

Furtah



Preparatory School

Getting Started

As a student moves from middle school to high school, it is our mission at FPS to make that transition as natural as possible. We feel it is imperative to understand where the student is coming from and to assist in any way possible to focus on new learning opportunities, as well as guide the student and family to making appropriate choices for life after graduation. During your high school years, you will have multiple academic, community, and social activities to be involved with, which will provide you with a wealth of experiences. Get involved, take charge, and become the best students you can! Run for Student Council, host an international student, join a team or the Yearbook Staff. We even encourage you to start something new!

This guide is designed to assist you and your parents in making the high school experience both informative and successful. The information outlines graduation requirements, including course requirements for the high school diploma as well as required testing.

At Furtah Prep School, we believe it is essential to educate the whole student in order to inspire hope and change lives. Our society is changing on a daily basis, and it is our intent that our students graduate with knowledge of the world as much as their academic skills. Students are encouraged to improve in every facet of education, from academics to any of our enrichment activities.

Welcome to high school!

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) for Students Graduating High School 2012 or Later

Students graduating high school in 2012 or later should complete the following curriculum:

Carnegie Unit Requirements*	In Specific Subject Areas
4 units English	Literature (American, English, world) integrated with grammar, usage and advanced composition skills
4 units mathematics	Mathematics I, II, III, and a fourth year of advanced math or algebra I and II, geometry, and a fourth year of advanced math, or equivalent courses.
4 units of science	The four science units should include two courses with a laboratory component. Students graduating from a Georgia public high school should have at least one unit in biology, one unit of physical science or physics, one unit of chemistry, earth science or environmental science and a fourth science.
3 units social science	Must include one unit focusing on U.S. studies and one unit focusing on world studies
2 units of the same foreign language or American Sign Language	Emphasizing speaking, listening, reading and writing skills

*Note: A Carnegie unit is a full academic year of credit

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

GCollege411.org is an online, interactive tool that helps students make choices about careers, colleges, technical schools, and financial aid. It is a resource to help students and their families maneuver through high school requirements, select a college, apply for admission, and plan to finance higher education. The mission of GCollege411 is to:

- 1) increase access to postsecondary education in the state of Georgia
- 2) simplify the tasks and processes related to planning, applying and paying for higher education.

HOPE Scholarship: (from the www.gaCollege411.org site)

Georgia's HOPE Program

HOPE - Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally - is Georgia's unique scholarship and grant program that rewards students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible public and private colleges and universities and public technical colleges in Georgia.

HOPE is funded entirely by the Georgia Lottery for Education, which also funds Georgia's statewide pre-kindergarten program. Since the HOPE Program began in 1993, over \$6.4 billion in HOPE funds have been awarded to more than 1.5 million students attending Georgia's colleges, universities, and technical colleges. You can benefit from HOPE in several ways.

HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant

The **HOPE Scholarship** program is for students that have demonstrated academic achievement and are seeking a college degree. There are several ways to become eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, either by graduating from high school as a HOPE Scholar or by earning it while in college. For more information, please review the [HOPE Scholarship regulations](#).

The **HOPE Grant** program is for students seeking a technical certificate or diploma, regardless of the student's high school grade point average or graduation date. For more information, please review the [HOPE Grant regulations](#).

The **Zell Miller Scholarship** program is for students who have demonstrated academic achievement and are seeking a college degree. Generally, to become eligible, a student must graduate from an eligible high school with a 3.70 GPA and a minimum score on the SAT/ACT. For more information, please review the [Zell Miller Scholarship regulations](#).

The **Zell Miller Grant** program is for students seeking a technical certificate or diploma, regardless of the student's high school grade point average or graduation date. To be eligible for the Zell Miller Grant, a student must earn and maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative postsecondary GPA. For more information, please review the [Zell Miller Grant regulations](#).

The **HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships** and **HOPE and Zell Miller Grants** pay a certain amount for tuition. The amount of the award depends on the type of school the student is attending, the number of credit hours the student is enrolled, and the specific tuition rate for the college. To view the award amounts, please view the chart found on the HOPE Scholarship website.

HOPE GED Grant

Georgia's **HOPE GED Grant** is available to students who earned a General Education Development (GED/high school equivalency) diploma awarded by the Technical College System of Georgia after June 30, 1993.

The grant provides a one-time \$500 HOPE award that can be used towards tuition, books or other educational costs at an eligible public technical college or public or private college or university. Full-time enrollment is not required. Students must use their HOPE GED Grant award within 24 months of the date of their GED diploma. For more information, please review the [HOPE GED Grant regulations](#).

All four HOPE programs require students to meet basic requirements. An eligible student must:

1. Meet HOPE's U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements;
2. Be a legal resident of Georgia;
3. Meet enrollment requirements;
4. Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements;
5. Meet academic achievement standards required by the program or the college;
6. Be in good standing on all student loans or other financial aid programs;
7. Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990;
8. Not have exceeded the maximum award limits for any HOPE program.

For a complete listing of eligibility requirements, please review the individual [HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant, Zell Miller Grant or HOPE GED Grant program regulations](#).

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Carnegie Unit: High school courses are set as a 100-minute course earning 1.0 credit at the end of the semester or as a 50-minute course carrying $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of credit at the end of a semester. A student earns either one or $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of credit in December and one or $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of credit in May for each course if he/she has a passing grade (70 or above). Students are scheduled with the possibility of earning a maximum of 6 Carnegie units of credit per school year with three credits earned in the fall semester and three credits earned during the spring semester.

Core Courses: Courses from English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and World Languages. For industry certification in the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education area three courses in the same area are considered core. In addition, for a student to complete a CTAE Career Pathway the courses must be taken in sequence and completed within the pathway.

Elective Courses: Courses that a student may select beyond the core requirements to fulfill the total Carnegie unit requirements for graduation.

Prerequisite Courses: courses that must be passed in order to enroll in the next or subsequent course in a subject area.

Promotion: For a 9th grader to move to 10th grade status, he/she must earn a minimum of 5 Carnegie units.

Required Courses: Specific courses or their equivalent which must be taken and passed in order to graduate and receive a diploma

Transcript: A written record of a student's academic progress toward a diploma.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES AND GRADING

1. The school year is divided into 2 semesters of approximately 18 weeks each.
2. A student takes a minimum of 6 credits of courses each year for four years.
3. Taking 6 classes, a student can earn 6 units of credit per year if all classes are passed.
4. Generally, a freshman takes 4 or 5 core courses including one in each area of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. 9th graders can begin by taking Health/Personal Fitness during the 9th grade year, while some students begin or continue their World Language requirement during the 9th grade year. World Language (Modern Language/Foreign Language) is considered a core course. Students must graduate with two courses in the same World Language in order to be admitted to a college or university.
5. All 9th grade core courses are full year courses with grades and credits finalized at the end of first semester and then, again, at the end of second semester. Both first and second semester grades and credits are a part of the permanent record and transcript. For semester courses, i.e. Health and Personal Fitness, semester grades and credits are earned either at the end of first or second semester. All courses, whether passed or failed, are recorded on the high school transcript.
6. The overall grade for the course determines whether or not credit is awarded. A final grade of '70' or better is required for passing and earning credit for a course.
7. If a student fails any required course, the student must repeat the class until it is passed. A failing grade remains on the academic record and is included in the student's overall Grade Point Average (GPA). If a student fails a required class, the student must make immediate plans to retake the class. Summer school, night school, online courses, and Georgia's Virtual High School are the best routes to follow for make-up work. Credit recovery information is available through the FPS registrar and homeroom teachers.
8. A total of 5 units must be passed in order to become a 10th grader.
9. Individual teachers will provide a course syllabus with an outline of the course, classroom expectations and a grading plan. Performance standards are provided by each teacher.

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

(4 units required)

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Course Required for Graduation		Course Required for Graduation	
9 th Literature/Composition 9 th Lit/Comp - Honors	10 th Lit/Composition 10 th Lit/Comp – Honors World Lit/Composition World Lit/Composition - Honors	American Lit/Comp American Lit/Comp - Honors	English Lit/Composition AP Lit/Composition

NOTE: All students are required to pass a full year of 9th Literature/and Composition and American Literature/Composition

MATHEMATICS

(4 units required)

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Mathematics I: Algebra/Geometry/ Statistics*	Mathematics II: Geometry/Algebra II/ Statistics	Math III: Algebra/Geometry/ Statistics	Mathematics IV: PreCalculus/Trigonometry/ Statistics or other approved 4th year math courses
Accelerated Mathematics I: Geometry/ Algebra II/ Statistics	Accelerated Mathematics II: Advanced Algebra/ Geometry/ Statistics	Accelerated Mathematics III: Advanced Algebra/ Geometry/ Statistics	AP Calculus AB or another advanced math course

SCIENCE

(4 units required)

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Course required for graduation Biology, Honors Biology or AP Biology		Course Required for graduation Physics, Honors Physics or Physical Science	
Biology Honors Biology	Chemistry Honors Chemistry Physical Science Environmental Science	Physics Physical Science Environmental Science Anatomy/Physiology AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	Physics Anatomy/Physiology AP Physical AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environ. Science Other state approved 4th year science course

SOCIAL STUDIES

Although World Geography is not required for a High School diploma, it is strongly suggested and encouraged as (1) a better preparation for World History; (2) a fundamental basis for the study of American History in context of the United States development and its place and role in global issues; and (3) World History is required to meet the state's World Studies requirement for a high school diploma. Also required: one unit in U.S. History; one-half unit in Government; and one-half unit in Economics.

(3 units required)

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	Required for graduation	Required for graduation	Required for graduation
All 4 courses are elective courses: Current Issues World Geography World Geography-Honors AP Human Geography	World History World History-Honors AP World History	U. S. History U.S. History-Honors AP U.S. History	Government (1 semester) Honors Government (1 semester) Economics (1 semester) Honors Economics (1 semester) AP Government (1 semester) AP MACRO ECONOMICS (1 semester)