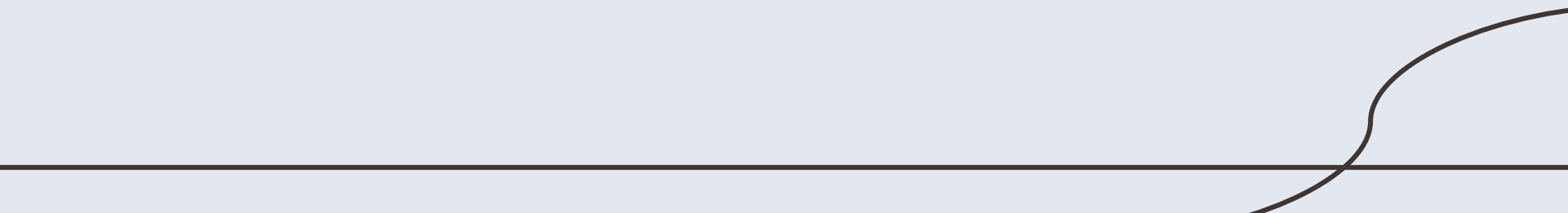




# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Workshop

Thursday, January 19, 2022



# Tonight's Agenda



**Grad  
Requirements**



**Credits and  
Transcripts**



**Tracking Student  
Progress**



**Scheduling Timeline**

How does the  
scheduling process  
work?



**Course Progressions**

What is my student  
taking now and what  
should they take next  
year?



**Q&A**

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# Resources

**01** **Course Catalog**  
Grad Requirements, Pre-requisites, course progressions

**03** **AP Course Catalog**  
Specific skills needed for AP classes

**05** **Student Folder**

**02** **Student/Teacher Workload**  
Time spent outside of school

**04** **Scheduling Website**  
[counseling.fcsia.com/academics](https://counseling.fcsia.com/academics)

**06** **FVS and GAVS Catalog**

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IA Grad Requirement: Research Class

# Specific Courses You Must Have

## Science:

Biology, AP  
Biology

Chemistry,  
APES, Earth  
Systems

Physics, AP  
Physics (Physical  
Science)

Pick one from  
each group  
plus one other

## Social Studies:

Government  
Personal Finance

World History

US History

Must take  
all

## English:

9<sup>th</sup> Literature

11<sup>th</sup> Literature or  
AP Lang or DE

Must take  
all plus two  
others



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**Let's bust some middle school  
myths about high school...**

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**Thumbs Up = TRUE    Thumbs Down = FALSE**

**My first semester grades are averaged with  
my second semester grades in a class to total  
to a final grade.**

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**Thumbs Up = TRUE    Thumbs Down = FALSE**

**If I pass second semester, my first semester  
grade will be passing too.**

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**Thumbs Up = TRUE    Thumbs Down = FALSE**

**If I fail a semester, I can just move on and do  
not need to redo the course.**

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**Thumbs Up = TRUE    Thumbs Down = FALSE**

**When taking a course, one semester equals a  
half credit (0.5)**

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**Thumbs Up = TRUE    Thumbs Down = FALSE**

**To earn the full credit for a course, I need to  
pass first semester and second semester.**

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**Thumbs Up = TRUE    Thumbs Down = FALSE**

**To get in to a top college it is all about how  
many AP courses I take.**

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# Credits and Transcripts

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# Reading Your Transcript

## Course Number

Ends in 1 = 1<sup>st</sup> semester  
Ends in 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

## Course Names

Check the name of the course (honors or AP)

## Credit Amount

Reminder: 1 semester equals  
0.5 credits

## Grades

Why are there two grades?

### 2020-2021 Grade 09 Term 1

23.0610000	9th Lit/Comp	90/90	0.5000	0.5
45.0570001	Amer Govt/Civics	90/90	0.5000	0.5
26.0120000	Biology	93/93	0.5000	0.5
62.0120000	Chinese 2	85/85	0.5000	0.5
27.0990000	GSE Algebra I	90/90	0.5000	0.5
11.4150000	IntroDigitalTech	89/89	0.5000	0.5

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What do I do if I see an issue  
on my child's transcript?

# GPA on Your Transcript

GPA Summary	
Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	93.132
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)	91.658

- What does unweighted versus weighted mean?
- Weighted = with honors points or AP points
- Unweighted = without honors points or AP points

# The Two Student Comparison

## Joe

Class 1	A
Class 2	A
Class 3	B
Class 4	A
Class 5	A
Class 6	B
Class 7	F

## Sally

Class 1	A
Class 2	C
Class 3	B
Class 4	A
Class 5	C
Class 6	B
Class 7	A

# Who has the better GPA?

## Joe

Class 1	A
Class 2	A
Class 3	B
Class 4	A
Class 5	A
Class 6	B
Class 7	F

## Sally

Class 1	A
Class 2	C
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# Who has the better GPA?

3.14

Joe

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LOOK  
AT THE  
EFFECT  
OF ONE  
FAILING  
GRADE!



# Which student would a college accept?

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Class 6	B
Class 7	F

Takes all honors and AP courses, participates in one club, spends majority of time studying

3.14

Sally

Class 1	A
Class 2	C
Class 3	B
Class 4	A
Class 5	C
Class 6	B
Class 7	A

Takes a few honors and AP courses, participates in one club, does volunteer hours at the animal shelter, has a job on the weekends

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## The Big Question:

Is it about the classes I take or is it about being a well-rounded student?

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# Tracking Student Progress

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# What is the Grad Stat Report?

- The graduation status report tracks your credits you earn over the course of your four years of high school
- It ensures you have the RIGHT courses to meet the graduation requirements

# Example

## Innovation Academy Graduation Status Report

Student Name:				Date:	
Student Email:				Grad Year:	
	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	
English	9th Lit				
Cred Completed	(S1) S2				
Math	Algebra 1				
Cred Completed	S1 S2				
Science					
Cred Completed					
Soc Studies					
Cred Completed					

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# Four Year Plan

- The four year plan is a live document that is a predicted plan of the courses that a student will take over their four years in high school
  - It CAN be changed
  - It WILL be changed
  - It should be a discussion every year

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# Scheduling Timeline

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# Scheduling Timeline

- The biggest first step of the scheduling process is **EDUCATE YOURSELF**
    - Course Catalog
    - Course Progressions in the Course Catalog
    - Teacher and Student Workload
    - AP Course Catalog
  - Innovation Academy Website
    - Click on Students and Families
    - Click on Counseling
    - Click on Academics
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# Recommendations and Electives

## Recommendations and Electives

- Teachers will be speaking with students in the month of January about different course options for next year in their department. Based on these conversations and their current progress in the course, teachers will make recommendations for the students for next year.
  - Trust your teachers!
  - February 8-10: Elective Selection for Students
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# Course Verifications

## Review, Waivers, and Contracts

- February 13 – 16: Verification #1
  - February 27 – March 2: Verification #2
  - March 2: All Course Waivers are due to the Counseling Office  
NO EXCEPTIONS
  - March 15 – March 31: Rigor Contract Meetings
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# Protocols and Procedures of Scheduling

- Specific directions are sent out for each stage of scheduling
  - These do not include calls and emails as it delays the processing of the requests
- We are scheduling 1500 students in a two month span
- Students and parents are encouraged to use the provided resources on the scheduling website to make the most informed decision for their student
  - This includes the conversations that students have with their individual teachers about recommendations

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# How the Process Works



## Recommendations

Teachers recommend students for their next course based on numerous factors



## Course Waivers

If a student is not recommended, they may meet with their current teacher to complete a waiver



## Rigor Contract

Parents and the student will need to come sign a contract if they are taking a certain combination of rigorous courses

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# What Should I Consider?

- Academic Capacity
  - Pre-Requisites
  - Interests and Passions
  - Extracurricular Activities
  - Time Outside of School
  - Mental Health and My Well Being
  
  - Anything else you would consider?
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# How Do I Waiver

1. Pick up a waiver form from the counseling office
  2. Meet with your current teacher to discuss why you want to waiver
  3. Discuss concerns, workload, skills needed
  4. Student and Teacher sign the waiver together
  5. Student takes waiver home to discuss with parent
  6. Parent signs waiver
  7. Waiver is returned to the Counseling Office
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# Rigor Contracts

After course verification, if a student requests any of the following combinations of courses, they will need to sign a rigor contract with their parents in person, at school.

- 3 or more AP courses
- Combination of 4 or more Honors and AP courses
- 3 Dual Enrollment courses
- Combination of 3 or more Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses



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# Planning for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

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# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

English	
Math	
Science	
Social Studies	
Virtual Period	Health and Personal Fitness complete? World Language? Other Elective?
Pathway Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> course in your chosen pathway
7 <sup>th</sup> Class	What will this be?

# English

Middle School	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
9 <sup>th</sup> Lit Honors	AP Seminar	11 <sup>th</sup> Literature 11 <sup>th</sup> Lit H (virtually) AP Lang	Dramatic Writing AP Literature Multicultural Lit Multi Lit with Civil Rights Focus	Dual Enrollment Or ELA Class as an elective
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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Course	9 <sup>th</sup> Lit 9 <sup>th</sup> Lit Honors	10 <sup>th</sup> Lit AP Seminar	11 <sup>th</sup> Literature 11 <sup>th</sup> Lit H (virtually) AP Lang	Dramatic Writing AP Literature Multicultural Lit Multi Lit with Civil Rights Focus

# Science

Middle School	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Course	Biology Biology Honors	Chemistry Chemistry H Earth Systems APES	Physics AP Physics 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Science Course Required for Graduation  See list below

Middle School	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Physical Science for High School credit	Biology Biology Honors	Chemistry Chemistry H Earth Systems APES	Physics AP Physics 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Science Elective if you choose to take one

## 4<sup>th</sup> Year Science Courses and Electives

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C
- AP Environmental Science

- Astronomy
- Earth Systems
- Organic Chemistry H
- Forensic Science

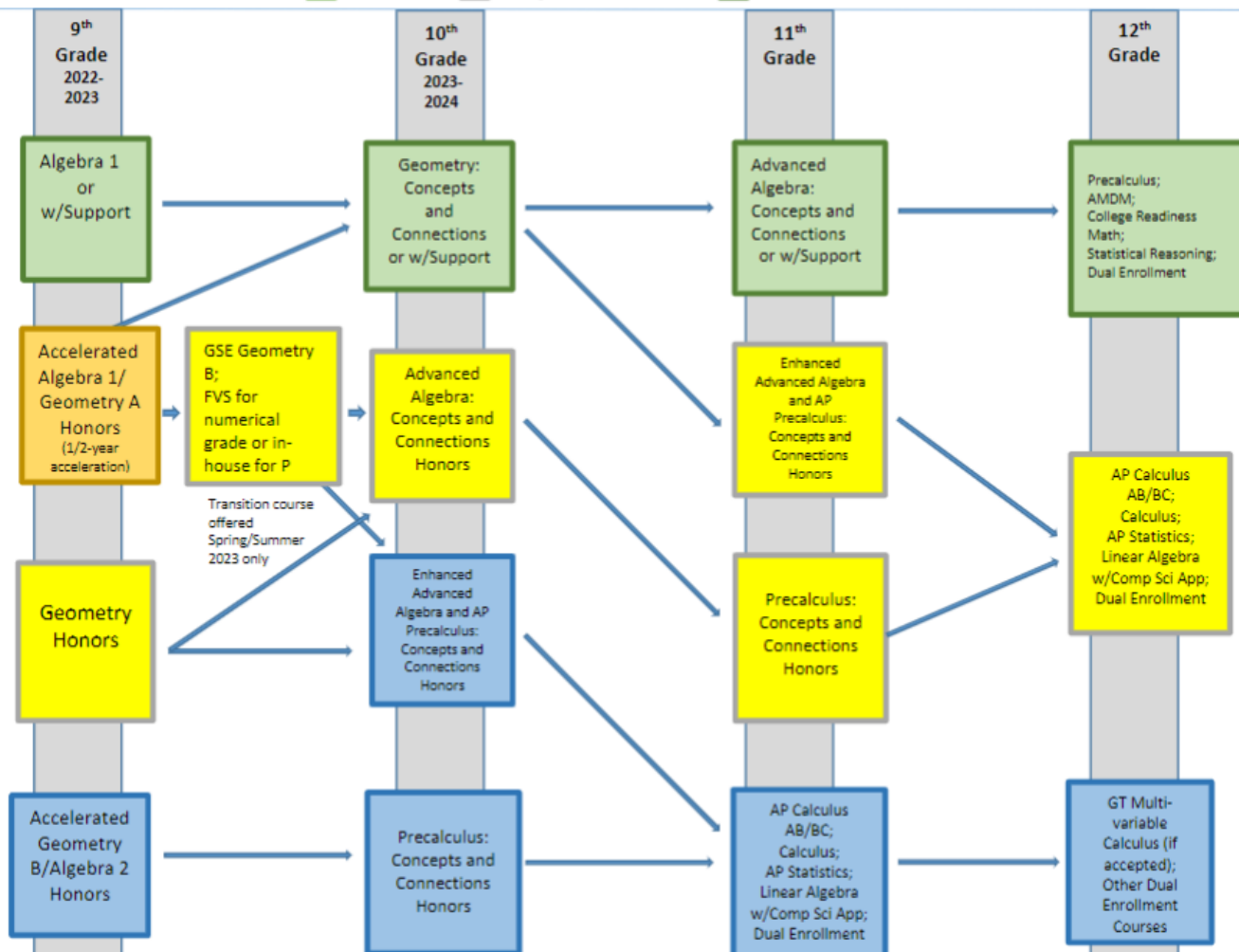
# Social Studies



# Math

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Transition to Georgia's K-12 Math Standards

On-level    One year accelerated    Two years accelerated



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# Health Sciences Pathway

- Option #1 – Essentials of Healthcare
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Option #2 – Essentials of Biotechnology
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# Engineering Pathway

- Second Year Course: Engineering Concepts



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# Information Technology Pathway

- Option #1: Introduction into Cybersecurity
- Option #2: AP Computer Science Principles
  - Leads to Embedded Computing or AP Computer Science A or Game Design

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# Virtual Class

- Has Personal Fitness and Health been completed?
  - Has two years of World Language been completed?
  - Look at the courses listed in Fulton Virtual School and Georgia Virtual School
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# Now It's Time To Talk...

- Compare your plan with your student's plan
  - Compare your family choices with the teacher recommendations
  - What is best for MY student?
  - How do we make selections and decisions for a well-rounded student?
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# Question and Answer

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