FULTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The following units are required under the new graduation rule for ninth-grade students in the fall of 2022 and beyond:

CORE AREAS	*UNITS OF CREDIT*	*COURSES*
Language Arts	**4**	• Enhanced Literature & Composition I (8th Grade) OR Literature and Composition I (9th Grade) • Literature and Composition II OR the equivalent: AP Seminar or AP English Language and Composition • Third Core ELA Course Options: American Lit/Comp OR World Lit/Comp OR British Lit/Comp OR Advanced Composition *or Dramatic Writing (Fine Arts course with Advanced Comp embedded)* OR AP/IB/Dual Enrollment Course • Fourth Core ELA Course Options: See above options
Mathematics	**4**	• Algebra: Concepts and Connections • Geometry: Concepts and Connections • Advanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections • 1 additional unit of math
Science	**4**	• Biology • Physical Science OR Physics • Chemistry, Earth Systems, OR Environmental Science • 1 additional unit of a 4th science, including any AP/IB/DE, academic science, or approved career tech science
Social Studies	**3**	• American Government/Civics (0.5 unit) • World History • United States History • Personal Finance & Economics (0.5 unit)
Career Tech/ Fine Arts/World Language	**3**	• **Career Tech at AHS**** - Audio-Video Film & Technology, Business, Computer Science, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Healthcare Science, and Law & Public Safety • **Fine Arts** - Art, Drama, Dance, and Music • **World Language at AHS*** - Chinese, French, and Spanish
Health/Physical Education	**1**	• Health (0.5 unit) • Personal Fitness (0.5 unit) or Personal Fitness Waiver
Electives	**4**	Four additional credits are required from the subject areas listed above.
TOTAL (Minimum):	**23**	

*Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution or other post-secondary institution must take two units of the same world language.
**Students wishing to receive industry certification in certain areas under Career, Technical and Agricultural Education programs must follow specific pathways.

The above represents the minimum graduation requirements.

- **Science:** Courses to meet the 4th year requirement include AP Physics 1/2/C, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Astronomy, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Environmental Science, Earth System, Essentials to Healthcare Science, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, Game Design & Animation Simulation, Computer Science Principles, Programming, Games, Apps & Society, Web Development, and Embedded Computing.
  **4th science unit may be used to meet both the science and elective requirements.*
- **Math Selective:** **Precalculus, AP Precalculus,** Advanced Mathematical Decision Making, Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, IB Math, Calculus II/III at Georgia Tech, or Dual Enrollment (College) Math.
- Students with disabilities will be eligible to earn a regular diploma by meeting the requirements outlined in the graduation rule and in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- **Georgia Milestones End-of-Course Tests (GMAS EOC):** Students must *pass the courses* (Algebra, Biology, Literature and Composition II, and US History) that require the GMAS EOC. They must take the GMAS EOC, and it will count toward the course grade.

Promotion Requirements

To be identified in a particular grade, a student must have a minimum of the following credits:

- To be a **10th grader,** you need **"5" credits**
- To be an **11th grader,** you need **"11" credits**
- To be a **12th grader**, you need **"17" credits**

Students are not promoted mid-year unless they are a Senior.

Courses with an EOC (End of Course Exam)

- Lit/Comp II
- Biology
- Algebra: C&C
- US History

EOC's are worth 20% of the final course grade.

Tracking Your Graduation Status
Students have access to an unofficial transcript through their Infinite Campus account. If you would like to personally track your graduation status, you can print a Graduation Status Report (Track Sheet) linked below.

Graduation Planner – Track your graduation status using this planner.
USG Staying on Course – Required High School Curriculum for College Admissions.
Understanding the High School HOPE GPA – HOPE information