



Class
of
2029!

High School Basics

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- Classes are semester long.
 - ◆ Students will have 4 classes on their schedule each semester.
 - 2 academics (all are required for graduation)
 - 2 electives or support classes
- Grades are cumulative and run the entire semester. In order to receive credit in each course, students must earn a 70 or higher.
- Students must earn a certain number of credits in high school to be promoted each year and to graduate.

Promotion requirements:

10th-6 credits

11th-12 credits

12-18 credits

Graduation Requirements:

Traditional Diploma:

- 25 credits to graduate
- HOPE/Zell Scholarship possible
- 2yr or 4yr college entry possible
- Can be a combination of high school and college credits through dual enrollment
- Pathway completion is required

English/Language Arts	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	4 units
Social Studies	4 units
Health & Physical Edu.	1 unit
Career Pathway	3 units
Electives	5 units
TOTAL UNITS	25 units

Academic & Support Recommendations

- Students do not select their academic courses.
- Courses are recommended using a variety of data points including current grades, class level, EOG and STAR Scores.
- Based on this information, students are recommended for support, regular, honors or AP classes.

Academic Level

- All academic classes at the “regular” level are college preparatory and will meet admissions requirements to any college.
- Honors level classes are designed to *prepare* students for Advanced Placement courses. They move at a faster pace because they cover more material and/or cover material in more depth. These classes require a different skill set above those expected in regular courses.
- Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses taught by a certified high school teacher. Students in AP courses follow a college level curriculum that is approved by the College Board. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the AP Exam but college credit is not guaranteed. Each college sets their own AP credit policy.

Academic Course Offerings

- Literature & Composition 2
- Geometry
- Env Sci or Biology (must score 75 or higher in Physical Science)
- Government
- Literature & Composition I Honors
- AP Lang & Comp
- Geometry Honors
- Biology Honors
- AP Government

Dual Enrollment

Eligible 10th graders can enroll in Diploma/Certificate Level Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses. EX: Barbering, Culinary Arts, Nail Tech, Criminal Justice, etc). Tenth graders may take Degree Level (Academic Core) courses if they meet specific SAT or ACT score requirements (SAT: 1200, ACT: 26).

Pathways

- SCHS has numerous pathways (sequences of 3 courses) that align to specific career areas. Completion of one pathway is required for graduation.
- To help you plan for future courses we've included a pathways handout that details these course sequences.
- Courses must be taken in the sequence written on the sheet.

Pathways

- ☐ Agriculture Pathway
- ☐ Culinary Arts Pathway
- ☐ Marketing Pathway
- ☐ Computer Science Pathway
- ☐ Business and Technology Pathway
- ☐ Entrepreneurship Pathway
- ☐ Audio and Video Technology Pathway
- ☐ Engineering Pathway
- ☐ Healthcare Pathway
- ☐ Examining Teacher Profession Pathway
- ☐ Early Childhood Education Pathway
- ☐ Automotive Technology Pathway
- ☐ JROTC Pathway
 - ☐ Heavy Equipment Operator (Begin in 10th Grade)

Electives Offered 2026-2027:

- Band
- Chorus
- Art
- Team Sports
- Weight Training (Girls and Boys)
- Spanish

GRADES AND ATTENDANCE ARE IMPORTANT!

STUDENT GRADES

A - 100-90

B - 89-80

C - 79-70

F - Below 70

LOA - Credit

Denied Due to

Excessive Absences

GPA's HOPE & Zell Miller



Every High School Class Counts!

- ▶ 10th Grade is an important year of high school for many reasons:
 - You must be successful in your classes in order to earn credits, be promoted, and eventually graduate.
 - You are building your high school transcript and the foundation of your HOPE GPA.
 - Colleges, military recruiters, and scholarship committees will be looking at your 10th grade courses and grades on your official high school transcript.

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>

HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

To be eligible for these scholarship programs, students must meet academic requirements (in addition to other eligibility requirements):

► HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 HOPE GPA Requirement (calculated by GSFC and based only on core academic courses--English, Math, Social Studies, Science (including CTAE 4th sciences), & World Languages)
- Students in the Class of 2029 must complete a minimum of 4 courses that meet specific Rigor Requirements (*list of MCHS courses meeting requirement on next slide*)

► Zell Miller Scholarship

- A student must graduate from an eligible high school as valedictorian or salutatorian (meeting the requirements of the HOPE Scholarship)

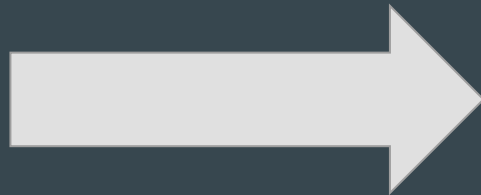
OR

- graduate with a minimum 3.7 HOPE GPA Requirement (calculated by GSFC and based only on core academic courses--English, Math, Social Studies, Science (including CTAE 4th sciences), & World Languages)
- 1200 SAT combined scores (Critical Reading & Math portions) or 26 ACT composite score
- Students in the Class of 2030 must complete 4 courses that meet specific Rigor Requirements

Rigor Requirements

The following courses meet rigor requirements:

- ▶ Advanced Placement courses in core subjects
- ▶ Dual enrollment academic courses
- ▶ Other core courses identified by the state (courses offered at SCHS are identified here)



What courses at SCHS meet the HOPE Rigor Requirement?

Courses offered (with enough course requests) at SCHS that possess academic rigor according to this requirement are:

Chemistry

Forensics

Advanced Math Decision Making

Advanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections

Spanish 2

AP Government

AP US History

AP Language/Comp

○ In addition, transcript credits earned by a high school student through Dual Enrollment in any degree level Science, Mathematics, English, Foreign Language or Social Studies course, substantially similar to one listed on the comprehensive listing and taken at an eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia, will be counted towards the Rigor requirement.

Registration Process»



Registration Process:

- January: -Counselors will go into classrooms to review elective options and assist students with completing their official elective registration forms.
- ▶ Registration summaries will be given out after spring break. This is not a schedule and it doesn't guarantee placement in a course, it's only a summary of student selections. The summary will include recommended academic classes as well as your student's elective and alternate requests.

Think about all 4 years:

Student's Name _____

Sumter County High School Graduation Requirements

High School Diploma 25 units required for graduation

ENGLISH - 4 UNITS

9th _____ 10th _____ 11th _____ 12th _____

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MATH - 4 UNITS

Algebra _____ Geometry _____ Adv. Algebra _____ 4th Math _____

SOCIAL STUDIES - 4 UNITS

Government _____ World History _____ U.S. History _____ Economics _____

SCIENCE - 4 UNITS

Phys. Sci _____ Biology _____ Env/Chem _____ 4th Science _____

HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS- 1 UNIT

Health _____

Personal Fitness _____

ELECTIVES - 8 UNITS *(All students must complete a pathway consisting of 3 classes in the same CTAE area)*

Total Units _____ Date _____ To 10th grade - 6 units

Date _____ To 11th grade - 12 units

Date _____ To 12th grade - 18 units

To graduate - 25 units

Notes:

Parents should contact the counselor if the student fails any class to discuss options for making up the class. Failing a class may delay the student's graduation.

Course Registration Information

Check out the SCHS 2026-2027 Course Guide:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10NnKMdACyI9r8FcESaxdxz_nQpKaPXn9/edit