

The ABCs of NAHS

ACT - American College Testing; one of the major assessments for college admission

ADAP - Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program; required for a drivers' license; students complete ADAP as part of personal fitness

AP - Advanced Placement; courses that can earn college credit and placement

APS - Atlanta Public Schools; our mother ship

ASVAB - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery; administered to 10th and 11th graders to gain insights' into student occupational aptitudes

CAS - Creativity, Action Service; community service component of IB curriculum

CFA - Center for the Arts; one of three SLCs at NAHS

CPP - Campus Portal for Parents; online resource for parents to track grades, attendance and other classroom information for their students

DBQ - Data Based Question (aka Document Based Question); essay written frequently in AP and IB courses, particularly history

DIG - Design Implementation Guide; a "constitution" for each SLC curriculum

EE - Extended essay; an independent research essay required for IB

EOCT - End of Course Test; the high school version of the CRCT administered in select courses; counts as 15% of total grade; important

GHP - Governor's Honors Program; a summer instructional program for intellectually gifted or artistically talented kids

GHS GT - Georgia High School Graduation Test; a must have for graduation; administered to 11th graders in the fall and spring

GPA - Grade Point Average; calculated on the numeric average of final semester grades; weighted GPA adds points for AP and IB courses

HL - Higher Level; one of two levels of IB classes that students are required to take

IB - International Baccalaureate; curriculum recognized around the world for its academic rigor

IBDP - International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme; an option for all IB students in their junior and senior year; a great college resume enhancer

IS - International Studies; one of three SLCs at NAHS

MYP - Middle Years Programme; the IB curriculum for 6th - 10th grade; all NAHS students are MYP students

NA, NAH, NAHS - North Atlanta, North Atlanta High, North Atlanta High School; your place of work for the next four years

PSAT - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test; prep test for SAT; all 11th graders take the PSAT; 9th and 10th graders are encouraged to take it as well

PTSA - Parent Teacher Student Association; now you can join!

JROTC - Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; a US Army leadership program offered at NAHS through the International Business & Marketing SLC

SAT - Scholastic Achievement Test; one of the major assessments for college admission

SL - Standard Level; one of two levels of IB classes that students are required to take

SLC - Small Learning Community; there are three at NAHS

TOK - Theory of Knowledge; required IB course that encourages critical thinking skills

VIP - Mr. MyGrant; also anyone who might write a letter of recommendation for college