

Starr's Mill High School's Vision Night



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Getting to Know Starr's Mill



Who are your Administrators?



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Who are your School Counselors?



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Typical School Day

- School day hours are 8:35am-3:45pm
- 7 courses per semester
- .5 credit earned for each course taken
- No school wide supply list- Teachers provide lists of course specific needs via Schoology and at Open House in July
- Three lunch periods determined by their 4th period class

Athletics



- 25 Varsity Teams in 19 Sports
- 15 Girls Varsity Teams; 13 Boys Varsity Teams
- 18 Sub-Varsity Teams
- Over 300 Female/Over 400 Male Student Athletes
- Over 85 Coaches, including Volunteer Community Coaches
- Scholarship Athletes
- 43 additional clubs and organizations
- Academic eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities



Four Year Plan

TOTAL CREDITS:

(23) Required Credits

(4) English

(4) Math

(4) Science

(3) Social Studies

(1) Health/Personal Fitness

(3) CTE/Fine Arts/World Languages



Individual College & Career Plan

Student Name: _____



| Academic Pathways Offerings

Subject	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English (4 Credits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lit/Comp I OR <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted Lit/Comp I	<input type="checkbox"/> Lit/Comp II OR <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted Lit/Comp II	<input type="checkbox"/> American Literature OR <input type="checkbox"/> AP Language	<input type="checkbox"/> British Lit OR AP Lit OR DE English
Math (4 Credits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I OR <input type="checkbox"/> Acc. Geom. B/Adv. Alg. A OR <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted/Honors Geometry	<input type="checkbox"/> Geometry OR <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Math (can include Stat Reasoning, AP Stat, Pre-Calc, AP Pre-Calc, AP Calc, College & Career Readiness Math, DE Math)
Science (4 Credits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology OR <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics OR AP Physics	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Science (can include AP Science, DE Science, Forensic Science, Human Anatomy/Physiology, Food Science, etc.)
Social Studies (3 Credits)		<input type="checkbox"/> World History OR AP World History	<input type="checkbox"/> US History OR AP US History	<input type="checkbox"/> American Gov. (.5 units), OR AP Govt OR DE American Gov <input type="checkbox"/> Econ (.5 units), OR AP Macro Econ OR DE Econ
Health and Personal Fitness (1 Credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness (0.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Health (0.5)			
World Language, Career Tech, and/or Fine Arts (3 credits) <i>Students planning to attend a 4-year college/university are advised to take a minimum of two units of the same world language</i>				
Electives (3 Credits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 1:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 2:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Elective 3:
Alternates (Please list 3)	1. 2. 3.			

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

High School Grading

- 7 courses per semester (3 ½ Carnegie units per semester)
- A passing grade earns ½ Carnegie unit each semester
- 7 credits per school year
- 28 potential credits over four years
- State of Georgia requires 23 credits to graduate
- Grades are finalized on the official transcript each semester
- GPA (Grade Point Average) is updated each semester
- GPA is on a 4.0 scale with extra weight for AP and Dual Enrollment classes

Understanding Grading

- What is the grading breakdown?
 - Formative 30%
 - Summative 50%
 - Final Exam 20%
- Official grades/averages are kept in Infinite Campus
- Schoology will only have the Schoology assignment grades
- Progress reports are not final grades for the course
 - Both nine week grades are averaged together to equal the semester grade

Final Exams

- Final exams are given in every course during the last week each semester
- 2 exams per day
- Avoid these weeks for vacation
- Count for 20% of their grade

GPA (Grade Point Average)

Non-AP/DE

GPA Calculation

A = 90-100 (4 quality points)

B = 80-89 (3 quality points)

C = 71-79 (2 quality points)

D = 70 (1 quality point)

F = below 70 (0 quality points)

AP Courses

GPA Calculation

A = 90-100 (5 quality points)

B = 80-89 (4 quality points)

C = 71-79 (3 quality points)

D = 70 (2 quality point)

F = below 70 (0 quality points)

Dual Enrollment

GPA Calculation

A = 90-100 (4.5 quality points)

B = 80-89 (3.5 quality points)

C = 71-79 (2.5 quality points)

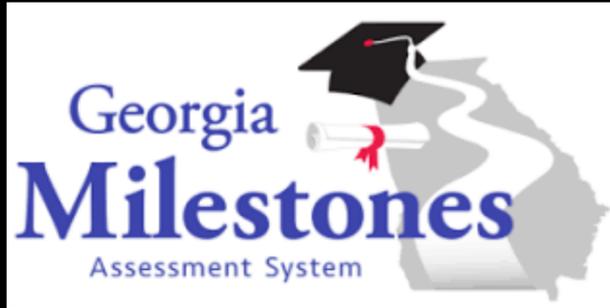
D = 70 (1.5 quality point)

F = below 70 (0 quality points)

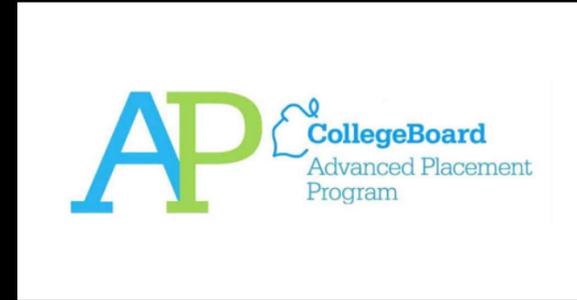
STUDENT PERCENTILE RANKING REPORTED JUNIOR & SENIOR YEAR ONLY

HOPE GPA

- HOPE Scholarship: 3.0 unrounded HOPE GPA (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)
- Zell Miller Scholarship:
 - Minimum 3.7 HOPE GPA
 - Minimum score of 1200 on the math & reading portions of the SAT or a minimum composite score of 26 on the ACT in a single national test administration
- Students must complete at least 4 classes that are listed as rigor courses



AP and Milestone Classes



- Fall Semester: AP and Milestone class exams cannot be exempted
 - Count as 20% of your first semester grade
- Spring Semester: Students take an AP or Milestone exam and do not have a final exam
- Milestone Classes are:
 - Acc Algebra/Geometry or Algebra I and Biology (9th grade)
 - U.S. History and Lit II (10th grade)
- Milestones count as your second semester final exam grade
 - 20% of overall grade
- AP exam is not included in course grade but is required

Sample Schedule #1

1st Period- Literature/Composition I

2nd Period- Intro to Business

3rd Period- Algebra I

4th Period- Personal Fitness (3rd lunch)

5th Period- Biology

6th Period- Math Support

7th Period- World Geography

Sample Schedule #2

1st Period- Gifted Biology

2nd Period- Band

3rd Period- Health

4th Period- Spanish II* (2nd lunch)

5th Period- Gifted Literature/Composition I

6th Period- Yearbook

7th Period- Accelerated Alg/Geo

Sample Schedule #3

1st Period- Gifted Literature/Composition I

2nd Period- Accelerated Geo/Alg II

3rd Period- Spanish II

4th Period- Gifted Biology (1st lunch)

5th Period- Nutrition & Wellness

6th Period- Chorus

7th Period- AP Human Geography

Who Can Help Me?

- Every adult in our building is dedicated to helping our students
- Seek help early and consistently
- Attendance Office
 - Doctor notes, parent excuse notes, etc.
- Academic Struggles
 - Start with communicating with your teacher
- Meet with your School Counselor
 - Open door policy: before school, after school, during lunch. No appointment required during these times
- Records, transcripts, enrollment/withdrawal
 - Ms. Nichols in the Student Center
- Driver's license information
 - Main Office: Ms. Stanek and Ms. Clevenger

Next Steps for 9th Grade Registration

- January 29th - 8th grade students will view video in homeroom about elective/AP registration for next year (Video will come home to parents that evening)
- January 29 - February 6th - Academic planner opens for students to register for AP/elective classes for '26-'27 (after reviewing registration video in homeroom)
- February 6th - Academic Planner closes at 4:00pm
- March 5-6th - 8th grade students will come to SMHS. Students should come prepared to meet with their assigned counselor to verify their 8th grade course requests
- March 16th - Course Request sheets/ AP Contracts sent home for student and parent signature
- March 19th : FINAL DEADLINE for Parent/Student Signed Course Request Sheets and AP Agreement forms due
- Mid-May - IC blast will be sent home to students with courses listed without period/teacher

New This Year

- Open Lab Academic Planner Assistance
- 4:30-6pm on February 4th and 5th
- 15 minute intervals with Mrs. Meeks/Mrs. Lewis for assistance completing the academic planner on Infinite Campus

This Evening

- Tour Starr's Mill and Visit Clubs/Organizations/Athletics your student might be interested in joining
- Attend up to 4 sessions based on your student's needs/interests
- Return to the Auditorium at 7:30 if your student is interested in AP Classes next year
- Over the next week, discuss classes and make sure your student fills out their academic planner and alternates to ensure a full schedule for next year

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