



Grady High School's

# RISING KNIGHTS...News Just for Rising 9th Grade Families

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## Welcome Rising 9th Graders

Grady High School has planned a series of events just for rising 9th graders and their parents. These events are designed to answer, among other things, questions about Grady's curriculum, pathways, academic achievements and opportunities, extracurricular activities, and much, much more.

During the year, parents and students will have an opportunity to:

- Meet Grady faculty and staff, including Dr. Betsy Bockman (Grady's Interim Principal), the guidance counselors, administrative staff, and members of Grady's teaching team.
- Visit the school, ask questions, and attend campus tours.

The list of this year's transition-in events is on the right-hand side of this page. Please mark these dates on your family's calendar now. Additional information about these events will be provided closer to the dates.

We look forward to personally welcoming your family to Grady High School.

## Getting Ready for High School

For general information about high school, check out these websites:

- Atlanta Public Schools, <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us>
- APS Kids, <http://www.apskids.org>
- Department of Education, <http://public.doe.k12.ga.us>
- Georgia College 411, <https://www.gacollege411.org>

For current information about Grady High School, please visit the Grady APS website, [www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/3087](http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/3087). Here you will find:

- Information on Grady's curriculum and pathways
- Link to the Grady PTSA where you can sign up to receive the *GradyGram*
- Read online copies of Grady's monthly newsletter, *Knight Lights*.

## Pathway and Elective Selection

All rising ninth grade students will have an opportunity to select their pathways and elective classes. For more information, please see page 2.

### Transition-in Dates

#### 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

##### **For Parents Only -**

An Introduction to Grady

Date: December 14, 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Place: Inman Middle School Auditorium

##### **For Students Only -**

8th Graders Visit Grady

Date: January 24, 2017 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:50 am - 11:30 am

Place: Grady High School

Vincent D. Murray Auditorium

##### **For Parents and Students -**

Rising Ninth Grade Night

Date: January 25, 2017 (Wednesday)

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Place: Grady High School

Vincent D. Murray Auditorium

##### **Advanced Courses Night -**

Date: November 2, 2016

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Place: Grady High School

Vincent D. Murray Auditorium

##### **For Parents and Students -**

Campus Tours

To make a reservation for a campus tour, please email [rdawson@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:rdawson@atlanta.k12.ga.us) or call 404-802-3033.

Date: April 15, 2017 (Saturday)

Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Place: Grady High School Cafeteria

Date: April 18, 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

Place: Grady High School Cafeteria

Date: May 6, 2017 (Saturday)

Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Place: Grady High School Cafeteria

### Questions about transition-in events?

Contact Mr. Raymond Dawson at [rdawson@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:rdawson@atlanta.k12.ga.us) or at 404-802-3033 or



## Registration Documents

The list below is to help you have all of the required documentation to enroll your student in Atlanta Public Schools. The documents listed below are required for students enrolling for the first time and students transferring within the system.

### Existing Atlanta Public School Students

#### CENSUS VERIFICATION FORM

This form has important information about your child and we need to make sure this information is correct EACH year. This form will be sent home with your child each spring for you to review. If there are no corrections necessary, when the school sends this form home with your child, please review, write "no corrections" and sign the form. If you need to correct any information, please make the corrections on the Census Demographic Form and return the form to the school.

a. Check to ensure that your child's Demographic Data is correct (name, date of birth, gender/ race ethnicity). Note: social security numbers are not shown for security purposes. Please do not provide your child's social security number.

b. Review the Household Contact Information to ensure that the contact information for your household is accurate (address, phone number, email address if applicable).

c. Review the Household Members and their relationships to ensure that all members of your household and all children enrolled in an Atlanta Public School (APS) are listed. (Do not list children not enrolled in an APS school.)

d. Provide additional Contact Information where missing (work phone, cell phone, email address).

#### PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Proof of residence is required when a student initially enrolls in a school, at the beginning of each school year and whenever a change of residence occurs. Please see the Proof of Residency Chart to see what documents you must return each spring.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY CHART <See APS website>

FREQUENCY ASKED QUESTIONS - PROOF OF RESIDENCY <See APS website>

PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

COMPLETE AND RETURN AN AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY

AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY <See APS website>

DECLARACION JURADA DE RESIDENCIA <See APS website>

### Students New to Atlanta Public Schools

The following items are required for registration for any student whose new to the Atlanta Public Schools.

#### PROOF OF PROMOTION

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

IMMUNIZATION RECORD

EYE, EAR AND DENTAL RECORDS

#### PROOF OF RESIDENCY CHART < See APS website>



## A Special Note About Immunizations and Health Certificates

**Please note that some immunizations and certificates have expiration dates.**

If your certificate has an expiration date, you must renew the certificate when it expires. If your certificate does not have an expiration date, then your child's certificate is complete for school enrollment purposes and the form will be marked as such.

**Ensure that your child's vaccinations are all current, including:**

- *Varicella (chicken pox) Vaccine – Two (2) Doses.* Students are now required to have two (2) doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or documentation of disease or laboratory proof of immunity. When your child entered elementary school, only one (1) dose of this vaccine was required.
- *Two (2) MMR or 2nd Measles Vaccinations.*
- *Complete Hepatitis B Series - Series Consists of Three (3) Doses.*

**Start Now - Don't Wait Until May to Check Your Student's Records!**

Your student's immunizations and records need to be updated and completed prior to the start of your child's ninth grade year at Grady High School! Check with your middle school now to make sure your child's certificate is in good standing.

## Pathway and Elective Selection

Rising Grady ninth grade students will receive information regarding the pathway and elective courses available to them during the transition-in activities (see page 1). Students will indicate their preferences for these classes by filling out a Pathway and Elective Selection Form that they will receive at their middle schools on Thursday, January 26, 2017. The Pathway and Elective Selection Forms must be returned to the middle school by Thursday, February 9, 2017.



## Advanced Courses Night

If you're the type of student that likes an academic challenge, then taking an advanced placement course maybe of interest. Advanced Placement or AP courses, offer students the a level of rigor they will experience in college, since AP courses are taught at the college level. AP courses also offer students the opportunity earn college credit. To learn more about AP course opportunities and qualifications, come to our Advanced Courses Night on November 2, 2016 at 6:30pm, in the Murray Theater. It's never to early to think about the future, when it comes to your education.

## School Life

Grady offers a wide array of sports and club opportunities, including:

**SPORTS:** FALL sports: cheerleading, cross-country, football, softball, and volleyball

WINTER sports: basketball, cheerleading, debate, and swimming

SPRING sports: baseball, golf, soccer, tennis, track, and lacrosse

**CLUBS:** 21st Century Leaders, Beta Club, Book Club, Color Guard, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Drill Team, Earth Club/School Garden, G3 Robotics, Gamers Club, Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA), Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), International Club, JROTC Raiders, Latin Club, Mock Trial, Model UN, Moot Court, National Honor Society, Skills USA, Student Government Association (SGA), Technology Student Association, Thespian Society, Yoga Club, and more.