

South Forsyth High School



Rising Freshman Parent Night

Welcome Class of 2017

February 20, 2013



Introductions

- Mr. Jeff Cheney, Principal
- Laura Wilson, 9 Grade Assistant Principal
- Jennifer Gibbs, 9 Grade Counselor

A Tradition of Excellence

- **2012 *Newsweek* America's Best Schools (Ranking #265)**
- **2011 *Newsweek* America's Best Schools (Ranking #294)**
- **2012 *The Washington Post* High School Challenge (Ranking #193)**
- **2011 *The Washington Post* High School Challenge (Ranking #423)**
- **2011 Forsyth County SAT 2400 Challenge Cup**
- **2011 Georgia Governor's Award for Student Achievement (Bronze)**
- **2011 Georgia Advanced Placement Merit School**

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Agenda

- Learner Profile
- Transition to High School
- Transition Support
- Graduation Requirements
- Course Selection Process
- High School Assessments
- Accessing Information

Learner Profile

Providing a World Class Education for the 21st Century Learner

Seek Knowledge and Understanding

- ◆ Master and integrate core academics: English/language arts, math, social studies and science
- ◆ Pursue continuous learning
- ◆ Understand personal financial responsibilities and actions

Think Critically and Solve Problems

- ◆ Define problems and create solutions
- ◆ Apply knowledge and skills to real-world situations
- ◆ Reflect on and adapt to an ever-changing world

Listen, Communicate and Interact Effectively

- ◆ Communicate responsibly and effectively through reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- ◆ Work cooperatively with others
- ◆ Develop and maintain positive relationships

Exhibit Strong Personal Qualities

- ◆ Identify, pursue, and persist in achieving personal goals
 - ◆ Exhibit a strong work ethic
 - ◆ Accept responsibility for personal actions
 - ◆ Advocate for self and others
 - ◆ Maintain wellness and balance in life
 - ◆ Contribute to the well-being of the community

Engage and Compete in a Global Environment

- ◆ Prepare for college and career readiness
- ◆ Master transformational technologies
- ◆ Possess multilingual skills
- ◆ Develop awareness of national and world issues and events, and their impact
- ◆ Understand and respect one's own culture and other cultures
- ◆ Interact productively within various cultures



What is High School?

Transition to High School

(Freshman Year Matters!)

Different schedule

More students

More teachers

Self advocacy and responsibility

GPA – Grade Point Average

Future direction

What is the Freshman Academy?

- Smaller learning community to assist in MS-HS transition
- School-within-a-school
- Located in East Hall
- Freshman Academy at SFHS



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Academic Expectations

Workload/Homework/Organization

Course rigor

Course preparation

Study plan/Study Skills

Self-Advocating

Extra Help Sessions

Mid-terms and finals

EOCTs – End of Course Tests

GHSWT



School Motto

War Eagles...

Connect to Achieve;
Lead to Inspire

Student Life- CONNECT

Time Management

Challenge yourself
Get involved- Club Blitz
Find balance
Study peer groups

Student Support-ACHIEVE

Academic and Mentoring

Freshman Academy

Link Crew

IF – Instructional Focus

Academic progress monitoring

Teacher extra help sessions

Peer tutoring

Saturday Academy

Thursday Tutoring

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us//site/Default.aspx?PageID=28574>

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Student Support

Study Skills Seminar

Time Management

Organization of Time and Work Space

Organization of Study Materials

Study Plans and Recovery Work

Formative Grades

Study Techniques

Note Taking Techniques

Test Taking Strategies/Test Anxiety

Study Skills Recap

Transition Support

Dedicated Mentoring Programs Link Leaders



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Transition Support

Dedicated Learning Center



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Transition Support

- Middle School Visits
- Parent Information Night
- Freshman Festival (Saturday, 2/23)
- Freshman Orientation (Wednesday, 8/7)
- Freshman Academy
- Link Leader Program

Student Progress Monitoring



High School Schedule

- 7 periods
- 50 minutes / 90 minutes classes
- Hybrid Schedule
- Instructional Focus
- Report card every 9 weeks

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Period		Period		Period		Period		Period	
1	8:25-9:17	1	8:25-9:17	2	8:25-10:02	1	8:25-10:02	1	8:25-9:17
2	9:23-10:13	2	9:23-10:13					2	9:23-10:13
3	10:19-11:09	3	10:19-11:09	I/F	10:08-11:43	3	10:08-11:43	3	10:19-11:09
4	11:15-12:50	4	11:15-12:50					4	11:15-12:50
5	12:56-1:46	5	12:56-1:46	4	11:49-1:57	5	11:49-1:57	5	12:56-1:46
6	1:52-2:42	6	1:52-2:42					6	1:52-2:42
7	2:48-3:40	7	2:48-3:40	6	2:03-3:40	7	2:03-3:40	7	2:48-3:40

Class of 2017

Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
CTAE / Fine Arts / Foreign Language	3 credits
Health / Pers. Fitness	1 credit
Electives	4 credits
TOTAL TO GRADUATE	23 credits

Students can earn
up to 28 credits.

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Building Your Schedule

- Core classes were recommended by middle school teachers using county guidelines
- Choose Electives
- Academies and Pathways Options

Recommended Courses

- Core class recommendations made by middle school teachers using county-wide recommendations
- Honors vs. College Prep
- How can a core class recommendation be changed?
- Waiver Request

Course Digest

The 2013-2014 High School Course Guide represents the vital information necessary to enable each student to make sound academic decisions.

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/32404>

- Course descriptions
- Course sequences
- Prerequisites
- Pathways

Electives

- Core Electives
- World Languages
- Health & Physical Education
- Fine Arts
- CTAE

Career Pathways-SFHS

CTAE – Career, Technology, and Agriculture Education

Academies

- Business and Marketing Academy
- Culinary Arts Academy
- Engineering Academy

[Click here for FCS Career Pathways Webpage](#)

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Pathways. . .Advanced Academic, World Language, and Fine Arts

Pathway	Requirements for Pathway
Advanced Academic Pathway— ELA, MA, SC	At least four courses required for graduation in the content area AND at least one of the four courses must be AP, IB, or Dual Enrollment in the academic content area
Advanced Academic Pathway— SS	At least three units required for graduation in the content area AND at least one of the three units must be AP, IB, or Dual Enrollment in Social Studies
World Language Pathway	At least two units in the same World Language PLUS at least one unit reflecting AP, IB, or Dual Enrollment (reflecting a third course at the college level) in the same World Language
Fine Arts Pathway	At least 3 courses from any one of the following areas: Visual Arts, Theater, Music, or Journalism.



Pathways. . .Technical & Career

Pathways	Courses
Business—Computer Science	Computing in the Modern World, Beginning Programming, *Intermediate Programming
Culinary Arts	Intro to Culinary Arts, Culinary Arts I, *Culinary Arts II
Engineering	Foundations of Engineering, Engineering Concepts, *Engineering Applications
Fashion Marketing	Marketing Principles, Fashion Marketing, *Advanced Fashion Marketing Sales
Marketing/Management	Marketing Principles, Advanced Marketing, *Entrepreneur: Building a Business
Sports Marketing	Marketing Principles, Intro to Sports and Entertainment Marketing, *Advanced Sports and Entertainment Marketing

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New Pathways for SFHS

In 2013-2014 SFHS will add two new pathways to be phased in beginning with rising 9th grade students.

Pathway	Description/Courses
Teaching As A Profession	1 st course—Examining the Teaching Profession. Teaching Profession candidates study, apply, and practice the use of current technologies, effective teaching and learning strategies, and the creation of effective learning environments.
Manufacturing (Sponsored by the Siemens Corporation)	1 st Course—Foundations of Manufacturing and Materials. This course develops fundamental technological literacy as students learn about the history, systems, and processes of manufacturing. The course also provides an overview of the safe use of tools and equipment used in the industry. <u>Manufacturing Pathway PPT</u>

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Pathway Awards

- Seal of Completion on Diploma
- Seal of Distinction on Diploma
- Pathway Scholar Medallion

To earn a career pathway award, students must complete a series of courses authorized by the Georgia DOE as a career pathway.

Note: Under Career Pathways Section, click on the high school link for specific pathways offerings

[Academics & Accountability / Career Pathways- FC](#)

Advanced Studies

- We encourage all of our students to take advanced courses. Approximately 50% of our current freshman take an honors or AP level class.
- Honors
- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
 - Starts Grade 11

[Click here for SFHS Advanced Studies Webpage](#)

Selecting Electives

Core Electives	
Course #	Courses
10715y	Journalism (Yearbook) @
10705y	Journalism (Newspaper) @
Physical Education Electives	
Course #	Courses
60325s / 60165s	Driver Ed (.5)/ Intro to Team Sports (.5)
60215y	Weight Training

Fine Arts	
Course #	Music Courses
801375y	Intermediate Instrumental Ensemble I (Fundamental)
801255y	Beginning Band II (Concert) @
801335y	Intermediate Band I (Symphonic) @
801005y	Advanced Band I (Wind Ensemble) @
801485y	Advanced Instrumental Ensemble I (Percussion) @
803055y	Ethnic Music Studies I (Color Guard) @
801195y	Beginning Guitar I
801455y	Music Theory I
802125y	Beginning Mixed Chorus I (Musical Theater I)
802135y	Beginning Mixed Chorus II (Musical Theater I)
802005y	Advanced Choral Ensemble I @
Course #	Drama Courses
804075y	Dramatic Arts Fundamentals I
804085y	Dramatic Arts Fundamentals II

Course #	Visual Arts Courses
800335y	Visual Arts I
800345y	Visual Arts II (Pre-Req 800335y)
Career Tech Pathway Courses	
Business/Computer Science Pathway	
702375y	Computing in the Modern World
700545y	Business Essentials
702395y	Beginning Programming (Pre-Req 702375y)
Marketing, Sales, and Services Pathway	
702745y	Marketing Principles
Engineering/Technology Pathway	
703045y	Foundations of Engineering
703065y	Engineering Concepts (Pre-Req 703045y)
Manufacturing Pathway	
703205y	Foundations of Manufacturing
Teaching As A Profession Pathway	
90005y	Examining the Teaching Profession

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Preparing for Course Registration

Rising Freshman received the following information today (Feb 20) at school:

- Registration letter outlining scheduling procedures
- Course selection sheets specific to SFHS and 9th grade
- Teachers' recommendations for core classes
- Graduation Requirements
- Directions for viewing teacher recommendations on Parent Portal
- Directions for the waiver-process
- Directions for signing-up for additional academics and electives on Parent Portal from home
- All forms can be found on the [Counseling Website](#)

Important Dates

Registration Packets Distributed at Middle Schools	Wednesday, February 20
Parent Portal Open for Registration	Wednesday, February 20(8:00 AM) <i>thru</i> Friday, March 8(4:00 PM)
Deadline for All Course Request Changes/Waivers	Friday, April 12 (4:00 PM)

Grading Scale

Regular Honors	Advanced Placement (AP) International Baccalaureate (IB)
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



Grading & Credit

Final Grades are posted at the conclusion
of the course

Year-long course = 1.0 credit

Half-year course = 0.5 credit

Semester Grades

Summative Grades (75%)

Formative Grades (25%)

EOCT (20%)/Final

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High School Assessments

- PSAT (Freshman and Sophomore year/Junior year for Scholarship opportunities)
- SAT (Junior year)
- ACT (Junior year)
- GHSWT (Junior year)
- EOCT (9-12)

[Click here for SFHS Testing Webpage](#)

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High School Assessments

- **EOCT courses include:**
 - **9th Literature/Composition**
 - American Literature
 - **Coordinate Algebra (or their equivalent)**
 - Analytic Geometry (or their equivalent)
 - **Biology**
 - Physical Science
 - U.S. History
 - Economics

HOPE Scholarship

3.0 Core GPA

- English, Math, Science, Social Studies & Foreign Language
- 4 courses which meet the rigor requirement

Partially Pays for Georgia Public Colleges-

- Award amount is determined by the Hope Factor Rate

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For more information, visit
<http://www.gacollege411.org>

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Zell Miller Scholarship

3.70 GPA

- English, Math, Science, Social Studies & World Languages
- Minimum of a 1200 on the math and reading portions of the SAT test or a 26 composite score on the ACT test

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For more information, visit

<http://www.gacollge411.org>

Where to Access Information...

South Forsyth High School Home Page

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/sfhs>

SFHS Freshman Academy Page

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/sfhs/fa>



Forsyth County Schools Home Page

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us>



FCSS High School Course Digest, 2013-2014

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/32404>

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Freshman Academy Contacts

General transition questions and concerns:

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Scheduling, course registration, and counseling questions:

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Saturday, February 23
9:00am – 12:00pm

Visit the campus, learn more about courses, electives, clubs, activities and athletic opportunities.



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Coming Soon...Online Store
Create a secure account/for more information

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/sfhsstore>

Order by April 1st and receive a free agenda



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Thank You for Attending

We look forward to a great
2013-2014 school year!



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