11th Grade Parent Night Class of 2019

Woodstock High School Counseling Department

Student Services Department

Student's Last Name	Counselor	Administrator
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Mo-Se	Maria Robinson	Nancy Henson
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How can students and parents see us?

- Students simply to walk to the counseling office to schedule an appointment.
- They are given a pass to come see us when they make their appointment.
- Parents can contact us directly or through the student services secretary, Beverly Ernst, to schedule meetings

Graduation and Promotion Requirements

- To graduate, students must have 23 credits
 - Must include: 4 English, 4 Math, 4 science, 3 Social Studies, Health/Personal Fitness*(may be substituted by 3 years of JROTC), 3 (combination of any) Foreign Language, Fine Arts or Technical
 - To be promoted to a senior home room/status, students must have 17 credits, to include: 3 Math, 3 English, 2 Science, and 1 Social Studies

Students who do not meet 12th grade credit requirements by August of 2018 will not be placed in a 12th grade home room and may miss important information and activities provided to 12th grade students.

Credit Recovery Options

- See your counselor to determine the best route for each student, as some restrictions my apply to each student's plan for after graduation.
- Online through WHS (Apex) Not NCAA approved
- Online without WHS teacher assistance: Georgia Virtual School (GAVS)
- Polaris Evening Program
- Meet with your counselor to determine the best option for you

Time to plan the strong finish!

- Research colleges you are interested in: go to the source, then fine tune your plan of action
- 4-year colleges: http://www.usg.edu/institutions/
- 2-year colleges: https://tcsg.edu/tech_map.php
- Visits start now
- Helps with determining senior year classes/electives
- This is the last full academic year shown on a transcript when applying for colleges

Testing requirements: Most universities will accept ACT or SAT scores. Some school require writing portion. (1st attempt should be taken at the end of junior year)

SAT

- https://collegereadiness.collegeb oard.org/sat?affiliateId=cbhomee xp&bannerId=sat
- Prepare with: KHAN Academy program (free)

ACT

- http://www.act.org/content/act/ en/products-and-services.html
- Prepare with: ACT website or USA
 Test Prep (both are free)

Move On When Ready (MOWR)

- Will this be acceptable for the college I want to attend?
- Do I need to take AP or Honors classes to meet the criteria of the college I want to attend?
- Will MOWR allow me the appropriate transfer credits I need for the college I want to attend?
- Students must apply to the MOWR program through the college they would like to participate with.
- Check the college website to determine deadlines and requirements.

MOWR Continued

- If a student participates in the MOWR program, he/she is responsible for regular contact with the WHS counselor.
- Students must meet with WHS counselor to get approval for MOWR classes taken each semester.
- MOWR students must meet the same high school graduation requirements as all other students attending WHS.

Building the High School Resume

- Extra curricular activities: WHS clubs, athletics, academic teams, fine arts.
- Community activities and volunteering
- Part-time jobs
- Other community activities or academic accomplishments

ACT vs. SAT

- Most colleges with accept either test score
- Be sure to check if one test is preferred
- Be sure to check if the college of your choice requires the writing portion
- Determine which test is best for you and get ready
- First attempt should be at the end of the 11th grade school year
- After results are in, there are still several opportunities in time for early action, in most cases.

Testing Information and Preparation

(students register directly through the respective testing website)

<u>ACT</u>

- Straight forward
- Preparation options are available on ACT website
- Additional preparation available through USA test prep
- http://www.act.org/
- Start preparing today

SAT

- Reasoning exam
- Khan Academy provides prep tutoring through the college board website
- http://collegeboard.org/
- Start preparing today

Grade Point Average

- WHS: everything taken for high school credit
- College(s) a student applies to (each college reserves the right to calculate the GPA on classes the institution deems to be important. Each school may calculate a different GPA for the same student.
- HOPE: Calculated by the state to include English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language classes

WHS GPA

- Reported on transcript as the NGA (numerical grade average)
- Students can contact their guidance counselor to get the GPA on the 4.0 scale.
- GPA does not change until the end of the semester and final grades are placed on student transcripts.
- This includes everything a student has ever taken for High School credit, even those classes prior to entering the 9th grade.

Colleges Where students apply Reserve the right to:

- Calculate a student's GPA based upon the classes the college deems to be important.
- If a student applies to 3 different schools, each school may calculate a different GPA.
- Students can contact the colleges directly to get a better idea of what the school is looking for.

HOPE GPA

- Calculated by the state using the 4.0 scale.
- Each class grade is converted to a 4.0 scale. (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0).
- Only classes averaged in the areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language.
- Only classes taken during the students 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade years of school are calculated for HOPE.

HOPE Calculation Example

4.0 Scale

75 in English (C = 2 points)

77 in Math (C = 2 points)

88 in science (B = 3 points)

$$2 + 2 + 3 = 7$$

7 divided by the number of grades (3) = 2.3 ** C average on the 4.0 scale.

All GPA's must be calculated, as the example above proves.

HOPE Scholarship:

https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aidprograms/

90% tuition paid

- 3,0 Cumulative GPA
- Students must complete FAFSA or complete the Georgia Student Finance Application
- Hope rigor requirement met

100% tuition paid (Zell Miller)

- 3.7 Cumulative GPA and
- 26 composite on ACT or1200 on SAT
- Students must complete FASFA or complete the Georgia Student Finance Application
- Hope rigor requirement met

HOPE Rigor Requirement: must have at least 4 of any of the following credits

- Science: Human Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry, Physics, Scientific Research (I-IV), AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Physics B, AP Physics C: (Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism, AP Environmental Science, AP Computer Science
- Math: Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Accelerated Pre-Calculus, Accelerated Geom/Alg 2, Calculus, Statistical Reasoning, Advanced Mathematical Decision making, AP Calculus (AB and BC), AP Statistics
- Social Studies: Constitutional Theory, AP Psychology, AP Government/Politics: United States, AP Government/Comparative, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP United States Histroy
- Foreign Language: French II-IV, Latin II-IV, AP Latin, Spanish II-IV, AP Spanish
- **English:** AP Language/Composition, AP Literature/Composition
- In addition, transcript credits earned by a high school student in MOWR or other dual enrollment coursework in science, mathematics, English, Foreign Language or social studies, substantially similar to one in the above list and taken at a HOPE-eligible college will be counted towards the rigor requirement.

Hope Scholarship continued..

- Provides tuition funds to colleges and universities only within the state of Georgia
- Funds are also accepted at some private universities within the state of Georgia. (https://www.gafutures.org/media/187328/hope-scholarship-eligibl-institutions.pdf)

HOPE Grant

- Will pay tuition for technical diplomas/certifications in public colleges
- Residency requirements apply
- High school graduation is required
- NO GPA requirement
- Eligible institutions (https://www.gafutures.org/media/187325/hope-grant-eligible-institutions.pdf)

Technical Diplomas include...

- Electrician
- HVAC
- Automotive Tech/Mechanic
- Aircraft Mechanic
- Culinary Arts/Chef
- IT Field
- Medical Field
- Cosmetology
- Plumbing

Scholarship Searches

- Georgia Futures (Gafutures): https://www.gafutures.org/
- Career Cruising: https://public.careercruising.com
- WHS Counseling page: http://cherokeek12.net/woodstockhs/student-services/scholarships/
- ► Fastweb: <u>www.fastweb.com</u>
- Employers
- Any other web search where no fees are attached
- Starting your search now is very helpful!

Other info...

- FASFA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (<u>www.fasfa.ed.gov</u>)
- Check college deadlines to determine when FASFA must be completed.
- GAfutures and Career Cruising Websites both have interest surveys to determine possible careers, resume templates, interview skills. Both sites also list degrees needed for careers and which educational Institution offers degree or training needed.
- Text info from Mr. Smith Class of 2019: text @whsclass19 to 81010
- Be sure contact info is up to date to receive school emails