

9th and 10th grade - Advisement/Parent Night FAQ

HOPE/SAT/ACT/PSAT

Is PSAT required for the 9th graders?

- 9th graders will take the PSAT on October 12th, 2023.
- PSAT will be in person this year.

When should my student take the SAT/ACT?

- We recommend students to take the SAT/ACT typically around the start of their junior year so that they have learned specific content to prepare for the SAT/ACT.

How do I sign up for the SAT/ACT?

- You will sign up for the SAT through Collegeboard.org.
- You will sign up for the ACT through ACT.org

Will the SAT/ACT/PSAT score be included on the transcript?

- No. Standardized tests such as the SAT/ACT/PSAT will not be included on the transcript.

Will colleges see my 9th grade SAT score?

- Colleges will see the scores that you send to them directly. Students are responsible for sending ACT/SAT scores to institutions directly. Counselors do not have access to student's individual scores.

If my student is interested in GT Distance Learning Math, will they need to take the SAT/ACT before the summer?

- Please review the Georgia Tech application portal for Distance Learning Math for more information: <https://admission.gatech.edu/dualenrollment/application-and-admission>.

Does HOPE apply for tuition outside of Georgia?

- No. HOPE applies to public or private institutions within the state of Georgia. Please visit www.gafutures.org for more information.

If a student has an IEP, do they get any accommodations for SAT and ACT testing (e.g., extra testing time, etc.)?

- Yes. Please reach out to Dr. Bounds, our testing coordinator and assistant principal, with IEP specific questions for SAT/ACT. Her email is boundsc1@fultonschools.org.

Dual Enrollment

What is Dual Enrollment?

- We will have a dual enrollment information session in the Spring. Please stay on the lookout for our sessions. In the meantime, please visit our DE page: <https://www.northviewcounseling.com/mowr>

College/Career Questions

When do you start the application process for scholarships, and where do you look?

- It depends on the scholarship and when the application deadline is for that specific scholarship.
- Please refer to our Northview counseling website or GA Futures (Gafutures.org | Georgia Student Finance Commission) for additional information about scholarships, some scholarship opportunities, and more.

General Questions

ALL questions pertaining to AP Precalculus:

- Please reach out to your **student's current math teacher or NHS's math department chair** for further questions about additional resources, curriculum related questions, and your student's performance in the course.

If I have taken the second level of a Foreign Language as a 9th grader, will I need to take another foreign language in 10th grade?

- You are not required to take another foreign language. Colleges require a minimum of 2 consecutive foreign languages, but some colleges might recommend more. This is an individual family decision.

If I start off on a lower math track, can I move up to a higher math track later?

- There is the possibility to move up if the student demonstrates a high level of mastery in the lower-level course. Typically, this is defined as a 95 or above.

Can I move from on-level to Honors?

- Yes. If a student earns a grade at or above the pre-requisites indicated on the course catalog, then their current teacher will recommend the student to the Honors course for the following year.
- Course catalog: <https://www.northviewcounseling.com/untitled-c252s>.

Are the 7 points added to the grade every year?

- Yes. The 7 points will be added each semester to honors/AP/dual enrollment passing grades. If you notice an error in the calculation of weighted grades on your transcript, please reach out to your school counselor for assistance.

Will failed grades be included on my transcript?

- Yes. All grades will be included on the transcript, including failed courses.

Will the AP Exam be included in my AP course grade?

- No. The AP exam score will not be calculated in the transcript.

How many years of world language are needed to graduate?

- You are not required to take a world language to graduate. However, colleges in the University System of Georgia require at least 2 years of the same world language to meet admissions requirements to their institution.
- You will need 3 credits of a combination of World language/fine arts/Career tech to graduate.

Why are middle school courses included on the transcript?

- High school courses taken during middle school are included on the transcript for credit.

How can I meet with my counselor?

- You can reach out to your counselor via email or by phone.
- You can submit an appointment card in the counseling suite located in the lobby.

Who is my counselor?

- Students with last names:
 - **A-Ci:** Mrs. Cara Dunn
 - **CL-Ji:** Mrs. Cindy Choung
 - **Jo-M:** Mr. Andy Alhadeff
 - **N-Si:** Mrs. Tiffany Tilaka-Heller
 - **Sk-Z:** Mrs. Savannah Wilkerson

Why should I visit my counselor?

- There are many reasons to visit your counselor:
 - College/Career related.
 - Social/Emotional related
 - Academic related
 - To discuss 4-year plans
 - To get to know one another.

Does AP Computer Science, if chosen as an elective, count towards GPA calculations for Zell Miller and Hope Scholarship Eligibility?

- Elective courses are not included in determining eligibility for the Hope scholarship. ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language credits are used in the calculation to determine eligibility.

For elective courses, do students have a required number of credits needed for electives to graduate?

- Yes. Students need at least 4.0 elective credits to graduate.

Do colleges consider middle school courses taken at the high school level for admissions (e.g., Spanish 1 taken in 8th grade)?

- Colleges will take middle school courses taken at the high school level into the consideration of admissions if the student's family accepts the credit prior to entering high school.

What is the difference between Counselors and Administrators?

- The biggest difference is that counselors handle socioemotional, college/career, and academic concerns and/or questions. Administrators will handle discipline.

Is Enhanced Advanced Algebra and AP Precalculus: C & C considered an AP course by the college board for scoring purposes?

- Yes. Even though it's new, it is considered an AP Course and will be an exam administered during AP exam week.

Can you take courses in the summer to get ahead?

- Yes. It'll be self-pay, and the platforms used for online courses is Vector and GAVS (Georgia Virtual School).

US History is listed under GA Milestones. Are students required to take US History?

- Yes. US History is the required Social Studies credit for 11th grade students needed to graduate.

How do students take the milestones exam if they've taken a course (e.g., US History) over the summer through GAVS or FVS?

- Our testing coordinator receives a list of all students that have taken a milestones course over the summer prior to the start of the school year. If your student has not taken their

milestones exam for a course that requires one, please reach out to Dr. Bounds at boundsc1@fultonschools.org.

My child wants to take an online class over the summer. How do I go about registering him for that course and where would I register him?

Our two platforms used for online courses during the summer and the school year are GAVS (Georgia Virtual School) and Vector (can be accessed through your student's class link).