

French Club  
German Club  
Spanish Club  
Latin/Junior Classical League  
National French Honor Society  
National German Honor Society  
National Latin Honor Society  
National Spanish Honor Society

## Science

Robotics Club  
ECOS  
Science National Honor Society  
Science Olympiad  
TSA: *Technology Student Assoc.*

## Career

DECA Marketing Club  
FBLA: *Future Business Leaders of America*  
Educators Rising

## Language Arts

Readers Rally  
National English Honor Society  
Pegasus Literary Magazine  
Writers Club

## Service

BEST Club: Bringing  
Exceptional Students Together  
PTSA  
Key Club  
Interact Club

## Fine Arts

Art Club  
Band  
Chorus  
Drama Club  
Int'l Thespian Society  
National Art Honor Society  
National Dance Honor Society  
Orchestra  
Tri-M Music Honor Society

## Math

Math Team  
Mu Alpha Theta

## Leadership

Beta Club  
SGA: *Student Government Assoc.*

## Publications

Cayuse Yearbook  
Pegasus Literary/Art Magazine

## Social Studies

Mock Trial  
Rho Kappa: *National Honor Society for Social Studies*

## Cultures

HABLA (Hispanic, Latino)  
International Club  
Junior Classical League  
African Student Assoc.  
African American Studies Club  
Asian American Student Assoc.

## **ACADEMIC TEAM/QUIZ BOWL**

Local, state, regional and national competitions

### *Eligibility:*

Try-outs held in August for the varsity team (10th, 11th, 12th). No try-outs for 9th grade team. All freshmen may participate.

### *Meetings:*

Meeting schedule to be determined in August of each year. Practices are held after school two to three days a week. Members are expected to attend at least one practice per week. A preparation camp is offered in the summer, and we encourage attendance if possible.

### *Time Commitment:*

Teams participate in 10-12 competitions per year; not all players participate in every competition.

### *Sponsor:*

Ms. Steiner  
debbie.steiner@gcpsk12.org

## **ART CLUB**

The Art Club was organized to allow students to spend time with other students who have an interest in the Visual Arts.

Past activities have included:

- Meeting with former BHS art alumni who share their portfolios and art professions
- Empty Bowls charity event
- Edible art contest
- Chalk art competition
- Skrinky Dink art
- Art Club T-shirt design
- Youth Art Month activity

### *Eligibility:*

Open to all students whether or not they take art classes. Students become members by signing up in the fall on MyPaymentsPlus or with one of the faculty sponsors. Dues are \$15 per year.

### *Meetings:*

1st Thursday of the month in B17

### *Time Commitment:*

1 hour per month, August – May

### *Sponsors:*

Mrs. Crews, Ms. Debban, and Mr. Vigardt  
loria.crews@gcpsk12.org  
elizabeth.debban@gcpsk12.org  
christopher.vigardt@gcpsk12.org

## **ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Promote Asian unity and diversity throughout Gwinnett County through local and joint events, erase racial stigmas and create a greater understanding among Asian Americans and those of

different races and backgrounds, promote interaction between students in affiliated schools and all of Gwinnett County, and exchange culture and educate the greater community.

### *Eligibility:*

Membership will be limited to students of the respective school they attend, grades 9-12, dues on [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com).

### *Meeting/Time Commitment:*

Once a month after school for about 30 minutes.

### *Sponsor:*

Mrs. Kim  
melissa.p.kim@gcpsk12.org

## **BAND**

Any student with at least one year of experience on an instrument may participate in the band program. If you did not participate in band in middle school or are a transfer student and would like to enroll, please see Dr. Stanley for the requirements. All students who participate in the Bronco Marching Band must be enrolled in a band class, unless you are in the color guard, and fully committed to the rehearsal and performance schedule. To be a full marching member, a student must register, submit a letter of intent, pay a \$400 deposit (all on the website), and attend the July band camp held at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, GA. All dates may be found on the Brookwood Band website -- [www.brookwoodband.org](http://www.brookwoodband.org).

### *Eligibility:*

Any rising freshman who was in a middle school band program. If not, contact Dr. Stanley at [laura.stanley@gcpsk12.org](mailto:laura.stanley@gcpsk12.org).

### *Meetings:*

Marching Band rehearses Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-5:30 p.m. Drum Line and Color Guard rehearse Mondays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. in addition to Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals. Find info for Color Guard, Jazz Band, and Jazz Combo on the BHS Band website at [www.brookwoodband.org](http://www.brookwoodband.org).

### *Time Commitment:*

Marching Band includes five (5) hours of rehearsal per week in addition to Friday football games. The concert bands have 1-2 rehearsals after school and four concerts throughout the year.

### *Sponsors:*

Dr. Stanley and Mr. Jean  
laura.stanley@gcpsk12.org  
jack.jean@gcpsk12.org  
[www.brookwoodband.org](http://www.brookwoodband.org)

## **BEST CLUB**

Bringing Extraordinary Students Together: This club allows students with special needs an additional resource to develop friendships with their general education peers.

### *Eligibility:*

A desire to be a part of a group that is composed of students with special needs and general education students

### *Meetings:*

One time per month, 2:15 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. Evening activities will be announced.

### *Activities:*

Activities include joining the lacrosse, baseball and basketball teams for practice as well as hanging out with the drama students.

*Time Commitment:* 1-2 hours per month

### *Sponsor:*

Mrs. Leyva  
michelle.leyva@gcpsk12.org

## **BETA CLUB**

Beta Club emphasizes scholarship, leadership, and service. Beta Club is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a cumulative average (not rounded) at or above 90.0. Students must be willing to meet community service requirements.

The Beta Club application is completed and submitted online through a link on the Beta Club page of the BHS website. Dues must be paid through MyPaymentsPlus.com. Applications are due from all prospective members (including those who have been members in the previous year) by midnight on Labor Day. This is a firm deadline and absolutely no applications will be accepted after the deadline. See application for further information.

### *Eligibility:*

See above for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Eligible freshmen will be identified by the curriculum office at the beginning of 2nd semester and be offered the opportunity to join by invitation only.

### *Meetings:*

There are two mandatory meetings each year — one in September and one in January. Project meetings and convention meetings are held as necessary throughout the year. In lieu of regular meetings, students receive information via email, the Beta Club page of the school website (look in the Clubs & Extracurricular section under the Student Life tab), and a Remind text group.

### *Time Commitment:*

Approximately 15 hours per semester.

### *Sponsors:*

Ms. Morrison and Mrs. Backfisch  
deanna.morrison@gcpsk12.org  
rebecca.backfisch@gcpsk12.org

## **CHESS CLUB**

Engage in friendly matches, tournaments, and receive direct instruction and coaching. Even compete with other schools at times.

### *Eligibility:*

Chess Club is open to all students, regardless of skill level, even those who have never played. Dues are \$10 on MyPaymentsPlus.com.

### *Meetings:*

Thursdays in C13, 2:20-4 p.m.

### *Sponsors:*

Mrs. Romero and Mr. Ortiz-Medina  
carlos.ortiz.medina@gcpsk12.org  
lucy.romero@gcpsk12.org

## **CHORUS**

All chorus classes are co-curricular and require a few afternoon and evening commitments each semester. Each choral group participates in Georgia Music Educator Association events and evaluations. Students can participate in optional auditioned ensembles, such as Chorale, District and All-State Honor Choirs, if interested. All chorus students will have the opportunity to travel occasionally. Recent trips include New York City and Disney World.

### *Eligibility:*

Any students who enjoy singing and wish to explore their vocal capabilities are welcome to join Beginning Chorus. Students interested in Intermediate, Advanced, or Mastery chorus must see the choral director for an audition/interview. Visit [brookwoodchorus.com](http://brookwoodchorus.com) for additional information.

### *Sponsor:*

Mr. Still  
carter.still@gcpsk12.org

## **DECA MARKETING CLUB**

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Students have an opportunity to travel to places like California and Florida, while competing against others from around the globe. They grow as communicators and leaders, as well as learning many life and business skills, networking with students & corporate sponsors, and bringing what they learn back into the classroom.

*Activities:*

- Community Service Projects, Social Events
- Gwinnett DECA Officers Installation Ceremony
- Fall Rally at Six Flags
- Fall Leadership and Power Up Conferences
- Region, State, and International Competitions

*Eligibility:*

Any student who has taken or is taking a marketing course. Students with an interest in marketing or entrepreneurship are also encouraged to join.

*Meetings:*

Monthly in Room B8

*Time Commitment:*

One hour/month on program of work activities

*Sponsor:*

TBD

**DRAMA CLUB**

The Drama Club meets to foster the interest of theatre for all students.

*Activities:*

- Winter Party
- Audition Workshop
- Improvisation/Theatre Games
- Guest workshops

*Eligibility:* Open to all students. \$15 yearly dues.

*Meetings:*

45 minutes per month in the Theater

*Sponsors:*

Ms. Lindahl and Mr. House  
laura.lindahl@gcpsk12.org  
brian.house@gcpsk12.org

**ECOS: ENVIRONMENTALLY CONCERNED ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS**

Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students (ECOS) is a service organization that works to encourage and maintain a green campus.

*Activities:*

- Recycling
- Gardening
- Field trips

*Eligibility:* Must be available for meetings and pay dues.

*Meetings:* Every other Wednesday in C121

*Sponsor:*

Ms. Schneider  
elizabeth.schneider@gcpsk12.org

**EDUCATORS RISING**

To provide activities, information, and service opportunities to students interested in pursuing a career in education

*Activities:*

- Conference Field Trips in Gwinnett and GA
- Fundraising
- Volunteer tutoring/teacher help
- Teacher Shadow Day

*Eligibility:*

Open to all students interested in education.

*Meetings:* Last Thursday of each month

*Time Commitment:* Approximately 2 hours a month.

*Sponsor:*

Mrs. Campbell  
lindsey.campbell@gcpsk12.org

**FRENCH CLUB**

The French Club is organized to allow students to spend time with other students who have an interest in the French language and francophone cultures.

*Activities:*

- Spring Picnic
- French-German bowling competition
- Mardi Gras party and mask making
- French movies
- Games, arts and crafts activities
- Cheese and chocolate tasting

*Eligibility:*

Open to all students. One-time fee of \$20 covers all activities. Please pay on MyPaymentsPlus.com. T-shirts will also be available on MyPaymentsPlus.

*Meetings:* 1 hour each month

*Sponsors:*

Mr. Powers  
christophe.powers@gcpsk12.org

## **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA**

FBLA is the largest organization in the world for students interested in business and business-related fields.

### *Activities:*

- Team-building strategies
- Fun social events
- Showcase of talents and skills
- Development of leadership skills
- Challenging individual, team competitive events
- State and national travel opportunities
- Community and school service

Activities also help meet eligibility requirements for National Technical Honor Society.

*Eligibility:* Open to all students at Brookwood.

*Meetings:* Room TBA. Dates TBA.

### *Sponsor:*

Mr. Dunbar

herbert.dunbar@gcpsk12.org

## **GERMAN CLUB**

To learn about German culture. Students will participate in cultural and language-related activities.

### *Eligibility:*

Open to all BHS students. You do not have to be enrolled in a German class to participate. There is a \$20 annual membership fee.

### *Meetings:*

Location to be announced. Look for signs and announcements.

### *Time Commitment:*

One hour per month. Usually meets on the last Thursday of the month.

### *Sponsors:*

Frau Kimbrough

mirela.kimbrough@gcpsk12.org

## **HABLA (Hispanic Association of Brookwood Latinos and Allies)**

The mission of HABLA is to unify Hispanic and Latino students through community, diversity, and belonging. We aim to welcome any members who share this mission and want to be a support and ally to members of the Hispanic and Latino community.

### *Eligibility:*

Any student is eligible.

*Meetings:* Usually one meeting per month.

### *Sponsors:*

Ms. Garcia and Mrs. Mathews

christina.garcia@gcpsk12.org

cristy.mathews@gcpsk12.org

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

The goal of this club is to promote an environment of multicultural understanding and to create a sense of global awareness through regularly scheduled meetings and events. It is also to increase the presence of the club in the surrounding community through the International Festival and raising awareness of important international issues. Sponsor of the International Club Senior Scholarship.

Graduating seniors qualify for the International Club Senior Scholarship, funded by the International Festival (application required).

### *Activities:*

Cultural Sharing/Understanding

- International-themed monthly meetings
- Annual International Festival
- Homecoming Parade float

### *Eligibility:*

All BHS students are welcome. Dues are \$15.

### *Time Commitment:*

2:20-4 p.m. (depending on meeting/program)

### *Meetings:*

One Wednesday. Look for announcements/flyers. Visit the club on Instagram: @brookwoodinclub.

### *Sponsors:*

Ms. Lai, Mr. Cantrell, Ms. Garcia, and Ms. Mabry

alison.lai@gcpsk12.org

zoe.mabry@gcpsk12.org

ernest.cantrell@gcpsk12.org

christina.garcia@gcpsk12.org

## **JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE/ LATIN CLUB**

The Junior Classical League is for any student who is interested in language, history, culture, etc. JCL is an academic opportunity. There are contests at both the state and national levels.

### *Activities:* One per month

- Fall Forum (usually October)
- State Latin Convention in April
- Toga Bowling
- Picnics, Cookout at Alexander Park
- Pizza Night, Game Night, Bingo Night

### *Eligibility:*

Open to all BHS students. Dues \$25 per year.

### *Sponsors:*

Mrs. Allgood, Ms. Romero, Mrs. Campbell and

Mrs. Rossino

ashley.allgood@gcpsk12.org

lucy.romero@gcpsk12.org  
lindsey.campbell@gcpsk12.org  
katie.rossino@gcpsk12.org

## KEY CLUB

Key Club is a student-led community service organization. Members participate in club-sponsored community service projects throughout the year.

### *Eligibility:*

Open to all BHS students.

### *Meetings:*

Once a month

### *Time Commitment:*

30 hours of community service/club activities per year.

### *Sponsors:*

Mrs. Durden and Ms. R. Johnson  
emily.durden@gcpsk12.org  
ree.johnson@gcpsk12.org

## LATIN CLUB

See information under Junior Classical League.

## MATH TEAM

The Math Team provides an opportunity for interested math students to compete against other students in the challenge of solving non-routine problems.

### *Eligibility:*

Students in Algebra I or higher are eligible.

### *Sponsors:*

Mr. Dimsdale and Mr. Michael  
chris.michael@gcpsk12.org  
david.dimsdale@gcpsk12.org

## MOCK TRIAL TEAM

Acquaint students with legal procedures and court cases.

### *Activities:*

Prepare a trial with team members. Upon case release, students audition for attorney or witness roles to participate in a competition. Participate in the regional competition with the possibility of going to State and Nationals.

### *Eligibility:*

This team is open to all BHS students.

### *Meetings:*

Tuesday and Thursday of each week. For the month of January, increase to three or four days a week.

### *Time Commitment:*

The team meets two hours in the evening, twice a week. As competition gets closer, we increase the

amount of time at practice.

### *Sponsor:*

Head Coach Mr. Ford  
patrick.ford@gcpsk12.org

## MU ALPHA THETA

This is a national mathematics honor society dedicated to inspiring keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics.

### *Eligibility:*

Students must be in 10th-12th grade honors math and have a cumulative A average in math courses.

### *Meetings:*

Once a month

*Time Commitment:* 1.5 hours per month

### *Sponsors:*

Mrs. Phillips  
lisa.phillips@gcpsk12.org

## NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

This program exists to inspire and nationally recognize those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art. Members participate in community service-oriented art projects. Seniors must participate in at least 20 hours to earn an honor chord, while sophomores participate in at least 10 hours to stay eligible and active in the organization. Annual dues are \$20, due September 2, payable through MyPaymentsPlus. Website: [bwoodart.weebly.com](http://bwoodart.weebly.com).

### *Eligibility:*

Open to 10th-12th grade art students who have a B average or higher in high school art classes.

### *Meetings:*

First and third Tuesdays of each month in B17

### *Time Commitment:*

2 hours per month, August - May

### *Sponsors:*

Mrs. Crews, Ms. Debban, and Mr. Vigar dt  
loria.crews@gcpsk12.org  
elizabeth.debban@gcpsk12.org  
christopher.vigardt@gcpsk12.org

## NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

National English Honor Society (NEHS) is open to juniors and seniors with a minimum grade point average of a 4.0 in English/Language Arts-related courses. The mission and the purpose of the organization is to confer distinction upon students for high achievement in English language and literature courses, to encourage interest in the English language arts, to promote exemplary character, and to serve society by fostering literacy.

*Meetings:*

Bi-semesterly. Listen to announcements for location.

*Time Commitment:*

Approximately one hour a month

*Sponsors:*

Ms. Stebbins and Ms. Walsh  
laura.f.stebbins@gcpsk12.org  
bridget.walsh@gcpsk12.org

### **NATIONAL FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY**

This society provides recognition of outstanding student achievement in and dedication to the study of the French language and francophone cultures.

*Eligibility:*

Juniors must be in French III, have three semesters of 90% or higher average and continue to AP French. Seniors must be in French III, have three semesters of 90 percent or higher.

*Meetings:*

Various times throughout the year.

*Time Commitment:*

Must participate in and attend all induction ceremonies and rehearsals, one social event per semester and five service hours per semester.

*Dues:* \$35 once inducted.

*Sponsor:*

Mr. Powers  
christophe.powers@gcpsk12.org

### **NATIONAL GERMAN HONOR SOCIETY**

This society provides recognition of outstanding student achievement in and dedication to the study of the German language and cultures.

*Eligibility:*

Must be in German III or higher

*Meetings:*

Various times throughout the year

*Sponsor:*

Frau Kimbrough  
mirela.kimbrough@gcpsk12.org

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The goal of the NHS is to serve the community and to further the leadership potential of students.

Additionally, NHS serves to create an atmosphere of character.

*Eligibility:*

Minimum 95 grade point average and involvement in community service. Must pass character reference and hold a leadership position.

*Meetings:*

Various times throughout the year

*Time Commitment:*

Minimum of 50 hours per year

*Sponsor:*

Mrs. Hughes  
jessica.p.hughes@gcpsk12.org

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS**

Sponsored by the National Dance Education Organization to recognize and celebrate the artistic and academic achievements. Eligibility may include dance class GPA, teamwork, motivation, outreach, choreography, performance, teaching, and production. Inductees receive a certificate of membership, added prestige in scholarship applications and future resumes, wear NHSDA honor cords and gold honor pins during graduation ceremonies, and are eligible to apply for the NDEO Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award.

*Eligibility:*

Student induction into the NHSDA is awarded based on points earned for meritorious work in dance.

*Time Commitment:*

All work is done through the Brookwood Dance Department and verified by the sponsor.

*Sponsor:*

Ms. Tshudy  
ellen.tshudy@gcpsk12.org

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL STUDIES**

See information under Rho Kappa.

### **NATIONAL LATIN HONOR SOCIETY**

Students enrolled in upper-level Latin classes are eligible to be inducted each winter.

*Eligibility:*

Eligible candidates must have a 4-consecutive semester average of 92.0 (unrounded) in Latin at the high school level and be enrolled in at least the 5th semester of Latin at the time of induction.

*Meetings:*

Various times throughout the year

Service opportunities throughout the year

*Sponsor:*

Mrs. Rossino  
katie.rossino@gcpsk12.org

### **NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY**

The purpose is to recognize outstanding achievement in Spanish and to promote a continuity of interest in Hispanic studies.

*Eligibility:*

Must be a junior or senior and have at least a 93 average for three (3) semesters or a 90 average for four (4) semesters of high school Spanish studies and excel in character, leadership, integrity, seriousness of purpose, cooperation, and responsibility. In addition, the student must be currently enrolled in Spanish III or above, not score below an 80% average in a Spanish course, and continue in Spanish studies here at BHS.

*Time Commitment:*

Six (6) service hours per semester and attend at least three (3) meetings per school year

*Sponsor:* Ms. Ryles  
andrea.ryles@gcpsk12.org

**ORCHESTRA**

All orchestra classes are co-curricular with required evening and weekend performances. Each ensemble participates in Georgia Music Educators' Association annual performance evaluation. Students are offered various opportunities for musical enrichment, both in-class and through county or state sponsored honor ensembles, as well as travel experiences. Students may be eligible for a varsity letter if they meet certain criteria.

*Eligibility:*

Auditions are required for the Brookwood Chamber Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, and Symphonic Strings ensembles. Auditions are not required for membership in the Maroon and Gold Orchestra and Concert Strings, provided that the student has prior experience on their instrument (violin, viola, cello and/or bass).

*Sponsors:*  
Mrs. Kendall and Mr. Marcacci  
megan.kendall@gcpsk12.org  
matt.marcacci@gcpsk12.org

**PEGASUS LITERARY MAGAZINE**

Send or share submissions of poetry, prose and all photography and art to  
brookwoodpegasus@gmail.com.

*Eligibility:*

Open to all students interested in creative writing, art, or any creative endeavor.

*Meetings:*

Meet in A211.

*Time Commitment:*

Meetings are held after school every other week in the fall, once a week in the spring.

*Sponsors:*

Mr. Kling and Ms. Garcia  
dana.kling@gcpsk12.org

christina.garcia@gcpsk12.org

**PHILOSOPHY CLUB**

This club provides a positive, safe, and respectable forum in which students share ideas and discuss issues in the pursuit of truth.

*Activities:* Discussions and Seminars

*Eligibility:* All students are welcome.

*Meetings:*

General meetings will be held weekly. Meetings will be in B10 at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesdays.

*Sponsors:*

Mr. Chetram and Mr. Walters  
anand.chetram@gcpsk12.org  
josh.walters@gcpsk12.org

**READERS RALLY**

To provide a space for students to read and discuss 10 selected GA Peach Books for Teen Readers.

*Eligibility:*

Open to anyone who likes to read, compete, and be part of a team.

*Meetings:* Once a month beginning in August. In January and February, we meet twice per week to prepare for the February competition.

*Time Commitment:*

1-2 hours per month of meeting time in addition to the time it takes to read various books each month.

*Sponsors:*

Dr. Collins, Mrs. Blanding, and Mrs. Hernick  
angelyne.collins@gcpsk12.org  
nancy.blanding@gcpsk12.org  
debbie.hernick@gcpsk12.org

**RHO KAPPA**

**(SOCIAL STUDIES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY)**

Open to juniors and seniors with a minimum grade point average in social studies courses of 3.5 unweighted. The mission is to confer distinction upon students for high achievement in courses and encourage interest in social studies.

*Meets:*

Various times throughout the year

*Time Commitment:*

Approximately one hour per month

*Sponsor:*

Ms. Grigg and Mr. Thomas  
alexis.grigg@gcpsk12.org  
jason.r.thomas@gcpsk12.org

## ROBOTICS CLUB

The purpose of the Brookwood Robotics Club (BRC) is to promote the integration of science, technology, engineering, and math among high school students. Participating in BRC is an exciting experience for anyone interested in robotics, engineering, technology, website development, computer-aided drawing, machining, and design. It is a wonderful opportunity to see how mathematics, science and communication skills transform into fully functional robots.

*Eligibility:* See introduction.

*Meetings:* Weekly

*Time Commitment:*

At least two hours per week and two competitions per semester

*Sponsors:*

Mr. Myers and Diana Lohrmann  
michael.myers@gcpsk12.org  
diana.lohrmann@gcpsk12.org

## SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

*Eligibility:*

Open to juniors and seniors who have excelled in higher level science courses and participated in extracurricular science activities.

*Meetings:* Location to be determined

*Time Commitment:*

10 hours of science-related community service per semester and participation in extracurricular science activities.

*Co-Sponsors:*

Coach Chvatal and Mr. Thornton  
john.chvatal@gcpsk12.org  
charles.thornton@gcpsk12.org

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

BHS's team has been the Georgia state champion and advanced to nationals 11 times: 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2022. The team prepares and competes in invitational, regional, state and possibly national Science Olympiad events.

\*Open to all students interested in science and engineering.

*Meetings:* B16

*Time Commitment:* 2 hours per week

*Sponsors:*

Mr. Harvey and Mr. Meek  
justin.harvey@gcpsk12.org  
matthew.meek@gcpsk12.org

## SPANISH CLUB

The goal of the Spanish Club is to learn about Hispanic culture. Students will participate in cultural and language related activities.

*Eligibility:*

Open to all BHS students. You do not have to be enrolled in a Spanish class to participate. There is a \$10 annual membership fee.

*Meetings:* Meet in A102.

*Time Commitment:*

One hour per month. Usually meets on the last Thursday of the month.

*Sponsors:*

Ms. Dembowski and Mrs. Whisonant  
madison.whisonant@gcpsk12.org  
denise.dembowski@gcpsk12.org

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for numerous school-wide and community-wide events throughout the year, such as homecoming, fundraising initiatives, and a dance marathon for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. SGA members also participate in leadership activities through monthly meetings, SGA Fun Days and leadership workshops, and specialized committees. Officers are chosen in the spring of each year.

*Eligibility:* All students are encouraged to join.

*Meetings:* In the Theater and various locations

*Time Commitment:*

After school on one to two Wednesdays per month and for other special events

*Sponsors:*

Coach Chvatal, Mrs. Kaiser, and Mrs. Humphrey  
john.chvatal@gcpsk12.org  
danielle.kaiser@gcpsk12.org  
emily.humphrey@gcpsk12.org

## TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

TSA is a national organization that prepares students to be successful inventors, designers, creative problem solvers, responsible citizens, and leaders who will influence and build the future.

*Activities:*

FALL: Technology Day, C.O.R.E. and Fall Leadership Conference

SPRING: TEAMS Competition and State

*Meetings:* Thursdays, 2:20-3:30 p.m.

*Sponsor:*

Mrs. Thomas  
leila.thomas@gcpsk12.org

## **THEATER: INT'L THESPIAN SOCIETY**

An honor society that recognizes excellence in theatre

### *Eligibility:*

Must participate in two main stage productions and work technically in a third production that is main stage.

*Meetings:* Meets in Theater monthly

*Sponsor:* Ms. Lindahl

[laura.lindahl@gcpsk12.org](mailto:laura.lindahl@gcpsk12.org)

## **TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

This national honor society is sponsored by the National Association for Music Educators and locally by the Georgia Music Educators Association.

### *Eligibility:*

Tri-M is for seniors only. Students must apply through their band, chorus, orchestra, or music technology instructor. Students must have been enrolled in at least two years of a class with the performing organization, have an average of 90 or above in all music classes, and an overall GPA of 85 or better.

*Sponsor:*

Mrs. Kendall

[megan.kendall@gcpsk12.org](mailto:megan.kendall@gcpsk12.org)

## **WRITERS CLUB**

This club provides informal workshop groups for students to share their writing and read each other's work. It also holds several writing contests throughout the year. Students may join at any time.

### *Eligibility:*

Open to all BHS students

*Meetings:*

Meets every other Tuesday of each month.

*Dues:*

\$10/year through MyPaymentsPlus.com

Students may join at any point during the year.

*Time Commitment:*

About two hours per month (2:15-3:30 p.m.) plus individual writing at home

*Sponsors:*

Ms. Pennell and Mrs. Marrow Gonzalez

[tina.pennell@gcpsk12.org](mailto:tina.pennell@gcpsk12.org)

[sydney.morrowgonzalez@gcpsk12.org](mailto:sydney.morrowgonzalez@gcpsk12.org)

## **YEARBOOK**

The purpose of the club is to publish the Yearbook.

### *Eligibility:*

Must maintain at least a B average in Yearbook and Language Arts classes. Application and tryouts are required.

*Meetings:*

Class each day. Some after-school time is required to complete deadlines.

*Sponsor:*

Mrs. Chatham

[holly.chatham@gcpsk12.org](mailto:holly.chatham@gcpsk12.org)