



Sophomore Advisement

Stockbridge High School Class of 2019

SHS Guidance and Counseling Mission Statement

- The mission of Stockbridge High School Guidance and Counseling is to help students succeed. We recognize that each student has the fundamental right of equal access to the knowledge and skill required to function successfully in a global society. Therefore, we designed a comprehensive guidance and counseling program that addresses, not only the academic needs of our students, but also environmental conditions such as poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and child abuse/neglect that affect a student's ability to learn. SHS Guidance and Counseling focuses on the needs of the whole student by recognizing and responding to the social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral challenges facing students and families. Students will have the opportunity to acquire educational and social competencies necessary for growth toward lifelong success in becoming productive citizens.

Stockbridge High School – Counselors!

Students are assigned to counselors according to Grade Level

Counselors

Dr. N. Hodge, Senior Counselor

Ms. K. Glover, Junior Counselor

Mrs. S. Glover- Sophomore

Dr. Dobbins-Freshmen Counselor

Ms. Melissa Bell-Graduation Coach

Counseling Secretary

Mrs. M. Brown

Graduation Requirements

Requirements

Credits

Language Arts

4

Mathematics

4

Social Studies

3

Science

4

Health/ Personal Fitness

1

W. Lang and/or Fine Art and/or CTAE

3

Electives

4

23

Math

In order to graduate a student must take and pass the following four math classes.

1. CCGPS Coordinate Algebra
2. CCGPS Analytic Geometry
3. CCGPS Advanced Algebra
4. CCGPS Pre Calculus

Math Continued ...

Or the student must take and pass the following four Accelerated Math classes.

1. CCGPS Accelerated Coordinate Algebra Honors
2. CCGPS Accelerated Analytic Geometry Honors
3. CCGPS Accelerated Pre Calculus Honors
4. AP Calculus AB/BC or Statistics

If you are in Accelerated Math, you will need to take AP Calc AB/BC or Statistics to graduate.

Credits and Honors/AP

Credits

How many credits are required to be in the 11th grade?

- 11 credits need to be earned by the start of the 2017/2018 school year for you to be in the 11th grade.
- If a student does not have 11 credits then the student will remain in a 10th grade until the end of the year.

How many credits are required to be in 12th grade?

- 17 credits are to be earned by the start of the 2018/2019 school year for you to be in the 12th grade.

Honor/AP Points

Which courses receive honor points/AP?

- 10 additional points are added at the end of each semester to passing grades in honors, AP, and joint enrollment/college courses.

What if I Fail a class?

Failed Courses are made up through:

- Summer School
- online courses through HCOA and Georgia Virtual School.
counselor approval is required to take online classes
- If you do not earn 11 units of credit by the end of the summer, then you will NOT be promoted to the 11th grade and you will be in danger of not graduating with your class.

Very Important To know

Numeric Averages

Henry County calculates numeric averages by adding up all grades in classes and dividing by the total number of classes taken. The numeric average is on a 100 point scale i.e. 87 out of 100.

All grades included in this calculation - failed grades, summer grades, online grades ...

Failed courses remain on the transcript even after retaking the course

Henry County adds 5 Honors and 10 AP points to take the final passing grade for each Honors, AP, and college course taken; shown on transcript.

A Word on Grade Point Average (GPA)

High School GPA is calculated by the postsecondary institution not the high school (Henry County does not calculate). College GPA is different than the Henry County Numeric Average.

Student should contact to find how they calculate their GPA

Most Colleges use this scale: A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 F=0.0

Most Colleges only consider academic courses (Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language)

Some colleges may give you additional points for Honors, AP, and College courses

Some colleges may take off the additional 5 points added to Honors and the 10 points on AP and college courses

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship

Eligible students receive financial assistance covering partial or full tuition
Qualifications

- US citizens or eligible non-citizen
- Legal resident of Georgia
- Graduate of an eligible GA high school
- Valid Social Security Number

Selective Service

Males must register with the Selective Service no later than 30 days before their 18th birthday.

HOPE eligibility will be delayed until this requirement is met www.sss.gov



HOPE GPA

A 3.0 is required by averaging core coursework, including failing grades, on a 4.0 scale

Core Courses

English

Math

Science

World Language

Honors points are removed and a 0.50 weighting is added back in for AP, and DE courses only, not to exceed 4.0.

Middle school credit is not calculated in the HOPE GPA

All calculations are done by the GA Student Finance Commission

Counselors are not responsible for calculating the HOPE GPA a 2.99 GPA

does not qualify you for hope

HOPE Scholarship

Academic Rigor

- ❖ Requires that students graduating in 2019 must pass 3 courses from a list of academically rigorous courses in order to meet the requirements to be a HOPE Scholar upon high school graduation.

HOPE Scholarship

Academic Rigor

Rigor Requirement - Class of 2019 must earn 3 units of credits from the following areas to be eligible for HOPE.

1. Advanced math, such as CCGPS or an equivalent or higher course.
2. Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology or an equivalent or higher course.
3. Advanced placement courses in core subjects
4. Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects.
5. Advanced foreign language courses.

<http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Courselist.pdf>

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Major premise of the program is that a student must meet all the requirements to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship, plus:

Graduate from an eligible high school with a grade point average of at least a 3.7 as calculated by GSFC and having received a score of at least 1,200 combined Critical Reading score and Math score on a single administration of the SAT or an ACT score of at least 26; or

Graduated from an eligible high school as the valedictorian or salutatorian.

Advanced Placement - AP

- Program of college-level courses
- Receive recognition from more than 3,600 colleges and universities that annually receive AP Exam scores. Over 90% of a four year colleges in the U.S. provide credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying scores.
- It is suggested that you take the AP exam in May if currently passing the course



Typical 11th Grade Schedule

When considering the level of classes to take, consider the highest level in which you can make A's or B's. Do not put yourself at academic risk by over-extending yourself. Do not worry about what your friends are taking or if you heard a college needs AP courses. Be honest with yourself. Listen to your teacher's recommendations during pre-registration. Being properly placed is the most important aspect of your overall success in high school. We recommend that you balance your schedule with everything else you are doing in your life, such as sports, clubs, jobs, extracurricular activities, etc.

-11th grade Literature

-Math

-Science

-US History

-World Language or Elective

-Personal Fitness/Elective or year long elective

Course placement is based on meeting grade and/or pre-requisite requirements. See the Henry County Course Advisement Catalog for specific criteria.

Four Year Plan Advisement

- During second semester, counselors will meet individually with each student on their caseload to advise them on academic and elective course selections.
- Students will receive a copy of their 4 Year Advisement Plan with counselor recommendations to take home and review with parents.

Bridge Bill Activities

- ALL 10th grade students will complete the following activities through GCIS:
- Review/adjust or create your individual Graduation Plan.
- Receive college credit now/move on when ready information.

College Admission Standards

GPA: Typically average in academic core on a 4.0 scale (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language).

Course Selection (rigor/difficulty level): Selective college are looking at the strength or rigor of your courses throughout high school, **including your senior year.** We highly recommend seniors take a minimum of 4 academics each semester-for highly selective colleges, a minimum of 5 each semester.

Test Scores (ACT and or SAT)

Class Rank: Based on overall numeric weighted average

Extracurricular Activities: Leadership and participation in clubs, service and sports can be particularly important to competitive colleges.

College Application Essays: Required essays on the college application are important because they demonstrate your writing ability and give the college more information about you. Please seek advice when writing an essay and make sure your proofread for errors.

Letters of Recommendation: Letters of recommendation need to be requested **15 business days** prior to the school's deadline.

Resumes- Contains academic information., honors and awards, extracurricular activities, work/volunteer experience, etc.

Interviews

College Freshman Profile

UGA

Middle 50% GPA 3.73-4.03

Middle 50% SAT 1790-2040

Middle 50% ACT 27-31

Average AP Courses 4-8



GA. Tech

Middle 50% GPA 3.77-4.08

Middle 50% SAT 1960-2160

Middle 50% ACT 28-32

Average AP Courses 7.31



Gwinnett Technical College

Graduate from High School

Submit ACT/SAT scores or take the Compass test



Honor Code and Discipline

- If a college or scholarship program inquires about honor code violations or discipline, we are obligated to report this information. Also, inquires of a student's integrity may also be affected if the student has a documented **out of school suspension** or **honor code violation**.
- Acceptance to college is provisional and the colleges hold all of the rights. Colleges reserve the right to rescind admission or put you on immediate probation.

College Entrance Exam

SAT I

College admission test that measures student's mathematical ability, critical reading knowledge, and writing skill.

SAT Subject Tests

One-hour tests offered in subject areas such as English, Foreign Language, Science, History and Mathematics. Some colleges require the SAT II test(s) and students should check with each college to determine whether it is necessary to take the SAT II(s).

American College Testing Program (ACT)

College admission test which measures aptitude and skill in English, Math, Reading, Natural Sciences, and writing.

Test Registration

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.act.org

High School Code: 112830

It is recommended students take the SAT and/or ACT at least twice during their junior year and once at the beginning of their senior year.

Scholastic Aptitude Test(SAT)

The SAT is a test that includes critical thinking and problem solving.

Test Dates:

Oct 1st, Nov. 5th , Dec. 3rd, Jan. 21st, March. 11th, May 6th, June 3rd

Score:

600-2400

Penalty for Wrong Answers:

Yes

Structure:

Critical Reading

Math(through Algebra 2)

Writing



American College Testing (ACT)

The ACT is a content based test.

Test Dates:

Sept. 10th Oct. 22nd, Dec. 10th, Feb.11th , April. 8th, June. 10th

Score:

1 to 36

Penalty for Wrong Answers:

No

Structure:

English

Math (through Trig)

Science Reasoning

Writing (Optional)



Dual Enrollment - Move on When Ready (MOWR)

- A dual enrollment opportunity for students to attend a postsecondary institution full-time during their Sophomore, junior and/or senior year of high school. Students will receive high school credit and college credit simultaneously while attending college classes on the college campus full time.
- Tuition is paid through local system funds. Additional expenses may be covered.
 - Students can live on campus or commute but are responsible for these expenses.
 - All high school End of Course and Georgia High School Graduation Testing requirements must be met.
 - Classes do not count against the HOPE Scholarship or Grant hours.

NCAA Initial- Eligibility Clearinghouse

- If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution you must register with the NCAA Initial - Eligibility Clearinghouse. **Access the registration materials by visiting the NCAA website www.nccaclearinghouse.net.**

- When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA
 - Students and parents are responsible for determining NCAA eligibility to Division I and Division II schools
 - Counselor's are neither responsible nor allowed to determine eligibility
- Be aware that the NCAA may or may not approve courses taken through a non-traditional format such as online, distance learning, correspondence, credit recovery, etc. Counselors are not responsible for researching or advising NCAA policies. It is up to the student and family to investigate NCAA regulations as they pertain to non-traditional courses.**



How to achieve Success in your classes

Be organized

- Do your homework daily (zeros for not turning in work lowers your grade tremendously)
- Make studying every day a priority (review class notes daily)
- Attend teachers help lessons
- If you need extra help, attend help sessions
- National Honors Society Tutoring
- Ask your teacher for recovery if your grade is below 74
- Every grade counts (colleges will look at your grade from each semester)

How and When to see a Counselor

- To see your counselor, please stop by the office to fill out an appointment request card. A counselor will send for you within 24-48 hours.

Reasons to See a Counselor:

- Struggling academically
- Questions about college/career planning
- Questions about four year plan for registration
- Guidance on dealing with academic issues
- Guidance on dealing with personal issues
- Just want to meet your counselor

How and When to see a Counselor

- We are here to help you. You can stop by the counseling office before school, during lunch or after school. If I am not available, fill out the Counselor Appointment Card.
- **Emergency Danger to yourself, others, or someone else is in danger. See a member of the Stockbridge High School staff IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT FILL OUT THE APPOINTMENT CARD.**