

# Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent FAQ

## Graduation Requirements/Credit Questions:

1. Do we have to take Health/Personal Fitness?
  - a. Yes, Health and Personal Fitness are graduation requirements and must be completed before you graduate.
2. Can 9<sup>th</sup> graders take 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes?
  - a. If a student has already taken the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academic prerequisite class, then they can promote to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade academic course.
3. What are the prerequisites to advance in the Accelerated Math Pathway?
  - a. Please check our NHS 2026-27 course catalog for placement questions:  
[https://www.northviewcounseling.com/files/ugd/947913\\_37b6a4f7e1074087954255922c1d3aef.pdf](https://www.northviewcounseling.com/files/ugd/947913_37b6a4f7e1074087954255922c1d3aef.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:  
<https://www.fultonschools.org/cms/lib/GA50000114/Centricity/Domain/6296/Course%20Catalog%2022-23%20Final.pdf>
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>
  - b. They will need to complete a Career Tech pathway and pass the End of Pathway test.
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?

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- 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. If your student failed, then the failed grade will appear on the transcript and not earn credit.
- b. The transcript will indicate that the course is an FVS/GAVS course.
11. Do I need to take 3 years of a foreign language and a full career pathway towards graduation?
  - a. Foreign language is not 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 for graduation
12. Do colleges accept virtual classes as credit?
  - a. Yes, colleges accept the virtual class as a credit.
13. 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.
14. How do we accept HS credit for classes taken in middle school?
  - a. You will automatically receive HS credit unless the student and parent opt out via the "opt out" form. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor will send out the Opt Out Form with families towards the end of the year.

## 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 Precalculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, and AP Calculus BC.
4. What AP classes do most 9<sup>th</sup> graders take?
  - a. The AP courses available to 9<sup>th</sup> graders are AP American Government and AP Human Geography.
5. What is an AP Class?
  - a. AP stands for Advanced Placement course. This is designed by College Board with an end of year test that can result in receiving college credit depending on the score.

## 3DE Questions:

1. Can 3DE students take AP Courses?
  - a. Yes, 3DE students will have the opportunity to take AP Courses.
2. How do I apply for the 3DE program?
  - a. Please review the SWAY: <https://northview.fultonschools.org/experience/3de>
  - b. You can locate the application under the "Enrollment" section.
3. Who can I speak with about 3DE?
  - a. We have our 3DE Department chair, Tania Pope, and 3DE Director, Peyton Tyrie, available for 3DE questions once your student transitions to Northview HS.

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- i. Ms. Pope's email is [PopeT@fultonschools.org](mailto:PopeT@fultonschools.org)
  - ii. Mr. Tyrie's email is [TyrieP@fultonschools.org](mailto:TyrieP@fultonschools.org)
  - iii. Ms. Dismuke (AP for 3DE) email is [Dismuke@fultonschools.org](mailto:Dismuke@fultonschools.org)
4. Can we opt out of 3DE in the middle of the year?
- a. No, for freshman year (the foundation year), we ask that the students stay for a full year. At the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year, we can start the exit process if 3DE was not a good fit.

## HOPE Questions:

1. What are the HOPE rigor requirement courses?
  - a. You may access the Academic Rigor list here:  
<https://www.gafutures.org/media/apofcfmn/rigor-list-september-2025.pdf>
2. What is the HOPE/Zell Miller requirement?
  - a. Please access HOPE and Zell Miller requirements on GAFutures.org:  
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/basic-eligibility/>
  - b. Graduate from an eligible High school
  - c. Earn an unweighted GPA of 3.0
  - d. Complete 4 academic rigor classes prior to graduation
  - e. Earn a 26 on the ACT or 1200 on the SAT (For Zell Miller)
3. How do I see my/my child's HOPE GPA?
  - a. You/your child will need to create an account on GAFutures.org with their Social security number, address, date of birth, and full name.
  - b. The HOPE GPA can be located on their dashboard after they create an account.
4. 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?
  - a. No, there are no elective changes allowed after May 21<sup>st</sup>.
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 are only offered to TAG students: Directed studies and Internship.
3. If my child takes a course over the summer, would they automatically be placed in the next level when they return from break?
  - a. The high school counselors will review the course and grades when they return from break and adjust the schedule as needed.
4. What is the process to take online classes during the school year as a period in their schedule?
  - a. Students will complete the Online Request Form from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, then go into Fulton Virtual or Georgia Virtual and register for the course (1<sup>st</sup> semester is the "A" portion and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is the "B" portion)
  - b. Once counselors receive the form from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, the NHS counselors will make the necessary adjustments.
5. How do we choose a pathway?

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- a. On the course verification forms that you all received in February, please indicate the priority order you would like for your electives. We try to accommodate students' first choices.
6. How many summer school courses can we take?
  - a. Students may take up to 1.0 credit worth of classes through Fulton Virtual (FVS) and up to 2.0 credits worth of classes through Georgia Virtual (GAVS).
  - b. Summer school registration opens March 3<sup>rd</sup>
7. What are the pathways offered at Northview?
  - a. We have a pathway chart located [HERE](#)

## Miscellaneous:

1. Does Northview offer varsity sports?
  - a. Yes, Northview has Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV) sports. Not all sports offer JV.
2. Do we receive a diploma seal if we complete a career pathway?
  - a. Yes, you will receive a seal on your diploma if you complete a career pathway AND pass the End of Pathways Exam.
3. Who do I contact to discuss sports?
  - a. You may contact the Athletic Director for all sports contacts.
  - b. Scott Schwarzer (Athletic Director): [SchwarzerS@fultonschools.org](mailto:SchwarzerS@fultonschools.org)
4. 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.
5. I am new to the district and would like more information about Northview HS?
  - a. Please contact our Registrar for tours and information about our school.
  - b. Kelly Angel: [AngelK@fultonschools.org](mailto:AngelK@fultonschools.org)