

## Sophomore Class Schedule

### REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

**10th Grade World Literature & Composition**  
Standard or Honors

**Math**  
*EITHER* Analytic Geometry  
Standard or Accelerated  
*OR* Advanced Algebra/Pre-calculus  
Honors or Accelerated

**Chemistry**  
Standard, Honors or AP

**World History**  
Standard, Honors or AP

**World Language**  
French, Spanish, Arabic, or Chinese

**Health**  
(one semester)

**American Government/Civics**  
(If not taken as a Freshman)  
(1 semester)  
Standard or Honors

**ELECTIVE CLASSES**  
Career Pathway Electives  
Arts Electives  
JROTC  
Additional World Language

**ADDITIONAL PROJECT**  
Middle Years Programme Project

## 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.

**SOPHOMORE**

## *To-Do List*

North Atlanta  
College &  
Career Center  
[nahscollege.org](http://nahscollege.org)

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## Getting the Most Out of High School

**Concentrate on making good grades!!!** Take the **most difficult classes** you can pass. This COUNTS!

**Focus on a few** extracurricular activities that really interest you. Be a full participant and a leader in those activities.

**Participate** in high school events.

- Dances
- Sports Events
- Plays
- Concerts
- Homecoming Events

**Serve** your community, not just to meet the graduation requirement, but to discover how your actions **can** make a difference.

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

Go out and **do fun things** with friends and family. Try NEW things so you can figure out what you like.

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

# RESUME WRITING

You will submit your resume to teachers and counselors for writing your recommendations and use it for reference to fill in online applications.

It should be one page and one page only! Margins: 1" with a simple font. Don't be cutesy. Be professional.

Be honest, but not modest. Never lie or embellish, but draw attention to your accomplishments.

**Heading:** Name, address, phone number(s), email address, high school name, date of birth, and expected graduation date, centered at the top of the page.

After the heading, list **"Education"** or **"Academics"** first. Order additional sections based on strength and importance to you.

**Extracurricular Activities** (school, community, scouts, church/synagogue, enrichment)

**Sports** (school and club)

**Leadership**

**Volunteer work/Community Service**

**Work Experience** (employment and internships).

Start with the most current information and work backwards, 9th -12th grades only.

See the flyer "Resume Tips" in the CCC or online at [www.nahscollege.org](http://www.nahscollege.org) for more detailed information.

## Preparing for the College Application Process

**Continue to organize college stuff in your file box.** Add file folders for each college you think you might be interested in attending.

**Take interest tests** to start figuring out what your talents are and which careers match your interests. Google "job interest tests for high school" and see what pops up.

**Start writing your "resume".** See where the holes are and find ways to fill them!

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

If you are taking AP classes, consider taking the corresponding **SAT Subject Test** after completing the class. See [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org).

**Start touring college campuses.** Some right here in Atlanta: Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Mercer, Emory, Oglethorpe, Kennesaw State, SCAD.

**Athletes:** Start the NCAA certification process at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

**View** the Class of 2017 Guidebook at [nahscollege.org](http://nahscollege.org) for a plethora of college information!