

# COUNSELING

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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School!*

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# TRANSCRIPTS & GPA

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE A TRANSCRIPT STARTING THE SECOND SEMESTER OF THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR. SOME STUDENTS MAY BRING A FEW HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL THAT COUNT TOWARDS GRADUATION BUT ARE NOT CALCULATED IN THEIR OVERALL GPA. A TRANSCRIPT IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THAT IS MORE THAN A REPORT CARD. TRANSCRIPTS KEEP TRACK OF EVERY CLASS TAKEN AND EVERY GRADE MADE IN HIGH SCHOOL. WHAT YOU DO FRESHMAN YEAR WILL STAY WITH YOU THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL. STUDENT GRADES ARE CALCULATED INTO THEIR GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA). THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF GPA WHICH CAN BE CONFUSING, SO HERE IS A HANDY LIST TO REMEMBER:

## **CUMULATIVE GPA**

ALL GRADES ON THE TRANSCRIPT ARE CONVERTED FROM NUMERICAL GRADES TO A 4.0 SCALE AND AVERAGED TOGETHER TO GET THE CUMULATIVE GPA

**A= 4 B= 3 C= 2 D=1 F=0**

## **GPAS ON TRANSCRIPTS:**

### **WEIGHTED GPA**

AVERAGE OF ALL CLASSES WITH QUALITY POINTS ADDED FOR SOME HONORS (.5) AND ALL AP (1.0) COURSES.

### **UNWEIGHTED GPA**

THE AVERAGE OF ALL CLASS GRADES BASED ON A 4.0 SCALE. THIS WILL BE CAPPED AT 4.0

## **GPAS NOT ON TRANSCRIPTS:**

### **CORE GPA**

INCLUDES ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND WORLD LANGUAGE GRADES. MANY COLLEGES WILL RECALCULATE A STUDENT'S GPA TO LOOK AT THEIR CORE GPA DURING ADMISSIONS.

### **HOPE GPA**

THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIRES A 3.0 CORE GPA. GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE COMMISSION (GSFC) WILL REMOVE THE QUALITY POINTS ADDED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL AND ONLY ADD A STANDARD WEIGHT OF .5 FOR AP AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES. THIS GPA IS CAPPED AT 4.0.

REMEMBER, YOUR GPA IS CUMULATIVE, SO EVERY CORE CLASS AND WORLD LANGUAGE CREDIT YOU TAKE WILL BE CALCULATED FOR YOUR HOPE GPA, EVEN IF YOU DON'T START THINKING ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS UNTIL JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR. BE SURE TO MAKE A GA FUTURES ACCOUNT SO YOU CAN MONITOR YOUR HOPE GPA AND KNOW WHERE YOU STAND WHEN APPLICATION TIME COMES AROUND IN YOUR SENIOR YEAR.

# COBB COUNTY GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	74-79
D	70-73
F	Below 70

STUDENTS NEED TO MAKE AT LEAST A 70% TO PASS A CLASS AND RECEIVE CREDIT. IF THEY DO NOT PASS THEY MAY NEED TO REPEAT THE COURSE FOR GRADUATION.

## **BE SURE TO MONITOR YOUR GRADES!**

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO MONITOR THEIR GRADES ON STUDENTVUE. KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR GRADES HELPS YOU AVOID SURPRISES AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

PART OF BEING IN HIGH SCHOOL IS LEARNING LIFE SKILLS THAT YOU CAN BRING TO COLLEGE OR WORK AFTER GRADUATION. FOLLOWING UP ON MISSING ASSIGNMENTS, VERIFYING GRADES THAT ARE PUT ON YOUR STUDENTVUE, AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE ASSIGNMENTS ARE ALL SKILLS THAT WILL HELP YOU LATER ON IF YOU MASTER THEM NOW.

## **WHAT IS BLOCK SCHEDULING?**

SPRAYBERRY HIGH SCHOOL IS ON A BLOCK SCHEDULE. THIS MEANS STUDENTS WILL TAKE 4 DIFFERENT CLASSES EACH SEMESTER FOR A TOTAL OF 8 CREDITS EVERY YEAR. THESE CLASSES COUNT FOR A FULL 1.0 CREDIT TOWARDS THEIR GPA, UNLIKE ON A TRADITIONAL SCHEDULE WHERE STUDENTS TAKE 7 CLASSES THE WHOLE YEAR, COMPLETING .5 OF THE CREDIT IN THE FALL AND .5 IN THE SPRING. BLOCK SCHEDULE ALLOWS FOR 9 EXTRA CREDITS TO BE TAKEN BEYOND THE MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

COBB COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS COME FROM THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EDUCATION. THESE ARE SET AT A DISTRICT LEVEL, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BY SPRAYBERRY HIGH SCHOOL. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT TO MOVE TO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS NEED 5 TOTAL CREDITS WITH ONE BEING IN ENGLISH, ONE IN MATH, AND ONE IN SCIENCE. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR INCOMING FRESHMEN TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL WHERE YOU CAN FAIL SOME CLASSES AND STILL BE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL. IF YOU DO NOT PASS THOSE THREE CLASSES PLUS AT LEAST TWO MORE, YOU WILL BE RETAINED IN 9TH GRADE UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS TRUE FOR EACH GRADE'S PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

23 total units (credits) required for all students

<p><b>ENGLISH - 4 credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and Composition</li> <li>• 1 unit of American Literature and Composition</li> <li>• 2 additional unit of Literature and Composition</li> </ul>
<p><b>MATH - 4 credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of GSE Algebra I or equivalent</li> <li>• 1 unit of GSE Geometry or equivalent</li> <li>• 1 unit of GSE Algebra II or equivalent</li> <li>• 1 unit of a 4<sup>th</sup> Math option</li> </ul>
<p><b>SCIENCE - 4 credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of Biology</li> <li>• 1 unit of Physics</li> <li>• 1 unit of either Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science, or any AP/IB Science</li> <li>• 1 unit of a 4<sup>th</sup> Science option</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOCIAL STUDIES - 3 credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 unit of World History</li> <li>• 1 unit of US History</li> <li>• ½ unit of American Government</li> <li>• ½ unit of Economics</li> </ul>
<p><b>HEALTH and PERSONAL FITNESS – 1 credit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ½ unit of Health and ½ unit of Personal Fitness</li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE: 3 units (credits) of JROTC may be used to satisfy this requirement</i></p>
<p><b>WORLD LANGUAGE and/or CAREER TECH (CTAE) and/or FINE ARTS – 3 credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are required to earn a total of 3 credits from CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts</li> <li>• 2 units from the same World Language for college-bound students*</li> </ul>
<p><b>ELECTIVES - 4 credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Additional elective credits – any area</li> </ul>
<p>Students are required to take EOC tests in specified courses which count for a percentage of their overall grade. These courses include <b>American Literature, Algebra I, Biology, and US History.</b></p> <p>Completion of the Graduation Requirements may not meet the Admission Requirements for entrance into a University System of Georgia Institution or other post-secondary institution without additional coursework.</p>

### Promotion to 10th grade

5 credits to include 1 English, 1 Math, 1 Science

### Promotion to 11th grade

10 credits to include 2 English, 2 Math, 2 Science

### Promotion to 12th grade

16 credits to include 2 English, 2 Math, 2 Science