

# Individual Graduation Plan Information for Parents & Students

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents,

Each year, your school counselors and administrators will provide you with important information regarding graduation requirements, HOPE scholarship, and many other advisement topics that will be important for you. This is a very brief overview of these topics to introduce to the concepts and to make you aware of the opportunities available for your students. Please see the list below and if there are any questions then feel free to reach out to your school counselor.

## Advisement Opportunities

- The BRIDGE Act mandates that schools provide continual advisement to students. The PCSD accomplishes this through monthly advisement meetings and through tasks completed by the school counselor or the school administrator.
- The list of specific BRIDGE advisement tasks that are required at each grade level is below:

**Students will meet the following objectives through the BRIDGE advisement program:**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Receive Dual Enrollment Information
- Complete *YouScience* Snapshot (Career Interest & Aptitude Test)
- Complete IC BRIDGE Graduation Plan (IGP)

9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Career Exploration – Investigate a minimum of 3 Careers and Pathways/Fields
- Update IC BRIDGE Advisement Graduation Plan (IGP)
- Receive Dual Enrollment Information

10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Receive Dual Enrollment Information
- Complete *YouScience* (Career Interest & Aptitude Test)
- Update IC BRIDGE Advisement Graduation Plan (IGP)
- Receive Dual Enrollment Information

11<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Explore 3 Postsecondary Institutions related to student's career plans
- Research Workforce Development Initiative
- Receive Dual Enrollment Information
- Update IC BRIDGE Advisement Graduation Plan (IGP)

12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Review Senior Letter (includes all graduation requirement courses that are to be completed)
- Identify and submit "next step" information: 4- year institution, 2-year institution, apprenticeship, military, technical college, special purpose school, or workforce.

### **HOPE Scholarship:**

- Academic core courses (required and elective) are HOPE scholarship eligible courses.
- **4 additional *rigorous* academic courses are required to earn HOPE.**
- **HS courses taken in MS do not count for HOPE GPA.**
- My GAFutures account is used to monitor HOPE scholarship GPA throughout high school.
- To understand what courses are counted for HOPE and what are not, please watch this short presentation: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTfcnHnOFzc&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTfcnHnOFzc&feature=emb_logo)

### **High School Graduation Requirements:**

- In order to Graduate from a Paulding County School District School, a student must earn a total of 23 credits.
- The Requirements for Graduation are listed in the IHF(6) Graduation Policy that is found here:
  - <https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-2-.48.pdf>
- Research, Regional, and State institutions of the University System of Georgia may require additional academic core areas in addition to the high school units required to earn a high school diploma.
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### **Grade Level Differences from Middle School to High School:**

- Grade levels at the High School level are based on the number of credits a student has. They are not “promoted” based upon the number of years they have attended school.
  - Credit Minimums for Each Grade:
    - Sophomore = 5
    - Junior = 11
    - Senior = 17

### **High School-Dual Enrollment**

- **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (some 10<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- This dual enrollment opportunity allows high school students to earn both college and high school credit simultaneously.
- More information can be found here: <https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/38559>

### **Advanced Placement Courses**

- AP high school courses may be accepted for credit, if approved by college. Students must check with the college or university.
- More information can be found here: <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/AP-Information-for-Students-and-Parents.aspx>

### **Work-Based Learning (WBL)-**

- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade only.
- Students can work at a job and get credit for class.
- Includes Youth Apprenticeship, Cooperative Education, Internship
- Please contact WBL Coordinator, CTAE Teacher, or Counselor for information and an application.
- More information can be found here:  
<https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=20999>

**Changes at Georgia State Department of Education** as well as local board decisions impact the advisement plan.

**Additional Information can be found here:**

- <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu/> for valuable resources for planning your education and career, including financial information on grants and scholarships.
- [www.GAfutures.org](http://www.GAfutures.org) contains **Dual Enrollment, HOPE, Zell Miller, FAFSA, and college/technical college information.**
- **Counseling Information on District Website:**<https://counseling.paulding.k12.ga.us/>
- **MYAP Tool District Information Site:**  
<https://counseling.paulding.k12.ga.us/index.php/academic/multi-year-academic-planner/>