

Rising 9th Grade Scheduling FAQ

1. How many classes does a student take?

Students take 6 classes + 1 lunch (total of 7 periods) every day. Same classes every day. Students will take 4 core classes (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science) every year + electives. Electives = Referred to as Connections in Middle School.

2. What are the options for core classes?

9 th Grade Options for Core Classes			
ELA	Science	Social Studies	Math
Lit I H Lit I *Lit II *H Lit II <i>*Students must have successfully completed 9th Lit/9th Lit H</i>	Biology H Biology	American Gov (semester 0.5) AP Government (yearlong 1.0)	Algebra: Concepts & Connections *Geometry: Concepts & Connections *H Geometry: Concepts & Connections <i>*Students must have successfully completed Algebra before moving to Geometry.</i>

3. What are the options for electives?

The elective list and course catalog can be found at [Course Catalog](#) & [Elective Options](#)

4. Can I take online courses?

A 9th grader can take one online world language class/semester if the language is not offered face-to-face at JCHS (i.e., German, ASL, Chinese, Japanese). An online contract must be submitted to the AMMS 8th grade counselor by the deadline.

5. What is the difference between on-level, honors, and AP?

- On-level = College-Prep Courses
- Honors = Advanced College-Prep Courses
- Advanced Placement (AP) = Standardized College-Level Courses; students take a standardized national exam in May and may earn college credit

6. I am a TAG student. How does that work in high school?

Students classified as Gifted in Fulton County are expected to pursue advanced coursework in their fields of passion. This pursuit is indicated on their transcripts as Gifted Participation. Gifted students have the opportunity to earn Gifted Participation Credit by enrolling in at least one of the following each semester: 9th Grade Students – Any AP class; Honors Biology; Honors 9th or 10th Literature; Honors Math that is at least 1 grade level above; 9th TAG Flex Seminar

7. Can I have a free period?

No free periods. Students take a full schedule of 6 classes every year.

8. Can I take summer classes?

Yes, students can take online health or online personal fitness over the summer. Online classes over the summer have a fee and are only ~5 weeks long; students can expect to spend ~3 hours/day working per 0.5 credit they take. FVS classes cannot be accessed outside of the US. An online summer contract must be submitted to the 8th grade AMMS counselor by the deadline.

9. What if I change my mind on the classes I have requested?

Students can waive down in level during the first 20 days of the semester only. After the course request deadline, students cannot request a higher-level class or choose new electives.

10. Can I change my teacher?

Schedules are not changed for teachers.

11. How does lunch work? Can I change my lunch?

Students are scheduled for one of the three lunch periods (3rd, 4th, 5th). Students' lunch periods may change second semester depending on what classes they are taking. Lunch lasts an entire class period and students may not leave the cafeteria/courtyard unless they have a pass. Students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch or order food delivery. Schedules are not changed for a different lunch period.

12. Is there a school supply list? What about a PE uniform?

Students will receive a syllabus the first day of class that will list the specific supplies they will need. Every student should show up to class with paper and pen/pencil. School devices will be given out during the first 2 weeks of class. PE uniform information/fees will be shared the first day of school in class.

13. What happens if I fail a class?

Your school counselor will help you schedule appropriate credit recovery. Both the original failing grade and new credit recovery grade will be on the transcript.

14. How many AP classes do I need to get into a school like UGA?

Students can look up the freshmen profiles of colleges they are interested in to see the average level of rigor and GPA to be admitted.