## **HOPE SCHOLARSHIP**

		HOPE	Zell Miller	
•	High School Eligibility Requirements	A high school GPA of 3.0 as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum* courses	A high school GPA of 3.7 as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum* classes AND a SAT score of 1200 or ACT of 26	
	College Eligibility Requirements	Maintain a 3.0 HOPE GPA	Maintain a 3.3 HOPE GPA	
	How to Apply	Complete the FAFSA or the GSFAPPS (HOPE Application)	Complete the FAFSA or the GSFAPPS (HOPE Application)	
	*Core Curriculum: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language			

#### **RIGOR REQUIREMENTS**

For the classes of 2015 or after, in order to be eligible to receive a HOPE scholarship, a student must receive a required number of credits in courses from the state's list of courses possessing academic rigor. Students in the class of 2017 or after must have 4 rigorous courses.

www.gafutures.org

Complete list of rigor courses: https://apps.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Course List.pdf

**Detailed HOPE information:** 

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



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## LAMBERT HIGH SCHOOL

# 9th Grade Quick Reference Guide



### **Graduation Requirements**

English/Language Arts: 9th Lit/Comp, 10th Lit/Comp, American Lit/Comp, 12th Advanced Composition OR any AP, IB, or Postsecondary Option English	4	
Mathematics: GSE Algebra or Accelerated GSE Algebra/Geometry A, GSE Geometry or Accelerated GSE Geometry B/Algebra II, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus or Accelerated Pre-Calculus, Additional core units from approved Georgia DOE list of GPS/AP/IB designated courses	4	
Science: Biology, Physics/Physical Science, Earth/Environmental/Chemistry or an AP Science course, and one additional science course from approved Georgia DOE list of GPS/AP/IB designated courses and/or approved CTAE courses for	4	
Social Studies: World History, US History, Government, Economics	3	
CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts: Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution or other post-secondary		
Health/Physical Education: Personal Fitness (.5), Health (.5), 3 units of JROTC may be used to meet the requirement	1	
Electives: State requires 4 additional electives	4	
TOTAL UNITS	23	
Promotion & Retention: Grade 9 to 10 (5 Units), Grade 10 to 11 (11 Units), Grade 11 to 12 (17 units)		

- EOC Courses
- Please refer to FCS On-Line Course Digest 2020 -2021 for course descriptions and pre-requisites.

  http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/32404
- Grades earned in ALL core courses will be calculated for awarding HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships.
- State and local requirements may not include all course requirements for admission to some colleges or universities; therefore, it is recommended that students contact specific institutions for their course requirements or recommendations.

## Dual Enrollment

The Dual Enrollment (DE) program provides funding for 10th-12th grade students who are dually enrolled at a Georgia high school and a participating eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia. These students take post-secondary coursework for credit towards both high school graduation and postsecondary degree, diploma, or certificate requirements. \*Not all DE Colleges accept 9th grade students.

- The DE program covers tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks.
- The student must apply and be accepted to a participating eligible postsecondary institution.
- The student and parent/guardian must sign a Student Participation Agreement during a follow-up advisement session with the high school counselor.
- Eligible students may participate in high school competitive and other extracurricular events.
- Less than 30 credit hrs will not count against any maximum hourly caps for the HOPE scholarships or grants.
- Full time DE students are responsible for keeping up with all pertinent high school information.
- The DE dual-credit program will pay a maximum of 15 semester hours or 12 quarter hours per student and per postsecondary institution.

## **High School Counts**

The courses you take earn credits towards graduation. Failure to achieve the correct number of credits, or the correct graduation requirements, will result in a failure to graduate. In addition, your high school grades will be used to figure your GPA (Grade Point Average). Your grades, credits, and EOC test scores will all be on your transcript (your official high school academic record).

Grade Point Average (GPA): Your Grade Point Average (GPA) is the average of your semester (or end of term) grades, starting with your FRESHMAN year.

Forsyth County Schools uses a 4.0 scale in which:

A=4, B=3, and C=2. No credit is awarded for a failing grade.

An additional point is added to the weighted GPA for an AP/DE course.

Class Rank refers to how high schools show where students stand in relation to the other members of their class. The student with the highest GPA is number one; the student with the next highest GPA is number two, and so on. Class rank is written as two numbers (35/705). The first number is the student's place in the class and the second number is the total number of students in the class. You can find your class rank on your unofficial transcript in Parent Portal.

<u>Transcript</u>: Your transcript details your academic achievement in grades 9-12.

A transcript is a copy of your high school record and includes the following information:

- •Grades and credits for each course completed, beginning with grade 9
- Current cumulative GPA and Class Rank
- Anticipated graduation date
- EOC test scores

An official transcript has a signature, stamp, or seal verifying its authenticity. An unofficial transcript is exactly the same as an official transcript, except that it has no signature, stamp, or seal. Students can follow the appropriate procedures for getting a copy of their transcript by following the instructions on the Lambert High School Counseling Webpage.

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## **The GPA Mystery**

#### **High School Cumulative GPA**

All grades on the transcript are converted from numerical grades to a 4.0 scale and averaged where each:

## A=4 B=3 C=2 F=0

#### Core GPA

- Only English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language course grades are included
- Grades are converted to the 4.0 scale and averaged

#### **HOPE GPA**

- Calculated by GSFC.
- All English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language course grades earned in high school. Dual Enrollment credits are counted.
- Middle school grades <u>do NOT</u> count
- Numeric grades are converted to the 4.0 scale and averaged
- Each AP/DE core course grade receives an additional .5 points except if an A is earned.

#### **College GPA**

Colleges use your transcript to help calculate your admission GPA. How they calculate the GPA is determined by the college. Your college GPA most likely will differ from your high school GPA. Contact the college to find out which formula they use.

TIP: Lunch and Learn is a great time for students to ask questions about their GPA, class rank, or other things they're unsure of. There are counselors available in the counseling office during this time. Students should schedule an appointment using the QR code available in the classrooms.