Schley County High School

9th Grade Orientation

January 9, 2026

Schley County Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Units
- 4 Math Units
- 4 Science Units
- 4 Social Studies Units
  - (4 courses – World History, Gov, US History, Economics)
- 1 Unit of Health and Physical Education
- 2 Units of the same Foreign Language
  - Required for students planning to attend a University System of GA institution)
- Electives (5) (3 credits in one area for pathway completion)

SCHS BLOCK SCHEDULING

- Students will have 8 different classes during one school year.
  - 4 classes fall semester (Aug-Dec)
  - 4 Different classes spring semester (Jan-May)
- At the end of the student's high school career they will have had the opportunity to earn 32 credits, ONLY 23 credits are needed for graduation. This allows the student to take Elective DUAL Enrollment courses, WBL courses, TAP courses, ect.
- Please note student MUST have a full schedule each semester while enrolled in high school.

Recommended General Ed Course Sequence

Math

- Algebra
- Geometry
- Adv. Algebra
- 4th Math
  - amdm

English

- English I (9th Lit)
- English II
- English III (Am Lit)
- English IV

Recommended General Ed Course Sequence

Science

- Physical Science
- Biology
- Chemistry, Human Anatomy and/or Environmental Science
- 4th Sci

Social Studies

- World History
- Government
- US History
- Economics

Pathway/Elective Courses

- Students are required to complete 3 Units in one area of CTAE **OR** Fine Arts for pathway completion.
- Students are encouraged to select a pathway and courses in an area of interest.

Business Pathways

Advanced Accounting

- Intro to Business and Technology
- Accounting I
- Accounting II

Business and Technology

- Intro to Business and Technology
- Business and Technology
- Business Communications

Agriculture Pathways

Agriculture Mechanics Systems

- Basic Ag Science and Technology
- Agricultural Mechanics I
- Agricultural Mechanics II

Plant & Landscape

- Basic Ag Science & Technology
- Horticulture & Plant Science
    - Count as 4TH Science Course
- Nursery and Landscape Design

Horticulture Mechanical Systems

- Basic Ag Science and Technology
- Ag Mechanics I
- Horticulture & Plant Science
    - Count as 4TH Science Course

Human Services

Food & Nutrition

- Food, Nutrition, & Wellness
- Food for Life
  - Count as 4th Science Course
- Food Science
  - Count as 4th Science Course

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Teaching as a Profession

- Examining the Teaching Profession
- Contemporary Issues in Education
- Teaching Internship



Audio-Video Tech & Film Pathways

Audio-Video Tech & Film

- Audio-Video I
- Audio-Video II
- Audio-Video III

Engineering and Technology

Engineering and Technology (Robotics)

- Foundations of engineering & Technology
- Engineering Concepts
- Engineering Applications

Information Technology

Game Design

- Introduction to Software Technology
- Computer Science Principles
  - Count as 4th Science Course
- Programming, Games, Apps & Society
  - Count as 4th Science Course

Fine Arts Pathways

- Students must take at least 3 courses of Art, Drama, Yearbook, or Band.





End of Course Testing

- EOC assessment given as a final exam and the score is part of the student's final grade in the course.
  - EOC grade counts 10% of the student's overall grade in the course.
- Georgia Law requires testing in core classes.
  - Math: Algebra
  - Social Studies: US History
  - Science: Biology
  - English: English II (10th grade)

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Student must graduate from high school with a minimum 3.0 GPA (as calculated by GA Student Finance Commission, GSFC.)
   - https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/
   - Student's grades from all core and foreign language classes count toward GPA.
   - Courses taken 9th grade through 12th grade
2. Student must meet academic Rigor Requirements.
   - See next slide
   - http://www.gafutures.org/media/apofcfmn/rigor-list-september-2025.pdf
   - * GPA for Technical colleges Is 2.0 (HOPE grant)
   - https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/

Academic Rigor Requirements

- Student must earn a Minimum of 4 academic rigorous courses, as identified on the Academic Rigor Course List, in order to meet the HOPE Rigor Requirements.

Example of courses SCHS offers:

- Adv. Algebra, AMDM
- 2nd and/or 3rd level Foreign Language
- AP/Dual Enrollment courses
  - Dual enrollment science, mathematics, English, foreign Language, or social studies courses similar to one in the Rigor Course list at a post secondary institution in GA, will be counted towards rigor requirement.
- Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Human Anatomy
- Computer Science Principles & Programming, Games, Apps

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Student must graduate from high school as the valedictorian or salutatorian and meet ALL HOPE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements.

OR

- Student must graduate from high school with a minimum of 3.7 GPA (as calculated by GSFC).
- A minimum score of 1200 on math and reading portions of the SAT test.
- or ACT Minimum Composite Score of 25.
  - The ACT score requirement can change each year. The equivalent is posted by January 15 each year for the upcoming award school year. (as of the most recent concordance guide published by the College Board and ACT each January 1).
- And meet ALL Hope Scholarship eligibility requirements.
  - https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/zell-miller-scholarship/

Youth Apprentice

- This program is designed to help students find jobs in their chosen field, and work while obtaining a high school education.
- Students receive high school elective credit.
- The Youth Apprentice Program is for 11th & 12th grade students only.

Teacher Apprentice

- Students go to the elementary school and assist an assigned teacher.
- Students receive credit for this class and get to experience the teaching atmosphere.
- 11th and 12th grade students only, BUT student must be 16 years old.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- **9TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DE.**
- STUDENTS CAN ATTEND SOUTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (SGTC) OR GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY (GSW),IF THEY MEET ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.
- STUDENTS MAY BEGIN TALKING CORE COURSES THEIR 11TH GRADE YEAR AND CTAE COURSES THEIR 10TH GRADE YEAR.
- DE FUNDING CAP IS 30 SEMESTER HOURS.

Dual Enrollment

- Upon passing the college course students will receive high school credit and college credit for the course taken.
- Dual Enrollment courses are payed for by the High School and does not affect a students HOPE attempted hour amount.
- SCHS will host a Dual Enrollment registration each semester for parents and students to register for the upcoming semester.

Extracurricular Clubs

- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Student Council
- Audio Video/Yearbook
- Senior Beta Club
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Characters Inc (Drama)
- Science Club
- Partners for Success

Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Track/Cross Country
- Golf
- Football
- Cheerleading
- Softball

- Don't Forget: You must pass to play.

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