Rising 9th Grade Parent Night: Welcome Future Bulldoggs, Class Of 2026!



Who to Know: Administration



- Mr. Derrick Maxwell Principal
- Mr. Craig Martin Assistant
 Principal Curriculum & Instruction
- Mr. Jared Noblet Assistant
 Principal & Athletic Director
- Ms. Jessica Rehberg- Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction
- Ms. Barbara Smith Assistant
 Principal of Attendance &
 Student Services

Meet Mr. Maxwell





Counseling Department



- Mr. Cory Peppers Last names A-E
- Ms. Angelia Bruce Last names F-K
- Ms. Granada Watson Last names L-Q
- Ms. Akua Nelson Last names R-Z
- Ms. Samantha Dean School
 Counseling Intern

- Ms. Wendy Casper Counseling Secretary, Records
- Ms. Lori McElroy Registrar

Graduation Requirements

Total	24 credits to graduate, minimum	
Other Electives	4 credits	
Pathway Courses	3 credits	
Health/PE	1 credit (or 3 JROTC)	
Social Studies	4 credits	
Science	4 credits	
Math	4 credits	
Language Arts	4 credits	

World Language is not a BCSS requirement, but it is a requirement for admission to most 4-year colleges

Sims Early College (Dual Enrollment)



- Sims will house dual enrollment classes via Lanier Tech
 - Dual Enrollment can start in 10th grade for students to take CTAE courses or core academics
- Campus located on Austin Road
 - Bus transportation provided from WBHS
- Interested students must attend a mandatory orientation
 - Speak to Ms. Long in the CRC for more details! (liz.long@barrow.k12.ga.us)

Pathways

"Students take classes tailored to their [pathway], which helps them navigate their way to greater success – no matter what they choose to do after high school graduation. The aim of the program is to show students the relevance of what they're learning in the classroom, whether they want to attend a two-year college, a four-year university or go straight into the world of work. Students will begin to learn about potential careers in elementary and middle school so that they are ready to choose a pathway once they reach high school." GA DOE

- Take three courses in one area to complete a Pathway
- Barrow County requires ONE pathway for graduation (but there can be more than one!)
- WBHS Pathways 32 options
 - Fine Arts
 - Art, Band, Chorus, or
 Drama
 - Modern Language
 - French or Spanish
 - JROTC
 - CTAE

Pathways



Full elective Guide: Click Here

AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & NATURAL RESOURCES

Agricultural Mechanics & Metal Fabrication Veterinary Science

CONSTRUCTION

Carpentry (Lanier Tech) Electrical (Lanier Tech) HVAC (Lanier Tech) Welding (Lanier Tech)

FINE ARTS

Visual Arts Band Choral Arts

Theater Arts
Music Production

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French Spanish

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Culinary Arts (Lanier Tech)

ARTS, AUDIO-VIDEO TECH, & COMMUNICATIONS

Audio-Video Tech & Film

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Business & Technology

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Teaching as a Profession
Early Childhood Education (Lanier Tech)

HEALTH SCIENCE

Allied Health & Medicine Certified Nurse Assistant (Lanier Tech) Fire Science & EMS (Lanier Tech)

HUMAN SERVICES

Food & Nutrition

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

JROTC

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY

Corrections

Forensic Science

ROBOTICS & AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING

Mechatronics (Lanier Tech)

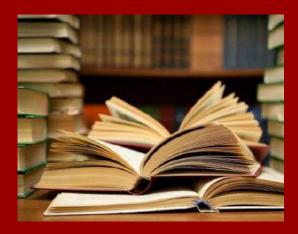
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

Engineering & Technology

TRANSPORTATION

Automotive Technology (Lanier Tech)

Freshman Academic Courses



Subject Area	Course Options	
Social Studies	Current IssuesAP Human Geography	
Science	Earth SystemsHonors Biology (Milestone)	
English/ Language Arts	9th Grade Lit (Milestone)9th Grade Lit Honors (Milestone)	
Mathematics	 Algebra 1 w/ Support (Milestone) Algebra 1 (Milestone) Algebra 1 Honors (Milestone) Geometry Honors 	

Honors/AP Courses

- More rigorous instruction
- More work and reading
- Before/after school instruction may be necessary if absent
- Some have summer assignments
- Weighted grades (raw score on transcript)
- "Students need to be self-motivated, hard-working, and consistently complete assignments and homework on time." -WBHS Honors teacher

Course	Teacher	Summer Assignment ?
9 th Grade Lit Honors	Maegan Holt, Madelyn Teel	Yes
Biology Honors	Erin Hunt	No
Algebra Honors & Geometry Honors	Rachel Lehner, Daniel Drummond	No
AP Human Geography	Jordan Najafi	TBD*

^{*}Check the WBHS site for more current information.

Freshman Schedule

Freshmen will take 8 courses:

- Social studies
- Math
- Science
- Literature
- Health/PE
- Elective
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- Elective

Example Schedule

Fall	Spring
Math	Literature
Social Studies	Science
Health/PE	Elective
Elective	Elective



The Path to Earning All 8 Credits Freshman Year



8 Credits?

- 1.0 credit is earned by passing each course you take
- 6 credits to attain 10th grade status
- 24 (correct) credits to graduate

 A grade of 70 is passing and results in gaining a credit

So the goal is to pass with a 70?



- Final Exams are 20% of grade
 - Milestone courses = milestone is20% of grade

Milestone Courses

- Algebra I
- Biology (Honors)



Future Milestones:

- 10th Grade: Biology
- 11th Grade: American Lit, US History

Why focus on 9th grade?

- Grades count!
- Colleges will see freshmen classes
- Any student that does not pass a graduation-required course will have to retake the course through Foothills for \$150

Registration



Registration Timeline



- December/January: 8th Grade teachers recommend students for classes
- Late February: Course Reveal process
- April: 8th grade campus visit to WBHS
- May: List of courses students are scheduled in will be released to families via their student.
 - Academic only changes will be considered
 - Use the AP/Honor waiver letter
- July: <u>Prior to open house</u> Schedules are available in the portal.
 - The day of open house hard copies are available at the open house.

Make Your Decisions

Schedule changes after Course Reveal are rare and treated on an individual basis.

Please remember, students will take 16 electives in high school. Not all will be in a pathway or will be top choices.

For a change to an AP/Honors course, students/families will need to complete the waiver letter process.

EXAMPLE COURSE REVEAL SHEET

Student, Student Student Number: 12345 Grade: 09

Requested Courses:

23.0810093 9 Lit Hon 27.0990001 Algebra I 50.0211001 Ant/Comp I 54.0211001 Beginning Chorus I 54.0212001 Beginning Chorus II 36.0580001 Health & PE Combined 40.0110001 Phys Sci 45.0830003 World History H

Alternate Courses:

25.5210001 Intro. Heelthcare 07.4413001 Intro. to Business & Technology 43.4500001 Intro. to Law, Public Safety 20.5310067 Introduction to Culinary Arts 02.4240001 Veterinary Sci

Courses with program priority displayed in bold.

Perent/Guardian Signature	 Date

Above are the courses that you have been recommended for and/or chosen for the 2017-18 school year. Please review the selections carefully and submit any requested changes on this sheet by *Thursday, March 9th.* Current 9th, 11th graders will return sheets to your advisor; current middle school students will return sheets to your home-base teacher. Requests via email, phone call, or counselor appointments will NOT be accepted. Course changes will NOT be considered after this date unless your request meets one of the following criteria:

- 1) You are a SENIOR and need this course to graduate;
- 2) You have taken the course and passed it; OR
- 3) You don't have the pre-requisite for the course.

EXAMPLE WAIVER FORM

Winder-Barrow High School 2019–2020 Honors/Advanced Placement (AP) Waiver Form *Please fill out this form entirely. This form must be submitted by the deadline with both

a parent signature as well as a student signature. *
Student number:
Student's legal Name:
Parent Name:
Course currently registered for:
Course requested (include honors or AP level):
By signing below you are acknowledging the following:
 I have done research into the course content and work load and feel my student is capable of handling the advanced rigor of this course.
 I feel that my child is self-driven, mature, and capable of handing the pace and independence of an honors or AP course.
 Students will only be placed in the requested course if there is room available.
 I understand that there may be a summer assignment. I also understand that failur to complete the summer assignment will result in a zero for the grade. No studen will be dropped from a course for failure to complete a summer assignment. It is your responsibility to check the school's website to see if there is a summer
assignment. • I understand that I am waiving my student into a course that was not recommended for them based on previous grades, test scores, motivation, self-guidance and classroom performance.
 I also understand that the school will not remove my student from this course due to failing grades.
All forms must be turned in by February 22, 2019. No forms will be accepted late. No forms without both a parent and student signature will be accepted. No phone calls or emails for course change requests will be honored—this form is required.
Student Signature:
Parent Signature:

Freshman Focus

Attendance Earning credits Engagement



Attending Class: Block Schedule

- 4 classes in the fall; 4 classes in the spring
- 90 minute classes
- Seat time is essential!

"Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year negatively affects a student's academic performance." From attendanceworks.com

What is Advisement?

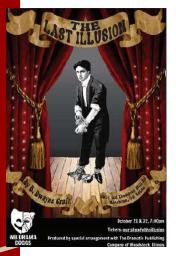
- Weekly, similar to homeroom
- Planned lessons
- Review progress
- One consistent advocate throughout high school career
- One consistent contact for parents



Get Involved!













What About After High School?

College Readiness



- Freshman year grades count
- Consider taking rigorous courses
- Shows colleges you are challenging yourself
- Play to your strengths
- Take the PSAT 8/9 in October
 - Optional; small fee (~\$15)
 - Administered at WBHS during school day
- Dual Enrollment will no longer be offered to 9th grade students... but it's an option in 10th grade and beyond!

Hope and Zell Miller









HELPING OUTSTANDING PUPILS EDUCATIONALLY

- HOPE Scholarship
 - 3.0 HOPE GPA
 - Pays a portion
 - 4 rigorous classes
- HOPE Grant
 - Only a high school diploma needed!
 - Pays a portion
 - Tech schools
- Zell Miller Scholarship
 - o 3.7 HOPE GPA
 - o 1200 SAT or 26 ACT
 - Pays 100% tuition
 - 4 rigorous classes

*HS credit courses taken in 8th grade are not factored into HOPE GPA

Who do I talk to first?

- Start with the teacher
- EMAIL!
- Access Parent Portal often:
 https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/fa
 milies/parent-portal
- Many teachers offer help before or after school
 - Arrange with the individual teacher
 - Their emails

What if I need help?

- Academic, social/emotional, and college/career
- Your counselor!
- Schedule student appointments online at bit.ly/wbhscounseling
- Parent appointments can be made by email, or calling your counselor at 770-867-4519

Appointments in the Counseling Office:



WBHS Website:

https://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/schools/wbhs/academics (can find teacher emails and websites here by department)



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Thanks!!!

