



FORSYTH VIRTUAL ACADEMY

**CLASS OF 2020
PARENT
ORIENTATION**

AUGUST 23, 2016

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

This presentation will cover:

- High School 101
- Pathways
- Advanced Placement
- Move On When Ready
- Post Secondary Planning
- Financial Planning: HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant
- PSAT

GRADING SCALE

| On-Level & Honors | Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Dual Enrollment (DE) |
|------------------------------|--|
| A (90 – 100) = 4.0 | A (90 – 100) = 5.0 |
| B (80 – 89) = 3.0 | B (80 – 89) = 4.0 |
| C (70 – 79) = 2.0 | C (70 – 79) = 3.0 |

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

HOPE/Core GPA vs. Cumulative GPA

- HOPE/CORE - Only includes courses from these areas:
 - English
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Foreign Language

* **Calculates up to a 4.0**
- Cumulative:
 - Includes all courses
 - Determines class rank
 - Determines “Honor Graduate” status (3.5 GPA)
 - Prints on transcript

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| Courses | Units Required |
|--|-----------------------|
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Mathematics | 4 |
| Science | 4 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| Health/Personal Fitness Or 3 semesters of ROTC | 1 |
| Career Tech and/or Modern Language/Latin and/or Fine Arts | 3 |
| Additional Elective | 4 |
| Total Units (Minimum) | 23 |



PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Credits

- How many credits are required to be in the 10th grade?
 - **5 credits** must be earned for students to be promoted to the 10th grade.
- How many credits are required to be in the 11th grade?
 - **11 credits** must be earned for students to be promoted to the 11th grade.
- How many credits are required to be in the 12th grade?
 - **17 credits** must be earned for students to be promoted to the 12th grade.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

- We encourage parents to consistently check progress via parent portal.
- We encourage students to contact their teachers and/or counselor to discuss their academic progress and develop a student success plan.
- Each department has a before and after school tutoring schedule that can be found on the Base School's Website.



PATHWAYS

- Students are encouraged to complete a pathway.
- A sequence of 3 or 4 courses is needed to be a “Pathway Completer.”
- Students can complete more than one pathway.
- Some CTAE pathways require an End of Pathway Assessment after the last class in the sequence.

ADVANCED ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

English, Math, Science

- Earn 4 required credits
- 1 credit needs to be AP/IB/MOWR
- Earn 2 sequential credits in a world language

Social Studies

- Earn 3 required credits
- 1 credit needs to be AP/IB/MOWR
- Earn 2 sequential credits in a world language

WORLD LANGUAGE PATHWAY

- Earn 3 credits in the same World Language
- AP & MOWR courses will also count
 - Spanish

CAREER TECH (CTAE) PATHWAYS

- Marketing and Management
- Computer Science
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Web Development

Pathway Guidelines

| Pathway of Focus | Seal Guidelines | Seal of Distinction Guidelines | Medallion Guidelines |
|---|--|--|---|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of three required units in an Advanced Academic subject area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of three required units in an Advanced Academic Subject Area ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA ✓ Community Service Project related to Advanced Academic Subject Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of three required units in an Advanced Academic Subject Area ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA ✓ Community Service Project related to Advanced Academic Subject Area ✓ Completion of a minimum of two World Language courses ✓ Member of National Honor Society (NHS) and/or the honor society for the academic subject area ✓ Completion of a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Dual Enrollment (DE) courses |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of the three specific courses within a Career Pathway subject area ✓ Pass End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of the three specific courses within a Career Pathway subject area ✓ Member of Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) related to the Career Pathway ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA ✓ Community Service Project in the Career Pathway Subject Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of the three specific courses within a Career Pathway subject area ✓ Member of Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) related to the Career Pathway ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA ✓ Community Service Project in the Career Pathway Subject Area ✓ Completion of a minimum of two World Language courses ✓ Member of National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) ✓ Completion of a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Dual Enrollment (DE) courses |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of at least three courses in a particular Fine Arts subject area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Chorus • Drama • Journalism • Visual Arts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of at least three courses in a particular Fine Arts subject area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Chorus • Drama • Journalism • Visual Arts ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA ✓ Community Service Project related to Fine Arts Subject Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of at least three courses in a particular Fine Arts subject area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Chorus • Drama • Journalism • Visual Arts ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA ✓ Community Service Project related to Fine Arts Subject Area ✓ Completion of a minimum of two World Language courses ✓ Member of National Honor Society (NHS), International Thespian Society (ITS), Tri-M Music Honor Society (Tri-M), or National Art Honor Society (NAHS) ✓ Completion of a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Dual Enrollment (DE) courses |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of three courses in the same World Language subject area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of three courses in the same World Language subject area ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of three courses in the same World Language subject area ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA ✓ Community Service Project related to World Language Subject Area ✓ Member of National Honor Society (NHS), Spanish National Honor Society (SNHS), French National Honor Society (FNHS), German National Honor Society (GNHS), or Latin National Honor Society (LHS) ✓ Completion of a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Dual Enrollment (DE) courses |

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A
- AP American Literature
- AP Literature
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Psychology
- AP US History
- AP US Government
- AP World History

MOVE ON WHEN READY

- Previously referred to as Dual Enrollment
- Provides opportunities to earn credit at BOTH the high school and at the postsecondary institution
- Attend class on college campus
- Shorten the amount of time to earn a degree
- Paid for by MOWR funds that do not count toward HOPE hours
- 1 Extra Quality point added to Cumulative GPA, .5 for HOPE (up to a 4.0)
- Must apply to the college and meet admission requirements

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING

What are colleges looking for when making admission decisions?

- Courses taken
- GPA
- Class rank
- SAT or ACT scores
- Personal statements and essays
- Extracurricular activities
- Interviews

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING

Ways to explore your career interest:

- Pathways
- Move On When Ready
- Online resources:
 - www.careercruising.com
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
 - www.gafutures.org
 - [Georgia's Hot Careers to 2020](#)

HOPE PROGRAM

Hope Scholarship

- 3.0 Core GPA (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)
- Rigor Requirements
- Covers a portion of standard tuition for public and some private institutions
- For a tuition award chart visit www.gafutures.org

HOPE PROGRAM

Zell Miller Scholarship

- 3.7 Core GPA
- Rigor requirements
- Test component – (no super score)
- 1200 SAT combined score*
(Critical Reading & Math)
- 26 ACT composite score
- Covers full standard tuition
- For a tuition award chart visit www.gafutures.org

HOPE PROGRAM

The class of 2020 must pass four (4) courses from the approved list.

- Math: Algebra II, Pre Calculus, Statistical Reasoning, AMDM
- Science: Chemistry, Physics, Human Anatomy, Forensic Science
- Modern Language: Spanish II, French II, German II, Russian II, Latin II, or higher
- Any AP or dual enrollment **core course**
- For a complete list visit: www.gafutures.org

HOPE GRANT

- High School GPA and/or test scores are not considered
- Must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program at a technical school
- Pays a portion of standard tuition
- Students enrolled in an approved program may receive the SIWDG
- Strategic Industries Work Force Development Grant
 - Examples: Commercial Truck Driving, PC and Network Repair Tech, Heavy Diesel Service Technician, Welding, Pharmacy Assistant, among many others

PSAT

- As Juniors, the PSAT is the qualifying exam for:
 - The National Merit Scholar Program.
 - Governor's Honors Program
 - Several other scholarship opportunities
- The PSAT will be administered on **October 19, 2016**. Watch the website for information on Forsyth Virtual Academy students opportunities.
- Look for free PSAT Study Guides on the College Board website.
- The PSAT is a great way to preview and prepare for the SAT.
- You will receive a detailed score report that analyzes your strengths and areas of growth.

GET CONNECTED

The Forsyth Virtual Academy Counseling Department Will Communicate Through:

- FVA Website– tonight's presentation is located on our website under the Student Support/Freshmen News
- ItsLearning
- Call or Email

9TH GRADE BRIDGE BILL LESSON

- Required by GA DOE to be completed by all 9th graders
- Go to Website: www.careercruising.com
- For username, type in: fc-your regular username (usually 6 digits)
- For password, type in: your regular password without an “!”
- Click on the log-in button – do not hit “enter”
- Click on “Assessments” neat the top
- Click on “Matchmaker and My Skills”
- Click on “Start Matchmaker”
- Answer all 39 questions.
- When done you will get a list of careers/occupations that correlate well with your answers. Look through and explore your list.
- To save a career to your plan, click on it and then click “Save To My Plan” in the upper right area.
- You must save at least 6 different careers/occupations to your plan today!
- If you have trouble with the log-in or the activity, please contact your counselor.