

10TH GRADE PARENT INFO *Night*



Presented by

**WFHS COUNSELING
DEPARTMENT**



WFHS Auditorium

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6:00pm - 7:00pm

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WFHS PTO Involvement

- Membership dues allow WFHS PTO to support the students, teachers and staff with student scholarships, teacher grants, hospitality events and much more!
- Scan QR code or go to <https://wfhs-pt-membership-2023-2024.cheddarup.com> to join PTO
- Follow @WestForsythPTO on Instagram and Facebook!



Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!

How can we help?

- Individual Counseling
- Academic Counseling
- College/Career Readiness
- Support Academic Achievement
- Classroom Guidance
- Parent Information Programs



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.



Pathway Recognition

- ✓ Career Tech Recognition
- ✓ Fine Art Recognition
- ✓ Advanced Academic Recognition
- ✓ World Language Recognition

For more information, please check out the CTAE/Career Pathway tab under ACADEMICS on the WFHS Website.

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/55686>



Post-Secondary Planning



Post-Secondary Opportunities

College/University



Technical School



Apprenticeship



Workforce



Military



Career Exploration

Now is a great time to start exploring your interests and abilities. Here are two great places to start:

✓ GA Futures (www.gafutures.org)

✓ You Science (www.youscience.com)



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Post-Secondary Admission Testing

PSAT – Practice SAT for Grades 9, 10, 11

- All 10th Graders took the test – scores release this month
- 11th graders can sign up and qualify for National Merit Scholarships

Understanding Your Digital
PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report

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Post-Secondary Admission Testing

SAT and ACT – Grades 11 and 12

- It is recommended that students take both exams
- Students register through *CollegeBoard.org* for the SAT
- Or *ACT.org* for the ACT



Start Thinking About College

- What am I looking for?

Size, location, costs, majors, clubs/groups, etc.



- How does the BIG 3 affect my admissions?

GPA, SAT/ACT, Curriculum Strength

- Have I narrowed my list down to 5-7 schools?

1-2 Reach, 2-3 Match, 2-3 Safety

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)

HOPE Scholarship

- ✓ Be registered for Selective Service (males only)
- ✓ Meet Georgia residency requirements
- ✓ 3.0 CORE GPA (academic courses only)
 - *English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language
- ✓ RIGOR Requirement - FOUR rigor Courses
- ✓ Middle school courses are not calculated in the HOPE GPA
- ✓ All calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. (not by WFHS or Forsyth County Schools)
- ✓ HOPE GPA is not rounded up, so 2.99 **does not** qualify.
- ✓ AP quality pts. (only 0.5 given for AP, nothing above a 4.0)

HOPE Scholarship

- ✓ Covers a percentage % of tuition (based on available Lottery Funds)
- ✓ Award Amounts: \$\$\$ varies and depends on the type of institution you are attending (public/private)
- ✓ RIGOR Requirement – FOUR rigor Courses

Rigor Courses for HOPE offered at WFHS

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

Special Note: Rigor here is only referring to HOPE scholarship qualification and not to what some Universities might require.

Zell Miller Scholarship

Covers 100% of tuition (based on Lottery Funds)

Requirements:

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
- RIGOR Requirement – FOUR rigor Courses

HOPE Grant

- ✓ Pays a percentage of tuition at all Georgia Technical Colleges
- ✓ NO High School GPA requirement
- ✓ Must maintain a 2.0 in college
- ✓ Must be full time – 12 hours per semester

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.

Dual Enrollment 101

- Financial assistance for tuition, fees, and books is provided. Courses do not count against any maximum hourly caps for HOPE scholarships or grants.
- Students may participate part-time or full-time.
- Student must apply and be accepted to a participating postsecondary institution (University System of GA, Technical College of GA, or Private University).
- Extra quality point added to GPA.
- The most common schools attended by WFHS students are UNG (Cumming Campus) and Lanier Tech.

Upcoming Events

Dual Enrollment Info Sessions:

Host	When	Location
University of North Georgia	Nov 28th 6 PM	UNG Cumming Campus
	Dec 5th 6 PM	Zoom
Lanier Technical College	Nov 29th 6 PM	LT Cumming Campus
Forsyth County Schools	Jan 23rd 5:30 PM	FoCAL Center
	Jan 23rd 7 PM	FoCAL Center

SOPHOMORE MEETINGS

Counselors will be visiting 10th Lit classes in early December to discuss the following:

- Graduation Requirements
- Dual Enrollment
- Post-Secondary Options/Career Exploration
- Understanding GPA
- HOPE

What should Sophomores do now?

- Start your post-secondary research.
 - Understand the difference between being able to get into a college and being able to AFFORD a college.
 - Understand the difference between high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements
- Start thinking about your rigorous but manageable junior year schedule.
- Start thinking about how you plan to prepare for the SAT/ACT next year.
- Visit www.collegeboard.org

Warning Signs your Teen Needs Help

- extreme weight gain or loss
- sleep problems
- rapid, drastic changes in personality
- sudden change in friends
- skipping school often
- falling or failing grades
- talk or even jokes about suicide
- signs of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use
- run-ins with the law



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Communication

West Forsyth High School website
Student Services > Counseling



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