



Sept 22nd Parent Night
9th grade

Counselors

A-E Mrs. Kennair
F-L Ms. Fornera
M-R Mrs. Tippins
S-Z Mrs. Heidenreich



Tips for Beginning a Successful High School Experience

Having trouble in classes?

- *talk to your teachers

- *ask about tutoring options

- *talk to your guidance counselor

- Make sure ALL assignments are completed (0's count)

- Check your HAC account to make sure you are up to date on your classes

- Have good attendance

- Get organized

- Get involved at Creekside

Why Join a Club?

Joining a club is a great way to **make friends, develop leadership skills, boost self-esteem**, and promote academic success in high school. Research shows that students who get involved in the school community tend to have **better grades** and are **happier** about coming to school than those that don't.

Extra-curriculars also play a part when you apply to colleges or jobs. Most college and job applications ask about your activities. That's because the things you do in your free time reveal a lot about you — in ways that grades and test scores can't. **Your accomplishments outside the classroom show what you're passionate about and that you have qualities valued by colleges**

There are so many clubs and organizations to choose from in high school, from academic to athletic to community service. Join a club that you truly feel passionate about.

Check Creekside Website under Student Life for a list of clubs

Build your Resume

Get involved at school

Begin working on Community Service Hours

Work on your leadership skills

10th grade- St. John's Youth Leadership

11th grade- apply for HOBY or Girls/Boys State

Recognize all the opportunities for you and take advantage of them

Earning college credits

Scholarships

College tours/visits

Military



Finding the right fit for you....

Know Your Options

- ◆ Talk to your guidance counselor about your options after high school:
- ◆ Thinking about going to college?
 - 2 year school vs. 4 year school
 - Attend a college recruiter visit
 - take a field trip to a college campus
- ◆ Military- recruiters, ASVAB
- ◆ Technical Schools- Certificate degrees, job opportunities

Graduation Requirements

| | General Diploma | College Admissions Minimum Requirements |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| English Credits | 4 | 4 (to include honors, AP and/or DE) |
| Math Credits | 4 (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry) | 4 (to include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 higher) |
| Science Credits | 3 (must include Biology and 2 must include a Lab component) | 4 (to include Biology, Chemistry, and 2 higher) |
| Social Studies Credits | 3 (World History, US History, Government and Economics) | 4 (to include honors, AP and/or DE) |
| Foreign Language Credits | | 2 consecutive years in the same language |
| PE and Health | HOPE | |
| Performing Fine Arts Credit | 1 | |
| Electives | 8 | Additional electives in either honors, AP and/or DE courses |
| Online Course | 1 course within the 24 credits | |
| GPA | 2.0 or higher (unweighted) | |
| Standardized test | Passing score on 10 th grade FSA (or concordant on SAT/ACT) Passing score on Algebra 1 EOC | |

Scholar Designation

The requirements of the *scholar designation* include all requirements of a standard diploma plus:

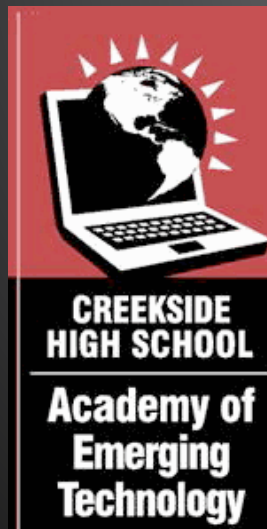
- Earn one credit in Algebra 2
- Earn one credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course (Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB/BC)
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC
- Earn one credit in Chemistry or Physics and one credit in equally rigorous course
- Pass all applicable EOC's or earn a 3 or higher on the AP
- Earn two credits in the same foreign language
- Earn at least one credit in AP or Dual Enrollment

Alert counselor if these requirements have been met

Merit Designation

The requirements of the *merit designation* include all requirements of the standard diploma plus:

- Attain one or more approved industry certifications (generally in the Academy program the student has participated in at CHS)



Graduation Concerns?

We have options available to aid your student:

- Conference with teachers and counselor
- Set up in recovery lab (PLATO)
- Courses can also be recovered online through FLVS
- FCTC Adult Basic Education Night courses to complete HS credit courses needed for graduation (see counselor for details)
- Monitor child's progress through Home Access Center

What is a GPA and how do you get one?

GPA's are calculated at the end of every semester. Each letter grade is worth points. Different classes earn different points

| Standard | Honors | DE/AP |
|----------|--------|-------|
| A=4.0 | A=4.5 | A=5.0 |
| B=3.0 | B=3.5 | B=4.0 |
| C=2.0 | C=2.5 | C=3.0 |
| D=1.0 | D=1.5 | D=2.0 |

Colleges prefer to see students take some honors and DE/AP in high school. They would rather see you make a B (and sometimes a C) in an higher level class than an A in a standard class.

Your cumulative GPA from 7th/8th/9th-11th grade is what colleges will use for acceptance.

GPA

Unweighted GPA – Graduation GPA

- All courses (academic and elective) are averaged into the GPA; grade forgiveness applies

Weighted GPA – Ranking GPA

- All courses (academic and elective) are averaged into the GPA; grade forgiveness applies
- .5 weight for honors, 1.0 weight for AP and DE

Bright Futures GPA and College Admissions GPA

- All CORE academic courses plus 2 years of Foreign Language (plus optional 2 academic electives) are averaged into the GPA
- .5 weight for honors, AP and DE for Bright Futures
- .5 weight for honors, 1.0 weight for AP and DE for College Admissions



WHAT ARE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES LOOKING FOR IN STUDENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE

- Academic Rigor
- Strength of Senior schedule
- Courses taken vs. Courses available
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- SAT/ACT scores
- School and Community Involvement/Leadership
- Community Service

Taking the PSAT Oct. 19th

This is a great way to review and prep for the SAT.

You will take the SAT in 11th grade. Taking the PSAT every year will increase your score on the SAT

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- Academic Advising
- State University System Admissions Requirements Evaluation
- Bright Futures Evaluation
- College and University Search
- College, Career, and Financial Planning
- High School Planning
- Track Progress towards Graduation

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Receive guidance updates via text about your graduating class by texting the information below:

Class of 2017: text @co2017chs to 81010

Class of 2018: text @co2018chs to 81010

Class of 2019: text @co2019chs to 81010

Class of 2020: text @co2020chs to 81010

To set up a parent/teacher conference

Mrs. Scribner, guidance secretary:

904-547-7327

Thank You!

