



Cherokee High School

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9th Grade Registration Help Guide 2026-2027 SY

ABOUT CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL

**WELCOME TO
THE 'KEE**



**SCHOOL
MASCOT**

CHEROKEE WARRIOR

**SCHOOL
COLORS**

RED & WHITE

**SCHOOL
HISTORY**

**CHEROKEE HS WAS
FOUNDED IN 1956 IN
CANTON, GA. WE ARE
MOVING TO OUR NEW
CAMPUS IN SUMMER
2026.**





Cherokee High School Student Services

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Students/Parents should email their **MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR** during the Spring Registration window for questions.

WHAT DO COUNSELORS DO?

Communication Advocates

School counselors are in a unique position to help you establish positive communication with your teachers, coaches, and administrators. School Counselors do not communicate for students but with them.

Academic Coaching

School counselors help you make informed decisions about your academic future based on data.

Post-Secondary Planning

School counselors can help you explore resources to help match your skill set to the perfect post-secondary option for you.

Social Emotional Support

School counselors are available to offer support in difficult times of grief, anxiety, and more.

WHAT DO COUNSELORS NOT DO?

Parking

School counselors have zero influence or power in resolving parking issues.

Attendance

Attendance issues should be handled with the attendance office.

Discipline

School counselors are not part of the disciplinary process. This is handled by the grade-level AP.

Extensive Social Emotional Counseling

Your school counselor can absolutely refer you to appropriate resources if your student needs this type of support.

How to Make a Counseling Appointment

Students: Cherokee HS Website > "Student Services" Tab > Email School Counselor

Parents: Email Assigned School Counselor

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC TERMS

GPA: GPA stands for Grade Point Average. Cherokee County School District calculates a numeric GPA on a 100 point scale. 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. A final grade is awarded at the end of every semester.

- **Different Types of GPA Calculations:**

- **HOPE GPA:** This is different than the GPA on the student transcript. This can be accessed through the student's GAFutures Account.
- **CCSD honors courses** receive an additional .5 bonus to the GPA and five (5) point bonus to the NGA
- **CCSD AP courses** receive an additional 1.0 bonus to the GPA and a ten (10) point bonus to the NGA

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. Students must earn 23.0 specific credits to meet graduation requirements. See the Cherokee HS "Student Services" tab for more information:

<https://chs.cherookeek12.net/student-services>

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 CCSD GPA calculation.

Prerequisite: A class that must be taken before another class. For example, Visual Arts must be taken before any other art class, therefore, it is a prerequisite for all other Art courses offered at Cherokee.

HOPE GPA: GPA's 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. See the Cherokee HS "Student Services" tab for more information: <https://chs.cherookeek12.net/student-services>

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 or 'DE': 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. Students may be eligible starting in 11th grade. See the Cherokee HS "Student Services" tab for more information:

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MIDDLE SCHOOL VS. HIGH SCHOOL

	Middle School	CHEROKEE HS
Class Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 classes: 4 core classes (Math, Science, SS, ELA/Reading), 2 connections classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 classes = 4 Core (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science) + 2 Electives Homeroom/TAA is every "Warrior Wednesday" after 1st period.
Length of Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes are either Yearlong or 9-Weeks long. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes are either Semester or Yearlong.
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 and remain on the transcript, even after recovery is completed.
GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No GPA in middle school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Grade Point Average (GPA) is a number representing the average value of all final grades. CCSD GPA is on a 100.00 scale.
Honors Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No honors points are awarded in middle school unless a student is taking an applicable High School course early. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 quality points will be awarded to Honors Courses for the purpose of computing the weighted numeric grade average (NGA). This is reflected in the weighted NGA and not the final grade in the course.
Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credits are only awarded for high school classes taken while in middle school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students earn 0.5 credit per semester for a passing grade. Students need 23.0 specific credits to graduate. These are called graduation requirements.
Homework Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graded for completion/accuracy at teacher discretion. Recommended total HW not exceed 60 minutes (except band/chorus/orchestra) HW Frequency dependent of subject. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On level: nightly work assigned. Honors: daily reading & work AP classes: daily reading, notes, & work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *HW doesn't have a maximum # of minutes per night, must adhere to due dates, & graded for accuracy *
End of Course Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students taking Algebra I and/or Physical Science. The score is 20% of 2nd semester final grade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students take EOCs in Algebra 1, Biology, US History, and Lit/Comp II. The score is calculated into the final grade; currently counts for 20% of second semester grade



CCSD Handbook

9TH CORE COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

Lit/Comp I
Honors Lit/Comp I

MATH

Foundations of Algebra
Algebra I
Honors Algebra I
Geometry*
Honors Geometry*

**Must have taken and passed Algebra 1 in 8th Grade*

SCIENCE

Environmental Sci
Biology
Honors Biology
AP Biology*

**Middle School Rec Required*

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Human Geography*

**Middle School Rec Required*

*Required Social Studies start
in 10th grade.*

Freshmen do not take a social studies as a required credit for 9th grade year. They are expected to complete their Health & Personal Fitness requirements alongside their 2 electives.

9TH ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

Physical Education

Health*
Personal Fitness*
Intro to Team Sports
Weight Training

**Personal Fitness/Health courses are graduation requirements, and it is heavily suggested that they be taken in the 9th grade. **Personal Fitness/Health courses may be waived if JROTC is taken for 3 years.*

World Language

Spanish I & 2
Honors Spanish 2
Spanish Native Speaker 2
American Sign Language 1
French 1 & 2
Honors French 2

Social Studies

AP Human Geography*
**Must have taken Adv Social Studies 8 & have middle school recommendation*
Anthropology/ US History in Film

CTAE

See page 13-18

Fine Arts

Band*
Chorus*

**Placement determined by the CHS Band or Chorus Director*

Theatre I

Visual Arts
Draw & Paint I*
Ceramics I*

**Must have Passed Visual Arts I*

English

Journalism 1/Newspaper
Speech & Forensics

(known as Speech & Debate)



Intro to Hardware Tech



Course offerings may change and are not guaranteed. Students should list **three alternative electives** with their course requests as a back-up in case their preferred class is not available. Students are aware alternative classes can be placed on their schedule.

BELL SCHEDULES

Traditional Bell Schedule

Bell Schedule Traditional Day		
Period	Start	End
1st	8:30	9:30
2nd	9:38	10:30
3rd	10:38	11:30
4th	11:38	12:30
5th	12:38	1:30
6th	1:38	2:30
7th	2:38	3:30

Warrior Wednesday Bell Schedule

Bell Schedule Warrior Wednesday		
Period	Start	End
1st	8:30	9:17
Homeroom	9:23	9:48
2nd	9:56	10:45
3rd	10:53	11:42
4th	11:50	12:39
5th	12:47	1:36
6th	1:44	2:33
7th	2:41	3:30

Lunch Periods are 3, 4, 5, & 6.
Student schedules are comprised of 6 courses + 1 Lunch.
We do not accept lunch change requests.

HOW TO: GET INVOLVED

SPORTS

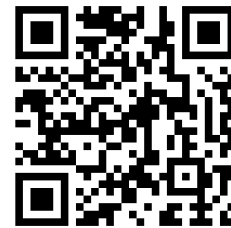
Baseball
Basketball
Basketball Cheer
Comp Cheer
Cross Country
ESports
Flag Football
Football
Game day Cheer
Gymnastics
Lacrosse
Literary
One Act
Riflery
Sideline Cheer
Soccer
Softball
Swim
Tennis
Track
Track
Volleyball
Wrestling

PERFORMING ARTS

Band
Orchestra
Chorus
Drama

**auditions or tryouts
may be required*

Athletics



CLUBS

**Cherokee HS also has an
extensive list of clubs!
View all clubs on the Cherokee
Website > “Clubs” button in the
bottom righthand corner**



HOW TO: SUCCEED IN HS

- **Begin to check school email REGULARLY**
 - **Students have a CCSD email Account. This is where the school (including teachers and counselors) will send important information**
- **Read the weekly Smore Newsletter from Mr. Hall**
 - **This weekly newsletter is emailed every Monday and includes all important upcoming information for the week**
- **Get involved in Extracurricular Activities**
- **Practice Self-Care**
 - **Make time for healthy activities you enjoy**
- **Build a course schedule that allows you a healthy balance between school and other activities/obligations**
- **Attend tutoring before you start struggling**
 - **Tutoring happens before and after school. Ask your teacher for more information early in the semester and utilize this resource**
- **Come meet your counselor!**

SCHEDULING FAQs

1. How many classes does a student take?

Students take 6 classes + 1 lunch (total of 7 periods) every day. Students will take 4 core classes (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science) every year + electives. Students will start Social Studies in 10th grade.

2. What are the options for electives?

The elective list and course catalog can be found [on our website under "Student Services"](#).

3. Can I take online courses?

We do not offer online courses. If your student is interested in online school, please check in [CCSD's i-Grad Virtual Academy](#).

4. 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 based on exam performance.

5. Can I have a free period?

No free periods. Students must register for 6 periods and 1 lunch.

6. Can I take summer classes?

Yes, students can take online courses over the summer through CCSD Summer School if they are interested in recovering a course that has been attempted and failed. Summer School requires fees.

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

Students can drop in rigor (AP to Honors or On-Level) during the first two weeks of the semester only. After the course registration deadline, students will not be able to request to go up in rigor or change their courses.

8. Can I change my teacher?

Schedules are not changed for teachers.

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

Students are scheduled for one of the four lunch periods (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th). Lunch lasts a whole period and students may not leave the cafeteria unless they have a pass. Students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch or order food delivery. Schedules are not changed to accommodate preferred lunch periods.

10. 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 are available to students in their classes. There are no PE uniforms.

11. What happens if I fail a class?

Your school counselor will help you schedule appropriate credit recovery. Lunch recovery is available to upperclassmen (Seniors take priority). CCSD Summer School information is released in April of each year. Both the original failing grade and new credit recovery grade will be on the transcript.

BUILDING YOUR SCHEDULE

Each student will meet with their high school counselor to review core class recommendations and select electives. School counselors will choose courses for students who fail to meet for course registration.

Teachers will recommend students for CORE courses. Students can submit a wavier to waive in/out of any CORE course recommendations.

Planning Sheet - THIS IS NOT YOUR COURSE FORM

English	
Math	
Science	
Elective	
Elective	
Elective	HEALTH & PERSONAL FITNESS (REQUIRED)

Balance & Rigor

It is important for students to consider what is best for them & their schedule. Rigor is relevant to the student. Finding a healthy balance between a challenge & not over doing it is important.

Factors to Consider

- Extracurriculars/Sports
- Religious Activities
- Outside of School Interest
- Transportation Availability (if taking an online class)
- Family Obligations
- Academic Strengths, Weaknesses, & Interests

Schedule Changes

Students will not be able to move up/down in rigor unless a waiver is completed. The deadline for level changes will be advertised starting the first day of school.

CTAE PATHWAYS

Career Tech classes are a great way to explore a future career & gain hands-on experience.

To become a Pathway Completer, a student must successfully complete and pass three sequenced courses in the same pathway.

Agriculture

1
Basic
Agriculture
Science

2
General
Horticulture
& Plant
Science

3
Floral
Design &
Mgmt

4
Agriculture
Leadership &
Personal
Development

Construction

1
Industry
Fundamentals
&
Occupational
Safety

2
Intro to
Construction

3
Carpentry I

4
Electrical I

2
Intro to
Metals

3
Welding I

4
Welding 2
and 3

Welding

CTAE PATHWAYS

Audio-Video

1
Audio-Video
Tech &
Film

2
Audio-Video
Technology
& Film II

3
Audio-Video Tech
& Film III

4
Broadcast
Video
Production
Application

Workforce Ready

1
Intro to
Career
Competencies

2
Career
Competencies

3
Advanced
Career
Competencies

Early Childhood Education

1
Early
Childhood
Education I

2
Early
Childhood
Education II

3
Early
Childhood
Education III

CTAE PATHWAYS

Food/Nutrition

1
Food,
Nutrition &
Wellness

2
Food
for
Life

3
Food
Science

Law

1
Intro to
Law

2
Criminal
Justice
Essentials

3
Forensic Sci &
Criminal
Investigations

Engineering & Technology

1
Found of
Engineering
Tech

2
Eng
Concepts

3
Engineering
Applications
(CTAE+)

CTAE PATHWAYS

Automotive



Healthcare



Patient Care Fundamentals



Sports Medicine



**Upperclassmen are first priority for this elective.*

CTAE PATHWAYS

JROTC – AIRFORCE

**Aero
Science
100**

**Aero
Science
200**

**Aero
Science
300**

**Aero
Science
400**

Computer Science

**Intro to
Software
Technology**

**CSP
OR
AP CSP**

**AP
Comp
Sci**

**Web
Dev**

CTAE PATHWAYS

Work Based Learning (WBL)

The WBL program offers juniors and seniors a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in their chosen career path while still in high school. Students connect classroom learning to real-world applications, building technical and professional skills that ease the transition into the workforce or postsecondary education.

Requires application

Application Based Programs

Yearbook

Peer Leadership

Peer Facilitation

**structured peer support
to classmates in Special Education*

AP COURSES AT CHEROKEE HS

Qualities of an AP Student

- Has the ability to grasp new concepts at a rigorous pace without intervention
- Has the ability to link new material with old and across disciplines
- Advocates for self if struggling with material
- Independent and self-motivated
- Completes homework independently and thoroughly in an appropriate amount of time
- Makes efficient and effective use of class time
- Works effectively with other students

English

English Language & Composition (11th)
English Literature & Composition (12th)

Math

Precalculus
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

Social Studies

Human Geography
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Psychology
U.S. Government & Politics
U.S. History
World History
European History

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1: Algebra Based
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

World Language

French Language & Culture
Spanish Language & Culture

Arts

Music Theory
Studio Art: 2-D Design
Studio Art: 3-D Design
Studio Art: Drawing

Capstone

Research – ELA
Seminar – ELA

Computer Science

Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles

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