Underclassman Parent Night

2026

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How we can help:

Academic Assistance

- Scheduling
- Graduation planning
- Dual Enrollment
- College admissions

Social & Emotional

- Listen
- Quiet place to destress
- Connect to local resources



Graduation Requirements

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Credits required for graduation

Requirements

4 ELA

- English I (9th Grade Lit)
- English II (10th Grade Lit)
- 2 additional approved courses

4 Math

- Algebra
- Geometry
- Advanced Algebra
- 1 additional approved course

Health and Personal Fitness

- Or 3 JROTC classes with DCSS

4 Science

- Biology
- Physical Science or Physics
- Chemistry, Env. Sci, or Earth
- 1 additional approved course

4 Social Studies

- World History
- American Government
- US History
- Economics/ Personal Finance

6 electives

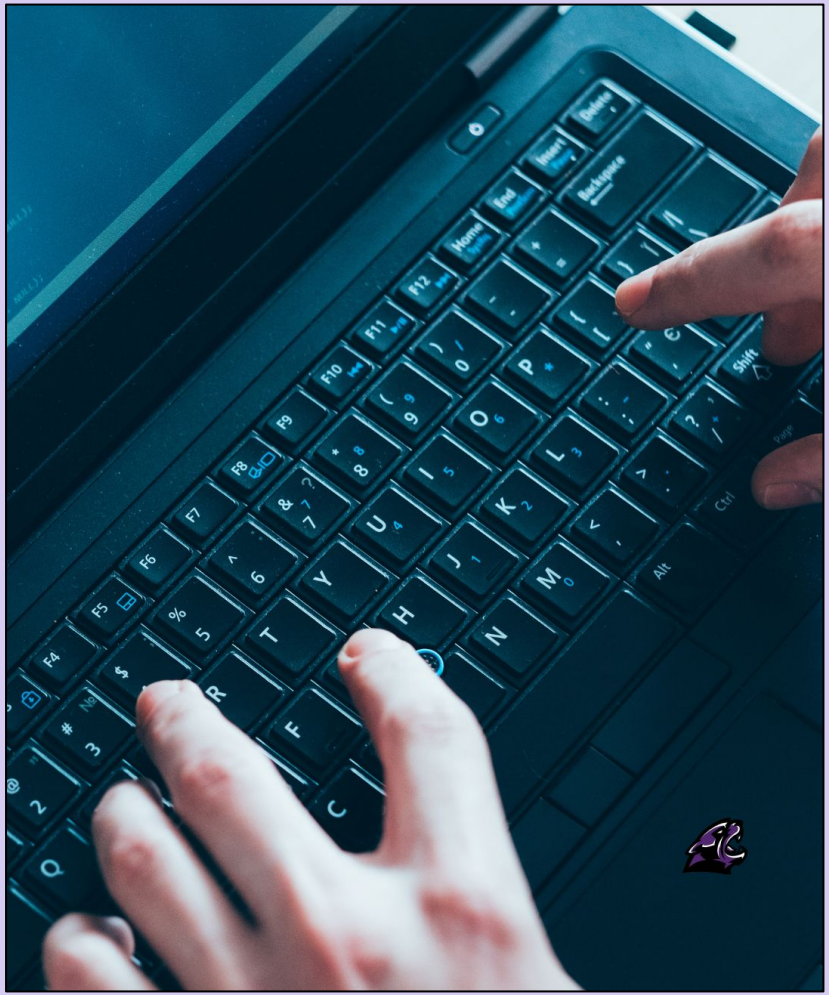
- 3 CTAE, Fine Arts, or World Language
- 3 additional credits (any area)

2 credit same world language for four-year college admissions

End of Course Assessments

1. Algebra
2. Biology
3. English II
4. U.S. History

EOC scores count as 20% of the final course grade



Fall EOC Testing

Testing Schedule

December 1 – December 11

DEC 1 – DEC 3 Literature & Comp. II (10th Grade ELA)
DEC 7 Algebra
DEC 8 Biology
DEC 9 US History
DEC 10 – DEC 11 Make-ups

EOC Boot Camps

Held until EOCs begin

MONDAYS (3:15 – 4:00 PM) ELA Boot Camp
MONDAYS (3:15 – 4:00 PM) Biology Boot Camp
WEDNESDAYS (3:15 – 4:00 PM) US History Boot Camp
THURSDAYS (3:15 – 4:00 PM) Algebra Boot Camp

Graduation Recognitions

Honor Grad

3.75+ GPA

- No F's
- 2 World Language credits
- 5 academic classes senior year

Board Scholar

3.5+ GPA

- No F's
- 2 World Language credits
- Extra academic class

Diploma Seals

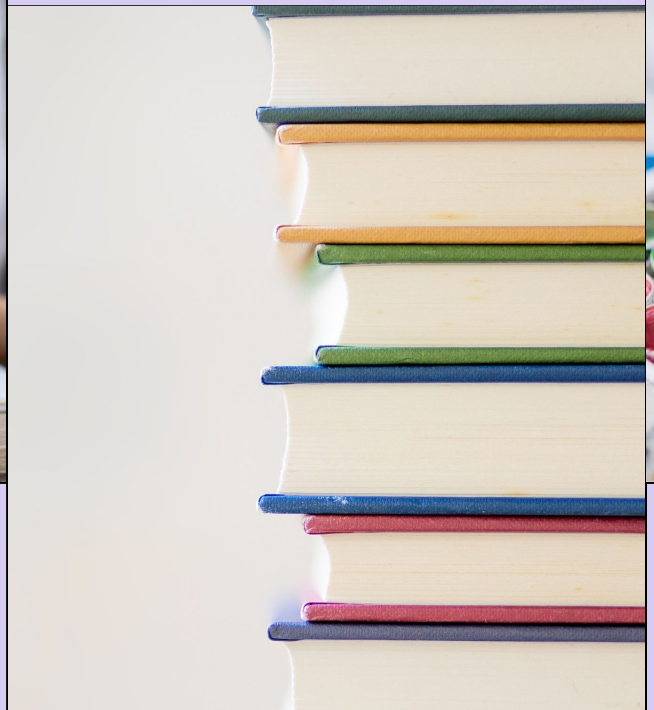


World Language

3 credits of the same language earned in high school. Credits earned in middle school do NOT count.

Academic

Any combination of 3 AP, DE, or CCI Certificates





Fine Arts

3 credits in fine arts. 2 credits in the same discipline.

CTAE Pathways

Earn a cord + diploma seal

Pathway Requirements

Must finish all 3 classes in a pathway and:

Pass End of Pathway Assessment (E.O.P.A.)

— OR —

Participate in WBL
Complete these criteria to receive graduation honors and recognition.

Available CHHS Pathways

Note: Students must complete all pathways they begin

- Marketing
- Computer Science
- Programming
- Game Design
- Entrepreneurship and Human Resources
- Human Services / Food Science
- Workforce Ready
- Allied Health and Medicine
- Phlebotomy

Accelerated Career Pathway

Georgia State Law Code Section 20-2-149.2 established a non-traditional graduation path that allows high school students the ability to earn a high school diploma and post-secondary certification simultaneously by reducing the amount of high school credits required for graduation. The traditional high school graduation path requires students to earn a minimum of 23 high school credits. Whereas the Accelerated Career high school graduation path requires 9 specific high school credits **AND** technical college certification. Both the traditional and Accelerated Career graduation paths result in the same Douglas County School Systems/State of Georgia high school diploma.

Accelerated Career Requirements

High School Requirements:
(All of the following)

- **2 ELA** (including EOC course)
- **2 Math** credits (Alg. I and 1 other approved)
- **2 Science** (Biology and 1 other approved)
- **2 Social Studies**
- **Health and Personal Fitness**

TCSG Requirements:
(One of the following)

- 2 approved technical certificates
- A technical diploma
- A program leading to licensure
- An associate of applied science degree

*** some programs are available through CCI****

Accelerated Career Pathway

Benefits

- Good fit for students with solid post-high school career plan
- Graduate high school with career training
- “ACE” grant covers the cost of training/program
- May be better suited for non-traditional learners

Challenges/Risks

- Will not meet USG admission requirements upon high school graduation
- May not follow school calendar or regular school day
- May require personal transportation
- Will be behind if student changes their mind
- Won’t qualify for Honor Grad or Board Scholar

Accelerated Career is NOT an “easier” pathway.

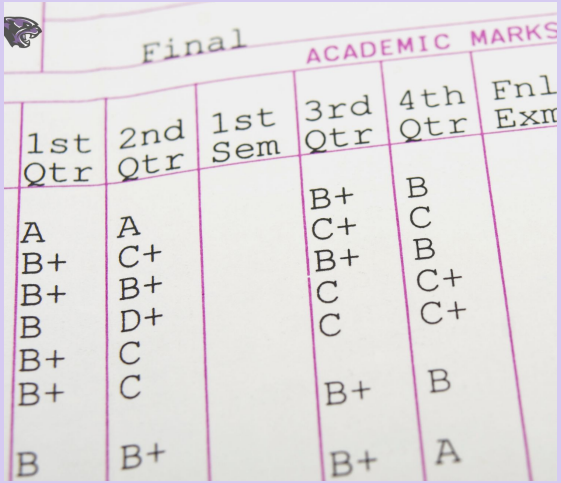
To be successful Accelerated Career Student must:

- Have a solid work ethic
- Be self-motivated
- Have good attendance
- Demonstrate superior study habits

If interested contact your assigned counselor. Students must meet with their counselor to update their IGP before being moved the Accelerated Career pathway

College Planning

What do colleges look for?



GPA

- Colleges may re-average your GPA on a slightly different scale
- Colleges may only look at your core classes when they average your GPA.



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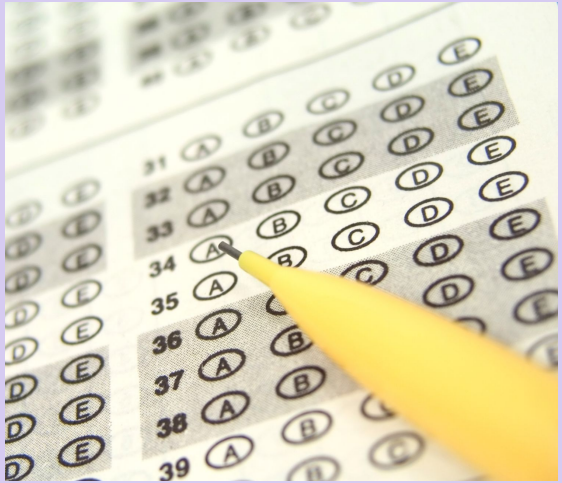
- Are you taking the most difficult courses you can be successful in?
- Honors, DE, AP, CCI



Testing

- SAT
- ACT

What do colleges look for?



Extracurricular Activities

- Sports
- Clubs
- Employment
- Community Service



Focus + Leadership

- Find what you are most interested in and seek out opportunities and leadership in those areas.

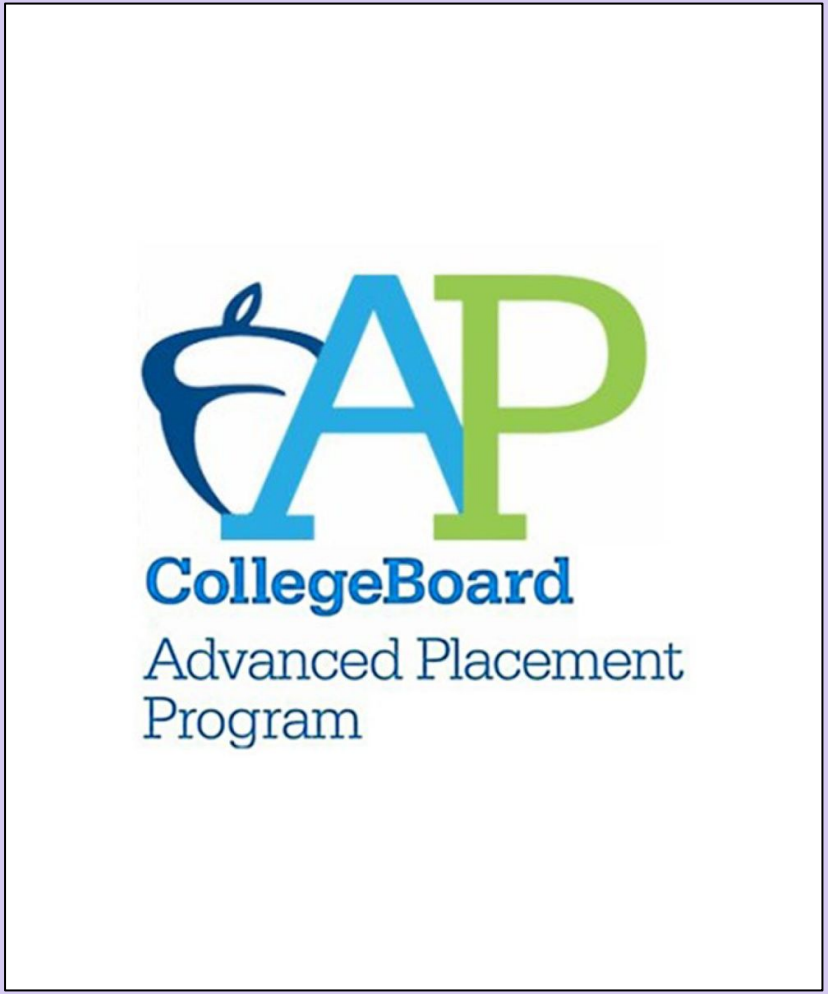


Recommendations

- Start building relationships with your teachers, counselor, club sponsor, and coaches now!

Advanced Placement (AP)

- Internationally recognized as rigorous, college level courses
- CHHS offers AP courses for all grade levels
- CHHS offers AP courses in all subject areas
- Require advanced reading and writing skills and a commitment to studying
- Earn college credit if AP exam score is high enough (generally 3 or above)
- Demonstrate rigor for college applications



Admissions Testing

When?

- Spring of Junior year or Fall of Senior
    - Should have started/completed Advanced Algebra
- Testing dates available on CHHS Counseling Website
- Most tests are on Saturdays
- One SAT school day and one ACT school day (spring) offered per school year

Which?

- SAT and ACT are accepted by all public in-state schools. Check with out-of-state and private colleges
- Practice test can help students determine which test is the better fit for them.

SAT® ACT®

How much?

- **SAT:** $68.00
- **ACT:** $70 w/o essay
- Essay for additional fee
    - Check with school of choice to determine if required
- Testing fee waivers available if student receives free/reduced lunch (11th & 12th only)

NCAA/ NAIA Eligibility

- Must complete if your child intends on playing D1 or D2 or NAIA sports
- The process verifies the students academic eligibility
- $110 application fee for NCAA
- $100 application fee for NAIA
- Application fee may be waived if the student receives free/reduced lunch.



Career Planning

Apprenticeships & Skilled Trades

High Demand & Salary

Critical need for graduating seniors. National average salary of **$80,000** with a **90%+** employment rate.

Avoid College Debt

GA 4-year degree grads average $23,768 in debt. Skilled trades offer higher starting pay without traditional debt.

Grants & Resources

Take advantage of Hope Career Grant for Tech School. See Workforce Resources & Top Jobs:

careerriseatlanta.org/resources/top-jobs

Workforce Wednesday

11th Graders: November 11

Sign up in Google Classroom to participate.

Military Enlistment

Recruiter Contact

Speak with a Military recruiter for the specific branch you are interested in.

Requirements

Enlistment requirements are different for each military branch. Be sure to check specific criteria.

Online Resources

Check the CHHS Counseling portal Military Resources page for more info and recruiter contact information.

Troop Thursday

11th Graders: November 12

Sign up in the Google Classroom to participate.

State Funded Scholarships + Grants

Georgia Scholarship

HOPE Scholarship

3.0 HOPE GPA

4 Rigor Classes

Coverage Details

- HOPE will pay a percentage of tuition to any public school in the state of Georgia.
- HOPE will pay a set dollar amount to any private school in the state of Georgia
- HOPE does not pay for books, housing, food, fees, or any other costs. Tuition only.

Note: For all HOPE programs, bonus points awarded for Honors or AP courses will be removed before your GPA is calculated.

Merit Scholarship

Zell Miller Scholarship

3.7 HOPE GPA

4 Rigor Classes

1200 SAT or 25 ACT in one sitting

Coverage Details

- Zell will pay 100%, tuition only, to any public school in the state of Georgia.

Check GA futures

Technical Colleges Only

HOPE Grant

Certificate and Diploma Programs

Tuition Coverage

The HOPE Grant will pay a portion of your tuition to a Technical College in the state of Georgia.

No Initial Requirement

There is no initial GPA/testing requirement.

GPA Requirement

You must maintain at least a 2.0 to keep HOPE Grant funding.

Technical Colleges Only

HOPE Career Grant

“In-demand” Certificates and Diplomas

Grant Stackability

Supplement provided in addition to HOPE Grant

Award Calculation

Award amount is based on credit hours

Maximum Benefit

Will most likely cover the full cost of program

CHHS Counseling

Questions?

Workforce Wednesday

Wednesday, November 11

Representatives from local agencies will be on campus to discuss opportunities to work in the skilled trades. Local training programs and apprenticeships will be highlighted.

Sign up by Friday, Nov 6 using the link in the Google Classroom.

Troop Thursday

Thursday, November 12

Recruiters from the different branches of the military will be on campus to discuss enlistment and paths to becoming an officer in the armed forces.

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