PAULDING COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Mission Possible: Graduation & Beyond

Class of 2028

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Scheduling

- In high school, you will be on a **block** schedule.
- Each semester, you will take four different courses.
- Block schedule courses last for **90 minutes**, each day.
- Our goal is to schedule two academic courses and two elective courses, per semester.
- Typically, we also try to pair Math and Social Studies courses together, and English and Science courses together.

Sample Schedule

- 1st Semester

- 1st Block-8:35-10:05-Algebra I A
- 2nd Block-10:10-11:38-Intro to Healthcare
- 3rd Block-11:43-1:53-Health/PE
- 4th Block-1:58-3:25-World Geo

- 2nd Semester

- 1st Block-8:35-10:05-Algebra I B
- 2nd Block-10:10-11:38-Visual Arts
- 3rd Block-11:43-1:53-Biology
- 4th Block-1:58-3:25-Ninth Lit

What is a credit?

- **1 course taken as a *block* during one semester = 1 credit**
- **Course names, credits and grades build your high school transcript.**
- **You need a minimum of <u>23</u> credits to graduate!**

Important Facts to Remember

- Students must earn a certain number of credits each year to move to the next grade level:
  - **At least 5** credits must be earned for a student to be considered a sophomore.
  - **At least 11** credits must be earned for a student to be considered a junior.
  - **At least 17** credits must be earned for a student to be considered a senior.
  - **At least 23** credits must be earned for a student to **GRADUATE!**
- **To be eligible to play sports, a student must be on track and in the appropriate grade level.**

- All academic, world language, and academic elective courses count towards the **HOPE/ZELL Miller Grade Point Average.** You can monitor HOPE/ZELL eligibility through **GAfutures.org**

Areas of Study:	Units Required:
English / Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
CTAE and/or Fine Arts and/or World Language	3
Health and Personal Fitness	1
Electives	4
Total Units (Minimum)	23

- Please Note: Two units of World Language are not required for high school graduation, but if a student has intentions to go to a 4-year college (example: University of West Georgia), two units **are** required to be admitted.

Graduation Requirements:

Honors / Advanced Placement Classes

PCHS offers both Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) in many courses offered.

Benefits:

- Advanced Rigor
- Preparation for College Courses
- Bonus Points on High School Transcript (5 for Honors Courses, 10 for AP)

HOPE Scholarship Overview

Provides money to assist with the education costs of attending a HOPE eligible postsecondary institution in GA

Determined by the calculation of all academic core courses that the student has taken and completed (grades 9-12).

Students must have a HOPE GPA of 3.0

Students must have 4 "rigorous" academic courses to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship.

Courses taken during middle school do not count.

Both passing and failing grades in the core courses count.

Changes in the eligibility guidelines are posted and updated on the GAfutures website.

Remember to monitor your HOPE GPA throughout high school via your My GAfutures account.

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP- 3.7 HOPE GPA, 4 rigorous courses, AND minimum score of 1200 on SAT *or* 26 on ACT

Additional Opportunities

- Throughout Grades 9-12, there are different opportunities available to students.
  - **Dual Enrollment** – Students will have the opportunity to take College courses while in High School and receive both College and High School credit. Available for students in Grades 11-12.
  - **Paulding College and Career Academy (PCCA)** – Students will have the opportunity to take courses at New Hope Education Center through PCCA in pathways not offered at PCHS. Pathways available include CNA, CMA, Energy (Lineman), Mechatronics, and Cybersecurity.
  - **Paulding Virtual Academy (PVA)** – Each year, parents will have the opportunity to register students for virtual learning. Parents commit students for an academic year when they apply for PVA.

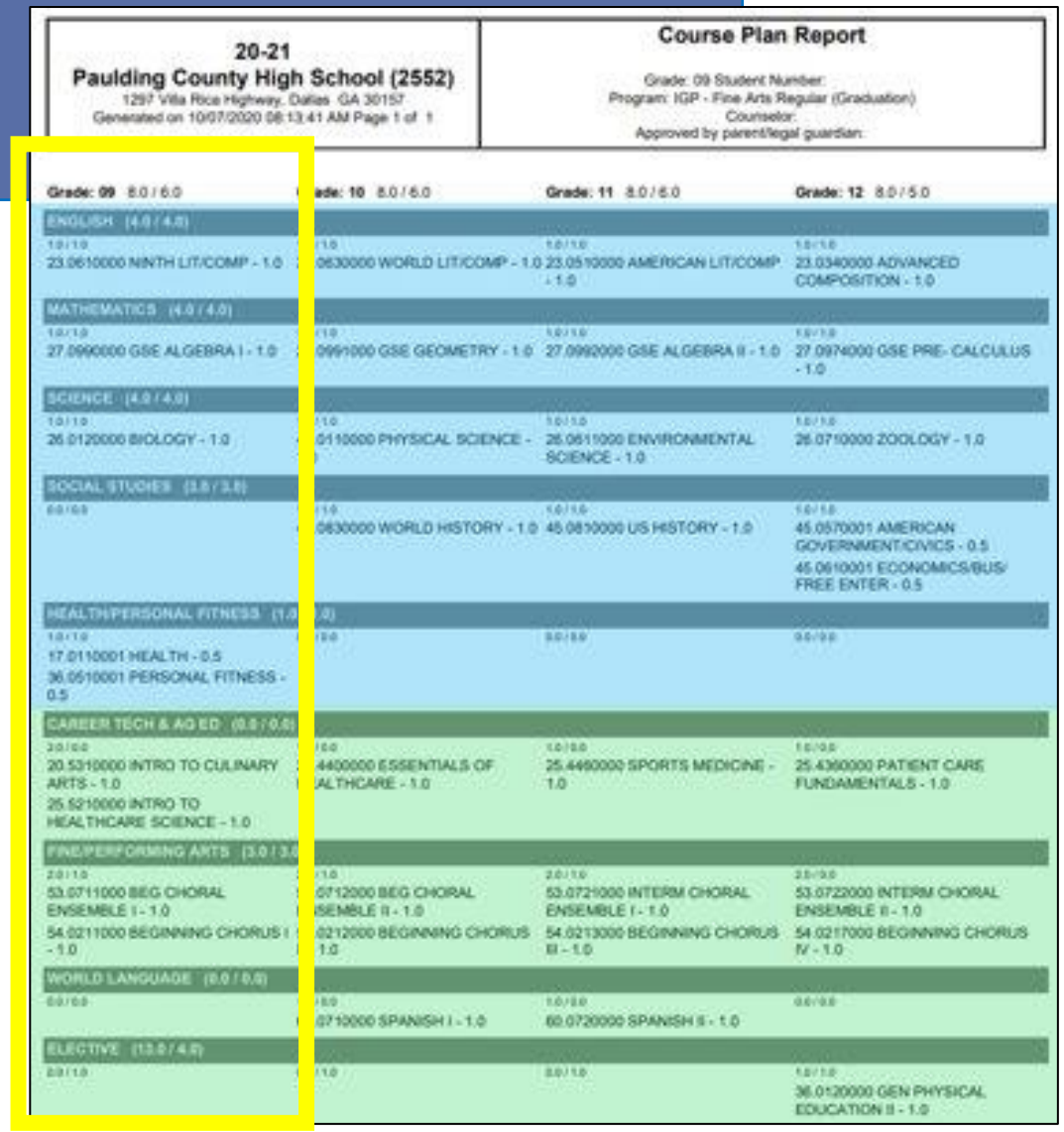
Academic Plan

- Parents received a copy of their students MyAP (Graduation Plan) when you entered. This is a guide to help us schedule classes.

- The academic courses listed (blue) are recommended by subject area teachers. The electives (green) were selected by the student when we visited their middle school. The electives listed are *requests* and students are not guaranteed these courses on their schedules.

- Students have the first **5 days** of school at the beginning of the year to request an elective change.

- Please only look at the **9th grade** column, as we update these year-to-year.



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Course Plan Report
Grade: 09 Student Number:
Program: IGP - Fine Arts Regular (Graduation)
Counselor:
Approved by parent/legal guardian:

Grade: 09 8.0 / 6.0	Grade: 10 8.0 / 6.0	Grade: 11 8.0 / 6.0	Grade: 12 8.0 / 5.0
ENGLISH (4.0 / 4.0)			
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HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS (1.0 / 1.0)			
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CAREER TECH & AG ED (0.0 / 0.0)			
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FINE/PERFORMING ARTS (3.0 / 3.0)			
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ELECTIVE (13.0 / 4.0)			
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PCHS Pathways

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Please use the following link to view a video describing the Pathways offered at Paulding County High School.

MyAP Signoff

How to Sign-Off on MyAP as a Parent/Guardian

The Paulding County School District utilizes a tool called My Academic Planner (MyAP) to register students for classes. Once the registration process at the school is complete, parents will need to log into their parent portal account through Infinite Campus and sign-off on their student's plan. Every student must have their plan approved by a parent/guardian. Please follow the directions below, and should any questions arise, please contact your school counselor.

Step 1: Click on the following link and review all Advisement information for 8th to 9th grade students & parents:

- https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/cms/lib/GA01903603/Centricity/Domain/5820/IGP%20Reminders%20.pdf

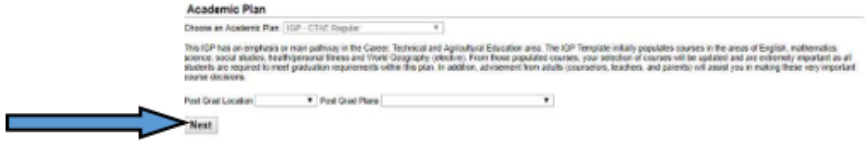
Step 2: Go to the Parent Portal Login:

- Link: https://campus.paulding.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/paulding.jsp
  - ⇒ Login using your user name and password
  - ⇒ If you do not have a user name, contact your school's front office to get one

Step 3: Select your student from the top of the screen:

Step 4: Click on the **"Academic Plan"** tab on the left side of the screen

Step 5: Click "**Next**" on the screen. **Do not change any of the drop down boxes.**



Step 6: You will now be able to see your student's classes. Please look these over, and contact your high school counselor if you have questions or concerns.

⇒ Click on the box that says "I _____ approve this academic plan"

⇒ Then click the **"Save"** button. ***The process is complete.***

Note: When you click save, you may receive warning messages and will review and update your students schedule of courses if necessary. Some student's may receive a warning message regarding needing a Fine Arts credit. If your student has earned or plans to earn 3 credits in a CTAE or World Language, they do not need a Fine Arts credit. Contact your school counselor for questions.

When you look at your student's MyAP, if you would like to request a change or have a question, please email their counselor. Counselor name and email address is listed at the top. Sign off window will be April 8th – 21st.

Handout Information

The packet you received includes the following handouts:

- Counselor caseload breakdown and contact information
- Graduation Credit Checklist
- Sports & Coaches
- Clubs @ PCHS
- Elective offerings

Counselors are here to guide students with future plans!

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