

CLASS OF 2029 FRESHMAN CLASS INFORMATION



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<https://linktr.ee/waltoncounselingsocialmedia>





BALANCE

ACADEMIC LOAD

+

EXTRACURRICULARS

+

SOCIAL LIFE



OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE!

Clubs & Organizations

- Walton has established a wide variety of interest clubs, community service groups and honor societies. For an updated list - [Clubs & Organizations](#)
- One of the first WEBs at Walton there will be a Club Fair where you can explore the different clubs.

Athletics

- Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling
- Freshman are eligible for sports first semester. Going forward, you must pass 5 classes (2.5 units) at the end of fall semester in order to be eligible to play sports in the spring semester





VOLUNTEER HOURS



Not required for graduation

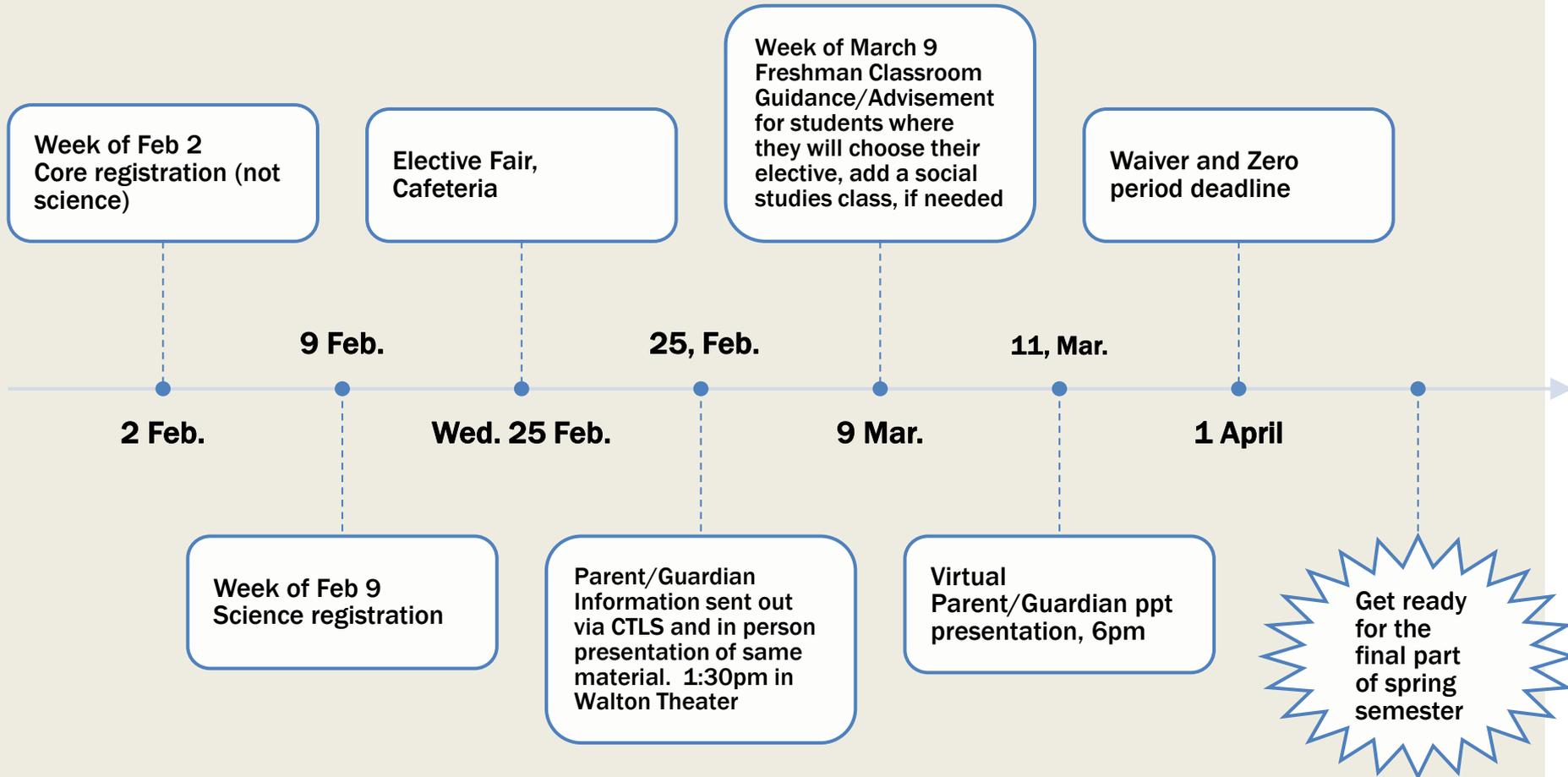
Can receive a service cord to wear at graduation if you complete 180 verified hours.

www.waltonhighcounseling.com/volunteer



The deadline for freshman to submit hours is **May 15, 2026**

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



WALTON Graduation Requirements

Subject	Required Credits	Diploma Requirement
English	4	Must include Literature & Composition I and Literature & Composition II
Mathematics	4	Must include Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra, or their equivalencies
Science	4	Must include Physical Science/Physics; Biology; Chemistry or Environmental Science or an AP Science; and 1 additional unit of science.
Social Studies	3	Must include World History, United States History, American Government, and Economics
Health and PE	1	Health and Personal Fitness (0.5 credit each)
Required Electives	3	From Career Tech, World Language, and/or Fine Arts
Additional Electives	4	
Total	23	Minimum required credits

GRADE PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Grade Level	Required Credits
10 th	5 credits (1 credit each in English, Math, & Science)
11 th	10 credits (2 credits each in English, Math, & Science)
12 th	16 credits (on track for graduation)

GHSA ELIGIBILITY

■ GRADE TOTAL UNITS

- • **10th: 5.0 credits** ◦ Must include 2.5 credits from the previous semester
- • **11th: 11.0 credits** ◦ Must include 2.5 credits from the previous semester
- • **12th: 17.0 credits** ◦ Must include 2.5 credits from the previous semester

*Must pass 5 out of 6 classes





EXAMPLE OF SOPHOMORE YEAR SCHEDULE

**2 semesters (Fall,
Spring)**

**Seven period schedule
(8:20-3:30)**

Six classes

**Almost 1 hour for
lunch!**

WEB!

- 1st period: Lit II
- 2nd period: Geometry
- 3rd period: Env Science
- 4th period: Gov't
- 5th period: Lunch
- 6th period: Spanish III
- 7th period: Graphic Arts

CLASS WAIVERS



**Form to change course level
from teacher recommendation**

**Allowed to
waive up or
down (one
level)**

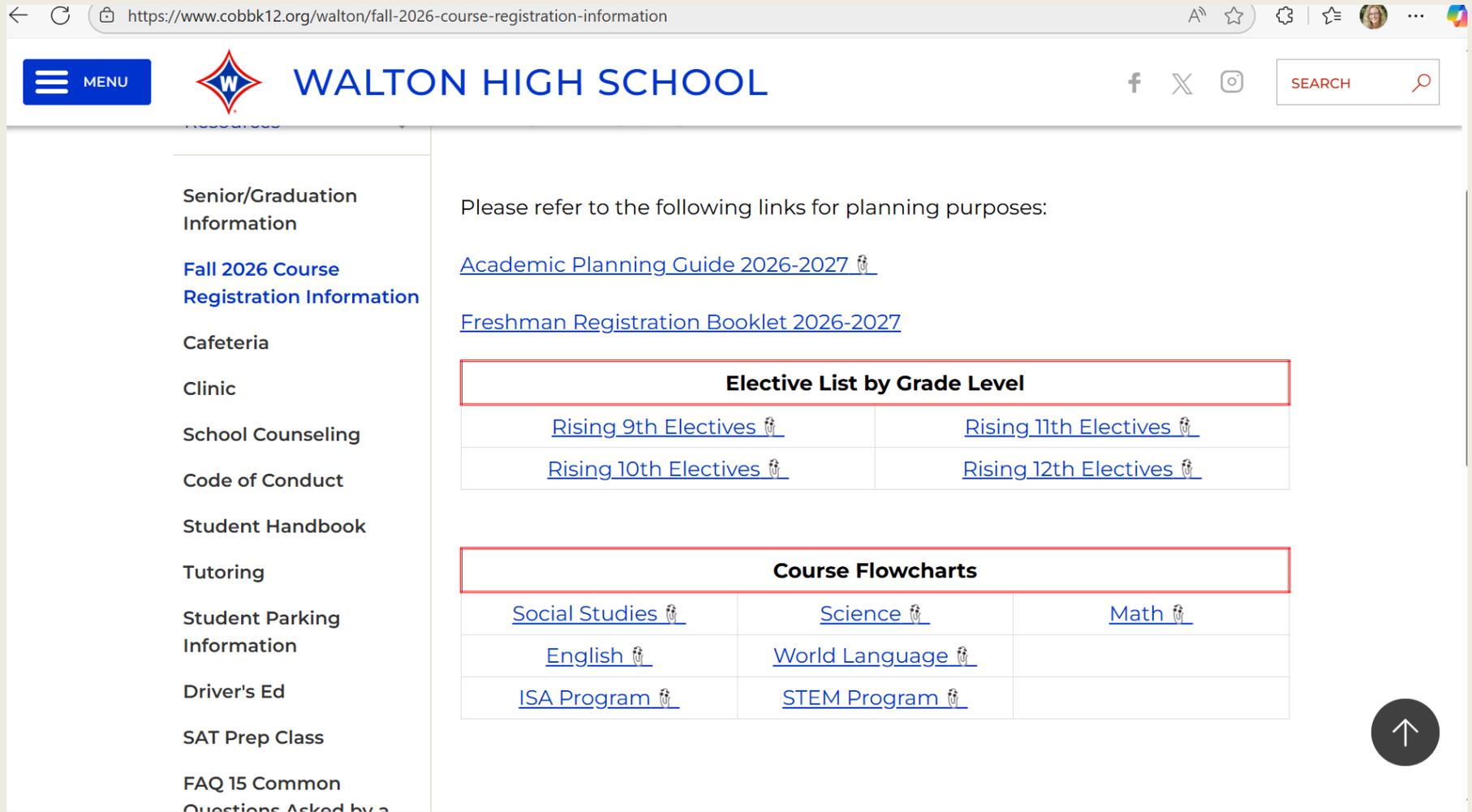
**Must still
meet course
pre-
requisites**

**Deadline is
April 1st!**

**If you choose to waive into a
class, then you are required to
remain in that class for the
semester.**

Walton Resources

www.cobbk12.org/walton > Resources > Fall 2026 Registration information



The screenshot shows the Walton High School website. The header includes the school logo, name, and social media links. A navigation menu on the left lists various resources. The main content area features a message about planning links, followed by two tables of elective and course flowchart links. A search bar is located in the top right corner.

Senior/Graduation Information

Fall 2026 Course Registration Information

Cafeteria

Clinic

School Counseling

Code of Conduct

Student Handbook

Tutoring

Student Parking Information

Driver's Ed

SAT Prep Class

FAQ 15 Common Questions Asked by a

Please refer to the following links for planning purposes:

[Academic Planning Guide 2026-2027](#)

[Freshman Registration Booklet 2026-2027](#)

Elective List by Grade Level	
Rising 9th Electives	Rising 11th Electives
Rising 10th Electives	Rising 12th Electives

Course Flowcharts		
Social Studies	Science	Math
English	World Language	
ISA Program	STEM Program	

RISING 10TH GRADE ELECTIVE CHOICES

Fine Arts			
Course	Prerequisites	Grade	Semester or Full Year
Chorus	Teacher Rec	9-12	Full year
Band	Teacher Rec	9-12	Full year
Orchestra	Teacher Rec	9-12	Full year
Technical Theater	None	9-12	Semester (Fall)
Acting	None	9-12	Semester (Spring)
Visual Arts: Comprehensive	None	9-12	Full year
Visual Arts: Drawing & Painting I,II	VA Comp	10-12	Full year
CTAE			
Intro to Business & Technology	None	9-12	Full year
Banking, Investing, & Insurance	Intro to Business & Technology	10-12	Full year
AP Computer Science Principles	None	10-12	Full year
STEM AP Computer Science Principles	Admission to STEM Academy	10-12	Full year
Broadcast 1	None	9-12	Semester
Broadcast 2	Broadcast 1	9-12	Semester
Intro to Graphic Arts	None	9-12	Semester
Graphic Design & Production	Intro to Graphic Arts	10-12	Semester
Honors Intro to Engineering Design	Concurrent with Algebra 1 or higher math	9-12	Full year
Honors Principles of Engineering	Honors Intro to Engineering Design	10-12	Full year
Intro to Healthcare Science	None	9-12	Full year
Essentials of Healthcare	Intro to Healthcare Science	10-12	Full year
JROTC (at Wheeler HS)	None	9-12	Full year
Physical Education			
Personal Fitness	None	9-12	Semester
Health	None	9-12	Semester
Intro to Lifetime Sports	None	9-12	Semester
Intro to Recreational Games	None	9-12	Semester (Spring)
Intro to Team Sports	None	9-12	Semester
Intro to Outdoor Ed	None	10-12	Semester (Fall)
Exercise & Weights	None	10-12	Semester
Weight Training	None	9-12	Semester
Advanced Weight Training	Weight Training	10-12	Semester
Female Weight Training	Teacher/Coach recommendation	9-12	Semester
Football Weights	WHS Football Player	10-12	Semester
Body Sculpting	None	9-12	Semester

World Language			
Spanish 1	None	9-12	Full year
French 1	None	9-12	Full year
Latin 1	None	9-12	Full year
Chinese 1	None	9-12	Full year
Social Studies			
Sociology	None	10-12	Semester
Technology & Society	None	10-12	Semester
Ethnic Studies	None	10-12	Semester
Sports in United States Society	None	10-12	Semester
AP European History	Teacher Rec	10-12	Full year
AP Art History	Teacher Rec	10-12	Full year
AP Macroeconomics	Teacher Rec	10-12	Semester
AP Comparative Government	AP Government & Politics or Honors Gov	10-12	Semester (spring semester only)
English			
Yearbook	None	9-12	Full Year
AP Statistics	Honors Geometry or higher math & teacher rec	10-12	Full year
Science			
Human Anatomy	1 Unit of bio	10-12	Full year
Honors Human Anatomy	1 Unit of bio	10-12	Full year
Zoology	1 Unit of bio	10-12	Full year

If you need more information about any of the above courses, please review the full Walton Academic Planning Guide on the Walton website.

Please work with your child on what elective they want to choose the week of March 9th. The elective choice will be binding.
[Fall 2026 Course Registration Information](#)

SUMMER SCHOOL OPTIONS

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ONLINE COURSE FORM, FOUND IN YOUR CTLS HOMEROOM BEFORE WE CAN APPROVE A COURSE ON CVA OR GVS WWW.WALTONHIGHCOUNSELING.COM/SUMMERSCHOOL

Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA)

- Initial credit or credit recovery
- Cost is \$275 per 0.5 credit
- Asynchronous instruction
- Initial credit or credit recovery
- Cost is \$275 per 0.5 credit
- Asynchronous instruction
- Registration: March 2 - June 1
- Course dates: May 27 - July 2
- Final exam window: July 5 - 7

www.cobbk12.org/cobbvirtualacademy

Georgia Virtual School (GAVS)

- Initial credit or credit recovery
- Cost is \$250 per 0.5 credit
- Asynchronous instruction
- Registration: March 1 - June 4
- Course dates: June 1 - July 2
- Final exam window: July 4 - 9
- Students may enroll in a course with GAVS only if the course is not offered by CVA or if the CVA course is full

www.gavirtualschool.org

CCSD High School Summer Credit Recovery Program

- Credit recovery only
- No cost
- In-person instruction at Wheeler High School
- Free transportation
- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Registration: March 1 - May 20 (register on ParentVue)
- Course dates: June 8 - 23 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

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TRANSCRIPTS



First Semester

September, November—progress reports

December 2025-Final Grade on Transcript

Second Semester

February, April—progress reports

May 2026 -Final Grade on Transcript

***If you fail a class, you must make up that credit.**

***If you retake a class, your original failing grade still stays on your transcript.**

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- **HOPE Scholarship (4-year public college in Georgia)**
 - 3.0 HOPE GPA for core academic courses
 - English, Math, Science, Social Studies, & World Language
 - 4 HOPE rigor courses
- **Zell Miller Scholarship (4-year public college in Georgia)**
 - 3.7 HOPE GPA for core academic courses
 - 1200 on SAT (1 sitting) or 25 on ACT (1 sitting)
 - 4 HOPE rigor courses
- **HOPE Grant (2-year technical college in Georgia)**
 - For students seeking specific technical certificates or diplomas
 - No GPA requirement
 - No testing requirement
 - No rigor course requirement



HOPE GPA

- HOPE GPA is calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, located on the [Gafutures website](#), and is never on your Walton transcripts
- HOPE GPA includes:
 - All core academic courses taken in high school (English, math, science, social studies, and world language)
 - All academic elective courses taken in high school (e.g., H Psychology, Algebra Support, Yearbook, etc.)

Regular On-Level	Honors Level	AP/DE
A=4.0	A=4.0	A=4.0
B=3.0	B=3.0	B=3.5
C=2.0	C=2.0	C=2.5
D=1.0	D=1.0	D=1.5
F=0.0	F=0.0	F=0.0

HOPE RIGOR

Advanced math

- Adv Algebra, Precalculus, AMDM, Statistical Reasoning

Advanced science

- Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Forensic Science, Astronomy

Advanced Placement

- in core subjects

University System of Georgia

- Dual Enrollment in core subjects

Advanced world language

- Level 2 and higher

**4 HOPE
rigor
courses**

[Click here](#) for a current list of HOPE rigor courses



GAFUTURES.ORG

How to Create an Account	What GAFutures Includes
Go to www.gafutures.org Create an Account Student account	HOPE GPA tracking
	GA Match
	Career exploration
Step 1. Enter your information and use your personal email.	College applications and planning
Step 2. Select "I attend a GA public high school."	Financial aid & scholarships
Step 3. Create a username and password. Add your SSN.	Dual enrollment funding and course directory

GAFutures

www.gafutures.org

ADVISEMENT INFORMATION & WORKSHEET

Course Registration Information	
Date	Event
Week of Feb 2	Core registration (except science)
Feb 9 & 10	Science registration
Feb 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core registration letters and elective info given to students in homeroom Elective Fair in the dining hall during WEB (Q and A Blocks)
March 9 – 13	Freshman Advisement
April 1	Waiver and 0 period deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiver link located in CTLS Homeroom 0 period payment due in the counseling suite
May 8	Course requests located in Student/ParentVue

www.waltonhighcounseling.com/course-registration

Grade Promotion Requirements	
Grade Level	Required Credits
10 th Grade	5 credits (1 credit each in ELA, Math & Science)
11 th Grade	10 credits (2 credits each in ELA, Math & Science)
12 th Grade	16 credits (on track for graduation)

www.waltonhighcounseling.com/graduation-grade-promotion

Graduation Requirements	
Area of Study and Required Courses	Required Credits
ELA (Lit & Comp 1, Lit & Comp 2)	4
Math (Alg, Geom, Adv Alg)	4
Science (Bio, Chem/Env Sci, Physics/Phy Sci)	4
Social Studies (Gov/Econ, US Hist, World Hist)	4
World Lang/CTAE/Fine Arts (Combination)	3
PE (Personal Fitness, Health)	1
Electives	4
TOTAL CREDITS	23

www.waltonhighcounseling.com/graduation-grade-promotion

GHSA Eligibility Requirements	
Grade Level	Credit Requirements
10 th Grade	5 credits (must include 2.5 credits from the previous semester)
11 th Grade	11 credits (must include 2.5 credits from the previous semester)
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www.ghsa.net

GAfutures	
How to Create an Account	What GAfutures Includes
Go to www.gafutures.org	HOPE GPA tracking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an Account Student account 	GA Match
Step 1. Enter your information and use your personal email.	Career exploration
Step 2. Select "I attend a GA public high school."	College applications and planning
Step 3. Create a username and password. Add your SSN.	Financial aid & scholarships
www.gafutures.org	Dual enrollment funding and course directory

HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Information						
Name	GPA	SAT/ACT	Rigor	Tuition	College	Residency
Zell Miller Scholarship	3.7 core high school (HOPE GPA)	1200 SAT 25 ACT	4 HOPE rigor courses	Full tuition	University Systems of Georgia	GA resident for at least one year (citizenship or green card)
HOPE Scholarship	3.0 core high school (HOPE GPA)			Percentage of tuition		
Zell Mill Grant	3.5 college GPA	n/a	n/a	Full tuition	Technical College System of GA	
HOPE Grant	n/a			Percentage of tuition		

www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship

www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-grant

Summer School Information					
Program Name	Type of Credit	Cost	Instruction Delivery	Registration Information	Course Dates
Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA)	Initial credit or credit recovery	\$275 per 0.5 credit	Asynchronous	March 1 – June 1 www.cobbvirtualacademy.org	May 27 – July 2
GA Virtual School (GAVS)	Initial credit or credit recovery	\$250 per 0.5 credit	Asynchronous	March 1 – June 4 https://gavirtualearning.org/	June 1 – July 9
CCSD Summer Credit Recovery Program	Credit recovery	No cost	In-person instruction at Wheeler High School	March 1 – May 20 ParentVue	June 8 – 23

www.waltonhighcounseling.com/summerschool

Summer Online Course Registration Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zTN2uC2jIU>

Walton High School Graduation Checklist*

Student Name _____	Date _____		
English / Language Arts (4 credits)	S1	S2	ELA Notes <i>Students must earn Literature credits for grade promotion. English electives (e.g., Yearbook, H Mythology, etc.) are not for grade promotion.</i>
Lit & Comp 1			
Lit & Comp 2**			
3 rd ELA			
4 th ELA			
Mathematics (4 credits)	S1	S2	Math Notes <i>Students must earn four Math credits. Math Support is not for grade promotion.</i>
Algebra**			
Geometry			
Adv Algebra			
4 th Math			
Science (4 credits)	S1	S2	Science Notes <i>Several CTAE courses count as a 4th science elective.</i>
Biology**			
Chemistry or Environmental/Earth Science or AP Science (with lab)			
Physics or Physical Science			
4 th Science			
Social Studies (3 credits)	S1	S2	Social Studies Notes <i>9th grade students do not need to take Social Studies.</i>
US Government (1 semester only)			
Economics (1 semester only)			
US History**			
World History			
Health/Personal Fitness (.5 credits each)	S1	S2	Health/PF Notes <i>--3 years of ROTC satisfy Health/PF requirement</i>
Health (1 semester only)			
Personal Fitness (1 semester only)			
World Languages/Fine Arts/CTAE (3 credits - combination)	S1	S2	World Languages/ Fine Arts/CTAE Notes <i>--CTAE = Career, Technology & Agriculture Education (career pathways) --World Language credits are not required for graduation. 4-year colleges & universities require two or more years of the same World Language for admission.</i>
Electives (4 credits)	S1	S2	Electives Notes <i>Can be any additional credits in any of the above fields (e.g., Psychology, Algebra 1 Support, etc.) or credits that do not fit in any of the above-mentioned categories (e.g., Mentorship, Study Skills, Team Sports, etc.)</i>

*Students must earn a minimum of 23 total credits to graduate

**EOC Milestone test required

Notes _____

CLASS OF 2029 GO RAIDERS!

