



WHAT IT TAKES TO GRADUATE

2026 - 2027

HIGH SCHOOL TERMINOLOGY

- ★ **Transcript** - Your permanent record of courses taken, courses passed, courses failed, individual course grades, grade point averages, and assessment scores.
- ★ **Credits** - Each time you pass a course you receive credit toward graduation. Currently, the class of 2026 needs 24 Credits to graduate.
- ★ **Core Credits** - Math(4), Science(4), English(4), Social Studies(3), Health/PE(1). 16 Credits. All students are required to pass the same core courses to graduate.
- ★ **Elective Credits** - Students have a choice in the other 8 credits needed for graduation. These 8 credits could be in a Fine Arts pathway or CTAE pathway.
- ★ **Pathway Courses** - In order to complete a pathway, a student must pass and earn 3 Credits in a Fine Arts or CTAE group. At the completion of the third pathway course, the student will take an End of Pathway Assessment.
- ★ **Grade Point Average** - There are three main Grade Point Averages.
 - 1) Unweighted GPA - based on based on the 4.0 scale and no rigor points are added.
 - 2) Weighted GPA - takes into account the rigor of the courses and adds rigor points.
 - 3) HOPE GPA - on the 4.0 scale but only takes into account the Core Courses and Spanish.

HS BLOCK SCHEDULE

FALL	SPRING
COURSE 1 - 1 Credit	COURSE 5 - 1 Credit
COURSE 2 - 1 Credit	COURSE 6 - 1 Credit
COURSE 3 - 1 Credit	COURSE 7 - 1 Credit
COURSE 4 - 1 Credit	COURSE 8 - 1 Credit
Students will get 4 new courses in January at the beginning of second semester. Students have the opportunity to earn 8 Credits each year.	

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES ARE 85 MINUTES LONG

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CREDITS

**To be a Sophomore
You need:**

**4 CORE Credits
2 ELECTIVE Credits**

6

**To be a Junior
You need:**

**8 CORE Credits
4 ELECTIVE Credits**

12

**To be a Senior
You need:**

**12 CORE Credits
6 ELECTIVE Credits**

18

To Graduate You Need:

**16 CORE CREDITS & 8 ELECTIVE CREDITS
24 TOTAL CREDITS**

CORE CREDITS

CLASS OF 2030 STUDENTS MUST PASS

4 - MATH	ALGEBRA, GEOMETRY, ADV. ALGEBRA, 4TH MATH
4 - ENGLISH	LIT & COMP I, LIT & COMP II, 3RD ELA, 4TH ELA
4 - SCIENCE	PHYSICAL SCIENCE, BIOLOGY, 3RD SCIENCE, 4TH SCIENCE
3 - SOCIAL STUDIES	AM GOVT/CIVICS, WORLD HISTORY, US HISTORY, ECONOMICS
1 - HEALTH/PE	HEALTH, PERSONAL FITNESS
1 - COMPUTER SCI	COMPUTER SCIENCE
17 - TOTAL CORE CREDITS	

ELECTIVE CREDITS

STUDENTS MUST EARN 8 ELECTIVE CREDITS.

THERE ARE 3 TYPES OF ELECTIVE COURSES:

- 1. CTAE PATHWAY COURSES**
- 2. FINE ARTS PATHWAY COURSES**
- 3. NON-PATHWAY ELECTIVE COURSES**

REQUIRED PATHWAYS

STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE TWO PATHWAYS

IN ORDER TO GRADUATE, A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE TWO CTAE PATHWAYS OR ONE CTAE PATHWAY & ONE LOCAL PATHWAY.

- **LOCAL PATHWAYS:**
 - **FINE ARTS PATHWAY**
 - **ATHLETIC PATHWAY**
 - **PASS 3 WT TRAINING/BODY SCULPTING COURSES**
 - **PLAY 3 FULL SEASONS OF THE SAME SPORT**
 - **3 YEARS OF SAME CLUB, OR CTSO**

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE MORE THAN TWO PATHWAYS AT THEIR TIME AT GCHS.

CTAE PATHWAYS

Career, Technical, and Agriculture Education (CTAE) integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational skills to prepare students for post-secondary education and the workforce.

CTAE SUBJECTS OFFERED AT GCHS:

- **AUTOMOTIVE**
- **JROTC**
- **WELDING**
- **CULINARY ARTS**
- **AGRICULTURE/FORESTRY/HORTICULTURE**
- **AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNOLOGY**
- **HEALTH SCIENCES**
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
- **BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY (ONLINE)**
- **COMPUTER SCIENCE: WEB DEVELOPMENT (ONLINE)**
- **LAW ENFORCEMENT: FORENSIC SCIENCE (ONLINE)**
- **LAW ENFORCEMENT: SECURITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES (ONLINE)**

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A PATHWAY A STUDENT MUST EARN 3 CREDITS IN THE SAME PATHWAY.

FINE ARTS PATHWAYS

Educational programs in the Fine Arts pathways prepare students for career opportunities that will lead to multiple postsecondary options for advanced studies and skills. Students will be able to use these skills in a university or college setting and/or many career fields.

FINE ARTS SUBJECTS OFFERED AT GCHS:

- **BAND**
- **VISUAL ARTS**
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE: SPANISH**

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A PATHWAY A STUDENT MUST EARN 3 CREDITS IN THE SAME PATHWAY.

MONITORING STUDENT PROGRESS

TRANSCRIPTS

- ★ **EACH STUDENT HAS A PERMANENT RECORD THAT BEGINS THE FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL.**
- ★ **GRADES ARE UPLOADED TO STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS AT THE END OF EACH SEMESTER.**
- ★ **ONCE GRADES ARE UPLOADED (PASS OR FAIL) IT PERMANENTLY BECOMES PART OF THE STUDENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE.**
- ★ **REMEMBER:**
 - **EVERY CLASS COUNTS!**
 - **EVERY GRADE COUNTS!**
 - **EVERY POINT COUNTS!**

MONITORING STUDENT PROGRESS

TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS

EACH SUMMER, COACH SIMMONS
REVIEWS EACH STUDENT'S
TRANSCRIPT AND UPDATES THE
"TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS SHEET".

THIS SHEET ALLOWS STUDENTS,
PARENTS, TEACHERS, & CAREER
COACHES TO HELP ENCOURAGE
STUDENTS TO STAY ON TRACK FOR
GRADUATION.

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		ATTENDANCE		TRANSCRIPT ANALYSIS															
		BEHAVIOR		WHAT IT TAKES TO GRADUATE															
		CREDITS																	
STUDENT NAME: STUDENT NAME				COHORT: 2029				GRADE: 9											
CORE CLASSES (REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA - MUST PASS) - 16 CREDITS																			
MATH		GRADE	CREDITS	SCIENCE		GRADE	CREDITS	ENGLISH		GRADE	CREDITS	SOCIAL STUDIES		GRADE	CREDITS	HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS		GRADE	CREDITS
☐	ALGEBRA CONCEPTS			☐	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE			☐	LITERATURE & COMPOSITION I			☐	AMERICAN GOVT /CIVICS			☐	PERSONAL FITNESS /HEALTH		
☐	GEOMETRY CONCEPTS			☐	BIOLOGY			☐	LITERATURE & COMPOSITION II			☐	WORLD HISTORY			☐	JROTC I (OPT)		
☐	ADVANCED ALGEBRA			☐	PHYSICAL SCIENCE			☐	LITERATURE & COMPOSITION III			☐	US HISTORY			☐	JROTC II (OPT)		
☐	4TH MATH			☐	4TH SCIENCE			☐	LITERATURE & COMPOSITION IV			☐	PERS. FINANCE /ECONOMICS			☐	JROTC III (OPT)		
END OF COURSE TEST SUBJECTS - EOC IS 20% OF COURSE GRADE																			
STUDENTS MUST PASS 1 CREDIT OF HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS OR 3 CREDITS OF JROTC IN ORDER TO SATISFY STATE REQUIREMENT																			
ELECTIVE CLASSES - 8 CREDITS																			
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GRADE POINT AVERAGE

GPA - 4.0 SCALE

LETTER GRADE	A	B	C	F
SCALE	4.0	3.0	2.0	0.0

****STUDENTS CAN EARN ADDITIONAL RIGOR POINTS FOR TAKING AP/DE COURSES.**

HOPE G.P.A.

- FOLLOWS THE SAME SCALE BUT ONLY INCLUDES CORE CLASSES, HEALTH/PE, AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES.
- HOPE G.P.A. DETERMINES IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THE HOPE/ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP UPON GRADUATION.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

WEIGHTED G.P.A. - DETERMINES CLASS RANK

LETTER GRADE	AP & COLLEGE COURSES	HONORS/COLLEGE PREP/CORE	ALL OTHER HS COURSES
A	5.0	4.5	4.0
B	4.0	3.5	3.0
C	3.0	2.5	2.0
F	0.0	0.0	0.0

NOT BEING ON TRACK HURTS

- 1. You will be labeled the wrong grade in Infinite Campus.**
- 2. You won't be invited to your cohort activities.**
- 3. You may have to take classes with younger students.**
- 4. You may be ineligible to play sports or participate in clubs.**
- 5. You can't participate in Homecoming activities.**
- 6. Your Grade Point Averages will suffer.**
- 7. You will not be on track to complete your career plans.**
- 8. You will miss out on earning Dave Dollars for you and your team during assemblies.**
- 9. You may not qualify for the Senior Challenges where the big Dave Dollars are earned.**
- 10. You will miss out on other scholarship opportunities.**