High School Advisement Resource Guide
for students entering 9th grade in 2019-2020 and subsequent years

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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 www.gadoe.org.

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This list does not represent all available resources.

The information in this brochure is subject to change.

Websites are provided for informational purposes only.

Resources

COBB COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Administrative Rule IHF www.cobbk12.org

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
College Board www.collegeboard.org
College Quest www.collegequest.com
College and Universities Search www.universities.com
GAFutures www.GAFutures.org
Technical College System of Georgia www.tcsg.edu
NACAC www.nacacnet.org
University System of Georgia www.usg.edu
Christian Colleges www.christiancolleges.com

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
EstudienLoans www.estudienloans.com
FastWeb www.fastweb.com
FinAid www.finaid.org
Hispanic Scholarship Fund www.hsf.net
HOPE www.GAFutures.org
Free Application for Federal Student Aid http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fasa
Sallie Mae www.salliemae.com

CAREER PLANNING
Naviance www.naviance.com
GAFutures www.GAFutures.org
[Visit your career center for user name and password]

DUAL ENROLLMENT
Georgia Student Finance Commission www.gsfc.org
Georgia Department of Education www.gadoe.org
Gateway to College www.gatewaytocollege.org

TEST RESOURCES
Apply Online www.princetonreview.com
ACT www.act.org
Kaplan www.kaptest.com
EOC Assessment www.collegeboard.com/satonlinecourseschool
SAT www.gadoe.org

GENERAL INFORMATION
College Quest www.collegequest.com
Peterson’s Education Center www.petersons.com
NCAA Clearinghouse www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

High School Counseling

Graduation Requirements

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<td>Health &amp; Personal Fitness</td>
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<td>World Language* and/or CTAE**</td>
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<td>and/or Fine Arts</td>
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** Students are encouraged to select a specific career pathway (3 course sequence) along with academic coursework.
Students are able to earn extra quality points added to their college credit. Limited simultaneous high school postsecondary classes for students to take courses online. You will have the opportunity to:

- Take advantage of AP courses.
- Prepare for college exams.
- Develop important skills for success in college.
- Save time and money by earning college credit.

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.

Dual Enrollment Information

- Dual Enrollment (DE) is designed to help students complete college coursework while still in high school.
- DE funds approved core courses as well as CTE career pathway courses.
- Eligible students may participate part-time or full-time with one or more colleges during fall, spring, or summer terms.
- Courses do not count against any maximum hourly caps for the HOPE/Col Scholarship or Grant programs. Grades earned through DE, however, will be calculated into the student’s high school HOPE GPA for eligibility purposes.

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

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.gavirtualschool.org

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

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 courses. (Honors [.5] and all AP courses (1.0). Refer to the Cobb County policy for details.

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<td>A</td>
<td>90-above</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>80-89</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>74-79</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>70-73</td>
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<td>F</td>
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GPAs Not provided on transcripts:
Core GPA
- Includes English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language course grades.
- Often calculated by colleges.

HOPE Scholarship GPA
- HOPE Scholarship requires a 3.0 GPA in core academic/WORLD Language courses only.
- Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) will remove the quality points added by the High School. GSFC will then add an additional weight of 0.5 for AP and Dual Enrollment courses up to the maximum of 4.00. Grades for Honors courses will not be weighted.
- Four Academically Rigorous credits are required for all students. These include courses taken by most students. A full list is available at www.GAfutures.org.
- Parents and students are encouraged to log into www.GAfutures.org and review their HOPE GPA each semester.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY
- Student must complete all 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.

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

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

High School Counseling Instruction

High School Counseling Instruction

focused on college- and career-readiness

9th Grade
- GPA (calculating/importance/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
- Completion of an Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP)

10th Grade
- Reading a transcript
- Graduation requirements needed & completed
- HOPE status
- Dual Enrollment options
- Naviance- College & Career Readiness Inventory Program
- Creating a post-secondary goal
- Compiling a career interest inventory
- Updating resume

11th Grade
- Admissions vs. graduation requirements
- SAT/ACT/COMPASS/Accuplacer/ASVAB
- College admissions process
- Financial aid resources
- Dual Enrollment options
- Research of state and local workforce development initiatives
- Naviance-College & Career Readiness Inventory Program
- Exploration of post-secondary options
- Updating resume
- Review of IGP

12th Grade
- Applying for post-secondary plans