

# THE WILDCAT WAY !!!

Welcome Class of  
2028!

DUNWOODY HIGH  
SCHOOL

Rising 9th Grade  
Registration Night



# Welcome Rising 9th Graders and Families

## Agenda

- Brief Introductions
- High School Terminology
- Review Teacher Recommendations
- Step by step Action Items

## Contents of Folder

- Course Request (**Yellow form**)
- Elective Descriptions (**Pink form**)
- Descripción de las clases electivas (**Anaranjado**)

# The Peachtree Counseling Team



**Jennifer De Soto**  
Administrative Assistant

**Keesha Rice**  
Registrar



**Carrie Ringler**  
6th Grade Counselor



**Danielle McQueen**  
7th Grade Counselor



**Katie Havens**  
Head/8th Grade Counselor

# Meet our Team

## DHS Administration



Mr. Tom Bass  
Principal



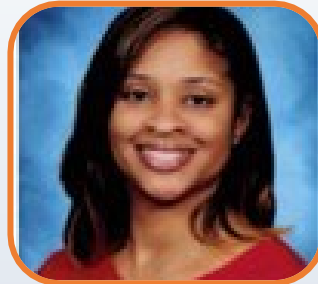
Mr. Andrew Jameson  
Assistant Principal



Ms. Larryssa Harris  
Assistant Principal



Mr. Stacey Blake  
Assistant Principal



Ms. Amiraht Lester  
Assistant Principal



Mr. Joel Posey  
Assistant Principal

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## DHS Counselors



Mr. Luke Ingram  
Head Counselor



Mrs. Deanna deRoux  
Counselor



Mrs. Shamia Moffitt  
9th Grade Counselor



Ms. Rhashida Bunyan  
Counselor



Mrs. Denise Spain  
Counselor

# Meet Our Team



Ms. Pam Holloway  
Registrar



Ms. Kaila Flynn  
Counseling  
Administrative Assistant



Mr. Cary Garner  
Social Worker



Mr. Clarence Thomas  
Data Clerk

# High School Credits and Transcript

## High School Credits

- A Credit is received when you pass a class.
- DHS is on a block schedule, which means you will take 4 classes 1st semester and 4 classes 2nd semester (18wks/semester).
- Exceptions
  - PE-9 & Health (9 wks each)
  - World Geo. & American Govt. (9 wks each)

## HS Transcript

- All classes you take, and grades you receive are permanently recorded on your HS transcript
- You will share your transcript when/if you apply to colleges

# Grade Point Averages (GPA)

- ▶ All grades for High School credit count towards the DCSD Grade Point Average (GPA).
- ▶ Core GPA: Only core courses in grades 9-12 count towards the Core GPA for the HOPE Scholarship.
  - ▶ Core Classes include Math, Science, Social Studies, English and World Language



# Peachtree Courses That Count Towards The DCSD GPA

- Accelerated Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry A
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- French I
- French II
- Foundations of Engineering
- Physical Science
- Comprehensive Visual Arts I

# Grade Point Average

- A = 4 points
  - B = 3 points
  - C = 2 points
  - D = 1 point
  - F = 0 point
- **AP & Dual Enrollment courses count for 1 extra point for your DCSD GPA.**



## **Promotion Policy**

**9th to 10th 6 credits – 3 core and 3 elective**

**10th – 11th 12 credits – 6 core and 6 elective**

**11th – 12th 18 credits – 9 core and 9 elective**

## **Making Up Failed Classes**

**If you fail with 69% or below these are your options**

- **GA Virtual School (GAVS)/Credit Recovery/Flex Academy**
  - **Retake the class at DHS**

# What is Required to Graduate

- 24 Credits needed for Graduation (Block Scheduling allows 32 Credits)
- English/Lang. Arts -4.0 credits
- Mathematics – 4.0 credits
- Science -4.0 credits
- Social Studies -4.0 credits
- Health/Personal Fitness -05/.05 credit
- Physical Education -1.0
- World Lang- (Same Language) (credits determined by diploma)
- Electives - Pathway



# PE EXEMPTIONS



## Approved Exemptions for Second Unit of PE

**Course/Activity Exemption Recommendations\*** (may be used to exempt the second physical education course requirement)

### Non-State Funded Activities

Marching Band	Flag Squad*	Soccer	Wrestling
Baseball	Football	Softball	
Basketball	Golf	Step Team*	
Cheerleading	Gymnastics	Swimming	
Cross Country	Majorettes	Tennis	
Dance Teams*	Pep Squad*	Track	
Drill Teams*		Volleyball	

\*Represents local school activities

### State Funded Courses

JR ROTC      Dance

### Eligibility Recommendations to Exempt One Unit of Physical Education

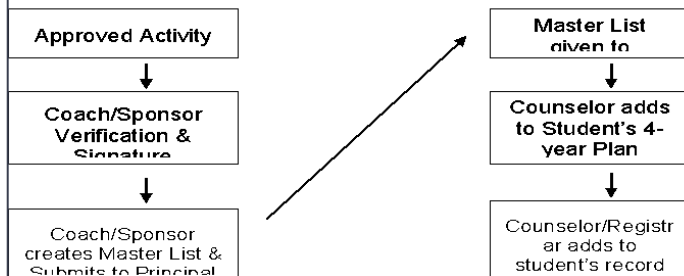
- The county will provide a verification form to all principals to give to coaches and sponsors at the beginning of each semester.
- Coaches or sponsors will verify student's participation by signing the PE Exemption Student Log.
- The coach/sponsor will compile a master list of all students who should receive exemptions.
- This master list will be submitted to the principal for approval.
- Verification forms must be submitted to counselors at the end of each semester in order to have them posted on the students' transcripts (see chart).

### Criteria to Exempt One Unit of Physical Education:

- Verified units will be granted using the following criteria:
- 135 practice or activity hours** will be required to exempt 1 Carnegie unit of PE
  - 65 practice or activity hours** will be required to exempt ½ Carnegie of PE
  - Activity hours will only be accepted for DeKalb County School System sponsored activities
  - One unit may be exempted through validated full-year participation in school sponsored athletics, marching band, dance and/or JROTC, etc. A student who validates full-year participation in these school-sponsored activities **may substitute one unit of credit in any other elective area** for the second unit of Physical Education (Board Policy)
  - Non state-funded courses/activities must have approved documentation
  - Team Sports do not earn Carnegie Units and shall not be included in student's schedule

### Procedure for Approval of Additional Activities to Exempt One Unit of Physical Education

- Schools must submit a request in writing to Jennifer J. Powell, Health and Physical Education Coordinator, for approval for any additional activities.



## DeKalb County P.E. Exemption Student Verification Log



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity	Date of Activity	Number of Hours	Verifying Signature

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

As sponsor, to the best of my knowledge, I verify that the numbers above are accurate. \_\_\_\_\_

(Sponsor's Signature/Date)

**Important: Submit by 1<sup>st</sup> semester Senior year.  
Counselors are required to put PE on Senior's schedules if they do not have credit or an Exemption on file.**

# Additional Requirement for High School Graduation

## GEORGIA MILESTONES

- EOC– End of Course assessment counts 20% of your final course grade.
  - 9th Graders will potentially take 2 EOC courses:  
Math and Biology

# GAFUTURES.ORG

▶ GAFutures.org is Georgia's primary resource to help students plan, apply, and find affordable ways to pay for their post-secondary education.

▶ Features:

▶ Track HOPE GPA

▶ Send transcripts

▶ Apply to colleges

[Click here to view a video tutorial on how to set up your GAFutures account](#)

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PROGRAM  
2020 - 2021



GAfutures

GPA

HOPE/Zell Miller

# HOPE GPA & SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

► Georgia's HOPE Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. The scholarship provides money to assist students with the educational costs of attending a HOPE eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

## HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

#### HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science)
- Rigor requirements

#### Zell Miller Scholarship

- Rigor requirements and one of the following:
- Designated valedictorian or salutatorian
- 3.7 HOPE GPA as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum courses AND
- Test component: 1200 SAT combined score (Critical Reading and Math) or 26 ACT composite score

OR

### WHAT ARE RIGOR REQUIREMENTS?

Rigor courses: *Advanced Math, Advanced Science, Foreign Language, Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects, International Baccalaureate (IB) in core subjects, degree-level Dual Credit Enrollment courses in core subjects taken at an eligible postsecondary institution.*

Students graduating from high school must earn four full credits from the above list.

### AWARD AMOUNTS

	HOPE Scholarship*	Zell Miller Scholarship*
Public Institution	Portion of standard tuition <sup>†</sup>	Full standard tuition <sup>†</sup>
Private Institution Full-time	\$2,152 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$1,436 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$2,808 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$1,914 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)
Private Institution Half-time	\$1,077 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$719 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$1,404 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$957 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)

\*Complete award amounts available on GAfutures.org. <sup>†</sup>Up to 15 credit hours.



# ACADEMIC HOPE RIGOR

For the High School Graduating Class of 2017 and beyond, a student meeting the requirements to be a HOPE Scholar at the time of high school graduation must earn a minimum of four full credits from the academic rigor course categories listed below prior to graduating from high school.

[Link to HOPE Rigor Course List](#)

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students may enroll on a part-time or full-time basis as a Dual Enrollment student and take college courses at their high school or on a postsecondary campus. Students will receive high school and college credit simultaneously when attending and passing approved college classes.

GRADE LEVEL ELIGIBILITY		
9th Grade	10th Grade	11th & 12th
Students in the 9th grade are <b><i>not eligible</i></b> to participate in the Dual Enrollment funding Program.	<b>CTAE COURSES ONLY</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> grade students may enroll in approved Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses listed on the Course Directory at a participating TCSG institution only.	Students may take any approved Dual Enrollment courses listed on the Course Directory, at an eligible participating postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG or private).
		<b>Eligibility: SAT score of 1200</b> or <b>ACT composite score of 26</b> in a single national test.



**Mr. Jameson**  
**Assistant Principal of Instruction**

# Course Request Forms

Dunwoody High School  
2024-2025 Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Request Form

Parents: Please complete the top of this form.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers: Please initial on the line of each course that you recommend for this student.

**1. Required English:**

Literature 9  
 College Prep  Accelerated/Gifted  Co-Taught  ESOL

**2. Required Math:**

A. Algebra Support for Algebra: Concepts and Connections  
 AND Algebra: Concepts and Connections (2 Semesters)  
 College Prep  Co-Taught  ESOL

B. Algebra: Concepts and Connections (1 semester)  
 College Prep  Co-Taught

C. Algebra: Concepts and Connections (1 semester)  
 Accelerated/Gifted

D. Geometry: Concepts and Connections (1 semester)  
 (Prerequisite - Enhanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections)  
 Accelerated/Gifted

**3. Required Science:**

Biology  
 College Prep  Accelerated/Gifted  Co-Taught  
 OR

Environmental Science  
 College Prep  Co-Taught  ESOL

**4. Required Social Studies:**

American Government/World Geography  
 College Prep  Accelerated/Gifted  Co-Taught  ESOL

**5. Required Health/Physical Education:**

Health/PE 9

**Course Levels**

**College Prep**

All classes at DHS are taught at a college preparatory level.

**Accelerated/Gifted**

This is for students who want a more rigorous class and are extremely strong in the subject area.

**Co-Taught**

This is for students who have an IEP.

**ESOL**

Courses for English Language Learners

**Advanced Placement**

The curriculum is college level and developed by the CollegeBoard.

**Academic Levels:**

**College Prep**

**Accelerated/Gifted**

**Co-Taught**

**Advanced Placement\***

**6. World Languages:**

Spanish I  Spanish I (Co-Taught)  Spanish for Native Speakers I  
 Spanish for Native Speakers II **OR**  Spanish for Native Speakers II/Spanish V  
 Spanish V (Prerequisite is Spanish for Native Speakers II – this course is only offered in the spring)  
 Spanish II **OR**  Spanish II/III **OR**  Accelerated/Gifted Spanish II/III  
 Accelerated/Gifted Spanish III **OR**  Accelerated/Gifted Spanish III/IV

French I  
 French II **OR**  French II/III  
 French III **OR**  French III/IV

Latin I  German I (course will be offered if there are enough student requests)

**7. Please select your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices from the pathway options below:**

**Humanities Pathway Courses:**

Visual Arts I  Visual Art II (Prerequisite Visual Arts I)

Band  Chorus  Orchestra

Beginning Guitar Technique  Drama

Advanced Placement Human Geography (college level curriculum set by the CollegeBoard)

**CTAE (Career, Technical & Agricultural Education) Pathway Courses:**

Air Force JROTC

Audio, Video, Technology & Film

Introduction to Software Technology

Early Childhood Education

Foundations of Engineering and Technology (one course per year allowed)

Engineering Concepts – (Prerequisite - Foundations of Engineering and Technology)

Food, Nutrition & Wellness

Introduction to Healthcare Science

Introduction to Interior Design

**Teacher Recommendations Only Below:**

Basic Reading and Writing – Teacher Recommendation Only

ESOL II/III/IV – ELL Teacher Recommendation Only

Study Skills – Individualized Education Program (IEP) Required

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Assessment:**

Reading  Math  Language Arts  Science



Academic Course Waiver Forms  
will be available for pick-up in  
the Peachtree Middle School  
Counseling Office

*Deadline: January 12, 2024*



# Dismissal Instructions

- **Course Request and Diploma Choice forms stay in your student's folder**
- **Return folder to the DHS counselors manning the table outside auditorium**
- **Have a wonderful evening!**

**Still have questions?**

**8th Grade Counselor, Ms. McQueen**  
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**Have A Safe & Restful Evening**