

Rising 9th Grade Parent Night FAQ

Graduation Requirements/Credit Questions:

1. Do we have to take Health?
 - a. Yes, Health is a graduation requirement and must be completed before you graduate.
2. Can 9th graders take 10th grade classes?
 - a. If a student has already taken the 9th grade academic prerequisite class, then they can promote to the 10th grade academic course for most classes. Other classes like US History and economics must be taken with their cohort.
3. What are the prerequisites to advance in the Accelerated Math Pathway?
 - a. Please check our NHS 2024-2025 course catalog for placement questions:
https://www.northviewcounseling.com/files/ugd/947913_339c2b050c36441b866cf03cb_b5502af.pdf
4. Do after school sports teams and Marching band count towards the Personal Fitness credit?
 - a. At Northview HS, after school sports activities (weight training included) do not count towards Personal Fitness credit. Students must take the Personal Fitness class to graduate.
5. How do we select the pathway for CTAE courses?
 - a. The students will not "select" the pathway; instead the student will select the intro course for the Pathway and complete the next level classes.
 - b. You may view each pathway/section through the [NHS Course Catalog](#)
6. How does my child earn a Career Ready Diploma seal?
 - a. The Career Ready Diploma Seal is a program sponsored by Georgia's Department of Education. Students usually decide to earn one of these seals midway through or later in their high school career. Here's a link to the GA DOE web site describing the program: <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/career-seals.aspx>
7. If I have already completed the 4 credits in math, will the additional credit count towards elective?
 - a. Yes, overflow of credits will automatically count towards the electives section.
8. Can I take summer classes?
 - a. Yes. However, summer classes are not required for NHS Students. All graduation requirements can be completed without taking summer classes.
 - b. Some students choose to take classes such as Health, American Government, or Personal Fitness in order to create space for more electives during the school year.
9. Will my middle schooler get high school credit for their World Language class?
 - a. You will be asked if you want to accept high school credit for any of the high school level classes your child took in middle school. If you sign the form yes, then your child will get high school credit toward graduation for those classes.
 - b. Colleges are accustomed to seeing students earn high school credits in middle school. It is common.
 - c. High school classes taken in middle school are not included in HOPE GPA calculations, but they are included in the GPA calculation for your child's Fulton County transcript.
10. Do FVS/GAVS courses appear on the transcript once completed? How is it notated?
 - a. FVS/GAVS courses will appear on the transcript regardless of a pass or failed grade. If it is a passing grade, your student will earn credit.
 - b. The transcript will indicate that the course is an FVS/GAVS course.

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11. Do I need to take 3 years of a foreign language and a full career pathway towards graduation?
 - a. Foreign language is not a required for graduation. Four year colleges, however, will require at least 2 years of the same foreign language.
 - b. You will need at least 3 credits of a combination of Fine arts, foreign language, or career tech.
12. Does my ESL/ELL/ESOL student need to take 2 years of a foreign language to graduate?
 - a. They will not need the foreign language to graduate; however, they will need 2 years at the minimum to meet college application requirements.
 - b. If the student's native tongue is a language that we offer, you may consider taking a placement test to place in that foreign language class.

Advanced Placement Courses:

1. Can students take AP exams for AP courses they did not take at Northview?
 - a. This is a year-to-year decision made by the county, not by Northview HS.
2. Do you need to pass the AP Exam for college credit?
 - a. You will need to earn a certain score to earn college credit. This depends on each individual college.
3. Does Math have an AP option?
 - a. Yes, we offer AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, and AP Calculus BC.
4. What AP classes do most 9th graders take?
 - a. The AP courses available to 9th graders are AP American Government and AP Human Geography.

3DE Questions:

1. Can 3DE students take AP Courses?
 - a. Yes, 3DE students will have the opportunity to take AP Courses.
2. Who can I speak with about 3DE?
 - a. We have our 3DE Department chair and 3DE Director for Northview, Tania Pope and Lynne Bombard, available for 3DE questions once your student transitions to Northview HS.
3. Is 3DE taken in addition to the 6 courses in a schedule or separately?
 - a. 3DE has the same courses as a regular, Northview student. The difference is that 3DE is with a cohort and have case challenges with their classes.

HOPE Questions:

1. What are the HOPE rigor requirement courses?
 - a. You may access the Academic Rigor list here:
<https://www.gafutures.org/media/187520/rigor-course-list-september-2017.pdf>
2. Will the grade my child earns as a middle schooler taking a high school class be calculated as a part of the HOPE GPA?
 - a. High school classes taken in middle school are not included in HOPE GPA calculations, but they are included in the GPA calculation for your child's Fulton County transcript.

Scheduling Questions:

1. Can my students change their schedule during the year?

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- a. Students will have the first 10 days of school during Fall and Spring to make scheduling questions.
2. What are the benefits of being in TAG at Northview?
 - a. TAG students have the option to take specific classes in their Junior and Senior year that is only offered to TAG students: Directed studies and Internship.
3. How do students register for online classes?
 - a. Please reach out to the Middle school counselor to register for online classes. Summer registration typically opens in April/May.
 - b. We offer two online platforms, Fulton Virtual and Georgia Virtual schools.
4. Can a student change foreign language in high school?
 - a. Yes, a student may change their foreign language class in high school. If the student is a native speaker and would like to see their level of placement, they must reach out to the corresponding language teacher once they are in high school.
5. I am traveling over the summer. can I finish my online summer school course before traveling?
 - a. We offer two online platforms, Fulton Virtual Schools and Georgia Virtual Schools. Fulton Virtual schools can be accessed throughout the country only (not outside the country). Georgia Virtual schools can be accessed outside of the country.
 - b. You may always progress ahead. However, we recommend you take Georgia Virtual Schools if you plan to travel outside of the country in case the online class takes longer than necessary.

Miscellaneous:

1. When can I start meeting with the Northview Counselors?
 - a. We are super excited to meet with you all. NHS counselors hold a meet and greet or open hours over the summer right before orientation. This is a first come, first serve basis. You may meet with the NHS counselors then or any time after the summer once your student is officially a Northview Titan.
 - b. We will also hold a Parent Tour on March 6th at 9:30AM. If interested, please complete the online registration:
https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mLHcDGmBcEu6n9p-O6cAwjVJ_lr-VA1AmCwuntxz5BUNFVOQVRNU1RYRkQySFZPSTAxS0hOMkVDUS4u
2. Does NHS offer colorguard?
 - a. Please reach out to the marching band director, Kelly Dickerson, about band and marching band.