

# HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING FOR STUDENTS

Are you ready?



# Graduation Rule

## Areas of Study:

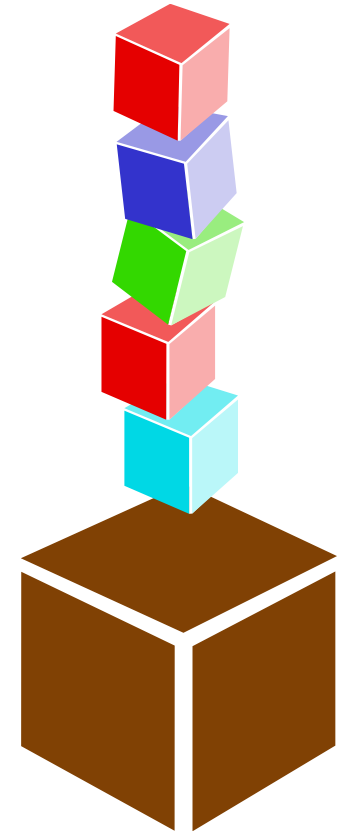
	<u>Units Required</u>
English/Language Arts *	4
Mathematics*	4
Science*	4
Social Studies*	4 (3)
CTAE and/or Fine Arts and/or Foreign Lang.	3
Health and Physical Education*	1
Electives	4
<b>Total Units (Minimum)</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Required Courses and/or Core Courses



# 8 PERIOD DAY SCHEDULE

- **STUDENTS TAKE 8 CLASSES EVERY DAY FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.**
- **EACH CLASS IS 45 MINUTES.**
- **EACH CLASS COUNTS AS 1 UNIT.**
- **SOME COURSES ARE BLOCKED 2 UNITS.**



# FRESHMEN CLASSES

Most 9<sup>th</sup> grade students take:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp
- American Government
- Algebra
- Biology



# Declared Pathways

In compliance with House Bill 186, all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders must declare a pathway. The four pathways are:

- CTAE
- Advanced Academic in either English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies
- Fine Arts
- World Language

Space is provided on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Card for students to declare their chosen pathway. This declaration is up for revision each year.



# FRESHMEN CLASSES



- **Students planning to attend a four year post-secondary school must pass 2 units of Foreign Language classes in the same language**
- **Many 9<sup>th</sup> graders elect to sign up for foreign language.**
- **All DCSS high schools offer Spanish and French.**



# CTAE PATHWAYS/ Clusters

- **Agriculture (Agriscience / Horticulture/ Vet. Science)**
- **Automobile Technology ( Transportation & Logistics)**
- **Business and Computer Science**
- **Financial Management - Accounting Pathway**
- **Financial Management – Services Pathway**
- **Web and Digital Design Pathway**
- **Administrative Information Support**
- **Computer Systems and Support Pathway**
- **Computing Pathway**
- **Family & Consumer Sciences ( Teaching, Nutrition, Early Childhood)**
- **Military ( Army JROTC)**
- **Health Care Science (Therapeutic Services Medical)**
- **Law & Justice**
- **Engineering**



# LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA SEAL

English 4 units

Foreign Language 3 unit

Math 4 units

Science 4 units

(Must include Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

Social Studies 4 units

\*Physical Education ½ unit

\*Health ½ unit

Humanities 4 units

Academic Electives

Fine Arts Electives

Student Choice Electives 8 units





# Why Honors and AP Classes ?

- **A study by the U.S. Department of Education indicated that a high school program of high academic intensity and quality – precisely the kind offered by the AP Program – is one of the best predictors of college success**
- **45% of students who have taken one AP course and 61% of students who have taken two or more AP courses are completing their bachelor's degrees in four years or less.**
- **Only 29% of students who enroll in colleges without taking AP are completing their bachelor's degrees on schedule.**
- **60% of all recent high school graduates entering a community college last year needed to take at least one remedial course.**



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement

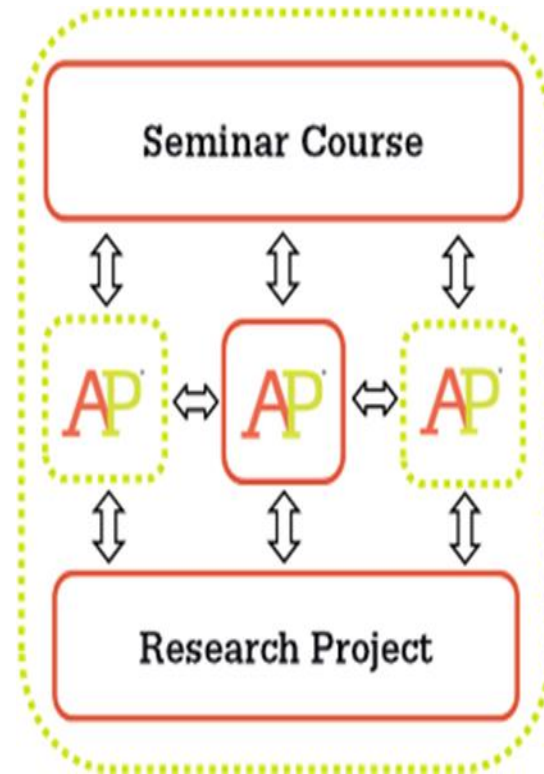
- **AP American Government**
- **AP Human Geography**
- **1200 Lexile 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

AP courses can help you acquire the skills and habits you'll need to be successful in college. You'll improve your writing skills, sharpen your problem-solving abilities, and develop time management skills, discipline, and study habits. Talk to an AP teacher or the AP Coordinator at your school about the course you want to take. Discuss the course's workload and any preparation you might need.



# AP Capstone

- AP Capstone is an innovative diploma program that provides students with an opportunity to engage in rigorous scholarly practice of the core academic skills necessary for successful college completion.
- AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study provided through AP courses. It cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions
- Rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade Capstone 2021 meeting-See Valli Robinson in the Media Center tonight.



# Honors and AP Classes

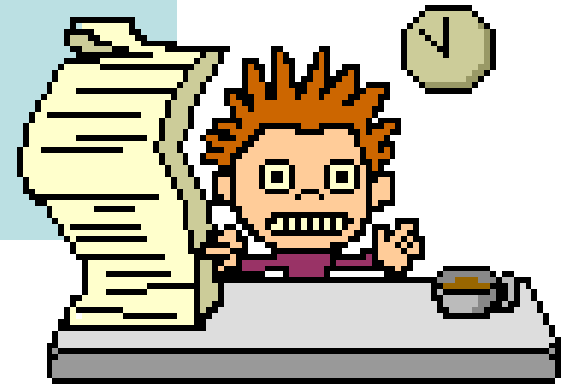
- **Challenge Yourself**
  - **But don't drown**

**It is O.K. to take Honors in some academic areas and not in others. We encourage all students to take as many honors classes as possible. Students who take honors classes are better prepared for college.**



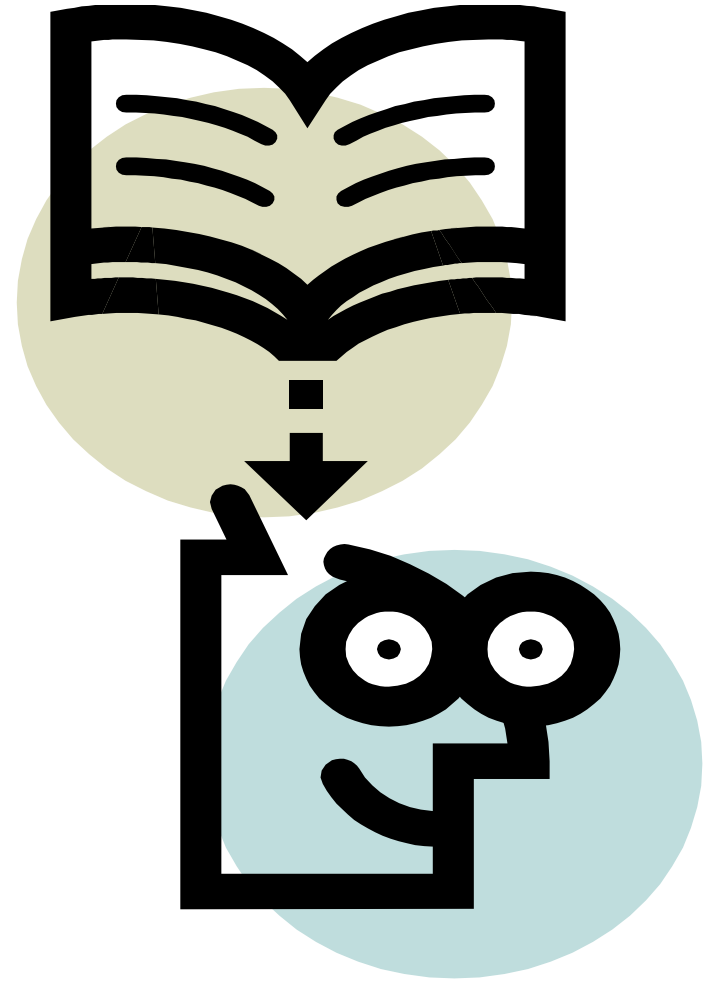
# FRESHMEN CLASSES

**Academically, high school can be a difficult adjustment. Some classes can cause a struggle.**



# EXTRA SUPPORT PLEASE!!

- **Foundations of Algebra**
- **Algebra Support**
- **9<sup>th</sup> Literature & Reading Lab**
- **Special Education**
- **SST**
- **Saturday School**



# 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE COUNTS

Important to try from the beginning of high school

- HOPE scholarship
- Freshman Index (college admissions)
- Superintendent Scholar Award  
(3.5 GPA Freshman year, no grade below “B”)
- For promotion to 10<sup>th</sup> grade (have to earn 5 units/ credits) – *no more “placement” have to earn units to go to next grade level.*

**AND MOST IMPORTANTLY....**

- **GRADUATION**



# GRADUATION

- **Pass 23 units**
- **Meet state and local requirements**
- **All requirements must be met to participate in the Graduation Ceremony**





# HOPE Scholarship Eligibility

**Current eligibility standards for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders are as follows:**

- **Residency in the state of Georgia**
- **Graduate from a high school in Georgia with a 3.0 grade point average on all academic course work attempted.**
- **Successfully complete at least four courses that meet the rigor requirement established by the legislature**



# HOPE Scholarship Eligibility

**Courses that satisfy the rigor requirement include, but are not limited to the following:**

- **Core AP courses**
- **Any foreign language past level 2**
- **Advanced Algebra**
- **Pre-Calculus**
- **Chemistry**
- **Anatomy**



# Student Involvement: Activities

<b>Art Club</b>	<b>Beta Club</b>	<b>DECA</b>	<b>Drama Club</b>	<b>Ecology</b>	<b>FBLA</b>
<b>FCA</b>	<b>FCCLA</b>	<b>First Priority</b>	<b>International Club</b>	<b>Georgia High School Fishing Club</b>	<b>Gamma Delta</b>
<b>HOSA</b>	<b>JROTC: Raiders Drill</b>	<b>Key Club</b>	<b>Literary Meet</b>	<b>Math Team</b>	<b>Mock Trial</b>
<b>NHS</b>	<b>One Act Drama</b>	<b>PAWS Reading Club</b>	<b>Engineering/ Robotics</b>	<b>Science Olympiad</b>	<b>SGA</b>
<b>Skills USA</b>	<b>Tri M Music Honors</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> grade Class</b>



# **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY: for competitive activities**

- **ALL 1<sup>st</sup> time 9<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible**
- **After 1<sup>st</sup> semester:**
  - **Meet GHSA criteria**
  - **Pass 5 out of 8 classes**
  - **Be on “track”**
    - **Obtain 5 units by 10<sup>th</sup> grade**
    - **Obtain 11 units by 11<sup>th</sup> grade**
    - **Obtain 17 units by 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

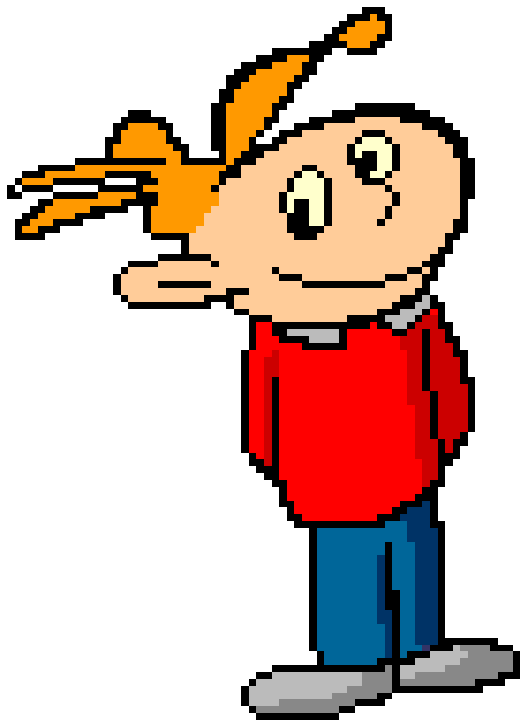


# Sports:

<u>FALL</u>	<u>WINTER</u>	<u>SPRING</u>
<b>Football</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Baseball</b>
<b>Softball</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Track</b>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Tennis</b>
<b>Cheerleading</b>		<b>Golf</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>		<b>Soccer</b>



# Keep in Mind



- **High School still has a dress code**
- **Poor attendance will negatively affect your student's academic progress**
- **Discipline issues can result in students missing instructional time**



# Fall Bash Wednesday August 2nd



- **Pick-up schedule (300 Hall)**
- **Purchase school lockers (Café)**
- **Purchase yearbooks (Café)**
- **Purchase Athletic Ticket Pass (Café)**
- **Purchase AHS spirit wear (Café)**
- **Join PTSO and sign up for Email (Café)**
- **Look up bus routes (Attendance Office)**



# CONCLUSION

- The key word to high school success is **EFFORT**.
- **50%** of IQ is motivation.
- **Never** be hesitant to work hard.
- There is a lot of work, but also a lot of people who want to help.

