

Henry W. Grady High School



Parent Presentation

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- Student Support Services
- Staying Informed
- Tips for 9th Grade Students
- High School Graduation Requirements
- Grading on the 4 x 8 Schedule
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- College and Career Center
- Creating a “4-year plan”

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Contacting your Student's Counselor

Your counselor is available for

- Academic Planning and Course Selection Guidance
- College and Career Planning/Preparation
- Social/Emotional Support and Intervention

How students contact their counselor

- Visit right before school, during lunch, or after school Monday-Friday. This method is best if there is a concern or question that can be addressed quickly.
- Fill out an appointment slip (available in the Counseling Office). This method is best if there is a concern or question that may take more time to address. Students can also indicate the period during which he or she would like to be called. Students may also email counselor for an appointment.
- For an urgent matter which requires immediate attention and cannot be addressed through the other methods, students may come in to see a counselor anytime. Students must check in and retrieve a pass from their teacher.

Staying Informed

- Sign up for Gradygram (weekly emails) and Knight Lights (monthly newsletter).
- Visit the counselors page and read the Counseling & Guidance Enewsletter on Grady's website.
- Get to know your teachers
- See your counselor and ask questions
- Sign up for Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- Sign up for Remind

Tips for 9th Grade Students

Develop your study skills

- Practice good [time management](#)
- Identify and utilize efficient [study methods](#) that work for you
- Seek help when needed (attend [teacher tutoring hours](#), form study groups, consult with your counselor)

Monitor your grades

- Communicate with your [teachers](#)
- Regularly check your grades using [Infinite Campus](#)

Maintain a healthy lifestyle

- Successful students get adequate sleep, eat nutritious foods, and have a balance between their home, school and social lives
- Get involved in school activities (clubs, Athletics, etc.)

Maintain good grades

- Your grades should be an accurate reflection of your abilities.
- [Reasonably challenge yourself](#), but be careful not to take on more than you can handle

Atlanta Public Schools Graduation Requirements

SUBJECT	Units	
ENGLISH	4 Units	
SOCIAL SCIENCE	3.5 Units	
MATHEMATICS	4 Units	
SCIENCE	4 Units	
FINE ART/CTAE	1 Units	
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1.5 Units	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 Units	
ELECTIVES	3.5 Units	
COMMUNITY SERVICE	.5 Unit	
TOTAL	24 Units	

Grades and Transcripts

- On the 4 x 8 schedule, students will receive permanent grades at the end of each term (December & May), which will be posted to the transcript.
- Students will be provided with a transcript 2nd semester of each year to monitor their GPA and class rank.
- Additional transcript requests may be requested via Parchment, electronic transcript portal.
- If you have a question or concern about grades, or the content or procedures in a class, please contact the teacher directly. You can use Infinite Campus Parent Portal to monitor your student's academic progress and attendance.

College & Career Connections Center (CCC)

- The College & Career Connection Center (CCC) is open daily beginning at 10:00 AM.
- CCC volunteers are available to answer questions and assist with college and career information, scholarship searches and more.
- Computers with Internet, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint are accessible for student use in the media center.
- PSAT/ACT/SAT guides, prep books, catalogs, and various other college materials are available for students and parents

Creating a “4-Year Plan”

Counselors suggest that students do not start a four-year plan until the spring term so that they can make more informed choices.

When you start creating a plan, remember

- Include all courses required to graduate and for college eligibility.
- Be challenged but not overwhelmed.
- **There is no universal plan.** It should be unique to each student and their goals. Students can research various colleges and careers using GACollege 411 and the college websites to find out exactly what is required and recommended for admission.
- The plan should be considered tentative and can be revised at any time.

Counseling Website

This presentation and much more information can be found on the School Counseling Website.

<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/domain/3100>

Questions

