



Welcome Sophomores!

Hosted by School Counselors

# WFHS Counseling Department



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# How and When to See a Counselor

- To see a counselor, students should use the QR code posted in classrooms. If the reason is of an urgent nature, they should see Ms. Anderson in the counseling suite.

**We are here to help!**

- Reasons to see a counselor:

Struggling academically and need help making a plan

Questions about college/career planning

Questions about the four-year plan for graduation

Help with personal concerns

Just want to meet your counselor 😊

# Graduation Requirements

- ✓ 4 English credits
- ✓ 4 Math credits
- ✓ 4 Science credits
- ✓ 3 Social Studies
- ✓ 3 Career/Fine Arts/Modern Lang.\*
- ✓ Health/Personal Fitness
- ✓ 4 additional electives
- ✓ **23 Total Units**

Special Note: If you are planning on attending a 4-year university you must take a minimum of 2 credits in the same modern language.



# Understanding your GPA

Your **GPA** is the average of your quality points.  
It is the way that colleges interpret your academic success.

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

Class	Grade	Letter Grade	Quality Points
Math	77	C	2.0
Science	82	B	3.0
SS	90	A	4.0
ELA	88	B	3.0
Spanish	65	F	0

Total: 12

$$12 \div 5 = 2.4$$

your GPA is  
2.4

**Special Note:** Your GPA starts today!

If is very difficult to bring up a low GPA during your Junior year.

Build a solid GPA this year!

# Dual Enrollment

- Dual Enrollment – Opportunity for GA high school students to take courses from a state public or private postsecondary institution while still enrolled as a high school student and receive credit BOTH at the high school and at the postsecondary institution.

- A common example:

A student can take ENG 1101 at UNG. This course would count as their first semester college course and count as their High School Senior Lit course at WFHS.

# Internship Forsyth (Work-Based Learning)

- Internship Forsyth is a structured experience which connects classroom learning to an engaging job opportunity. Internships can be paid or unpaid. Students are allowed to leave the school campus to intern with local businesses, earning course credit for the experience.

- A common example:

A student can work 10 hours a week at Chick-fil-A. This would count as two elective courses meaning they would leave after 5<sup>th</sup> period each day.

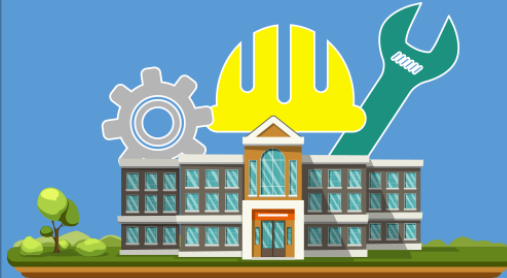


# Post-Secondary Opportunities

College/University



Technical School



Apprenticeship



Workforce



Military





# What are Colleges Looking For?

- ✓ GPA
- ✓ College Entrance Exams (SAT/ACT)
- ✓ Academic Rigor - AP/Dual Enrollment/Honors
- ✓ Extracurricular Activities – Athletics, Clubs, Volunteer Work
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Teacher Recommendations (if required)
- ✓ Counselor Recommendations (if required)
- ✓ Explore Colleges at  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>



# What is a Technical School?

- Technical schools are also known as technical colleges or institutes and **offer an education that prepares students for a specific trade or career.** They typically offer 2-year programs. Following the completion of the course, graduates are awarded a degree, certificate, or diploma.
- Technical colleges **tend to offer more hands-on learning and require fewer unnecessary classes than four-year colleges.**
- Typical areas of study include **business administration, culinary arts, engineering, automotive technology, computer technology, medical technology, and cosmetology.**
- Two Technical Schools near us are Lanier Technical College and Gwinnett Technical College, but there are many across the state.

# Georgia Lottery Scholarships

## HOPE

- ✓ 3.0 CORE GPA (academic courses only)
  - \*English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language
- ✓ RIGOR Requirement - FOUR rigor Courses

## Zell Miller

Covers 100% of tuition (based on Lottery Funds)

Must meet all the requirements to be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, plus:

- Core GPA of 3.70
- 1200 SAT on a single test administration or a 26 composite on the ACT

## HOPE Grant

Georgia Technical Colleges

NO High School GPA requirement

You can find your official HOPE GPA at <https://www.gafutures.org/>

# HOPE Rigor Courses

- All Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (Except AP Art)
- Accel Geom B/Adv Alg, Adv Algebra, Statistical Reasoning, Precalculus, Calculus, AMDM
- Human Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry, Physics, Forensic Science, Scientific Research I
- Any Modern Language (French, Spanish, Latin) level II or higher
- Dual Enrollment in Science, Math, English, Foreign Language, or Social Studies

# Career Exploration

Now is a great time to start exploring your interests and abilities. Here are some resources to start with.

✓ GA Futures ([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org))

**GAfutures**  
Explore. Plan. Succeed.

✓ You Science ([www.youscience.com](http://www.youscience.com))

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# What should Sophomores do now?

- Start your post-secondary research.
  - Understand the difference between high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements
- Start thinking about your rigorous but manageable junior year schedule.

Special Note: Schedule changes are not made during the school year. Please choose your courses wisely.

- Start thinking about how you plan to prepare for the SAT/ACT next year.

# YouScience Grade Level Activity



## Cell Phone Log-In Instructions:

1. Log into Infinite Campus
2. Select MORE at the bottom
3. SLDS Portal at the bottom
4. Select My Career Plan
5. Go to YouScience (blue rectangle)
6. *You may have to agree to terms*
7. Select Aptitude & Career Discovery
8. Click arrow in top right corner
9. Choose Grade-level activities
10. Click Learn More under Dual Enrollment.

*Browse this page to learn more about Dual Enrollment.*

## Grade-level activities

You have a lot to offer - and we're here to help you tell the world.  
Complete your brain games to discover all the things that make you  
AWESOME

Dual Enrollment  Explore Careers 

### Dual Enrollment

Earn College Credit While Still in High School Georgia's Dual Enrollment Program allows qualified high school students to maximize their education and career training by taking courses that earn college and high school credit at the same time.

[Learn More ->](#)

For more information about Georgia's Dual Enrollment program, please click on the link below.

[Dual Enrollment | Georgia Student Finance Commission \(gafutures.org\)](#)

# Communication

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