



Welcome to  
Centennial  
High School

Freshman Parent Night –  
Part I

# Agenda

Power Point will be posted on  
[mycentennialcounseling.com](http://mycentennialcounseling.com)  
website.



**Kibbey Crumbley, Principal**

**Tracy McConaghie, McConaghie  
Family Counseling**

**Melissa Freeman, Counselor**

**Lisa Martin, PTSA Co-President**

# Question

**WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE MOST HELPFUL FOR ME TO COVER IN TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION?**

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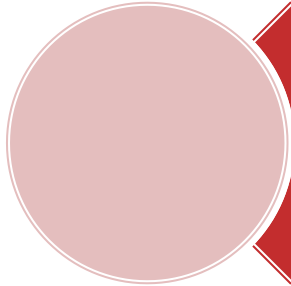
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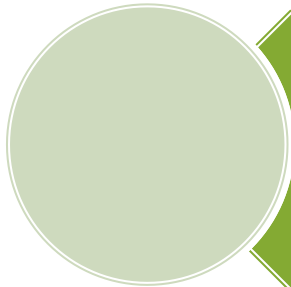
# Curriculum FAQs



**Grading Policies and  
Expectations**



**Credits and Graduation  
Requirements**



**Intro to Choosing Courses  
for 2015-2016 School Year**



# Carnegie Units

- 1 Semester Class = .5 credit
- 1 Yearlong Class = 1 credit (.5 earned per semester)

# Grading Scale

**A (90-100)**

**B (80-89)**

**C (70-79)**

**F (<70)**

- 7 additional points are added to a final grade of 70 or above in approved Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses

# Centennial 101: Grading



In middle school, grades are calculated using a system of averages.

- Example  
8<sup>th</sup> grade English  
Semester 1: 60 (F)  
Semester 2: 80 (B)  
\*Yearly Ave: 70 (C)
- ***Student passes class for the year (earns 1 full credit)***

In Fulton County, high school grades are not averaged... Each semester is independent.

- Example  
9<sup>th</sup> grade English  
Semester 1: 60 (F)  
Semester 2: 80 (B)  
\*No Yearly Average
- ***Student fails 1<sup>st</sup> semester; passes 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (earns 1/2 credit)***

# End of Course Tests



## EOC courses:

- Biology\*
  - Physical Science
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp\*
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp
  - CCGPS Coord. Algebra\*
  - CCGPS Geometry
  - US History
  - Economics
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses are marked with an \*
  - Students will have a final exam that counts 20% of a student's final grade in the course (S1 and S2)

# GPA Calculation



- To calculate FCS GPA:
  - By Semester
    - Add final course grades for semester
    - Divide by total courses taken
  - Cumulative GPA
    - Add final grades for each course
    - Divide by total courses taken
- Courses are not weighted by credit earned (a 1.0 credit course counts the same as a 0.5 credit course when calculating GPA)
- HOPE GPA
  - Determined annually by the GA Student Finance Commission
  - Visit [GACollege411.org](http://GACollege411.org) for details





## **High School credits earned in Middle School**

- Students can have earned HS credits for math and/or world languages.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade world language equals 1.0 HS credit.
- *Student/Parent must provide an official transcript from the school awarding the course credit(s) if transferring from a non-Fulton County middle school.*

## **Promotion**

- Freshmen: 0 – 4.5 credits
- Sophomores: 5.0 – 10.5 credits
- Juniors: 11.0 – 16.5 credits
- Seniors: 17.0 or more credits

## **Progress Reports and Report Cards**

- Progress Reports provide student's status at the 6 and 12 week marks
- Report Cards provide the student's final grades for the semester
- Home Access Center (HAC)

# Home Access Center



Parents and students can monitor grades, attendance, and discipline through Home Access Center (HAC).

Parents can pick up their user name and password for HAC in the front office with an ID.

Students can also register for Student Access Center.

User name –xxxxxxxxx@fcs.org (x represents student's 10-digit student ID)

Password – DOB (MMDDYY format)

Go to [www.fultonschools.org](http://www.fultonschools.org) -> Students and Parents -> Click on "Home Access Center" link

# Parent Concerns



Questions about student grades, assignments, course content, classroom consequences, etc. should be directed to the teacher first

The counselor can be contacted for support in scheduling meetings with all teachers or general academic support

Administrators are available for academic support after contact has been initiated with the teacher

# Extra Help Opportunities

Organization	Department	How to register	Details
<b>SWAT</b>	Any Subject	Students should send an email or text message to <a href="mailto:chsswat@yahoo.com">chsswat@yahoo.com</a> . Students should include the subject area in which they want to be tutored in the text or email. Students can also register in person in room F24 during their lunch period.	Monday - Friday in room F24.
<b>BETA Club</b>	Any Subject	No registration necessary.	Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in room I-34 (Tuesday) and I-33 (Thursday).
<b>Science department</b>	Biology and Environmental Science	No registration necessary.	Tuesdays during 5B lunch in room I-55.
<b>CHS Learning Commons</b>	Math	No registration necessary.	Tuesdays during both lunches in the CHS Learning Commons.
<b>*Individual Departmental Tutoring</b>	English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Career Tech, ESL	Contact individual teachers.	Before/after school help sessions with individual teachers.

# Graduation Requirements

## 23 credits required

- **English** – 4 credits
- **Math** – 4 credits
- **Science** – 4 credits
- **Social Studies** – 3 credits
- **CTAE/World Language/Fine Arts\*** – 3 credits
  - *\*Note: 2 or 3 years of World Language credits may be required for college admission*
- **Health/Personal Fitness** – 1 credit (each .5)
- **Electives** – 4 credits



# Required Academic Classes

## LANGUAGE ARTS (4 CREDITS)

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lit & Comp
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Lit & Comp
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade/American Lit
- Senior Level Lang Arts Course
  - AP Literature
  - 1 Semester of World Lit and 1 Semester of Multicultural Lit

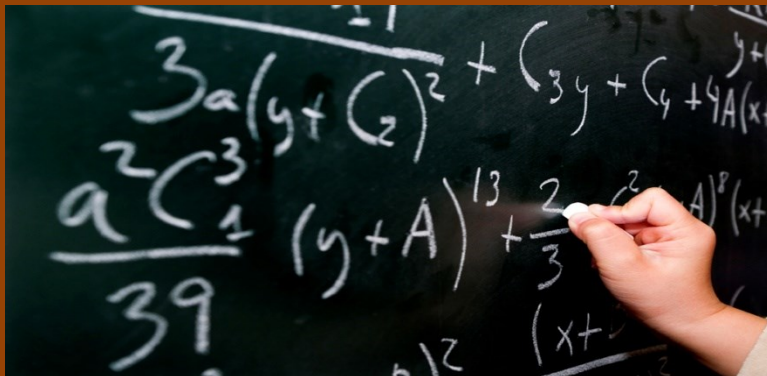


\*Required Summer Reading for all Honors and AP level Lang Arts courses.

# Required Academic Classes

## MATHEMATICS (4 CREDITS)

- CCGPS Algebra or CCGPS Accelerated Algebra
- CCGPS Geometry or CCGPS Accelerated Geometry
- CCGPS Advanced Algebra or Accelerated Pre-Calculus
- 4<sup>th</sup> CCGPS Approved Math Course (Centennial counselors will assist with student their options)



### Support Math Classes\*\*

Math courses designed to provide students extra support in math, but can only be counted as elective credit

# Required Academic Classes

## SCIENCE (4 CREDITS)



- **Biology**
- **Physical Science or Physics**
- **Chemistry, Environmental Sci, Earth Systems or an AP Science class**
- **Approved 4<sup>th</sup> Science Course**



# Required Academic Classes

## **SOCIAL STUDIES (3 CREDITS)**

- **World History**
- **US History**
- **Government (1 semester)**
- **Economics (1 semester)**



# Additional Required Classes

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 CREDIT)



- **General Health**  
(1 semester)
- **Personal Fitness**  
(1 semester)



# World Languages



**French: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP**

**Spanish: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP**

**German: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP**

Honors courses exist in level II and higher

# Fine Arts



Art



Band



Chorus



Drama



Orchestra

# Pathways at Centennial

**Audio-Video  
Technology**

**Engineering  
and  
Technology**

**Programming**

**Food and  
Nutrition**

**Law  
Enforcement  
Services**

**JROTC**

**Health  
Science**

**Music, Visual  
Arts, and  
Theater**

**World  
Language**

# Quiz

**HOW MANY CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION?**

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# Sample High School Schedule



**Start Time 8:20**

**Dismissal 3:30**

- 1. 9<sup>th</sup> Lit./Comp**
- 2. Seminar (Tues/Thurs)**
- 3. Biology**
- 4. CCGPS Algebra**
- 5. Health/Personal Fitness (lunch is imbedded into 5<sup>th</sup> period)**
- 6. German I**
- 7. Elective**

# Seminars



Seminars are non-credit, non-graded courses

- Session 1 (September 30 – December 4)
- Session 2 (February 24 – April 23)

Variety of topics

- Study hall, extra help, and enrichment opportunities

Registration took place through  
[www.bookwhen.com/centennialseminars](http://www.bookwhen.com/centennialseminars)

- Students should check email for confirmation of seminar choice. Students with questions to speak to Ms. Cole (assistant principal).



# TAG Seminars



TAG students can earn TAG credit by taking a seminar or taking an AP course



TAG students only need to take one TAG seminar during freshman year to stay active in the TAG program



AP Human Geography can count for TAG participation



Variety of topics

- Dreams, Genealogy, and SAT prep




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# Course Selection and Changes

Teachers will recommend students for academic placement during the spring semester



Parents/students will be given the opportunity to review recommended placements; questions should be directed to the teacher and/or counselor prior to enrollment in the course



Students will be given opportunities to select elective courses; changes may be made within the designated enrollment period (Feb – May)

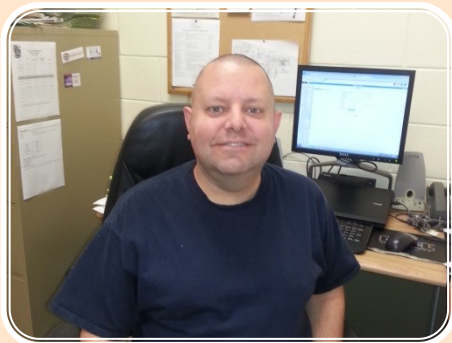


After the verification period, students are expected to complete courses in which they enroll

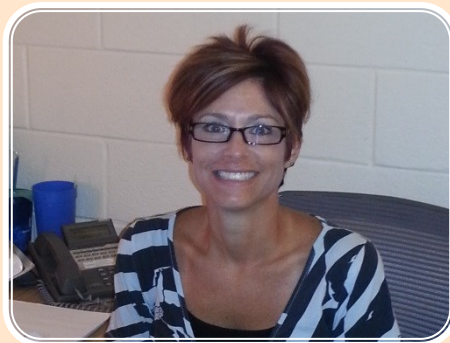


Changes after the verification period will be rare and will require administrative approval

# 2014-2015 Counseling Dept



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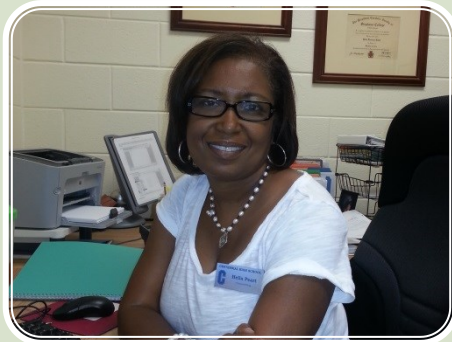


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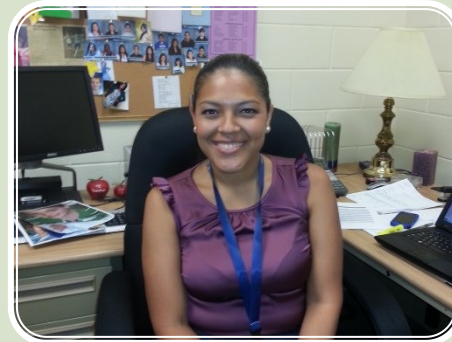
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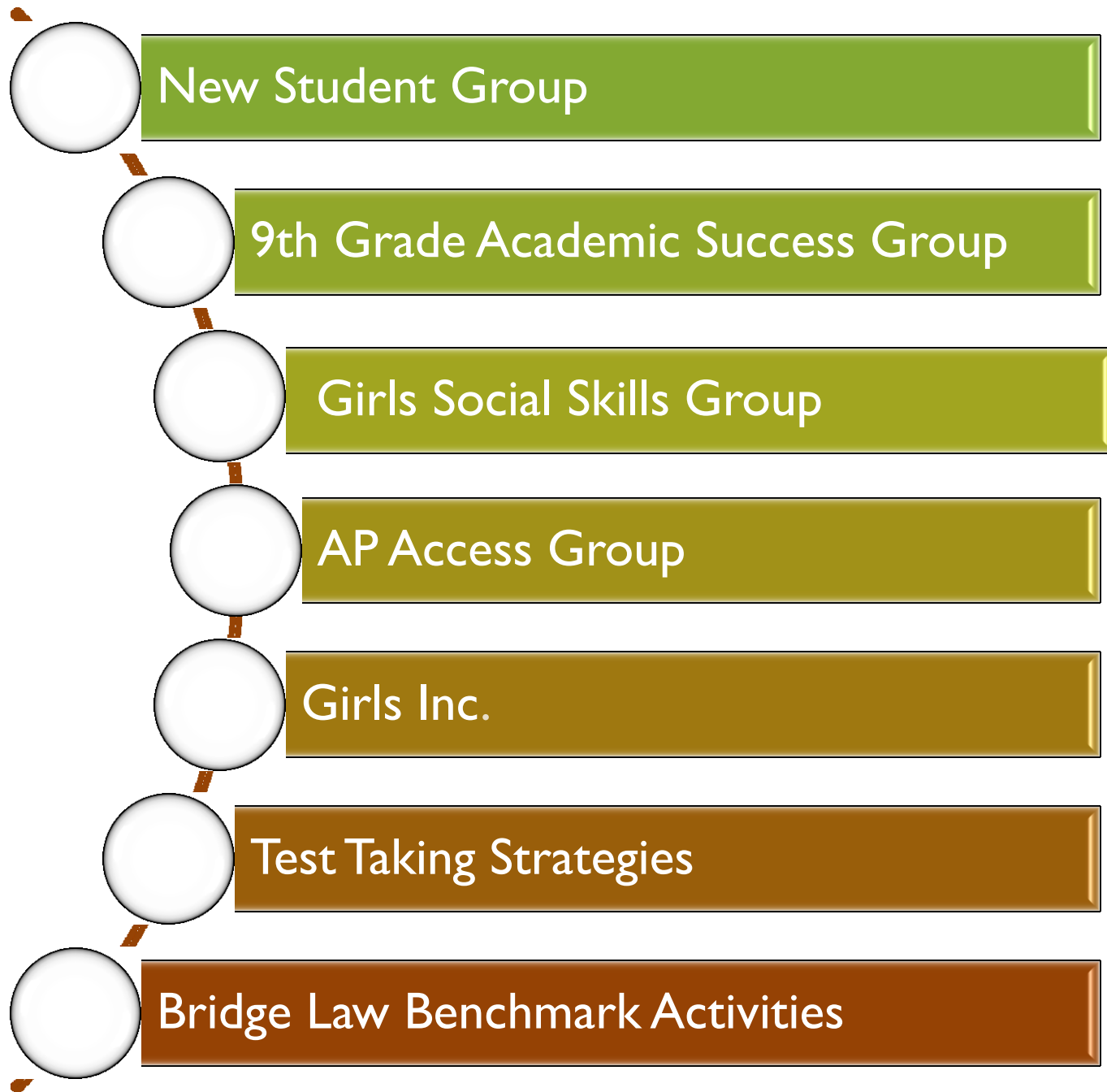
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# Student Support Programs

Grades 9 - 12



# Counseling Program Resources



**Counseling Website**

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**College Representative Visits**



**Scholarship Information Blasts**



**Credit Recovery Options**



**Parent Nights**

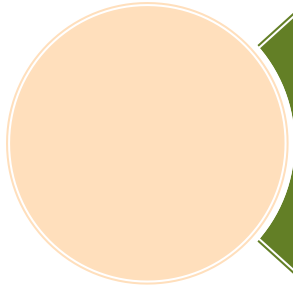


**SAT/ACT Test-Prep Opportunities**

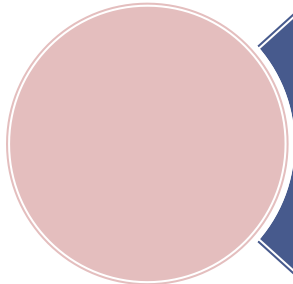


**Consultations & Collaboration**

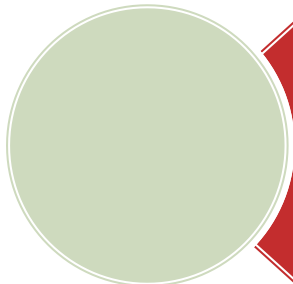
# Moving Forward



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*Please complete and return the feedback form.*



**Spring Freshman Parent Night –**  
Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm  
(cafeteria)



Welcome  
**Lisa Martin**