

Fall 2024 Freshman/Sophomore Parent Information Night FAQ

1. Is it too late for my student to switch from honors to on-level?

- If the student is failing a course, and they want to move to on-level, then they will have to meet certain criterion. This includes:
 - Failing the course.
 - Needs to attend help sessions offered by the teacher.
 - No missing assignments, and all major assessments recovered if failed.
 - Minimal absences.
 - And a teacher recommendation
 - We would highly recommend setting up a parent-teacher conference in the event you want more information as to why your student is failing/wanting to move to on-level.
- Lastly, your student also has the option to request next semester to drop to on-level as long as it is done within the first 10-days of school of the new semester.

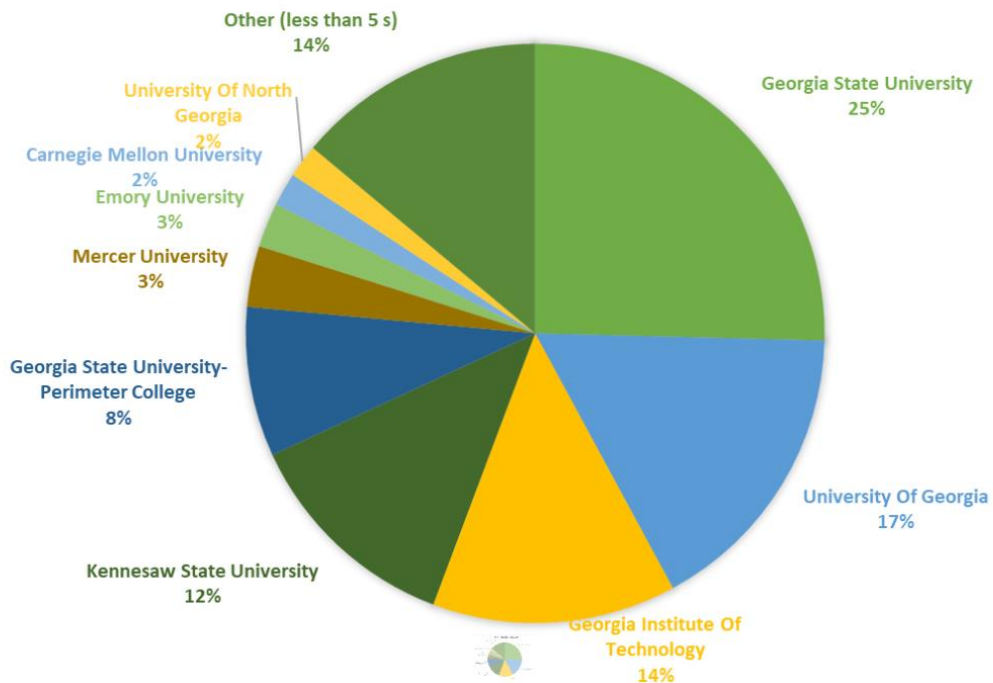
2. If a student is unsatisfied with his grade and worried it will affect his GPA, is there the option of joining a lower-level class during Georgia or Fulton County virtual summer school and replacing the lower grade if a higher one is obtained?

- Unfortunately, it is not possible to have a grade removed from the transcript if it is final, whether it is a passing grade or failed grade. All grades are reflected on the transcript.

3. 2024 summer, how many NHS graduates were admitted to GT, UGA, and other out of GA STEM universities?

- We currently do not have the most updated data on where our students ended up enrolling from last school year, but here is the data from the previous school year:

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4. Can a student drop an AP class in the second term and replace it with another subject with a one term credit class?

- If a student has a 74 or below, they can request a change to their schedule for the 2nd semester.
- 5. Can a parent make a telephone or virtual appointment to discuss our student's progress and class selection?**
 - Absolutely! Please reach out to your student's designated counselor. If you are unsure who that is, please refer to our NHS Counseling website.
 - 6. If the student is taking online class for one of the periods, (currently 2nd) instead of sitting in the virtual lab, is the student able to register another in person class if the schedule works? There are a lot of elective classes my daughter is interested in, but it does not appear she will have the opportunity to take any because she already does master chorus and all the other graduation requirements. Thanks!**
 - Unfortunately, since the school pays for the course, the student must remain in that virtual course for that period. For future reference, she can always choose to take an online course outside of her school schedule or take an online course during the summer, however, it will be considered self-pay.
 - 7. Scholarship program. Club benefits toward scholarship program**
 - It depends on the scholarship and what the requirements are. For resume and college application purposes, it is always advised for students to take on extracurriculars that they are interested in.
 - 8. Is Ms. Choung's email being monitored?**
 - Ms. Choung will not be answering emails at this time since she is on maternity leave, however, her intern, Ms. Richards (richardsa4@fultonschools.org) will be taking on her caseload for the time being till Ms. Choung's sub joins us in October. Any questions should be sent to Ms. Richards and have Ms. Dunn (dunnc1@fultonschools.org) included in the email.
 - 9. Does the minimum score of 70 points for the extra 7 points given for Honors and AP courses, apply to individual tests/quizzes or does it only apply to the final course average score?**
 - The extra 7-points for Honors and AP courses are applied to the overall student's grade if it is 70 or above. You can view your student's weighted grade, with the 7-points, on Infinite Campus under the grades tab.
 - 10. I did not understand 20% of final grade for GA milestones?**
 - Students are required to take an "End of Course" test for specific classes mandated by the State. Their score or grade on that assessment is calculated into 20% of their grade at the end of that assessment. It is specific to semester two.
 - 11. Can a student only reapply for the Zell Scholarship one more time after their first year of college or can they apply each year? Is there a limit?**
 - Students can apply for the HOPE Scholarship after their first year of college. They will only have one opportunity to do this. Unfortunately, this does not apply for Zelle Miller.
 - 12. Is taking an AP class good for college applications?**
 - It depends on the student. Not all AP classes are fit for all students. Yes, it is good to have it for application purposes and potential college credits, however, students can be just as successful without AP courses on their transcripts. If you need more information about this, please refer to your student's individual counselor.
 - 13. Do students need to apply for HOPE and ZELLE scholarships along with their college application or can it be done after admission to a school?**
 - It can be done after admission; however, the scholarship is based on a first-come-first-serve basis.

14. How do I get ppt used today during presentation

- It will be posted on the NHS Counseling website along with this FAQ.

15. My student does not have social studies class this semester, is that normal?

- Please reach out to your student's individual counselor to discuss that. Some students choose to take a social studies course in the summer before entering the next grade. This will leave a space open in their current schedule for other courses, such as CTAE/World Language/Fine Arts or Elective credits.

16. Does a student need to attend the SOS session every year?

- Students are only offered the Signs of Suicide (SOS) program during their face-to-face health class. Parents can opt their child out of this program by returning the opt-out form given before the presentation. Because students only take health one semester in high school, this will only be delivered one time to each student who takes the course face-to-face at Northview.

17. What subjects are available during Summer or virtual classes? Can someone take health or personal fitness during summertime?

- Each year, Fulton Virtual School (also known as Vector) and Georgia Virtual School release their semester course catalogues once they have determined what classes they are going to offer each semester, including Fall, Spring, and Summer. Please keep an eye out for those course catalogues on their websites for the updated ones (typically updated in March). Students do often take health and personal fitness virtual classes over the summer. Please know that these are popular and can fill up quickly!

18. Do you know if Hope and Zelle scholarships are only for US Citizens (GA residents) or if it also applies to permanent residents (GA residents)?

- An eligible student must meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements for HOPE or Zell Miller. To explore non-citizen eligibility requirements, you will need to contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

19. What are recommendations for when to take SAT/ACT? How do you decide which one is best to take? When do you choose your career path? It has been said that it's competitive to get into UGA and Ga tech- how is Northview helping students with this?

- We like students to start taking the SAT/ACT at least by their junior years. The PSAT will be a good indication of how well a student is likely to score on an SAT. There are many resources online to compare the ACT vs SAT to decide which test is right for your student. Here is one link: <https://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-act>. Northview does not endorse any specific postsecondary path after high school, but we help give students the best foundation to be successful after high school as possible with academic, personal/social, and college/career skills embedded in their time at Northview. Northview also offers and shares numerous opportunities for ACT/SAT prep, college visits with reps from colleges, and college/career fairs for students to attend. Students do not need to have a specific career path in mind, as it often changes after leaving high school. However, we want them to have the tools to explore their interests so they can refine their career passions over time.

20. My daughter expressed interest in taking up IT or Engineering, but she is unsure what specific major, is there a list of majors with description that she can look at from different universities that would give her an idea what is out there for her? I was hoping that if she sees a list of majors with the corresponding description that it will spark something in her. Thank you.

- The tool we offer to students for college and career exploration called Naviance might be a valuable resource to understand the differences of majors such as IT and Engineering. Each

university will also have a list of majors on their websites with links to explore the subcategories within each major, if available.

21. My sophomore is in double accelerated math. When she was in middle school, her math teacher advised the class to take the SATs early (specifically in sophomore year), so that they do not forget high school math. Do you agree with this and is it allowed? If she takes the SATs during her sophomore year, can she take it again when she is a junior to see if she can score higher? If she did take the test twice, would the latest score be considered or the highest score? Thank you.

- Students are welcome to take the SATs during their sophomore year and they also can re-take the SAT as many times as they would like to their junior and senior year. Most universities allow students to submit their best SAT score, and some even allow students to send their best scores in each subtest in multiple administrations (this is called super scoring). The PSAT is also a good indicator of a student's readiness level taking the SAT.