CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNSELING

New to Hooch Information Night
August 19, 2025 – 5:30 pm

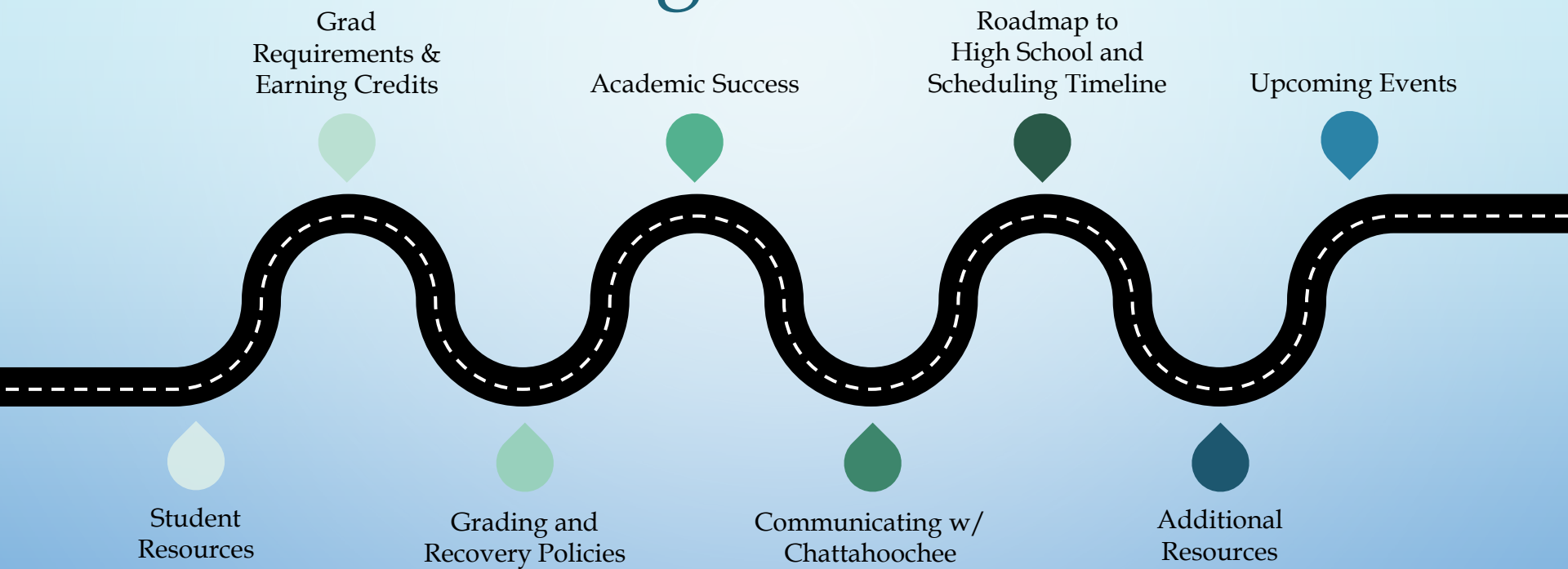
Virtual Meeting Helpful Hints

During the presentation, use the chat feature to type in questions about the **current slide**. A counselor is monitoring that feature and can answer you in real time. Keep in mind your questions will be viewable by other attendees.

We will continue the Q&A at the end of the presentation to allow participants to verbally ask their questions. Use the "hand raise" feature at that time.

This presentation is being recorded and will be posted on the Counseling website within a few days.

Agenda


Grad Requirements & Earning Credits
Academic Success
Roadmap to High School and Scheduling Timeline
Upcoming Events
Student Resources
Grading and Recovery Policies
Communicating w/ Chattahoochee
Additional Resources

Student Resources

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus is a web-based home-to-school information resource that allows you to view up-to-date information about your student's class averages, grades, attendance, unofficial transcript. You can also download the app for your cell phone.

4½ , 9, and 13½ week Progress Reports, as well as 1st semester report cards, are viewed on Infinite Campus, not sent home with students.

Students access Infinite Campus through ClassLink (future slide)

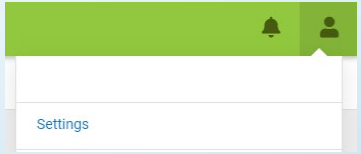
Infinite Campus Activation

- To set up your parent portal, go to www.fultonschools.org/infinitecampus.
- Scroll down and look for the Activation icon in the middle of the page:

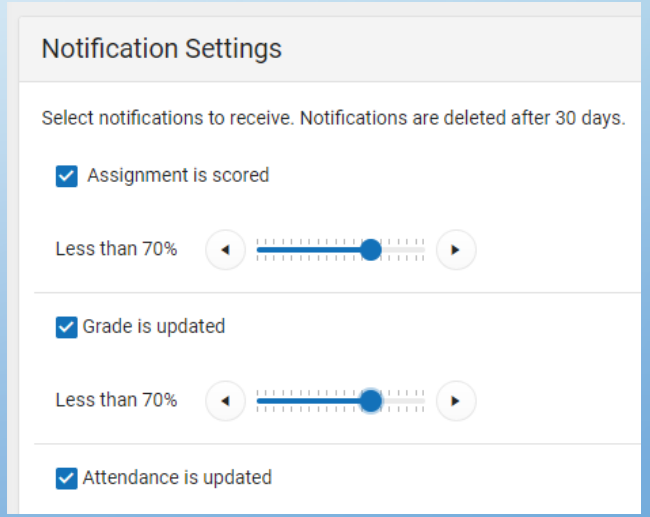
- You'll be prompted to enter your email address – make sure you enter the email you used when registering your student.
- Then you'll receive an automated email that will prompt you to answer 4 questions about your student:
  1. Full legal name
  2. Birthday
  3. Grade
  4. Student ID# (also known as their lunch #)
- You'll then receive an activation code via email. Please be sure to check your Junk or Spam folders.
- Finally, you'll choose a username and password for your account.

Infinite Campus - Settings

- In Infinite Campus, you can choose to receive automated notifications – click on the person icon in the top right corner, then select Settings



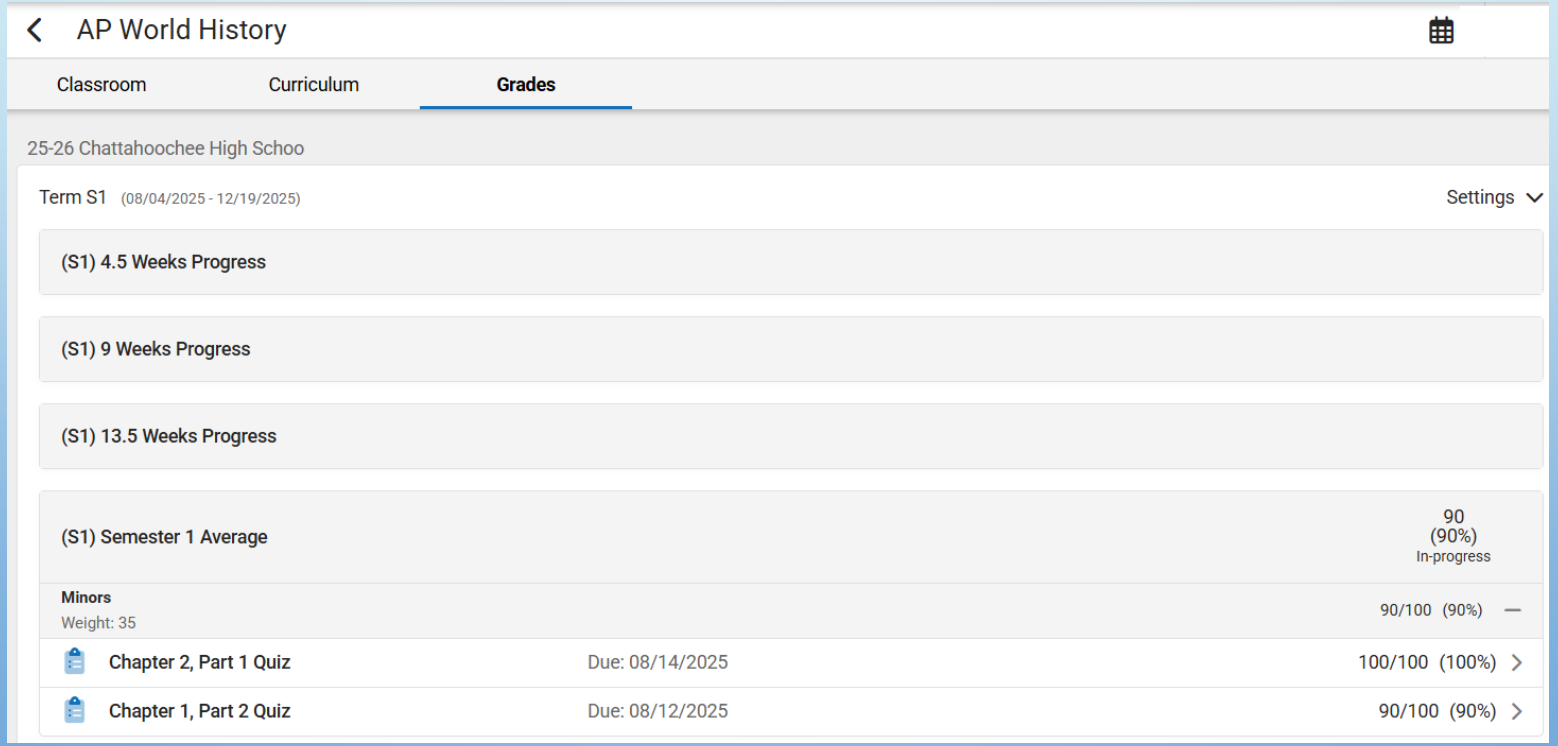
- Then you can select which notifications to receive:
  - Assignment is scored
  - Grade is updated
  - Attendance is updated



- Good practice to monitor your student's assignment completion, quiz/test scores, class grades, attendance, etc. until you feel confident they are able to handle it on their own.

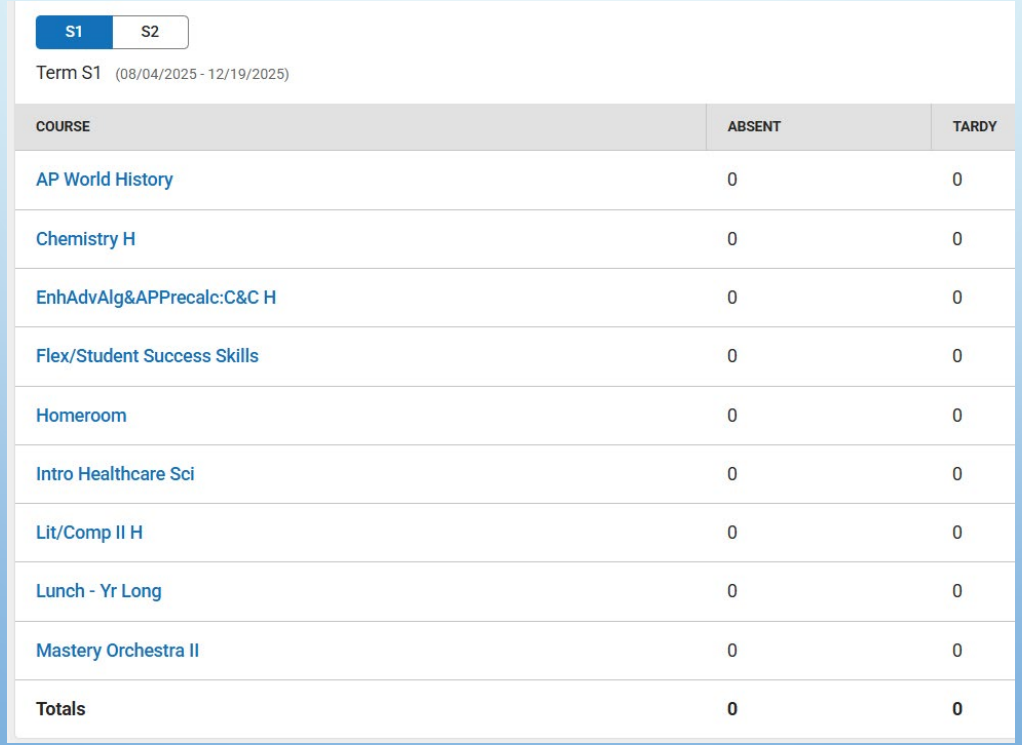
Infinite Campus - Grades

- Under the Grades tab on the left, you can see current averages for your student's classes in 1 spot.
- If you click on a course title, you can see the breakdown of the class average:



Infinite Campus - Attendance

- Under the Attendance tab on the left, you can see the total # of times your student has been absent from / tardy to each of their classes per semester.



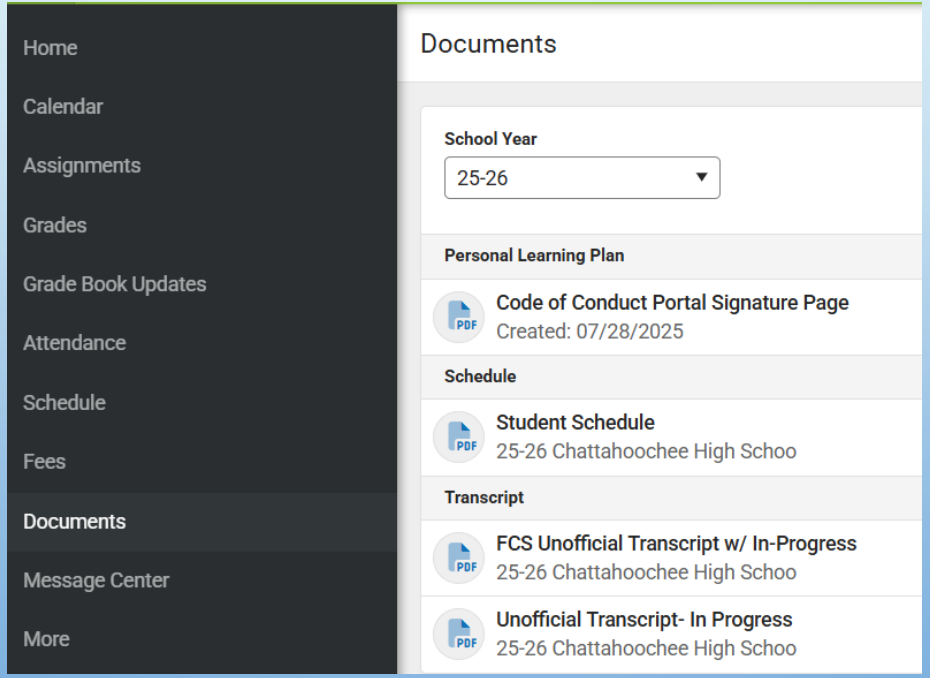
S1 | S2

Term S1 (08/04/2025 - 12/19/2025)

COURSE	ABSENT	TARDY
AP World History	0	0
Chemistry H	0	0
EnhAdvAlg&APPrecalc:C&C H	0	0
Flex/Student Success Skills	0	0
Homeroom	0	0
Intro Healthcare Sci	0	0
Lit/Comp II H	0	0
Lunch - Yr Long	0	0
Mastery Orchestra II	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**

Infinite Campus - Documents

- Under the Documents tab on the left, you have access to your student's unofficial transcript - print for your records, to submit to your auto insurance company for a "good student discount," or as proof of school enrollment to submit for your student to get their driver's license – no separate form needed!



ClassLink

- ClassLink is the landing page for most applications that your student will use (Infinite Campus, Canvas, Outlook, etc.)
- Go to https://launchpad.classlink.com/fcs or go to any Fulton County page and click on the ClassLink icon in the middle bar

- Username = Student ID#
- Password = student's birthday in MMDDYYYY format (unless they have selected another password)

- Once signed in, students can access any of the applications shown.
- This is where students access their Fulton County email account through Outlook.

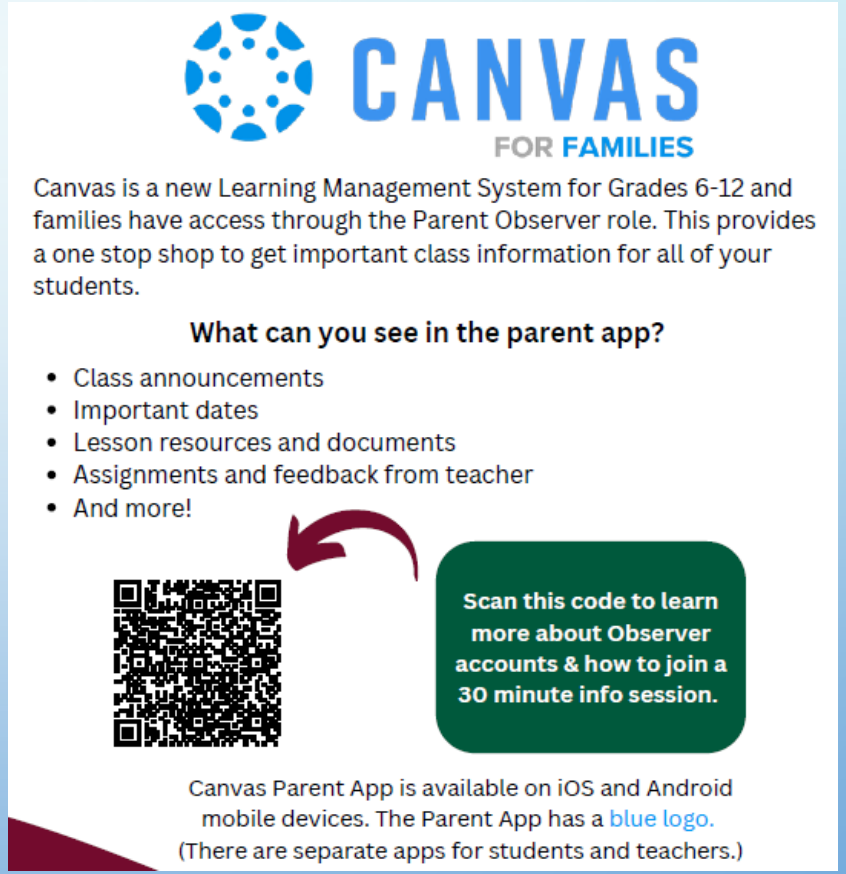
Canvas

- Canvas is where students' Chattahoochee and Fulton Virtual classes are housed. ***GA Virtual and Dual Enrollment classes are accessed through their own portals.***

- Students often view and submit assignments through Canvas.

- Students can also view their course calendar, their grades, messages from their teachers, etc.

- We strongly recommend parents/guardians create Parent Observer accounts to keep tabs on their students' classes and grades!



Graduation Requirements, Grading and Recovery Policy, and Academic Success

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a total of 23.0 credits:

- 4.0 English
- 4.0 Math
- 4.0 Science
- 3.0 Social Studies
- 0.5 **each** Health/Personal Fitness*
- 3.0 World Language/Fine Arts/Career Tech**
- 4.0 additional elective units in any area

*Personal Fitness waiver is available for students who complete 1 season of a sport or Marching Band, complete 1 semester of select classes in the PE subject area, or complete 1 season of a non-GHSA sport (effective the 23-24 school year). Waiver is available online at www.chattcougar.com and must be submitted before end of student's 11th grade year.

2.0 credits of the **same World Language are required for most 4-year colleges; some competitive colleges prefer to see 3.0+ credits.

Grading Scale and Credits

A (90+)	B (80-89)	C (70-79)	F (<70)

Fulton County uses a 100-point scale, not a 4.0 scale.

7 additional points are added to a final grade of 70 or above in Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses taken in Fulton County.

Each high school class earns 0.5 credit per semester (exceptions: courses with embedded credits, ASP, and Dual Enrollment Courses).

1st semester ends in December
2nd semester ends in May

Prior credits/grades earned are transferred onto the Fulton County transcript as posted on the prior school/district's transcript. If numeric grades are not used by the prior district, the letter grade conversion scale specified by Fulton County board policy will be used.

Promotion Requirements

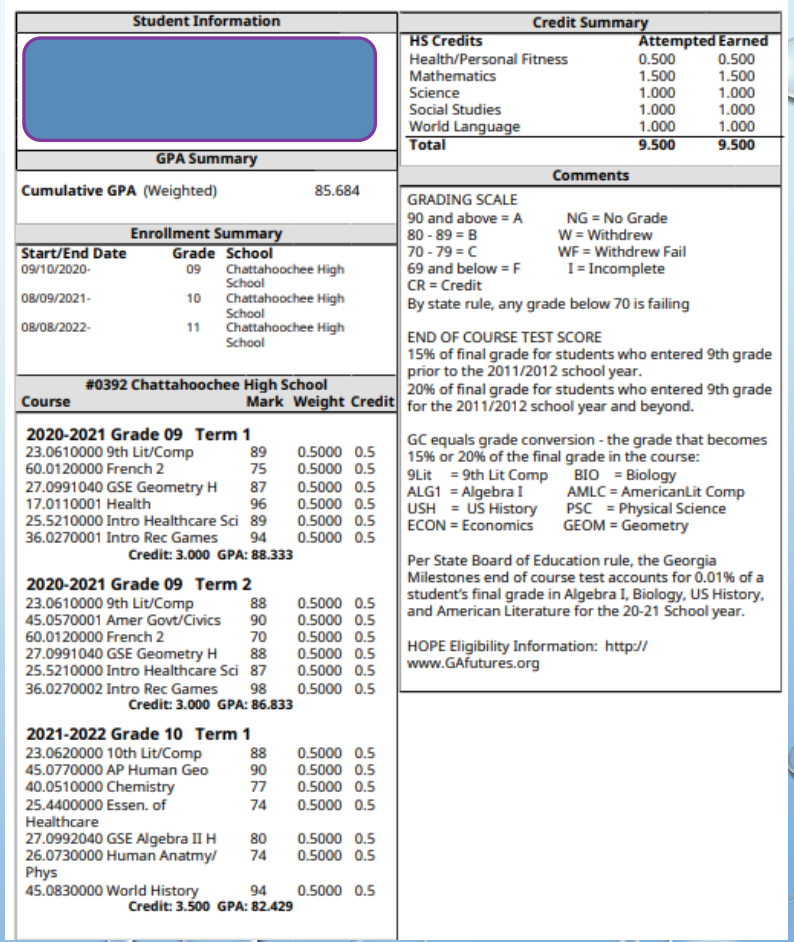
9th ⟹ 10th	5.0 credits
10th ⟹ 11th	11.0 credits
11th ⟹ 12th	17.0 credits
12th ⟹ Grad	23.0 credits

Athletic eligibility:

Students must be on track for promotion and must have passed 5 out of 6 classes in the term prior to the sport to meet GHSA athletic eligibility. A max of 2.0 credits can be earned in Summer School toward eligibility.

Transcript

- Official record of:
  - All grades earned
  - Cumulative weighted numeric average
  - Courses taken
  - Credit earned
- This record is permanent. All grades earned, **both passed and failed/retaken**, are recorded.
- An unofficial copy of the transcript is available to view and download on both the student and parent portal of Infinite Campus – click on the Documents tab.



Student Information

GPA Summary

Cumulative GPA (Weighted) 85.684

Enrollment Summary

Start/End Date	Grade	School
09/10/2020-	09	Chattahoochee High School
08/09/2021-	10	Chattahoochee High School
08/08/2022-	11	Chattahoochee High School

#0392 Chattahoochee High School

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2020-2021 Grade 09 Term 1			
23.0610000 9th Lit/Comp	89	0.5000	0.5
60.0120000 French 2	75	0.5000	0.5
27.0991040 GSE Geometry H	87	0.5000	0.5
17.0110001 Health	96	0.5000	0.5
25.5210000 Intro Healthcare Sci	89	0.5000	0.5
36.0270001 Intro Rec Games	94	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 3.000 GPA: 88.333			
2020-2021 Grade 09 Term 2			
23.0610000 9th Lit/Comp	88	0.5000	0.5
45.0570001 Amer Govt/Civics	90	0.5000	0.5
60.0120000 French 2	70	0.5000	0.5
27.0991040 GSE Geometry H	88	0.5000	0.5
25.5210000 Intro Healthcare Sci	87	0.5000	0.5
36.0270002 Intro Rec Games	98	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 3.000 GPA: 86.833			
2021-2022 Grade 10 Term 1			
23.0620000 10th Lit/Comp	88	0.5000	0.5
45.0770000 AP Human Geo	90	0.5000	0.5
40.0510000 Chemistry	77	0.5000	0.5
25.4400000 Essen. of Healthcare	74	0.5000	0.5
27.0992040 GSE Algebra II H	80	0.5000	0.5
26.0730000 Human Anatmy/ Phys	74	0.5000	0.5
45.0830000 World History	94	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 3.500 GPA: 82.429			

Credit Summary

HS Credits	Attempted	Earned
Health/Personal Fitness	0.500	0.500
Mathematics	1.500	1.500
Science	1.000	1.000
Social Studies	1.000	1.000
World Language	1.000	1.000
Total	**9.500**	**9.500**

Comments

GRADING SCALE
90 and above = A NG = No Grade
80 - 89 = B W = Withdrew
70 - 79 = C WF = Withdrew Fail
69 and below = F I = Incomplete
CR = Credit
By state rule, any grade below 70 is failing

END OF COURSE TEST SCORE
15% of final grade for students who entered 9th grade prior to the 2011/2012 school year.
20% of final grade for students who entered 9th grade for the 2011/2012 school year and beyond.

GC equals grade conversion - the grade that becomes 15% or 20% of the final grade in the course:
9Lit = 9th Lit Comp BIO = Biology
ALG1 = Algebra I AMLC = AmericanLit Comp
USH = US History PSC = Physical Science
ECON = Economics GEOM = Geometry

Per State Board of Education rule, the Georgia Milestones end of course test accounts for 0.01% of a student's final grade in Algebra I, Biology, US History, and American Literature for the 20-21 School year.

HOPE Eligibility Information: http://www.GAfutures.org

High School GPA

- Your GPA in High School is cumulative – meaning it includes all grades earned in classes you took for high school credit, even those earned in middle school.

- One of the most common regrets students share with us is that they wish they had taken their classes & grades more seriously earlier in high school.

- Keep in mind that your numeric GPA on your high school transcript does not convert directly to the 4.0 scale. You must convert each individual grade on the transcript to the 4.0 scale, then average them to determine your GPA.

- Additionally, for students who intend to apply to college in the future, many colleges only include their academic grades in the GPA they calculate for admissions - academic grades typically include only English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language, and some Career Tech classes.

FCS Grading Policy

- FCS grading policy:
  - Major Assignments/Assessments – 55% of total class average
  - Minor Assignments/Assessments – 35% of total class average
  - Practice Assignments – 10% of total class average

- Final Exams:
  - Count as 1 Major Assignment – no additional weight or separate grading category
  - May be cumulative or may be the last Unit assessment
    *Exception - courses with an EOC test or an AP exam will not have separate cumulative Final Exams in the Spring
  - Seniors may exempt 2nd semester Final Exams if they have an 85 or higher course average

FCS Recovery Policy

- Students have one opportunity to recover their grade on each Major Assignment/Assessment if they scored below 75%.
  - Students can earn a maximum of 75% on a recovery assignment/assessment.
  - Students who earn below 75% on the recovery assignment/assessment will receive the grade earned or the original grade, whichever is higher.
  - Teachers may require students to complete missing assignments, remediation activities, and/or attend help sessions prior to recovery opportunities.
  - Recovery must be completed **prior to the due date** for the next Major Assignment/Assessment.

End of Course (EOC) tests

- The state of GA requires students to take End of Course (EOC) tests in the 2nd semester of the following 4 courses:
  - Algebra: C & C
  - Biology
  - Lit/Comp II
  - US History

- EOCs are required to count as 20% of the student's 2nd semester grade. In those classes, the 2nd semester grade weighting will be adjusted: Major Assignments – 40% & Minor Assignments - 30%

- EOCs are given in late April/early May each school year

- Any time students retake 2nd semester of these 4 courses, they must also retake the EOC

Best Practices for Academic Success

- Get organized - figure out a system that works for you, whether it's a paper organizer, your phone calendar, or a whiteboard in your room. Write down all due dates for each semester as soon as you get the syllabus, and plan out when to complete portions of long-term assignments like projects and papers.
- Start each semester strong! It's much easier to keep the momentum going than try to play catch-up later.
- Do not miss out on turning in late work or taking advantage of recovery. Any points are better than a 0% on an assignment, and it never hurts to attempt recovery before your next Major assessment.
- Study in a well-lit space with few distractions. Put your phone in a different room while studying if you get distracted by it.
- Spread out your studying – short sessions of studying over time are much more effective than a long cram session the night before a quiz or test.
- Consider setting the expectation for your student to charge their phone in the kitchen or in the parent/guardian's bedroom at night. Students are easily distracted by social media and texting with friends late at night!
- Get enough sleep – teenagers need about 8 hours a night!

Need Help In Class?

- Ask questions during or after class. It's very likely other students have the same questions!
- All teachers are available during Chatt Time – take advantage of this time. Request a pass from that teacher ahead of time so your 2nd period teacher will allow you to leave.
- Attend pre-scheduled help sessions or ask your teacher when you can come in for extra help.
- Set up study groups with classmates or friends – oftentimes, studying with others can help you figure out new ways of thinking about concepts, creative ways to memorize facts, etc.
- Take advantage of our Academic Hub in room D109 - available to students during all lunches. Students are expected to bring study materials or work to do.
- We also have a list of private tutors in the area who have given us their contact info – go to https://chattahoochee.fultonschools.org/students-families/chs-counseling/student-resources and look under Tutoring Information at the bottom.

Attendance

- Be at school every day whenever possible!

- Examples of excused absences include: contagious illness or fever, medical appointment, death in the family. All communication about attendance goes directly through the Attendance Office – parent/guardian may email ChattHSAttendance@fultonschools.org, or students can bring a written note signed by parent/guardian.

- When an absence is planned, try to do your assignments ahead of time - it's a lot more work to try to catch up on what you missed after the fact while also staying on top of current assignments.

- Try not to miss critical days – ex. first and last few weeks of each semester, right before and after long holiday breaks.

- The school year calendar is posted on the county website 1-2 years ahead of time, so be sure to check it when making travel or extracurricular plans. **Students are not permitted to take Final Exams early**. Students who are going to miss Final Exams must request pre-approval from the Principal, will receive a 0 on the exams for the time being, and will take them at a future date. Then, their class grade will be updated.

Getting Connected

One of the best ways for students to be successful in school is to get connected with clubs, athletics, performing arts, etc.

Club Day is coming up on September 5th. Students can attend during all lunch periods in the Gym.

We have 25 sports – including e-sports – available! Find more information at https://www.hoochathletics.com/.

Parents can join the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) at https://hooch.ptboard.com/.

Communicating With Chattahoochee

Like Us / Love Us

Facebook
Chattahoochee High School Counseling
Chattahoochee High School

X – formerly known as Twitter
@HoochCounselors
@HoochHappenings

Instagram
@hoochcounselors
@hooch_happenings

- Much of Chattahoochee's contact with parents/guardians is done via email, so please monitor the email accounts you listed when you registered your student. However, if something urgent comes up at school (ex. student illness), you would receive a phone call.

- Hooch Happenings email messages about upcoming events are sent bi-weekly on Fridays to all parent/guardian email addresses listed in Infinite Campus – keep an eye out!

- Information, resources, contact information, and more can be found at www.chattcougar.com.

- To reach your student's teachers, email is best for initial communication, as they do not have phones in their classrooms. Teacher names are listed in Infinite Campus, and all teacher email addresses can be found under the Staff tab of www.chattcougar.com – listed alphabetically.

- You may always request to schedule a phone conference with a teacher – just know that their availability may be limited due to teaching responsibilities.

- If your student is struggling in multiple classes and you've talked with the teachers already, you may reach out to your student's assigned School Counselor to schedule a parent/teacher conference.

Counseling Department

• Andrea Turner	A – Con
• Curtisa Johnson *Dept Chair	Coo – Gol
• Laurel Turner	Gon – K
• Deborah Blount	L – Pal
• Cornelius Camp	Pan - Sin
• Tammy Jones	Sip – Z
• Alicia McClung	School Social Worker
• Nikki Lee	504 Chair
• Amy Showfety	MTSS Support Specialist
• MJ Kang	Korean Bilingual Community Liaison
• Maria Navas	Spanish Bilingual Community Liaison
• Terryn Scott	Professional Assistant
• Patricia Movilla-Leal	Registrar / Records Coordinator
• Maryanne Spinuzzi	Clinic Assistant

Counseling Department (cont'd)

- Students can make appointments with their Counselor by coming by the Counseling Office and scanning the QR code. They will choose a day/time using our electronic scheduling system and enter a non-FCSTU email address in the process. The automated confirmation email they receive will serve as the pass they show their teacher in order to leave class.

- Parents/guardians can request appointments with their student's Counselor or other Counseling Office members by emailing or calling them. Contact information is available on the Counseling website https://chattahoochee.fultonschools.org/students-families/chs-counseling/our-counseling-office.

- Both students and parents/guardians are welcome to email any time with questions!

- We also have a Counselor of the Day available for student emergencies every day of the week.

Counseling Department Events

The Counseling Department conducts grade-level presentations throughout each year:

- Senior Advisement Meeting (only students attend) – Thursday, August 21st during Chatt Time
- Senior Information Night – Thursday, August 28th at 5:30 pm on Teams
- Senior check-in meetings – September 2nd – 12th
- Junior Information Night – Thursday, October 9th at 5:30 pm on Teams
- Junior Advisement Meetings – middle of October through December
- 9th/10th Grade Information Night – Thursday, January 15th at 5:30 pm on Teams
- Dual Enrollment Information Night – Wednesday, February 4th at 5:30 pm on Teams

Roadmap to High School and Scheduling Timeline

Roadmap to High School

Students complete certain activities in each grade level in high school.
If your student is in 10th grade or higher, we recommend they look at the items listed for past grade levels and complete the ones that interest them.

- 9th Grade:
  - Take the PSAT in October (recommended) and review results when available
  - Complete Career Searching activities on SchooLinks (coming soon to ClassLink)
  - Do your best in your classes – your cumulative GPA starts in 1st semester of 9th grade, and if you accepted credit for high school classes in middle school, those are also included
  - Keep a personal record of your extracurricular activities
  - Read more here: https://www.gafutures.org/media/3ccndkpd/cpc-9th-grade-08012023.pdf

Roadmap to High School (cont'd)

- 10th Grade:
  - Take the PSAT in October (recommended) and review results when available
  - Complete the YouScience assessment
    - Log into Infinite Campus ➡ More ➡ SLDS
    - Typically taken in March - access will be enabled by the district in the coming months
  - Consider taking the ASVAB (free career exploration tool, also used for military recruitment) in late 1st semester – register in SchooLinks (coming soon to ClassLink)
  - Continue to do your best in your classes, as your GPA is updated at the end of each semester
  - Update your personal record of your extracurricular activities
  - Consider getting a part-time job or shadowing/volunteering
  - Read more here: https://www.gafutures.org/media/2mzboe03/cpc-10th-grade-08012023.pdf

Roadmap to High School (cont'd)

- 11th Grade:
  - Take the PSAT in October (strongly recommended) and review results when available
  - Take the SAT or ACT at least once by the end of 11th grade
  - Complete College/Career Searching activities on SchooLinks (coming soon to ClassLink)
  - Consider taking the ASVAB (free career exploration tool, also used for military recruitment) in late 1st semester – register in SchooLinks
  - Continue to do your best in your classes – if you apply to colleges in 1st semester of 12th grade, your cumulative GPA at the end of 11th grade is what colleges will use when making their decision.
  - Update your personal record of your extracurricular activities
  - Consider getting a part-time job or shadowing/volunteering
  - Read more here: https://www.gafutures.org/media/s5rfkiy4/11th-12th-grade-checklist-fy24_digital.pdf

Roadmap to High School (cont'd)

- 12th Grade:
  - Retake the SAT or ACT, if desired
  - Consider taking the ASVAB (free career exploration tool, also used for military recruitment) in late 1st semester – register in SchooLinks (coming soon to ClassLink)
  - Solidify your plans for what you want to do after high school
    - Submit applications to college, if desired
    - Submit scholarship applications and FAFSA/GSFAPP, if applicable
    - Continue pursuits re: entering the workforce, starting an apprenticeship, enlisting in the military, making plans for a gap year, etc. if applicable
  - Continue to do your best in your classes – if you apply to college, they will still see the grades you earn in 12th grade
  - Update your personal record of your extracurricular activities
  - Enjoy your Senior year and be proud of all the hard work you have put in!
  - Read more here: https://www.gafutures.org/media/s5rfkiy4/11th-12th-grade-checklist-fy24_digital.pdf

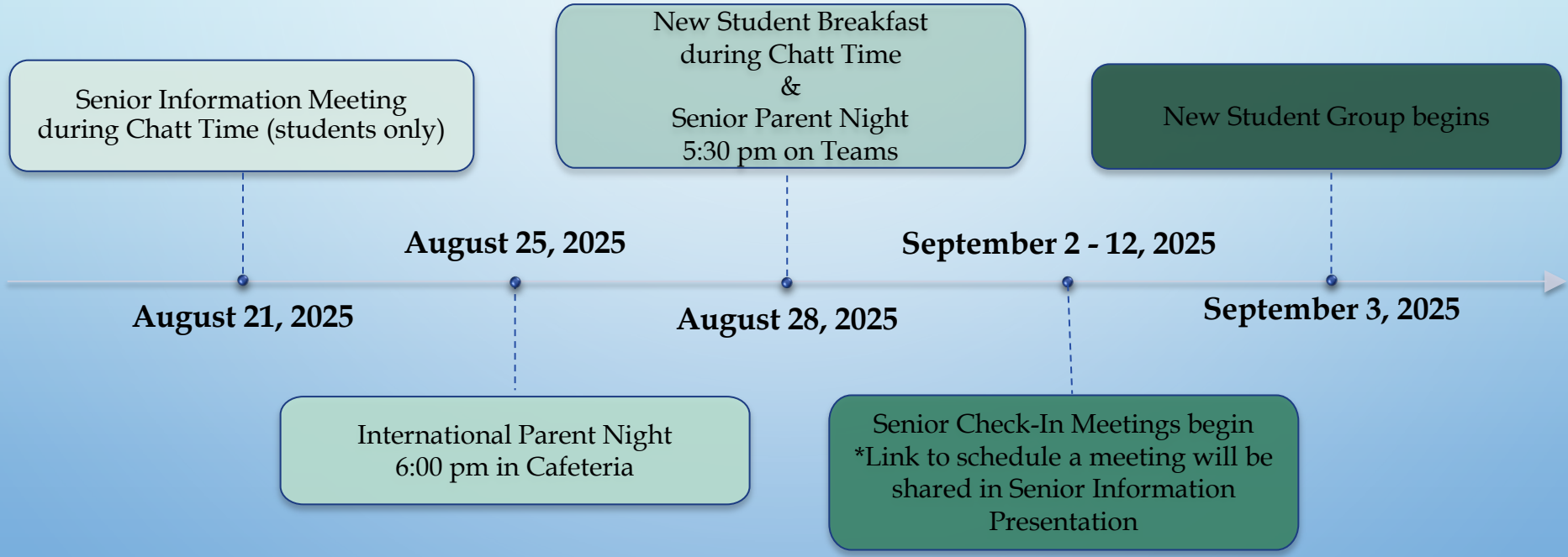
Scheduling Timeline

- Students generally stay with their current schedules through the end of the school year. However, for students who are really struggling in an Honors or AP class at the end of 1st semester, there will be a chance to switch to a different level going into 2nd semester.
- In January 2026, teachers will enter course recommendations for the 26-27 school year, based on a student's performance in their current class.
- In February 2026, School Counselors will meet individually with all 9th-11th grade students through their English classes to review course recommendations for the 26-27 school year and make adjustments as needed.
- In late February 2026, School Counselors will be available for parents/guardians or students to book individual scheduling meetings if there are any questions about the student's planned courses for the 26-27 school year or future courses.
- Students will be able to request changes to their 26-27 course recommendations for a period of time in Spring 2026. Then, course changes will be closed until the 1st day of school in August 2026.

Need Additional Resources?

- Summit Counseling is a Fulton County mental health partner.
- Summit On-Site provides a counselor on campus at Chattahoochee a couple days a week, and they are available for individual counseling for students during the school day. Check with your student's School Counselor for how to contact Summit Counseling.
- Parents/guardians who would like assistance finding a therapist or counselor outside of school for their student are always welcome to reach out to their School Counselor.
- Our full-time Social Worker, Ms. McClung, is available to help connect families to community resources/supports and help remove barriers to student success.

Calendar Events



CHATTAHOOCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

NEW STUDENT BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 28, 2025

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM

CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNSELING

Questions?