



Welcome 9th Grade Parents



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Forsyth County Schools' Learner Profile



Growing Leaders
for Success



Pursue Continuous Learning

- Master and apply academics for college and career success
- Make connections to discover new knowledge and ideas
- Develop talents, interests, and passions
- Use technology effectively to access information and to display learning



Exhibit Strong Personal Qualities

- Display integrity, perseverance, and drive to achieve personal goals
- Accept responsibility for personal actions
- Advocate for self, others, and the community
- Maintain wellness and balance in life



Utilize Creative and Critical Thinking

- Define problems and create solutions
- Apply knowledge and skills to real-world situations
- Embrace innovation to adapt to an ever-changing world



Engage and Contribute

- Connect to be a world-wise person
- Develop relationships across boundaries and cultures
- Interact in a multilingual community
- Demonstrate civility and respect differences in others



Interact Effectively

- Communicate responsibly through reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Work collaboratively with others
- Cultivate and maintain positive relationships

West Forsyth High School

Vision

Inspiring Innovative Leaders

Mission

To provide the students of WFHS a comprehensive education preparing them to inspire, innovate, and lead.

Rigor, Relevance, & Relationships

Vision: *Success for all*

Mission: *To create the ideal learning environment*

Motto: *Putting smiles on faces*

Beliefs:

- Collaboration is essential to professional and personal growth.
- Instruction must be engaging.
- Relationships are the key to success.
- Communication with all stakeholders is vital.
- Serving others is first priority.

Be awesome.

Have fun.

Make this the best day ever.

I am West Forsyth! We are family!

WFHS PTO Involvement

- The PTO supports the students, teachers and staff with scholarships, teacher grants, and much more!
- Manages the Copy Volunteer program and proctors for AP testing
- Membership dues start at \$30
- You can join online via our website:
<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/23290> or by printing the membership form and turning it into the main office for the envelope labeled “WFHS PTO.”
- To learn about the many opportunities to get involved visit the website, email westforsythpto@gmail.com, and stay connected through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Administrative Team

Principal: **Karl Mercer**

Assistant Principal: **Molly Bradley**

Assistant Principal: **Becki Britten**

Assistant Principal: **Jennifer Daniel**

Assistant Principal: **Tony Norce**

Assistant Principal: **Matt Woodley**

Assistant Administrator: **Samantha Bradley**

Graduation Coach: **Kathy Evans**

Athletic Director: **Brett Phipps**

Counseling Department

Kathy Harrell: A-CH

Courtney Knight: CI-GI

Morgan Lemmings: GL-KO

Sharon Ryles: KR-N

Taylor Swinney: O-SK

Allison Rinehart: SL-Z; Department Chair



How and When to See a Counselor

- To see a counselor, students can either send an email or stop by the Counseling Office to fill out an appointment pass. If we are able to see the student at that moment, we will. We are here to help!
- Reasons to see a counselor:
 - Struggling academically and need help coming up with a plan
 - Questions about college/career planning
 - Questions about the four year plan for graduation
 - Help with personal issues
 - Just want to meet your counselor 😊
- Parents: We want to partner with you and encourage you to make an appointment with us if the need arises!

Services Offered

- Individual counseling
- Academic counseling
- College/career planning
- Group counseling
- Classroom guidance lessons
- Crisis response
- Consultation and collaboration with parents, teachers, and other stakeholders to support student achievement
- Referrals to community support programs/resources

Graduation Requirements

- ✓ 4 English credits
- ✓ 4 Math credits
- ✓ 4 Science credits
- ✓ 3 Social Studies
- ✓ 3 Career/Fine Arts/World Language
- ✓ Health/Personal Fitness
- ✓ 4 additional electives
- ✓ **23 Total Units**



Career and Fine Art Pathways

- Audio Video Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Food and Nutrition
- Web Development
- Computer Science
- Engineering and Technology
- Marketing and Management
- Fashion, Merchandising, and Retailing
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Teaching as Profession
- Cosmetology
- Visual Arts
- Art
- Chorus
- Drama
- Band

Transcript

- A transcript is a detailed copy your academic achievement by grade.
- All transcripts include the following:
 - Grades and credits for each course completed
 - Attendance
 - Current cumulative GPA and class rank
 - Anticipated graduation date
 - EOC test scores

Grade Weights

- Semester 1=50%
 - 75% Summative
 - 25% Formative
- Semester 2=50%
 - 75% Summative
 - 25% Formative
- Semester 1 and Semester 2 are averaged together for the final grade (unless it's an EOC course)

Grading

- Forsyth County Grading Scale:

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Quality Points
90-100	A	4.0
80-89	B	3.0
70-79	C	2.0
0-69	F	0

- AP and Dual Enrollment courses receive 1 quality point on cumulative GPA

EOC Classes

*****20% of the final grade*****

- 9th Literature and Composition
- American Literature
- Physical Science
- Biology
- Algebra
- 1 Geometry/Accelerated Geometry
- US History
- Economics

Credits and Promotion

Grade Classification	Number of Credits Earned	By the Start of
10 th	5	20-21 School Year
11 th	11	21-22 School Year
12 th	17	22-23 School Year

What if I fail a class?

- Failed courses can be made up through:
 - Summer School (\$\$\$)
 - FCS Math Academy
 - Accredited Online Programs (\$\$\$)
 - GAVS, BYU, American School
 - APEX Recovery Program at WFHS
 - Not guaranteed as priority is given by grade level

*****A grade of “F” earned in a course will always be averaged into a GPA and will always be posted to the transcript.*****

Sample Projected Courses-10th Grade

English

10th Lit/Comp
Honors 10th Lit/Comp

Math

Geometry
Honors Geometry
Geometry and Support (2 periods)
Accel Geometry B/Algebra 2
Algebra 2
AP Statistics
Accel Pre-Calc

Social Studies

World History
AP World History

Science

Oceanography/Astronomy
Environmental Science
Earth Systems
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
AP Biology

Modern Language

Spanish 1, 2, and 3
French 1 and 2
Latin 1 and 2

Sample Projected Courses-10th Grade

#6 and #7

- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- Psychology/Sociology
- World Geography
- World Geography/Driver Ed.
- Driver Ed./Team Sports
- Weight Training
- General PE
- *Yearbook 1
- Yearbook 2
- *Audio Video Tech & Film 1
- Audio Video Tech & Film 2
- Intro to Culinary Arts
- *Food and Nutrition
- Color Guard (spring audition)
- *Intro to Digital Technology
- *Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science Principles
- *Foundations of Engineering
- Engineering Concepts
- *Marketing Principles
- Marketing and Entrepreneurship
- Intro to Sports Entertainment Marketing
- Examining the Teaching Profession
- *Intro to Personal Care Services (Cosmetology)
- Cosmetology 2
- *Visual Arts 1
- Visual Arts 2
- *Sculpture 1
- Sculpture 2
- Advanced Chorus Ensemble
- *Intro to Music Technology
- Intermediate Music Technology
- Band-Mastery/Brass/Woodwinds/Percussion
- Advanced Drama
- Musical Theater
- Technical Theater
- Acting 1
- Peer Facilitation (Teacher Recommendation)
- Forsyth Virtual Academy/Georgia Virtual Courses-online during the school day in the media center (Application Required)

*Pre-Requisite Class

HOPE Scholarship

- Covers a percentage of tuition
 - Based on lottery funds
- Award amounts vary depending on the type of institution you are attending (public vs. private)



HOPE Scholarship

- Graduate from a HOPE-eligible high school
- Be registered for Selective Services (males only)
- 3.0 CORE GPA (academic courses only)
 - English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language
- AP quality points
 - only .5 given for AP and Dual Enrollment courses, but nothing above 4.0
- Rigor Requirement
 - FOUR rigor requirements
- Credit earned in middle school is **not** calculated in the HOPE GPA
- All calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission and not by WFHS counselors or Forsyth County Schools
- HOPE GPA is **not** rounded up – 2.99 **does not** qualify

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Covers 100% of tuition (based on Lottery Funds)
- Must meet all the requirements to be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship and
 - Have a core GPA of **3.70**
 - 1200 SAT (CR+MA) on a single test administration or a 26 composite on the ACT
 - RIGOR Requirement – **FOUR** rigor Courses

HOPE Grant and Technical College

- Pays a percentage of tuition at all Georgia Technical Colleges
- Graduate from a HOPE-eligible high school
- No GPA requirement
- Technical college system award amounts (based on 12 hours)
 - \$912 HOPE/HOPE Grant
 - \$1200 Zell

HOPE will also cover partial tuition at private institutions

Please visit GAFUTURES.ORG for the most up-to-date information

Additional Information on HOPE

Contact Georgia Student Finance Commission
(GSFC)

770-724-9000

www.GSFC.org

Dual Enrollment

- High school students may earn high school course credit while taking college courses
- Benefits include:
 - early introduction to college work
 - earning college credit while in high school
 - opportunities to take classes not offered at WFHS
- Any grade level can participate **as long as the student applies and meets the college admission requirements**
- Classes can be taken part-time or full-time on the college campus

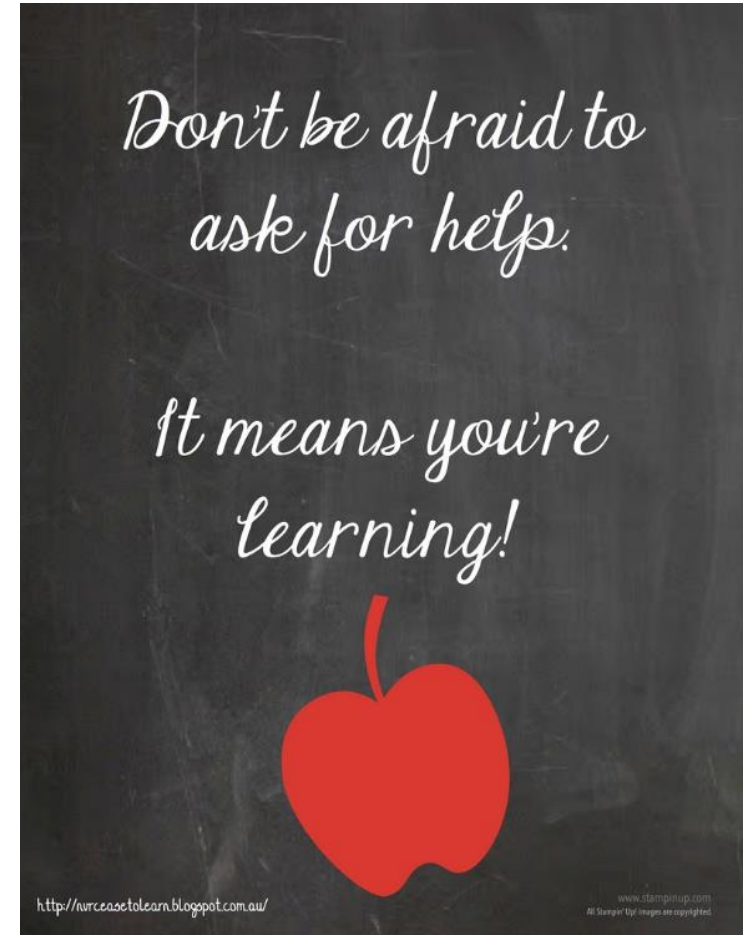
Parental Involvement

- Ensure your student has a conducive study environment
- Utilize **ItsLearning**
- Check the Student/Parent Portal
 - provides a detailed report on your student's progress, homework completion, summative/formative scores, and grades
- Promote attending help sessions offered throughout the week
 - Academic Overdrive
- Encourage your student to ask questions in class
- Stay Connected:
 - continue to ask your student questions about their day, activities, etc.

Keeping It All Together

Opportunities for Academic Support

- Academic Overdrive
- Teacher Help Sessions



Organization

- Keep up with assignments
- Keep up with ItsLearning **EVERY DAY**
- Make a contact in every class
- Keep your locker, study area, and backpack neat and organized
- Use a planner
- Keep a notebook

Time Management

- Manage your time well
- Give yourself a 10-15 minute break for every hour you study
- Use extra time in school to get started on homework
- Don't overschedule or procrastinate
 - Use a planner or calendar to map out upcoming deadlines and events

Study Skills

- Re-write or type your class notes
- Make note cards/flash cards for vocabulary words, terms, formulas, dates, places, or events
- If you're an auditory learner, read notes into a voice recorder
- Find a study buddy to quiz you and go over the material
- Find a place to study that is free of distractions
- Be an active reader: use a highlighter, write notes, or make flash cards to increase understanding
- Use mnemonic devices (eg; ROY G BIV) or acronyms as a fun tool for understanding

Getting Involved and Keeping Track

Every student is different, but getting involved with school activities can contribute to academic success.

West offers **over 75** clubs and organizations

There is something for
EVERYONE!

Find a place to make a difference!

Resources

- GA Futures
 - www.GAFutures.org
- Big Future
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Career Cruising
 - www.careercruising.com

PSAT

- Recommended for college-bound students
- **Date: October 16th**
- Registration can be completed through MyPaymentsPlus



Visit the WFHS Counseling Page

- West Forsyth High School website
 - Student Services > Counseling
- Follow us on Twitter: @WFHS_COUNSELING
- Instagram: WFHS_COUNSELING_DEPT

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