

Freshman Class Schedule

REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

9th Grade Literature & Composition
Standard or Honors

Math
EITHER Coordinate Algebra
Standard or Accelerated
OR Analytic Geometry
Honors or Accelerated

Biology
Standard or Honors

American Government/Civics
(1 semester) Standard or Honors

World Geography
(1 semester) Standard or Honors

World Language
French, Spanish, Arabic, or Chinese

Personal Fitness
(one semester)

Physical Education elective*
(one semester)
(*Contact counselor for possible substitutions for students in band, JROTC, or Varsity sport athletes)

ELECTIVE CLASSES
Career Pathway Electives
Arts Electives
JROTC
Additional World Language
AP Human Geography

Top 6 Things Colleges Look for in a High-School Student

A Challenging High School Curriculum

A transcript that reflects that you take on challenges can put you a step ahead. Academically successful students should take several honors and Advanced Placement classes.

Strong Grades and an Upward Trend

Admissions officers value grades that represent strong effort. Grades should show an upward trend over the years. However, slightly lower grades in a rigorous program are preferred to all A's in less challenging coursework.

Solid Scores on Standardized Tests

Scores on the SAT and ACT carry considerable weight in the college admissions process. Scores should ideally be consistent with high school performance.

Quality Involvement in Activities

Passionate involvement in a few activities and a demonstration of leadership and initiative in those activities can only help a student. Depth, not breadth, of experience is most important.

A Record of Community Service

Community service activities serve as evidence of a student being a "contributor." Volunteer activities should demonstrate concern for other people and a global view.

Work or Out-of-School Experiences

Jobs, summer programs, and other out-of-school activities can demonstrate your sense of responsibility, dedication, and personal development in areas of interest. Meaningful use of free time can show maturity.

FRESHMAN

*To-Do
List*

North Atlanta
College &
Career Center
nahscollege.org

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Getting the Most Out of High School

Get involved in extracurricular activities. Find out what clubs and sports are available and choose several to try.

Participate in high school events.

Dances
Sports Events
Plays
Concerts
Homecoming Events

Find a way to **serve** in your community, not just to meet the graduation requirement, but to learn about people and their needs in your community.

Take the **most difficult classes** you can pass.

Do something worthwhile over the summer. A mission trip, a summer enrichment program, scout camp, a real job.... You choose, but make it meaningful.

Be kind. Everyone else is just as confused and self-conscious as you are! Have pride in yourself and your school.

And honestly... **get serious** about learning the seemingly ridiculous stuff your teachers are teaching. In the future, you will understand its importance, even if you don't now!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO...

GET
SERIOUS
ABOUT
LEARNING
AND
MAKING
GOOD
GRADES!

SERIOUSLY!!!

Preparing for the College Application Process

Get your stuff organized by creating your "file" box.

Use a crate or bin to keep everything together. Make file folders for:

- * each year grades 9-12 with awards, certificates, report cards, club lists - to make writing your resume' easy. Do not include anything before 9th grade.
- * community service hours
- * PSAT Scores including a page for your collegeboard.com User ID and Password.
- * college mail you will start getting this year after taking the PSAT.

Establish an email address dedicated to college stuff.

- * Use a simple form of your name. No fluff, nothing cutesy.
- * Free ones available: @yahoo.com, @gmail.com @icloud.com

Take the PSAT. It is administered through North Atlanta High School during October for all Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. This one is just for practice.

Sign-up at www.gacollege411.org and start looking at all the great stuff out there for scholarships and summer enrichment opportunities.