

Resources

See your school counselor if you need additional information.

This list does not represent all available resources.

The information in this brochure is subject to change.

Websites are provided for informational purposes only.

COBB COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Administrative Rule IHF-R www.cobbk12.org

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

College Board www.collegeboard.org
 GAFutures www.GAFutures.org
 Technical College System of Georgia www.tcsg.edu
 University System of Georgia www.usg.edu
 GA Independent College Assoc. <https://georgiacolleges.org>
 NACAC www.nacacnet.org
 Cappex www.cappex.com
 Naviance www.naviance.com
 US DOE College Scorecard <http://collegescorecard.ed.gov>
 NCES College Navigator <https://nces.ed.gov>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

FastWeb www.fastweb.com
 FinAid www.finaid.org
 HOPE & Zell www.GAFutures.org
 FAFSA <http://studentaid.gov/fafsa>
 Sallie Mae www.salliemae.com
 Naviance www.naviance.com

CAREER PLANNING

Naviance www.naviance.com
 GAFutures www.GAFutures.org
 O*Net www.onetonline.org
 Occupational Outlook Handbook www.bls.gov/ooh
 National Career Development Assoc. www.ncda.org

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Georgia Department of Education www.bit.ly/GADOEDEinfo
 GAFutures www.GAFutures.org
 GAtracs www.GAtracs.org

TEST RESOURCES

ACT www.act.org
 SAT www.collegeboard.com
 EOC Assessment www.bit.ly/GADOEEOCinfo
 Applerouth www.applerouth.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

NCAA Eligibility Center <http://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3>
 Play NAIA www.play.mynaia.org
 Peachtree College Planning www.peachtreecollegeplanning.com
 Revolution Prep www.revolutionprep.com



SCHOOL COUNSELING

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One of the most exciting times in a student's life is preparing to transition to high school. This is a transition that will greatly impact many areas of their life.

Therefore, preparation is of paramount importance and decisions should be made with intentionality and reflection.

This resource can be used as a tool to help you begin preparing for the transition process with less stress. Use this resource, the advice of your school counselor, and other resources to make well-directed, informed, decisions.

High School Advisement Resource Guide

for students entering 9th grade in 2019-2020 and subsequent years

Graduation Requirements

- All Georgia students are required to complete a common set of minimal units for graduation. To meet these unit requirements, students may choose among various paths and specializations that meet their interests and needs for post-secondary options.
 - Depending on the offerings at your school, these options include Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Dual Enrollment, fine arts, world languages, and career-oriented courses offered in Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE).
- It is important that all students, regardless of their post-secondary plans, take a rigorous course of study. The **state** has identified courses that are required for graduation, and the **school district** has set core requirements for promotion as outlined in Administrative Rule IHF-R (<http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/adminrules/>).

Subject	Requirement
English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Science	4 Units
Social Studies	3 Units
Health & Personal Fitness	1 Unit
World Language* and/or CTAE** and/or Fine Arts	3 Units
Electives	4 Units

* Students planning to enter a University System of Georgia institution *must* take two units of the same world language. Check with your schools of interest for further foreign language requirements.

** Students are encouraged to select a specific career pathway (3 course sequence) along with academic coursework.

- For students entering the ninth grade in 2014-2015 and beyond, the End of Course (EOC) Assessments will count 20% of the course grade (for those core courses in which an EOC is mandated).
 - For a complete list of EOC courses and graduation requirements, visit <https://bit.ly/GADOEEOCinfo>.

School Counseling

High School Counseling Instruction *focused on college, career, and life readiness*

9th Grade

- ◆ GPA (importance/calculating/types)
- ◆ The importance of course rigor
- ◆ Transcripts—permanent record
- ◆ Promotion requirements
- ◆ Graduation requirements
- ◆ Student responsibilities (study skills, make-up work, talking to teachers, cheating policies, etc.)
- ◆ Dual Enrollment options
- ◆ Naviance- College & Career Readiness Inventory Program
 - ◆ Exploring careers of interest
 - ◆ Begin creating a resume
- ◆ Creation of an Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP)

10th Grade

- ◆ Reading a transcript
- ◆ Graduation requirements completed & still needed
- ◆ Dual Enrollment options
- ◆ Staying on track academically
- ◆ Naviance— College & Career Readiness Inventory Program
 - ◆ Creating a post-secondary goal
 - ◆ Competing a career interest inventory
 - ◆ Updating resume

11th Grade

- ◆ Admissions vs. graduation requirements
- ◆ SAT/ACT/Accuplacer/ASVAB
- ◆ College admissions process
- ◆ Financial aid resources
- ◆ Dual Enrollment options
- ◆ State and local workforce development initiatives
- ◆ Naviance- College & Career Readiness Inventory Program
 - ◆ Exploration of post-secondary options
 - ◆ Updating resume
- ◆ Review/Update IGP

12th Grade

- ◆ Applying/Follow through for post-secondary plans

ONLINE COURSES

Students are able to take courses online through either:

- ◆ **Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA):**
www.cobbk12.org/schools/cobbvirtualacademy
- ◆ **Georgia Virtual School (GAVS):**
www.gavs.gavirtuallschool.org

AP COURSES

There are many reasons to take Advanced Placement courses.

You will have the opportunity to:

- ◆ Challenge yourself academically.
- ◆ Set yourself apart for college admissions.
- ◆ Earn college credit and placement with a successful exam score.
- ◆ Earn 1 extra quality point added to Weighted GPA.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

Cumulative GPA

All grades on the transcript are converted from numerical grades to a 4.0 point scale and averaged where an: A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade
A	90-above
B	80-89
C	74-79
D	70-73
F	Below 70

GPAs on transcripts:

Unweighted GPA

The average of all class grades based on a 4.0 Scale.

Weighted GPA

Average of all classes, however, quality points are added for some Honors (.5) and all AP courses (1.0). Refer to the Cobb County policy for details.

GPAs NOT provided on transcripts:

Core GPA

- ◆ Generally includes English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language course grades.
- ◆ Often used in admissions calculations by colleges.

HOPE Scholarship GPA

- ◆ HOPE Scholarship requires a 3.0 GPA in core courses defined by the GSFC.
- ◆ Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) will remove the quality points added by the High School.
- ◆ GSFC will then add a standard weight of .5 for AP and Dual Enrollment courses up to the maximum of a 4.0. Grades for Honors courses will not be weighted.
- ◆ Four academically rigorous courses are required for all students. These include courses taken by most students. A full list is available at www.GAfutures.org. Students are encouraged to create an account at www.GAfutures.org and review their HOPE GPA each semester.

Dual Enrollment Information

- ◆ Dual Enrollment is available to Georgia students in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in a public, private or home study program.
- ◆ Dual Enrollment provides assistance for postsecondary tuition, mandatory fees, and books.
- ◆ Eligible students may participate part-time or full-time at multiple post-secondary institutions, but applications must be completed and submitted every term.
- ◆ Beginning in the summer of 2016, eligible students may take courses over the summer.
- ◆ Dual Enrollment will pay a maximum of 15 semester hours or 12 quarter hours per student per post-secondary institution.
- ◆ Courses do not count against any maximum hourly caps for the HOPE scholarship or grant.

See your school counselor for more information.

HOPE

HOPE Scholarship

- ◆ For students in degree programs at Georgia public and private colleges and universities.
- ◆ Students must be U.S. citizens and Georgia residents.

HOPE Grant

- ◆ For students enrolled in certificate or diploma programs at Georgia colleges or technical colleges.

For the most current information on HOPE requirements, see your school counselor or visit www.GAfutures.org.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Student must complete required core courses.
- ◆ Ten core courses must be passed by end of junior year.
- ◆ Students must have a 2.3 Core-course GPA or higher.
- ◆ Sliding scale connects required SAT/ACT results to GPA.

*For more information visit the NCAA Eligibility Center:
<http://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>*