



Middle School 101

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My Norms

Be Engaged, Participate & Pay Attention



My Norms Ask Questions



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Have Fun

**Time to have fun
and learn!**



Middle School Advisement

Middle school is an important transitional period between elementary and high school. Advisement is designed to assist scholars in the transition into secondary education, as well as to provide guidance in the selection of connections classes, exploring career and college awareness, and determining academic placement.

Additionally, advisement promotes successful school experiences such as improving attendance, test-taking and study skills, and appropriate behaviors.

Middle School Program

Middle school scholars engage in all core academic areas (Mathematics, English/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies) as well as a series of connections, career and arts exploration, as well as opportunities for health and physical education to complete the middle school program. These courses give scholars experiences that will help guide their course selection in high school.

Successful completion of the middle school program requires that scholars pass **3 of the 4 academic classes as well as 66% of the connections classes each year, pass the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment, and receive teacher recommendations for advancement if one of the previous requirements have not been met.**

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Scholars in middle school have the opportunity to earn high school credit in a number of classes. SMS offers Spanish, Physical Science, and Algebra. Courses offered in middle school follow the same standards, curriculum, and procedures found in the high schools.

All coursework completed in middle school for high school credit will not be calculated in the HOPE GPA. All coursework completed in middle school for high school credit will appear on the high school transcript and will impact the overall high school GPA

Scholars have the option to re-take the course again as a freshman under the following circumstances:

- A scholar withdraws from the course at some time during the school year. (thus not earning credit)

Scholars taking GSE Algebra and/or Physical Science as 8th graders, are strongly advised of the following:

- Take a 5th year of math as a senior. This is particularly essential for college bound scholars.
- Not taking a math course senior year greatly jeopardizes college entrance and will negatively impact a scholar's success on college entrance exams and applications.
- Take a 5th year of Science as a senior. Not taking enough rigorous science classes greatly jeopardizes college entrance and success on tests like the ACT.

Graduation Requirements

- Language arts: 4 credits (including English 9 and American Literature)
- Math: 4 credits (including Algebra and Geometry)
- Science: 4 credits (including Biology and Physical Science)
- Social studies: 3 credits (including World History, U.S. History, Economics, and Government)
- Personal Fitness: 0.5 credit
- Health: 0.5 credit
- Electives: 7 credits (including CTAE, Foreign Language, and/or Fine Arts)



Students must have a minimum of 23 units of credit in order to graduate in required content areas.

STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

PSAT 8/9

The PSAT 8/9 measures what you are learning in school.

The best way to prepare for the test is to:

- Take challenging courses
- Do your homework
- Prepare for tests and quizzes
- Ask and answer lots of questions

HOPE Scholarship

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. The scholarship provides money to assist students with the educational costs of attending a [HOPE eligible postsecondary institution](#) located in Georgia.

To receive HOPE Scholarship funding, scholars must:

- ▶ Graduate from a HOPE-eligible high school with a minimum 3.0-grade point average as calculated by GSFC
- ▶ Meet [academic rigor requirements](#) (list available on www.gafutures.org)

Dual Enrollment

Georgia's Dual Enrollment Program provides funding for scholars who are dually enrolled at a participating eligible public or private high school, or home study program in Georgia, and a participating eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia. These scholars take postsecondary coursework for credit towards both high school graduation or home study completion and postsecondary degree, diploma, or certificate requirements. For eligibility and program requirements, visit www.gafutures.org.

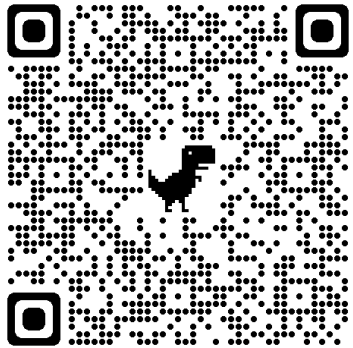
High School Transition



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How to contact the counselor?

- ▶ Email me @ nhodge@henry.k12.ga.us
- ▶ Make an appointment by coming to the Counseling Suite with a pass from your teacher
- ▶ Scan code



Questions



Questions are the path to learning