

Perry High School

9th GRADE TRANSITION
MEETING

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

■ Class of 2023

- Each student will take 7 classes per semester
- In high school, each semester course is worth 0.5 units of credit
- Students may earn up to 3.5 units a semester (7 x .5) or 7 units per year or 28 units in 4 years

Grade Point Average

- A student's GPA (Grade point average), used for college admissions and scholarships, begins when he or she enters the 9th grade

Two main types of GPAs

– Perry High School GPA

- Includes an average of all classes taken in High School
- Used for College Admission

– HOPE GPA

- Includes only Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language
- Used to determine eligibility for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship
- Calculated by the Georgia Finance Commission and can only be found at gafutures.org

High School Grading Periods

- Students will take 18 week semester courses
- Progress reports for grades and attendance will be sent out at 6 weeks and 12 weeks.
- Semester Final Grades will be posted on the transcript at the end of each semester (December and May).

A separate grade will be posted on transcripts for each semester of a course. The semester grades are not averaged together.

For example:

Biology A (first semester) 80

Biology B (second semester) 65

The student would have to retake only second semester of the course.

Graduation requirements

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math
- 3 units of Social Studies
- 4 units of Science
- 3 units of Career Tech, Fine arts, and/or Foreign Language
- 1 unit of Personal Fitness/Health
- 5 additional elective credits
- 24 total credits

Students must take 4
“rigorous” courses in
order to be eligible for
the HOPE scholarship.

Students in the gifted program
must take at least 1 honors
class each year to remain in the
program.

Testing

- Select courses in each academic area will have End of Course Tests (EOC) that will count for 20% of the final course grade. Students must pass all courses containing an EOC.
 - Freshmen will take 3 EOCs
 - English, Math, and Science

Topics of importance:

- Infinite Campus –
 - Please check your student's grades and attendance weekly!
 - Students have access to IC to monitor their own grades

Tuesdays 9:25-10:00

- Students will participate in Panther Period weekly where they will be advised and have their grades and attendance monitored by Teachers as Advisors.

Thursday 9:25-10:00

- Students will participate in PAWS time. PAWS allows students to make choices about what session they would like to attend each week.
- This time allows for tutoring, club meetings, and make up work to be completed during the school day.
- Student checkouts are not permitted during PAWS time.

	SEMESTER ONE & SEMESTER TWO	SEMESTER ONE & SEMESTER TWO SPECIAL PROGRAMS (Honors students must take a minimum of 1 Honors class and have tested into the Honors Program)
ENGLISH	____ 9 th Grade Literature A & B	____ Honors 9 th Grade Literature A & B
SOCIAL STUDIES	____ American Government & World Affairs (Each class is one semester)	____ Honors American Government & World Affairs
SCIENCE	____ Biology A & B	____ Honors Biology A & B
MATH	____ Algebra	____ Honors Geometry (Any student who is currently enrolled in Algebra will take this course as a freshman even if he/she is not in the honors program)
HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS	____ Health & Personal Fitness This course is required for graduation. All freshmen, unless they are in ROTC, will be required to take the course. Three credits of ROTC will take the place of health and personal fitness.	

- _____ Introduction to Aerospace Science / Aviation History (AFJROTC) 28.4170010
- _____ Introduction to Basic Agricultural Science Technology 02.4710010
- _____ Introduction to Business and Technology 07.4413010
- _____ Introduction to Culinary Arts 20.4310010
- _____ Introduction to Digital Technology 11.4150010
- _____ Introduction to Early Childhood Education 20.4281010
- _____ Band 53.0371010
- _____ Introduction to Art 50.0211010
- _____ Introduction to Musical Theatre 52.0310010
- _____ Introduction to Drama 52.0210010
- _____ Technical Theatre 52.0410010
- _____ Chorus 53.0721010
- _____ French I 60.0110010
- _____ Spanish I 60.0710010
- _____ *Latin I 61.0410000 (Offered off campus at the Houston County Career Academy)

* Latin is offered at the Houston County Career Academy. Students are required to ride a bus from PHS to HCCA. This course will count as two electives.

***If you are an athlete who needs weight training, your coach will provide your name to the counselors' office. You do not need to sign up on this form for weight training.

Thank you for attending our
Transition Meeting. We look
forward to having your student
as a PHS Panther and member
of the Class of 2023!