

GEORGIA SCHOLAR PROGRAM

GA Scholar Timeline

Application Window: Jan. 18 -- Feb. 20
Application Deadline: Feb. 20 at 3:00 pm
Honoree's Announcement: Early April

Georgia Scholar Program The Georgia Department of Education recognizes and honors high school SENIORS who excel in school and their communities as Georgia Scholars. Each Georgia Scholar receives an honoree seal for their diploma. Georgia Scholar is a recognition-only program. No scholarship funds are associated with this program.

Georgia Scholar Recognition

Georgia Scholar honorees are notified in early April through the official Georgia Department of Education press release and email. Honorees will receive an honorary Georgia Scholar seal.

GA Scholar Requirements

Georgia SENIORS are required to meet each of the following criteria.

Criterion 1: Earns a minimum of 22 Carnegie units of credit* for graduation including:

- Three units in science, including one unit in physics or chemistry
- Four units in mathematics, including one unit in Algebra II or its equivalent
- Three units in social studies, including economics or citizenship, world history, and U.S. history
- Four units in English language arts
- Two units in a single foreign language
- One unit in fine arts, chosen from visual arts, music, dance, or dramatic arts

*Credit Equivalency: Courses taken prior to grade 9 that are taught using Georgia approved 9-12 content standards shall be considered as meeting the units of credit requirements for the purpose of this program.

Criterion 2: Earns a minimum combined score of 1360 on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) at one test sitting or a composite score of 31 on the American College Test (ACT) at one test sitting.

Criterion 3: Have a non-weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in core courses. Weighted GPAs are not accepted.

Criterion 4: Are registered to vote if a U.S. citizen and 18 years of age at the time of application.

Criterion 5: Submit a letter of support from someone outside of the school or family that shows evidence of self-esteem and concern for others in day-to-day activities.

Criterion 6: Participates in at least three different interscholastic activities during grades 9-12. Interscholastic activities are any school-sponsored programs involving competition between individuals or groups representing two or more schools.

Criterion 7: Are appointed by a school official or elected by a constituency to a leadership position in at least two different school-sponsored organizations. Leadership positions include but are not limited to president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, captain, drum major, lead editor, advisory board chair, and club founder.

Criterion 8: Provides evidence of leadership in a minimum of two different youth organizations outside the school, including being appointed by an organization sponsor or elected by a constituency to a position of leadership or role of responsibility in a minimum of one of these activities. This does not include paid positions.

To apply for GA Scholar:

Email Donna Green at donna.green@gmail.com

Office location: First office on the 100 Hall.

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Required Documentation

Students seeking recognition as a Georgia Scholar are required to submit the following documentation with their application:

1. An official transcript of all high school work, including all transfer records.
2. An SAT and/or ACT score report from the testing company if the score does not appear on the transcript.
3. A copy of the applicant's voter registration card if a United States citizen and 18 years of age at the time of application. .
4. A letter of reference from someone outside the school or family.
5. Georgia Scholar School Verification Form: School principal and counselor signatures required.*
6. Georgia Scholar Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Form.* *Electronic signatures are not accepted

Houston County High School is located in Warner Robins, Georgia, one of the fastest growing municipalities in Georgia. HCHS is a public school serving approximately 1990 students in grades 9-12. Houston County is home to Robins Air Force Base, a thriving military base which brings diversity to our area.

FACULTY

Houston County High School has 119 certified staff members. Degrees held:
8 doctorates, 43 specialists, 37 masters, 31 bachelors

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to earn a minimum of 24 Carnegie Units in the following areas:

4 Units English	4 Units Mathematics
4 Units Science	3 Units Social Studies
1 Unit Health/P.E.	5 Elective Units
3 Units CTAE / Language/ Fine Arts	

GRADING SCALE

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
below 69	F

A two semester system is used with .5 credit awarded for an 18 week semester course. Each school day has six 45 minute periods. Calculation of student academic standing is based on cumulative grade point average for all courses attempted for high school credit. Final class ranking is based on the cumulative GPA after 7 semesters.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

9th grade	525
10th grade	504
11th grade	503
12th grade	456
Total enrollment	1988

CLASS OF 2020

Total number of graduates	466
College Prep	464
Certificate of Attendance (Foreign Exchange)	2

65%-4 year college; 25%-2 year college

SAT SCORES 2019-2020

Total number of students tested	498
Mean (Average) Score	1055
ERW Mean Score	531
Math Mean Score	524

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2020

Total number of student tested	379
Total Number of Exams	689
AP Students with Scores 3+	226
Percentage of grades 3 or high	59.6%

HONORS COURSES OFFERED

English 9, 10, 12	Chemistry
Geom.	American Govt.
Algebra 2	US & World Affairs
Pre-Calculus	World History
Biology	US History

Three points are added to the final grade of all Honors courses. Participation in Honors courses is dependent upon exceptional performance in the areas of mental ability, achievement, creativity and motivation (in three of four of these areas).

AP COURSES OFFERED

Government	Enviro. Sci.	Statistics
US History	Chemistry	Physics
Calculus AB	Calculus BC	World History
English Language	Psychology	Biology
English Literature	Microeconomics	Spanish
Computer Science	Computer Science Principles	
Music Theory	Studio Art	

Five points are added to the final grade of all Advanced Placement courses. Participation in AP classes is dependent upon student application, teacher recommendation, standardized test scores, and GPA.

TECHNICAL CONCENTRATIONS

AFJROTC	Culinary Arts
Agriculture	Health Science
Family and Consumer Science	Aviation Maintenance
Business Ed.	Marketing
Graphics Communication	Technology Education
Auto Mechanics	Welding
Healthcare Science	Pre-Engineering
Early Childhood Education	Criminal Justice
Fine Furniture Making	HVAC

CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

FBLA	DECA
FCA	FCCLA
Band	Science Fair
Art Honor Society	Diversity Club
FFA	Partners Club
Prayer Club	Foreign Language Club
Thespians	Beta Club
National Honor Society	Student Council
Yearbook Staff	Newspaper Staff
Literary Magazine	Academic Bowl
Debate	Miss HCHS Pageant
Literary Competition	Reel Club
Chess Club	Mission to Earth Club
National Tech Honor	Psychology Society
Math Club	History Club
Big Brothers/Sisters	Tri-M Music Society
Pep Club	Dance Team

ATHLETICS

Baseball	Basketball	Cheerleading
Cross Country	Softball	Wrestling
Football	Track	Tennis
Golf	Soccer	Volleyball
Swimming		