



WHS 9th Grade Classroom Guidance

<http://cherokeek12.net/woodstockhs/student-services/>

Want to live on your own one day?

High school dropout:
Averages \$23,000 per year.

High school graduate:
Averages \$33,000 per year.

Tech School graduate
Averages \$40,000 per year.

College graduate:
Averages \$55,000 per year.

Master's Degree:
Averages \$66,000 per year.

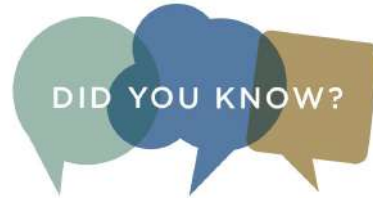


How do I see My Counselor?

1. Stop in During Lunch & Schedule an Appointment with Ms. Ernst.
2. Email your Counselor
3. If it's an emergency, DON'T WAIT!



Ms. Ernst– Student Services Secretary



1. Student Services is located in the 600 Hallway across from the lunch room.
2. Student Services = NOT discipline
3. We are always available.
4. Familiarize yourself with GAFutures & Canvas
5. Every Teacher has extra help. Every student should be going to tutoring of some sorts.
6. Become Active while at WHS. Join something: club, job, sport, or community service.
7. We advocate for you.
8. You can schedule an appointment, email us, or pop in during lunch.
9. We don't just change schedules.
10. Colleges look at your 9th grade year. Believe it or not, your GPA starts the day you walk in the door.



$$100 + 0 = 100$$

$$100 \text{ divided by } 2 = 50$$

A zero will also turn any previous 100 into an “F.” One of the easiest “tricks” to doing well in school is to turn in all work, and make up all missed assignments.

Who's My Counselor?



A-C—Gueren



Cr-He– Nichols



Hi-Mi– Smith



Mo-Se– Robinson



Sh-Z– Harris

Promotion Requirements

Cherokee county has a strict promotion system. Not only must you pass a certain number of units each year, but you must also pass certain core classes:

To be promoted to the 10th grade a student must have: 5 units (must include 1 unit English, 1 unit math, and 1 unit of science)

To be promoted to the 11th grade, a student must have: 11 units (must include 2 units English, 2 units math, and 1 unit of science)

To be promoted to the 12th grade, a student must have: 17 units (must include 3 units English, 3 units math, 2 units science and 1 unit social studies)

23 units are required to graduate!

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Explore. Plan. Succeed.



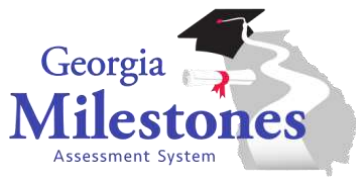
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Graduation Requirements

Requirements	Credits
Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Social Studies	3
Science	4
Health/Personal Fitness	1
W Lang and/or Fine Art and/or CTAE	3
Electives	4

Students planning to enter/transfer into a 4 year college/university must take a minimum of two units of the same world language.



The Milestones are state-created final exams that count 20% of your 2nd Semester final grade in the following subjects:

English

9th English Lit/Comp
American Lit/Comp

Math

Algebra 1
Geometry

Science

Biology
Physical Science

Social Studies

United States History
Economics- (20% Counts Towards Final Grade)



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**Common Question:
How will colleges evaluate me?**

- **GPA:** Average of your classes, and possibly only your core academic classes. Check with your college.
- **Strength of Schedule (rigor; difficulty level):** Selective colleges are looking at the rigor of your courses throughout high school, including your senior year.
- **Test Scores:** SAT and/or ACT
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Leadership and participation in clubs, service, and sports can be particularly important to competitive colleges



Get Involved!



HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships:

HOPE:

1. Partial tuition covered – varies by year
2. Requirements: Graduate from an eligible high school, GPA of at least a 3.0 (calculated by GSFC), Academic Rigor: 4 classes that are academically rigorous. In college, must maintain 3.0 GPA.
3. If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA in college, they may only regain the HOPE Scholarship one time after one full year of classes.
4. A student who does not graduate from high school as a HOPE Scholar, can earn a 3.0 GPA in college.

A 3.0 GPA is required by averaging core coursework, including failing grades, on a 4.0 scale.

Core Courses:

English,
Math,
Science,
Social Studies,
World Language

- Honors points are removed and a 0.50 weighting is added back in for AP courses/ Dual Enrollment/IB courses only, not to exceed 4.0
- Middle school credit is not calculated in the HOPE GPA
- Computer Science Principles will count in the HOPE GPA
- Electives in core areas also count.

Zell Miller

- 100% of tuition covered
- Must meet all the requirements to be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, plus:
 1. Graduate from an eligible high school
 2. GPA of at least a 3.7 (calculated by GSFC)
 3. SAT: minimum of 1200 combined critical reading score and math score (single administration)
 4. ACT: minimum composite score of 26
(SAT/ACT scores *MUST* be submitted to GSFC to be considered)
- In college must maintain 3.3 GPA.
Once lost, Zell Miller cannot be recovered.

Understanding the HOPE/Zell Miller Calculations:

Requirements:

1. *High schools will send electronic transcript:* A complete transcript with course history.
2. *HOPE GPA will be calculated by:* Georgia Student Finance Commission.
3. HOPE: 3.0 or above needed on a true 4.0 scale.
4. Zell Miller: 3.7 or above on a true 4.0 scale.
No numerical standard.
5. *Courses used to calculate HOPE GPA:*
English: All Credits Attempted
Math: All Credits Attempted
Science: All Credits Attempted
Social Studies: All Credits Attempted
Foreign Language: All Credits Attempted.
6. *Weighted grades?* Advanced Placement courses ONLY — no honors levels will carry weight.
For more information on HOPE and Zell Miller go to:

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/>



Understanding the 4.0 scale for HOPE:

The 4.0 scale assigns points to your letter grades.
(90 — 100) (80 — 89) (71 — 79) (70) (Below 70)
A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0

Unfortunately, whether you have an 80 or an 89, you will be assigned 3 points for that grade. The 4.0 scale does not delineate between, for example, a B, a B-minus, or a B-plus. Due to this reason, a B GPA on the 100 point scale is not necessarily a B GPA on the 4.0 scale. Calculations must be done.

Example: An 80 GPA on the 100 point scale could be one of many combinations:

Simplified Example # 1:

100 point scale:

1. 80 in English
 2. 80 in Math
 3. 80 in Science
- $$80 + 80 + 80 = 240$$

Divide 240 by the number of grades (3) = 80 GPA

4.0 scale:

1. 80 in English (B = 3 points)
 2. 80 in Math (B = 3 points)
 3. 80 in Science (B = 3 points)
- $$3 + 3 + 3 = 9$$

9 divided by the number of grades(3) = 3.0

Simplified Example # 2:

100 point scale

1. 75 in English
 2. 77 in Math
 3. 88 in Science
- $$75 + 77 + 88 = 240$$

Divide 240 by the number of grades (3) = 80 B avg. on the 100 point scale.

Here is where things can change:

4.0 Scale

1. 75 in English (C = 2 points)
2. 77 in Math (C = 2 points)
3. 88 in science (B = 3 points)

$$2 + 2 + 3 = 7$$

7 divided by the number of grades (3) =

$$2.3 \text{ ** C average on the 4.0 scale.}$$

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