

Academic Differences Between Autrey Mill MS and Johns Creek HS



Class Schedule	7 classes: 5 core classes (Math, Science, SS, ELA, FL/Reading), 2 connections classes	6 classes = 4 Core (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science) + 2 Electives - Flex class (homeroom) is after 2nd pd ends.
Length of Classes	Classes are either year-long or 9 weeks long.	Classes are either semester or yearlong.
Grading	90 and above = A 80-89 = B 70-79 = C 69 and below = F - Students earn a final grade for each semester, and these two grades are averaged at the end of the year for one final grade.	90 and above = A 80-89 = B 70-79 = C 69 and below = F - Students earn a final grade for each semester. - Failing grades cannot be replaced. - Students will receive, at a minimum, eight grades per course within 9 weeks: - Two major assessments, Three minor assessments, Three practice assessments. <i>*There is no maximum number of assessments. *</i>
GPA	No GPA in middle school.	- A Grade Point Average (GPA) is a number that represents the average value of all final grades. - FCS GPA is on a 100.00 scale.
Honors Points	No honors points are awarded in middle school.	Students earn 7 extra points added to a final grade in honors, AP, and dual enrollment classes. This is called a weighted grade.
Credits	Credits are only awarded for high school classes taken while in middle school.	- Students earn 0.5 credit per semester for a passing grade. - Students need 23.0 credits to graduate that are specific = these are called graduation requirements.
Homework Expectations	- Graded for completion/accuracy at teacher's discretion. - Recommended total HW not exceed 60 minutes (except band/chorus/orchestra) - HW Frequency dependent on content area.	- On level: nightly work assigned. - Honors: daily reading & work - AP classes: daily reading, notes, & work <i>*HW doesn't have a maximum # of minutes per night, must adhere to due dates, & graded for accuracy *</i>
Recovery/Test Retakes	- All major assessments are recovered up to 75%. - Minor Assessment recovery is a content area decision.	1st attempt of major must be under 75%; no minors/practices; max score for attempt is 75% - Recovery is requested by students and completed before next major assessment. - Teachers may require a student to complete other work before attempting recovery. <i>*When absent, students are expected to communicate with their teacher/check FCS Canvas for missed work. *</i>
Academic Dishonesty	- First offense students can recover up to 75% on major assessment. Second offense student receives a 0%. - Minor Assessment recovery is a content area decision.	1st Offense: Non-recoverable 0% and referral for failure to follow rules; referral to Honor Code Panel. 2nd Offense: Non-recoverable 0% and Honor Code violation; referral to Honor Code Panel.
End of Course Exams	- Students taking Algebra 1. - The score is calculated into the final grade.	- Students take EOCs in Algebra 1, Biology, US History, and Lit II. - The score is calculated into the final grade; currently counts for 20% of second semester grade <i>*FCS board policy may change percentage. *</i>
Grade Distribution	50% Major 40% Minor 10% Practice	55% Major 35% Minor 10% Practice

High School Academic Terms

GPA: GPA stands for Grade Point Average. Fulton County Schools (FCS) calculates a **cumulative GPA**. This is the **average of every grade** on the transcript calculated by taking the final grades from every class listed on the transcript and dividing by the total number of classes given. The FCS GPA is on a **100.00 scale** (i.e., 87.963). A **final grade is awarded at the end of every semester**.

Core GPA: Only grades from English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language.

Weighted GPA: FCS awards 7 honors points to passing final grades in Honors, AP, & Dual Enrollment courses.

Unweighted GPA: Grades without honors points.

Failing Grades: When a student fails a class, the failing grade will remain on the transcript and is included in the GPA calculation. Upon successful completion of credit recovery, the new credit recovery grade will also be posted on the transcript and be included in the GPA calculation. Credit recovery options will be discussed with the school counselor to determine the best plan for the student.

Credits: A student earns 0.5 credit for every semester class that they pass. A final grade is awarded at the end of every semester. If a student passes a yearlong class, they will earn 1.0 credit. Students must earn **23.0 specific credits to meet graduation requirements**. See the Counseling website for more information:

<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/27540>

Grade Promotion: Per FCS Board Policy, students must earn a certain number of credits each year to be promoted to the next grade level.

10th: 5.0 credits

11th: 11.0 credits

12th: 17.0 credits

Graduation: 23.0 credits

HOPE GPA: GPAs for the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships are calculated by **averaging all core academic courses** (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language) taken in high school, including failed courses. Grades from high school courses taken in middle school are not calculated in the HOPE GPA. The HOPE GPA is **on a 4.0 scale and is calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission** and is viewable by creating a student account at [Gafutures.org](https://gafutures.org). Students will need to meet additional academic requirements for the scholarship.

AP: AP stands for Advanced Placement. These are standardized college-level courses offered by the College Board. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the AP exam at the end of the year.

Dual Enrollment: A state-funded program that provides high school students the opportunity to earn high school credit and college credit. Students can experience college courses and begin their college academic career while still in high school.

Elective: This is the equivalent of a connections course in middle school. Students need specific electives to graduate (see graduation requirements linked above) and they do count towards the GPA calculation.

Prerequisite: A class that must be taken before another class. For example, intro to art must be taken before any other art class.