



ALL THINGS ACADEMIC

DAWSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 28 Total Credits Required for Graduation
- Specific courses have EOC (End of Course) exams that count for 20% of the students overall final grade.
 - Alg 1, Bio, Amer Lit, US Hist
- Promotion Requirements:
 - 7 credits to be promoted to the 10th grade
 - 14 credits to be promoted to the 11th grade
 - 21 credits to be promoted to the 12th grade

Subject	Credits Required	Required Courses
English	4	9th Literature, American Literature, Plus 2 additional
Math	4	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Plus 1 additional
Science	4	Physical Science OR Physics, Biology Chemistry OR Earth Systems OR Environmental Science Plus one additional
Social Studies	3	World History, US History, Government, Economics
Career Tech, Language, Fine Art	3	Students seeking admission to a four-year college in Georgia must take a minimum of 2 units of the same language
Health/PE	1	Health (.5 credit), Personal Fitness (.5 credit) OR 3 JROTC Courses
Electives	9	Additional courses are required from the subject areas listed above: One additional social studies elective.

Electives:

Career Tech: Pathway Completion

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Audio-Video Technology

Business Management

Education

JROTC

Healthcare

Culinary Arts

Programming

Law and Public Safety

Marketing

Engineering

- Pathway completers must pass 3 classes in the pathway and take the end of pathway exam.

Language and Fine Arts

American Sign Language

Spanish

Art

Chorus

Band

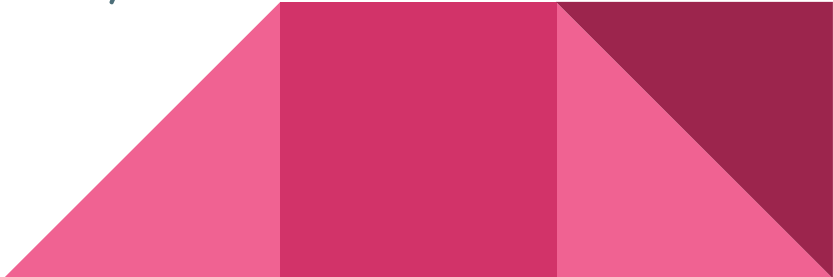
COURSE LEVEL AND ACADEMIC RIGOR

	On Level Classes	Honors Classes	AP Classes	Dual Enrollment
Can it Count for College Credit?	No	No	Yes	Yes
Rigor Level	College Prep	More	Most	Most
Honors pts added?	No	Yes (.5)	Yes (1.0)	Yes (1.0)
Receive extra weight for HOPE?	No	No	Yes	Yes

How to keep track of it all!

Dawson County High School Credit Worksheet			
Name: _____			
Expected HS Graduation Date: _____		Focus: _____	
English (4 units, 9th Lit & Am. Lit are required)			
9th Grade Literature			
10th Grade Lit			
American Lit			
English Lit or Multicultural Lit or AP or DE			
Social Studies (4 units, required as noted)			
Am. Government			
World History			
U.S. History			
Economics			
Math (4 units required)			
Regular Math Track		Alternate Math Track	
Algebra I		Foundations	
Geometry		Algebra 1	
Advanced Algebra		Geometry	
Pre Calc / AMDM / DE		Advanced Algebra	
Science (4 units, required as noted)			
Physical Science or Physics			
Biology			
Chemistry or Earth Systems or Env Sci. or AP Env. Sc.			
1 Additional Science (Anatomy/Zoology /CTAE Sciences*/DE/AP/Forensics)			
Other Required Courses			
Health			
Personal Fitness			
OR JROTC I, II & III (in lieu of health & PE)			
Electives			
Other Electives: 11 units are required in any combination from CTAE/Fine Art/Modern Language or physical education: NOTE At least 3 credits must be CTAE, Fine Art, and/or Language			
Foreign Language**: Most colleges & universities require at least 2 units of the same modern language but this is not required to graduate.			
Elective	Credit	Elective	Credit
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED:			28

Building your student's schedule

- Core Classes are recommended by their current teacher
 - Electives are chosen by the student
 - Once the classes are counted we build the Master Schedule
 - Teachers are assigned!
 - Schedule changes are minimal so choose wisely
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UNDERSTANDING GPA

- Your Cumulative GPA is the average grade for all courses combined
- Types of GPA
 - Core: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language
 - Weighted: all classes are calculated, and additional points are included
 - Unweighted: all classes are calculated, and additional points are removed
 - HOPE: uses Core GPA: English, Math, Science, SS, Language
- Most colleges have their own way of calculating their GPA for admission (not all colleges do it the same)
- The GPA you see on your transcript is Dawson's GPA and not necessarily any other institutions'
- JUNIOR YEAR...Important year because GPA is pretty much set.



Advanced Placement (AP) versus Dual Enrollment (DE)

- AP courses are run by the College Board
 - The AP program is standardized across member institutions and across all states.
 - Allows for comparison
 - Understand what the student has learned and accomplished
- Dual Enrollment courses are offered by independently cooperating colleges.
 - Courses differ from institution to institution



HOPE QUALIFICATIONS

HOPE Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship	Hope and Zell Grant
3.0 GPA in high school Core Classes Only 4 credits of rigor Must have 3.0 at checkpoint in college to maintain (can earn or lose)	3.7 GPA in high school Core Classes Only 1200 SAT or 26 ACT (single administration) One time shot! 4 credits of rigor Must have 3.3 GPA at checkpoints in college to maintain	Available to students seeking a technical certification or diploma regardless of high school GPA. Covers a percentage or full tuition Hope 3.0 / Zell 3.5

HOPE GPA CALCULATIONS

- A 3.0 GPA is required by averaging core coursework, including failing grades, on a 4.0 scale
- Core Classes: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language, some CTAE courses (dependent on course number)
- .5 weight is added for AP and Dual Enrollment courses only
- Courses taken in middle school are not calculated
- NOTE: All HOPE calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission
- HOPE GPAs are not rounded up...a 2.999 does not qualify you.
- This information can be found at www.gofutures.org

RIGOR REQUIREMENT

Must have 4

- AP Calculus AB
- Chemistry
- American Sign Lang II, III
- Advanced Math Decision Making
- AP Chemistry
- Advanced Algebra
- Honors Physics
- AP Computer Science Principles
- Forensic Science
- Programming, Games, Apps, and Society
- AP Psychology
- AP English Lang/American Lit
- AP Biology
- AP World History
- Advanced Algebra
- AP Environmental Science
- AP US History
- Pre-Calculus
- Human Anatomy/Physiology
- Spanish II, III, IV

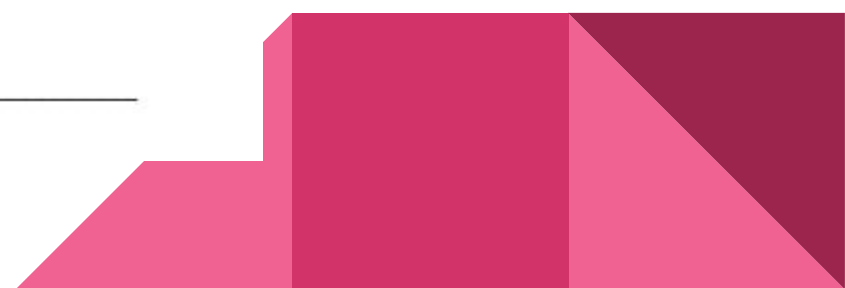
Understanding your transcript

GPA 3.3409091		Credits Earned: 22.00						Current Year Graduation Date: 01/23/2023							
Includes subjects Failed and/or Repeated		Q1 Gr Cr		Q2 Gr Cr		S1 Gr Cr		Q3 Gr Cr		Q4 Gr Cr		S2 Gr Cr		Y1 Gr Cr	
19-20 Dawson County Junior High School. Grade: 8 Health and Personal Fitness Combined Intermediate Chorus II		93 0		100 0		97 1		94 0		94 0		94 1			
Total Credits Earned: 2.00															
Includes subjects Failed and/or Repeated		Q1 Gr Cr		Q2 Gr Cr		S1 Gr Cr		Q3 Gr Cr		Q4 Gr Cr		S2 Gr Cr			
20-21 Dawson County Junior High School. Grade: 9 American Government GSE Algebra I Honors 9th Lit/Comp Intermediate Chorus I Intermediate Chorus II Intro Theatre Art/Fundamentals I Physical Science Spanish I								81 0 78 0		87 0 68 0		84 1 73 1			
Total Credits Earned: 8.00															
Includes subjects Failed and/or Repeated		Q1 Gr Cr		Q2 Gr Cr		S1 Gr Cr		Q3 Gr Cr		Q4 Gr Cr		S2 Gr Cr			
21-22 Dawson County High School. Grade: 10 Advance Chorus III Advanced Theatre Arts Biology Chamber Singers II Fall GSE Geometry Honors Tenth Grade Literature Theater Arts/Fundamentals World History 10										100 0 81 0		100 0 69 0		100 1 78 1	
Total Credits Earned: 8.00															

HOPE GPA

● 2.66

Official Signature: _____ Date: _____



HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Dual Enrollment:**

- An opportunity for students to attend a college or technical school full or part time during high school.
- Students receive high school credit AND college credit simultaneously while attending college classes.
- Tuition is paid through local system funds (30 credit hours max)
- DUAL ENROLLMENT NIGHT: FEBRUARY 6, 2024
- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MARCH 31, 2024

- **Work Based Learning:**

- Students have the opportunity to use outside employment or internships for high school credit
- Must be in good academic and attendance standing
- Students must take 2 courses in a Pathway to be eligible to take WBL
- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MARCH 31, 2024

After High School

- Work Force
- Technical School
 - No GPA requirement
 - Placement Test (Accuplacer)
 - Earn certification or diploma
- Training/Apprenticeships:
 - Carpenter, Electrician, Ironworker, Pipefitter, Brick Mason, Elevator Repair/Installation
 - Application process
 - Work Based Training
- Military
 - ASVAB (Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery)
 - Army
 - Navy
 - Air Force / Space Force
 - Marines
 - Coast Guard
 - National Guard
 - Hardest branch to get into: Air Force
 - Hardest basic training: Marines

College

- GPA
- Course Rigor
- Test Scores (if needed): SAT / ACT
 - Georgia schools are test optional except UGA, GATech, GA College
 - Test Optional: if you have a certain GPA a test score is not required
- Extracurricular
- Leadership
- Recommendations

Where can your GPA take you

Georgia Institute of Technology	4.07 - 4.4
Georgia College and State	3.5
Georgia State University	3.2 - 3.7
Kennesaw State	3.38
Dalton State	3.1
Valdosta	3.0
Georgia Gwinnett	2.86
Columbus State	2.5

Freshman Profile

University of Georgia

Stats for the “average” accepted freshman for the fall of 2023

- GPA: 4.06 - 4.33
- SAT: 1270 - 1470
- AP: 8 - 13



Lessons every high school student should learn

- Check your school email daily
- Set up a personal email account (careful what you call it)
- Watch your social media: Can help or hurt
- High School is a time to explore, not specialize
 - 80% of college graduates change their major at least once
- No human ever became interesting by not failing. The more you fail and recover and improve, the better you are as a person. - Chris Hardwick

The scariest part of raising teenagers is remembering the stupid things you did as a teenager.

Whitney Fleming | Playdates on Fridays



"TO AN ADOLESCENT, THERE IS NOTHING IN THE WORLD MORE EMBARRASSING THAN A PARENT."

**hey teens!
if you think you're angry now, just wait until you have to spend your own money on toilet paper.**

I thought I used to "worry" a lot when my kids were little.

Then I had teenagers.

You know what I would give right now to worry about sippy cups and naptime?

EVERYTHING.

fb.com/4boysmother.com

QUESTIONS?