8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT



Class of 2030

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Introduction

- Your student will choose their 9th grade electives Thursday morning in homeroom. You will receive a course placement letter in April.
- If you have any specific questions (that weren't covered tonight), please call AHS to schedule an appointment with Mr. Ho or email at matthew.ho@bartow.k12.ga.us
- Our Magnet Coordinator, Mrs. Kaylie Smith, can answer questions about the magnet program. Her email is kaylie.smith@bartow.k12.ga.us

Requirements to Graduate High School

23 credits are needed to graduate!

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Mathematics
- 4 credits of Science
- 4 credits of Social Studies (.5 Gov & .5 Econ but we offer full credits. Students earn 24 credits total)
- 3 credits of CTAE, Foreign Language, or Fine Arts
- 1 Credit of Health and Personal Fitness
- 4 credits of Other Electives

Every student should complete at least one pathway. A pathway consists of at least 3 classes in the same subject. Example: Band I, Band II, Band III

Clusters & Pathways

Agriculture	Art	Band	Chorus
Computer Science	Construction	Drama (Theater)	JROTC
	Spanish	Teaching	

Band, Chorus, Drama, and potentially JROTC can be taken one semester or both semesters

9th Grade Electives

- Basic Agricultural Science
- Chorus I & II *
- Examining the Teaching Profession
- Industry Fundamentals & Occ Safety (Construction)
- Band I & II
- Intro to Software Technology (Computer Science)
- JROTC
- Robotics & Automated Systems
- E Sports
- Theater I & II *
- Visual Arts I
- Weight Training

*may be taken one semester or both

AHS 9TH GRADE COURSE REQUESTS FORM FOR 2026-2027

Student Name _____ **Student ID #** _____ **8th Grade Homeroom** _____

You will have 8 classes next year: 4 in first semester and 4 in second semester. Your teachers have already placed you in the academic classes you will need for your freshman year. You will also be registered for Health and Personal Fitness since they are graduation requirements in Georgia.

The remaining classes that make up your 8 courses are electives that you need to choose. Because of class size requirements, some electives may not be available to 9th graders. This makes alternative selections equally important. **Please number your electives 1-4 with 1 being your top choice and so on.**

After course requests are entered for all 9th-12th grade high school students, we will send a list of course requests home with students for parents' review and approval.

Electives: The elective choices for 9th graders are listed below. Remember, you need to complete a pathway during high school! We will try, but you may not get your first choice when choosing your 9th grade electives. **Please number your electives 1-4 with 1 being your top choice and so on.**

___ Art (Visual Art Comp 1)

___ Band (yearlong)

___ Chorus

___ Drama

___ JROTC (yearlong)

___ Robotics

___ Aerospace (Drones)

____ Basic Agriculture (Ag Mechanics & Animal Science)

____ Examining the Teaching Profession

____ Industry Fundamentals & Occupational Safety (Construction)

____ Introduction to Software Technology (Computer Science)

____ E Sports

____Weight Training

____ Spanish I **(if you are taking Spanish I right now you will take Spanish 2 next year)**

Are you an athlete? **YES or NO
_____

If so, **which sport(s) do you play?

Parents: Do you have questions about high school and want to meet with a school counselor? We are happy to meet with you. Mr. Matthew Ho, AHS Counselor, at (770) 606-5841 or by e-mail at matthew.ho@bartow.k12.ga.us to set up an appointment.

Bell Schedule

- 7:30-8:15 - Office Hours
- 8:15 - Bell
- 8:20-9:43 - 1st Block
- 9:50-11:13 - 2nd Block
- 11:20-12:00 - Flex Time (Advisement)
- 12:05-1:53 - 3rd Block & Lunch
- 2:00-3:20 - 4th Block

Sample Schedule

Semester 1:

- 1st Block – Enhanced Algebra
- 2nd Block – 9th Lit Comp
- 3rd Block – Health & Personal Fitness
- 4th Block – Spanish I*

Semester 2:

- 1st Block—Algebra Concepts
- 2nd Block – Government
- 3rd Block – Env. Science
- 4th Block – Intro to Software Technology

* If student is planning on attending traditional 4-year college

Promotion Requirements

- To be considered a **10th grader** you must have earned **5 credits** with 3 of them being core academic classes

- To be considered an **11th grader** you must have earned **11 credits** with 7 of those units being core academic classes

- To be considered a **12th grader** you must have earned **17 credits** with 11 of those being core academic classes

Core academic classes are Math, English, Science, Social Studies

The Cold Hard Truth

- Over your 4 years at AHS, you will be offered the opportunity to take 32 credits (8 classes x 4 years)
- If you fail a required course, you will repeat the course!
- If you fail the same required course a second time, you will repeat the course again!
- If you fail core courses, you will lose electives the following year to take the core course again.
- You must pass courses to move to the next grade.

Attendance

- Attendance is very important in high school. Absences and tardies are tracked in PowerSchool. Your parent/guardian will get a notification when you are absent/late.
- You are expected to make up all missing work from absences. Communicate with your teachers to find out what you need to do.
- Students are allowed 4 parent notes per semester. Each parent note = 1 excused absence.
- All medical notes are accepted to excuse absences.

Final exam exemption policy

- Student must have 3 or less unexcused absences in the class and be passing the class to qualify.
- Teachers will mark in Powerschool if a student is exempt

Academic Pathway

- You may choose English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies.
- Complete the required core courses in the selected subject area.
- Include at least one AP or one Dual Enrollment course.
- Earn at least two credits in one world language.
- Many Honors/AP students complete more than one Academic Pathway.

Honors and Advanced Placement (AP)

- Your teacher will recommend you for honors and AP classes based on your current class schedule and your grades.
- If you take an AP class, you are expected to take the AP test at the end of the year in May.
- There are scholarships provided by AHS to help with the cost of the exam.
- The only AP classes offered to freshmen at this time are AP Environmental Science and AP Human Geography.(unless they are looking to apply to Magnet or be accepted to Magnet program). AMS teachers have made these recommendations.
- Once a student agrees to an honors or AP class, they will not be allowed to drop the class.

Honor Graduate

- For students entering Fall, 2023 and thereafter:
  - In the determination of Honor Graduates, all courses will be averaged through the end of the student's senior year.
  - Honor Graduates must have:
  1. A minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 or above in a regular program of study;
  2. Completed at least one CTAE, Arts & Humanities or Accelerated Pathway; and
  3. Successfully completed at least eight (8) units of credit in Honors, Advanced Placement, and/or post-secondary credit-bearing courses

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- **Student must receive at least <u>FOUR</u> of the following credits…**

1) Advanced math (such as Advanced Algebra Concepts, Pre-Calculus, or an equivalent or higher course)

2) Advanced science (such as Chemistry, Physics, or an equivalent or higher course)

3) Advanced Placement courses in core subjects (English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language)

4) Courses taken at a University System of Georgia school in core subjects (English, math, science, social studies and foreign language) where such courses are not remedial or developmental courses

5) Advanced foreign language courses (such as Spanish II)

Valedictorian and Salutatorian (Val/Sal) Distinction

- The student meeting all the Honor Graduate requirements with the highest cumulative, weighted GPA of all coursework will be named the Valedictorian.
- The student with the second highest cumulative, weighted GPA of all coursework will be named the Salutatorian.
- Class rank will be determined using the cumulative, weighted GPA of all coursework.
  - In the event of a tie, the student with the highest number of AP and Degree level academic DE courses will be named Valedictorian. In the event of a tie for Salutatorian, the student with the highest number of AP and Degree level DE courses will be named Salutatorian.

Did you Know?

- The high school has bells that let you know when class starts and ends.
- If you are not in the classroom when the bell rings you may be marked tardy and be written up.
- There are lockers for PE that cost $5.
- If you plan on playing a sport, you must get a current physical. Your coaches will give you more information.

CLUBS

- Art
- Beta
- ESports
- Environmental
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- HoPe
- M3 Challenge
- Mathletes
- Whisper
- Mock Trial
- Robotics
- SGA
- Skills USA
- Thespian Society
- Tome Society
- Women in Stem Excel (W.I.S.E.)
- Future Georgia Educators
- Reading Club
- TSA (Technology Student Association

Join a club, band, chorus, drama, or a sport! The main thing is to get involved! Your grades will be better (really!!), and you'll love high school even more!

Athletics and Head Coaches

- **BASEBALL**
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- **BASKETBALL**
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- **CHEERLEADING**
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- **TRACK**
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- **VOLLEYBALL**
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- **BAND**
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- **JROTC**
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- **ONE ACT**
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- **E SPORTS**
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Students' "Homework" From The Counseling Department

- Students have been given a list of electives
  - They will select 2 electives and 2 alternates Thursday, January 15
  - Please discuss their elective choices with them beforehand.
  - If you are interested in speaking to a counselor about your student's options, please email or call Mr. Ho to ask for a "one-on-one" with a counselor.
- You will receive a list of your classes in April. If you do not want a specific class or do not want to take an honors class, this is the appropriate time to let us know on the paper. The student and parent/guardian will sign the paper and return it to the middle school.

Questions?

