

Welcome to High School Registration: 101



Important Dates

- ▶ **February 21st** : High school courses visible on Parent/Student Vue.
- ▶ **February 23rd**: 9th grade Parent Night virtually hosted by GHS @ 6:00pm
- ▶ **February 23rd**: Registration forms (via online survey) will be posted on CMS website. This is where students will choose electives and parents will communicate a desire to change content levels.
- ▶ **March 11th** : Registration forms are due!

Your Child's Course Selections for 9th Grade Year that will be available via Parent/Student Vue:

- ▶ Mass scheduled by GHS based on student performance of 1st semester then reviewed and edited by CMS teachers based on each individual student (effort, retake necessities, etc)
- ▶ Parents have the final decision, but trust the teachers!

9th Grade Courses:

- ▶ Language Arts
 - ▶ 9th Grade Literature & Composition
- ▶ Math
 - ▶ Algebra I
 - ▶ Geometry*
 - ▶ ACC Geometry
- ▶ Science
 - ▶ Biology
 - ▶ Chemistry (only for students who took Bio with Root)
- ▶ Health/PE

Electives:

- AP World Geography
- Fine Arts
- CTAE Courses

Your Child's High School Courses:

- ▶ These are posted on the student's eCLASS main page under "Course Requests."
- ▶ Parents/students will have should review teachers' course selection and make any changes
- ▶ Parents/students will rank choices for electives
 - ▶ Top 5 preference
 - ▶ Preference does not guarantee enrollment in class
 - ▶ Electives are NOT guaranteed (all choices should be a course that's of interest)
- ▶ Online "form" must be submitted to GHS by Friday, March 11th. Will be located on CMS site!

High School Course Differentiation:

- ▶ Level of Courses
 - ▶ College Preparatory (CP)
 - ▶ Honors (not available for math)
 - ▶ Gifted (must already be in the gifted program)
 - ▶ Advanced Placement (AP)
 - ▶ **Planning Ahead:**
 - ▶ Dual Enrollment for 11th and 12th
 - ▶ Grayson Tech and/or Maxwell HS

What is AP?

- ▶ “Advanced Placement”
- ▶ College Level courses
- ▶ AP test administered in May
- ▶ Students may earn college credit (score 3 or better)
- ▶ “AP courses are for any student who is **academically prepared** and **motivated** to take on college-level courses.” - College Board
- ▶ Feel less stressful if student “cares about” or “have interest in “the subject
- ▶ GCPS add 10 points to overall average
- ▶ Be mindful of GPA impact....good and bad

But, my child is currently taking.....

▶ Algebra I

- ▶ Might need to repeat OR take the credit

▶ HS Physical Science

- ▶ Take the credit....no science Senior year

▶ Spanish I

- ▶ Take the credit....go into Spanish II

▶ Biology I

- ▶ Take the credit....go into Chemistry. No science Jr. or Sr. year

▶ Marketing

- ▶ Take the credit....students can either continue with Entrepreneurship or not.

Parents will be required to complete an online form to ACCEPT or DECLINE credit in the spring!

High School Preview

- ▶ Graduation Requirements:
 - ▶ Pass the GCPS Gateway Writing Assessment
 - ▶ Complete 23 Carnegie Units (or credits)
 - ▶ Language Arts - 4
 - ▶ Math - 4
 - ▶ Science - 4
 - ▶ Social Studies - 3
 - ▶ Health/PE - 1 (or 3 years of JROTC)
 - ▶ Tech/F. Language/Fine Arts - 3
 - ▶ Electives - 4

High School GPA:

- ▶ Determines class rank
- ▶ Number grade matters (difference between 80 and 89)
- ▶ Adds 10 pts to AP classes
- ▶ Student rank is part of college application
- ▶ Top 10% of class is recognized (seating at graduation, chords, etc.)

HOPE GPA:

- ▶ Determines scholarship eligibility
- ▶ Based only on LA, MA, SC, SS, Foreign Language
- ▶ Does NOT add 10 points to AP classes (only .5)

GA Futures Website:

- ▶ www.gafutures.org
- ▶ Ran by Georgia Student Finance Commission
- ▶ Set up after 1st semester of 9th grade.
- ▶ Can send transcript to any Georgia college/university for free
- ▶ Determines HOPE funding
- ▶ Can complete some entrance applications for admission for colleges/universities in Georgia
- ▶ Necessary for application for dual enrollment

Note From a HS Counselor

- ▶ Choose electives wisely
- ▶ Keep discipline in good standing
- ▶ Attendance matters!
- ▶ Honors and AP classes are more challenging. It is not just a name change.
- ▶ Encourage your child to look up the admission requirements of a college he/she wants to attend to see the GPA, and test scores (SAT and ACT)
- ▶ Join Clubs/Sports/Volunteer
- ▶ Attend sessions provided by the counseling program

Important Websites

- ▶ www.gafutures.org (set up account after 1st semester 9th grade year)
- ▶ www.collegeboard.org (can set up account; looks at PSAT Score Report that came home on 1/10)
- ▶ <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>
- ▶ <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- ▶ <http://www.graysontech.org/>
- ▶ <http://maxwellhs.weebly.com/>

What do I do right now?

- ▶ Plan to attend the virtual GHS Night on 2/23 at 6pm.
 - ▶ There will be live zoom sessions for parents to ask questions.
 - ▶ Parents change choose which sessions to attend based on their needs.
 - ▶ Visit the CMS website for up to date information and handouts!

