High School 101
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What does my counselor do?

**CORE CURRICULUM**
- Evaluate school and student data and outcomes
- Develop core curriculum to address desired student competencies
- Deliver curriculum systematically through classroom lessons in cooperation with classroom teachers

**INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING**
- Help students evaluate their own interests, abilities, and skills
- Help students develop personal goals
- Help students create plans for their futures

**RESPONSIVE SERVICES**
- Individual counseling
- Small-group counseling
- Crisis response services

**INDIRECT SERVICES**
- Make referrals for outside counseling or assistance
- Consult with parents and teachers to share effective strategies that support students
- Collaborate with parents, professionals, and community members to support student success
# Bell Schedule

**8:25 - 3:40 Monday - Friday**

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**Monday, Tues., Fri. - Lunches during 4th**

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1<sup>st</sup> Lunch: CTAE, Office Aides, Science, Social Studies, Virtual Students, World Languages  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch: ELA, Fine Arts, Math, PE
What is Tutorial?
Parent Portal & itsLearning

For a tutorial, please visit the Denmark High School website at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/dhs

To get your parent login for Parent Portal, visit the office at your child’s school. Bring a photo ID for verification. Once your Parent Portal account is active, email Cynthia Little at clittle@forsyth.k12.ga.us to get your itsLearning account created.
Who do I speak with if my child is struggling in a class?

Chain of Command

Subject Teacher
Department Chair
Administrator

Start here!
Grade Reporting & Credits/Units

Credits/Units
Year-long Course - 1.0 credit
Half-year Course - .50 credit
Credit is awarded at the conclusion of the course (January/May)

Grade Reporting
● Progress reports are sent out every 9 weeks
  ○ These are just to show PROGRESS. Grades reported on these sheets are not final.
● Check Parent Portal at any time for the most up-to-date grades
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Grade Level EOCs

9th Grade
- Physical Science
- Biology
- 9th Lit
- Algebra I
- Geometry

10th Grade
- Geometry
- Alg II
- Biology

11th grade
- American Lit
- US History
- Alg II

12th Grade
- Alg II
- Economics

20% of final grade
What is my GPA?

- You can find your GPA on your unofficial transcript on Parent Portal.
- There is a GPA calculator on the Counseling website.
- Any class taken before August of your 9th grade year are not calculated in your GPA.
Cumulative GPA

A overall weighted grade point average. This includes every class you take throughout your four years in high school. This GPA is what you send to colleges when you apply your senior year.

You can never “remove” a course from your transcript so every course counts!

Core GPA

To calculate your core GPA, we have to remove the fluff. We have to calculate the GPA based solely on the five academic solids:

- Math
- English or Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Foreign Language

The core GPA is your “real” GPA: this is the measure of your academic performance in high school. (It’s not a measure of self-worth.)
Promotion Requirements

- **To 10th Grade:** 5 credits
  - At least 2/3 core credits, 2/3 electives

- **To 11th Grade:** 10 credits
  - At least 5 core credits, 5 electives

- **To 12th Grade:** 17 Credits
  - At least 8/9 core credits, 8/9 electives
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23 CREDITS
Foreign Language in HS

NOT REQUIRED

**HOWEVER...**

Recommendations:
- 2 consecutive years if planning to attend 4 year college
- Level 3 or more shows colleges rigor
- Level 2 and up count as HOPE Rigor courses
- Spanish, Latin, French, German
- Other courses offered on GAVS
  - Chinese, Japanese, American Sign Language
Proficiency Exam

Proficient in another language?

Earn credit for language proficiency by taking the proficiency exam!

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking

See Ms. Giraldo to get registered for the next exam!

ngiraldo@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Languages offered for testing:

- Arabic
- Hindi
- Polish
- English
- Italian
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- French
- Japanese
- Russian
- German
- Korean
- Spanish
- Hebrew
- Mandarin
Career Tech Pathways

- Web Development
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Marketing & Entrepreneurship
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing
- Fashion, Merchandising & Retailing
- Veterinary Science
- Culinary Arts
- Teaching as a Profession
- Entrepreneurship
- Financial Services
- Work-Based Learning (Juniors & Seniors)
Advanced Placement (AP)

- Freshman only allowed to take AP Human Geography
- AP courses taken in high school for potential college credit.
- Quality Point in GPA
- AP Exam taken at conclusion of course
- Scores of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Most colleges accept 3, 4, 5 scores for credit
Dual Enrollment

- College courses = high school courses
- Free program
- Available for students in 9-12 grade
  - Recommended for 11th/12th graders due to maturity & transportation
Increasing Rigor

- Misplaced
- Correct Placement
- Struggling Academically
- Need More Rigor/Challenge

Rigor vs. GPA matrix:

- High Rigor, High GPA: Correct Placement
- High Rigor, Low GPA: Need More Rigor/Challenge
- Low Rigor, High GPA: Misplaced
- Low Rigor, Low GPA: Struggling Academically
Remember... Balance
PSAT

- **Free** to all 10th grade students in Forsyth
- Applerouth will be hosting free PSAT strategy sessions and practice tests to help students prepare for the upcoming October PSAT.
  - Sessions will be offered from September 21 - October 12. To sign up, please visit applerouth.com/preprally

SAT/ACT

- Take 11th or 12th grade (unless applying for Dual Enrollment)
- Free prep available online
HOPE

- HOPE Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement.
- Graduate from a HOPE-eligible high school with a minimum 3.0 core GPA.
- Meet academic rigor requirements.
- Example of Hope Rigor classes:
  - Algebra II
  - Chemistry
  - Foreign Language II & above
  - AP courses

Zell Miller

- Georgia's Zell Miller Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement.
- Graduate from an eligible high school with a minimum 3.7 core GPA.
- Earn a minimum score of 1200 on the math and reading portions of the SAT or a minimum composite score of 26 on the ACT test in a single national test administration and meet all HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements.
College/Career Search

https://xello.world
Username: Fc-Student Number
Password: Itslearning Password (No !)
Features: Aptitude Inventory, Career Search, College Search

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
Create login & password
Features:
College Search, Career Search, Financial Aid, Navigating College Applications
Find Colleges → College Search

https://www.gafutures.org/
Create login & password (add SSN to profile)
Features:
Dual Enrollment Funding
College/Career Search
HOPE Scholarship Calculation
Getting Involved
Forsyth Public Library

It’s FREE with your library card at www.forsythpl.org

Need a hand with homework?

We can Help!
On-demand tutoring, online.

Tutors available daily, 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Free with your library card at www.forsythpl.org!
Alternative Schools

- **Forsyth Virtual Academy**
  - Forsyth Virtual offers students the opportunity to engage in a digital learning environment to achieve their individual potential through innovative, flexible, and student-focused education.
  - Serves students in grades 6-12
  - Part-time or Full-time

- **Forsyth Academy**
  - Small, non-traditional program designed for high school students who are seeking an educational experience outside of the traditional school setting or those wishing to accelerate their learning and graduate early.
  - Classes are held in the morning (8:00 - 12:00) or in the afternoon (12:30 - 4:30).

- **Alliance Academy for Innovation**
  - Provides pathways for students to own their future in college, career, and life.
    - School of Aerospace & Logistics
    - School of Criminal Justice & Law
    - School of Healthcare & First Responders
    - School of Hospitality & Design
    - School of Mechatronics & Energy

- **Mountain Education Charter High School**
  - Provide a second chance opportunity to students across North Georgia to earn an accredited HS Diploma in a student-centered, self-paced, evening public high school.
Special Education Questions?

Contact Stacey Mitchell

- (470) 533-2521, ext. 512008
- SMitchell@forsyth.k12.ga.us
Upcoming Events

September 11th- **Financial Aid Night** w/ Ga Student Finance Commission

Sept 16&17 - **9th Grade Guidance** in classrooms

October 16th - **PSAT**

November 4&5 - **10th Grade Guidance** in classrooms

November 20th - **Dual Enrollment Night**
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Thank You!