

**WALTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**EDUCATE. INSPIRE.**  
**EMPOWER.**

Class of 2027  
High School  
Transition



7 period day – six classes and lunch



Each class earns .5  
unit of credit

3 units per semester  
6 units per year  
total of 24 over the  
4 years



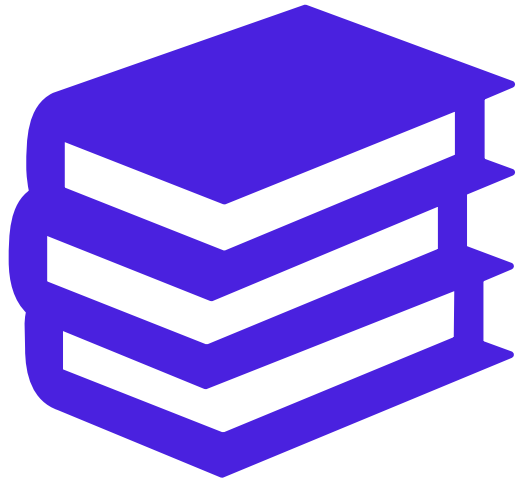
Two semester system- grades are  
posted to the transcript at the end  
of each semester



Opportunities to earn more units of  
credit exist through Morning Tuition,  
online learning and summer programs

# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

# PROMOTION



## Promotion Rules

10th grade: 5 units, including one full credit in English, math and science

11th grade: 10 units, including two full credits in English, math and science

12th grade: 16 units

# ELIGIBILITY- GHSA



First-year students are eligible first semester. Must earn 2.5 units the first semester in order to be eligible for the spring semester.

Second-year students must have accumulated 5 total Carnegie units in the first year and have earned 2.5 units the previous semester.

<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Diploma</b>
English	4 units of English Language Arts required for all students including 1 unit of 9th Literature/Composition and 1 unit of American Literature
Mathematics	4 units of Mathematics required for all students
Science	4 units of Science required for all students, to include 1 unit of Biology, 1 unit of Physical Science or Physics, 1 unit of Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, or an AP Science, and 1 additional unit of science
Social Studies	3 units of Social Studies required for all students, to include 1 unit of World History, 1 unit of United States History, 1/2 unit of American Government, and 1/2 unit of Economics
Health & Physical Education	1 unit of Health and Personal Fitness are required for all students
Career Technical Education and/or Modern Language/Latin and/or Fine Arts	A total of 3 units are required from Career Technical Education, Modern Language, Latin and/or Fine Arts. Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution or other post-secondary institution must take 2 units of the same modern language or Latin.
Electives	4 additional elective units for all students
Total Units Minimum	23 units

# ENGLISH OPTIONS

## Ninth Lit

- 1 summer reading novel
- 3 parallel readings per semester
- Vocabulary book
- Fundamentals of argumentative, expository and narrative writing
- Homework: 30-45 minutes per week
- Most reading assignments completed in class

## Ninth Lit Honors

- 1 summer reading novel
- 3 parallel readings per semester
- Accelerated vocabulary book
- Longer, more analytic writing pieces
- Homework: 2-2.5 hours per week
- Independent reading is expected

	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Honors/AP	9 <sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp Honors  <b>*80 or below = possibility of moving to on-level 10<sup>th</sup> World Lit</b>	AP Language/Comp (see below)	American Lit/Comp (LA) Honors  <b>*C or lower = move to on level Eng. Lit</b>	AP English Lit/Comp
		10 <sup>th</sup> World Lit/Comp Honors  <b>*C or lower = move to on level Am Lit</b>	*AP Language/American Lit (see below) OR American Lit/Comp Honors	
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College Prep	9 <sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp  <b>A = possibility of moving to Honors World Lit/Comp</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> World Lit/Comp	American Lit/Comp	British Lit/Comp Or Dramatic Writing
Small Group (IEP placement)	9 <sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp (SG)	World Lit/Comp (SG)	American Lit/Comp (SG)	British Lit/Comp (SG)
<b>4 Units of English Required. Must include:</b> <b>*1 unit of 9<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp</b> <b>And</b> <b>*1 unit of American Lit/Comp or AP Lang/Amer. Lit</b>		NOTES: *Students in Honors 9 <sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp have the possibility of taking AP Language in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade <b>OR</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> grade depending on their English grades. <b>Students cannot take AP Language in both 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.</b> *For each English class, there are a minimum of three parallel readings each semester. *The research paper is written during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester of honors World Lit and all American Literature classes as well as 1 <sup>st</sup> semester of all British Literature classes and Dramatic Writing. A research paper is also a component of AP English Language and Composition and AP English Literature and Composition.		

# MATHEMATICS

## Accelerated Courses-

- go at a faster pace
- include 1.5 years of curriculum-
- very little calculator usage
- Accelerated courses earn  $\frac{1}{2}$  EQP

## Honors Courses-

- more rigorous
- higher-order thinking questions,
- can take two math courses during sophomore year to reach Calculus
- less calculator usage
- Honors courses earn  $\frac{1}{2}$  EQP

\*\*All Math courses take the same Ga Milestones EOC



# GSE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT



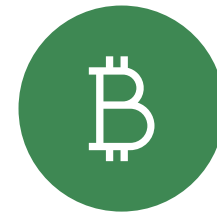
NO STATE CURRICULUM  
FOR SUPPORT



2 CLASSES PER DAY  
ALLOWS FOR MORE  
PRACTICE AND  
PROCESSING TIME



MATH SUPPORT IS AN  
ACADEMIC ELECTIVE



STUDENTS CAN WAIVE  
OUT OF SUPPORT WITH  
PARENT PERMISSION

**GSE  
FOUNDATIONS  
OF ALGEBRA  
A&B (FALL) &  
GSE ALGEBRA  
93 A&B  
(SPRING)**

Set state curriculum to review, revisit and expand understanding of foundational algebra concepts

2 Math classes per day allowing more practice & processing time

CORE Math credit

Students who take Foundations of Alg must take the course the entire year and cannot waive midway through the year

9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Accel GSE Geo/Alg 2	AP PreCalc BC	AP Calculus BC	Multivariable Calculus
	AP PreCalc AB	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC
Honors Geometry	Honors Advanced Algebra	AP PreCalculus AB	AP Calculus AB
Geometry	Advanced Algebra	PreCalculus	AP Calculus AB OR AP Statistics
Honors Algebra	Honors Geometry & Honors Advanced Algebra	AP PreCalculus AB	AP Calculus AB
	GSE Honors Geometry	GSE Honors Algebra 2	AP PreCalculus AB
Algebra	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	GSE PreCalculus
Algebra & Algebra Support	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	PreCalculus OR 4 <sup>th</sup> year option
Foundations of Algebra (fall) & Algebra 93 (spring)	Geometry 103	Advanced Algebra 113	GSE PreCalculus OR 4 <sup>th</sup> year option
Foundations of Algebra (SG) & Algebra (SG)	Geometry (SG) & Geometry Support (SG)	Advanced Algebra (SG) & Advaced Algebra Support (SG)	4 <sup>th</sup> year option
	AP Statistics can be taken any time after successful completion of GSE Accel Geo/Alg 2 or GSE Honors Geometry as an elective		

# SCIENCE

## **New this year:**

All rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take Biology. Biology is the study of living things from the molecular level to the larger ecological levels

## **Biology**

Estimated 1 hour per week for HW and review outside of class

## **Honors Biology**

Students must have been recommended for Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Lit (but may choose to waive out).

3 hours homework per week

Tests will consist of more analytical and more critical thinking problems

Course is a pre-requisite for many AP science courses such as AP Biology

# FOR THE CLASS OF 2027

	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Honors	Honors Biology (students should be recommended for Honors English)	Honors Chemistry (taken concurrently with geometry or higher math)  <u>Available Electives</u> AP Env. Science (taken concurrently with Honors Chemistry)  Hon Anatomy/Physiology	Honors Physics AP Physics 1 AP Physics C (must be taken with Calc)  <u>Available Electives</u> AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Env. Science Hon Anatomy/Phys Hon Biotechnology Forensics Environmental Sci	Course Options  Honors Physics AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C (must be taken with Calc) AP Physics Emag AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Env. Science Honors Anatomy/Phys Honors Biotechnology
On-Level	Biology	Chemistry (taken concurrently with geometry or higher math) Environmental Science	Physics  <u>Available Electives</u> Anatomy/Physiology Environmental Science Astronomy Forensics	Course Options  Anatomy/Physiology Physics Environmental Science Astronomy Forensics
3-level	Biology 103	Environmental Sci 103	Physics 113	Course Options  Anatomy/Physiology Astronomy Chemistry

## Graduation Requirements:

1 unit of Biology  
1 unit of Physics/Physical Science  
1 unit of Chem, Env. Sci or AP Science  
1 unit of a 4<sup>th</sup> science

## Note:

\*Students can be moved up or down levels per teacher recommendation.  
\*Waivers are accepted when the prerequisite has been satisfied  
\*4<sup>th</sup> science does not necessarily have to be taken senior year

## World Geography

Reading: *Refugee* by  
Alan Gratz

## AP Human Geography

### Summer Requirements

1. Reading: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz plus 2 supplemental readings about the conflicts in Syria and Cuba
2. Know the relative location of most of the countries in the world, plus several sub-national regions.

### Curriculum

#### Thematic

Semester 1: Physical Geography, Cultural Geography, and Demography & Migration

Semester 2: Political, Environmental and Economic Geography

#### Thematic

- Catch Up Unit: Physical Geo. & History
- General Geographical Concepts
- Demography & Migration
- Cultural Geography (language & religion)
- Political Geography
- Agriculture and Rural Land Use
- Industrialization
- Urbanization

## World Geography

15-25 minutes

### Homework per day

### Writing component

### Reading component

### Grading Scale

## AP Human Geography

30-45 minutes

7-part free response questions (FRQs)  
which account for 50% of unit assessment

Textbook is written at the 11-12<sup>th</sup>  
grade level (used sparingly)

Most parallel readings are written at the  
college level and are assessed through  
reading quizzes and Socratic seminars

3- or 4-part free response questions  
(FRQs) throughout the semester (20% of  
unit assessments)

One formal DBQ essay

Various articles/book chapters/PSAT-  
style readings given

Reading Quizzes used to assess reading  
per chapter

Tests	40%
Reading Assessments	15%
Daily/HW	20%
Projects/DBQ	20%
Final Exam	10%

Homework	10%
Reading Assessments	20%
Tests	40%
Project	10%
Student Enrichment Grades	5%
Final Exam	15%

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ISA Spanish Students	AP Human Geography	AP U.S. Government  *ISA class with Spanish component	AP U.S. History  *ISA class with Spanish component	World History (any level)  *Students should consider taking AP European History as an elective.
Advanced Placement	AP Human Geography	AP U.S. Government & AP Microeconomics  *Possible AP electives include AP Macroeconomics, AP Comparative Gov and AP European History	AP U.S. History  *Possible AP electives include AP Macroeconomics, AP Comparative Gov, AP European History, AP Art History, AP Psychology	AP World History  *Possible AP electives include AP Macroeconomics, AP Comparative Gov, AP European History, AP Art History and AP Psychology
Honors Level	AP Human Geography	Honors U.S. Government & Honors Economics	Honors U.S. History	Honors World History
College Prep	World Geography	U.S. Government & Economics	U.S. History	World History
3 – Level		U.S. Government 103 & Economics 103	U.S. History 113	World History 123
<b>Graduation Requirements:</b> 1 unit of World History 1 unit of U.S. History 1/2 unit of Government 1/2 unit of Economics		AP Microeconomics – meets the Economics graduation requirement AP Macroeconomics – counts as an academic elective  AP U.S. Government – meets the Government graduation requirement AP Comparative Government – counts as an academic elective		
		<b>Level recommendations will be made each year by social studies teachers to ensure proper level placement and rigor of coursework. All 3-level classes can only be taken with teacher recommendation.</b>		



# WORLD LANGUAGES

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Chinese I	Chinese II	H Chinese III	H Chinese IV
Chinese II	H Chinese III	H Chinese IV	H Chinese V
Latin I	Latin II	H Latin III	AP Latin
Latin II	H Latin III	AP Latin	H Latin V
French I	French II	H French III	H French IVH
French II	H French III	H French IV	AP French Lang

# WORLD LANGUAGES

	Freshman (Fall)	Freshman (Spring)	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
<b>Language Track</b>	Spanish IIA	Spanish IIB	Spanish III Honors	Spanish IV Honors	AP Spanish Language or Spanish V Honors
<b>Advanced Track</b>	Spanish IIA	Spanish IIB Honors	Spanish III/IV Honors	AP Spanish Language	AP Spanish Literature
				Spanish V Honors	AP Spanish Language
<b>Language Track for entering freshmen</b>	Spanish IA	Spanish IB	<u><b>Fall Semester:</b></u> Spanish IIA <u><b>Spring Semester:</b></u> Spanish IIB or Spanish IIB Honors	Spanish III Honors or Pre-AP (for students from Spanish IIB Advanced)	Spanish IV Honors or AP Spanish Language (for students who completed Pre-AP)



# RIGOROUS COURSE WORK

- Challenging course work directly relates to standardized test scores
- Challenge yourself in areas of strength
- COGAT/IOWA scores
- College admissions- progression in your rigor over the four years
- Prepared for post-secondary work



ALL honors course will earn an .5 Extra Quality Point and AP will earn a 1.0 Extra Quality Point.



A in a college prep course is 4.0



A in an honors course is 4.5



A in an AP course is 5.0

# GPA AND EXTRA QUALITY POINTS

# HOW TO HAVE A BALANCED SCHEDULE AS A FRESHMAN...

## Student #1 (4.25)

9th Lit - 94

H Algebra- 95

Biology- 94

AP Human Geog- 90

Spanish II – 95

Health - 100

# HOW TO HAVE A BALANCED SCHEDULE AS A FRESHMAN...

Student #2 (4.0)

9th Lit- 92

Foundation of Alg A- 93

Foundations of Alg B-93

Biology 93- 94

Study skills – 99

Spanish I -90

# HOW TO HAVE A BALANCED SCHEDULE AS A FRESHMAN...

Student #4 (3.583)

Honors 9th Lit- 82

H Geometry- 82

Honors Biology - 87

AP Human- 86

Spanish II – 89

Orchestra-98

# HIGH SCHOOL HINTS



-Students are not allowed to retake assessments to improve their grade. Be well prepared for every assessment!



-Regular homework is expected. Missing homework will result in a grade of zero. Stay on top of all assignments!



-Teachers are available before and after school as well as WEBs for extra help and make up work.



-Use WEB time wisely!



-Take a course load that is right for your student. We want BALANCE!



# HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION

- List of courses generated from MS teacher recommendations made on criteria set by Walton.
- Every list of courses should include English, Math and Science. Any other classes listed are considered electives for 9th graders
- Walton is a traditional bell schedule with a 7 period day. This means a full-time student should have 6 courses and a lunch.
- Elective registration opens tomorrow, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am and will close at 11:45pm on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>



## WHY IS REGISTRATION IMPORTANT?

- We build our master schedule and hire staff according to student course requests.

- It is not possible to "try out" a course and then change your mind.

- We want to make sure that all students are adequately challenged and progressing toward high school graduation requirements.

# ELECTIVE COURSE REGISTRATION

- ALL students must complete elective course registration!!
- Elective course registration can be accessed through the student's CTLS homeroom tile.
- Prepare ahead of time and read carefully – can only submit elective registration ONE TIME!
- What you will find in the CTLS homeroom:
  1. Link to elective course registration
  2. Link to electronic waiver form
  3. Information about registering & paying for zero period
  4. Link to online course form

#### Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Graders-

You should have received a list of your core classes provided by your homeroom teacher. If you do not have a list of your core classes, please ask your homeroom teacher or contact your 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school counselor.

Walton High School is on a traditional bell schedule with 7 periods during the day. All students are registered for 6 classes and lunch. This means that some students will not need to add elective courses, while others will need to select multiple elective courses. **ONLY students who need an elective must complete elective registration through the CTLS platform.**

Here is what you need to do:

1. Click [here](#) to complete elective registration.
2. Submit any additional forms that may be necessary to complete your elective registration. All forms are linked below.
3. Elective registration will close on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 pm. If you fail to submit elective registration, your electives will be chosen for you by the administration.

#### **Course/Elective Registration:**

For additional information about available courses and electives, please access the Academic Course Planning Guide and elective lists available at <https://www.waltonhigh.org/domain/112>.

#### **Waiver Form:**

Your current middle school teachers recommended you for your core classes. If you wish to change the level of a course, you will need to complete a course waiver form. The course waiver form link is listed below. Course waiver forms are due by 11:45 on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Late waivers will only be accepted if the teacher's recommendation is changed.

#### **Zero Period:**

If you want to take an extra course as a zero period next year, please contact Ms. Cook at [Anilda.cook@cobbk12.org](mailto:Anilda.cook@cobbk12.org) for more information. Taking an extra class as a zero period costs \$300 per semester. Zero period classes meet face to face daily 7:15-8:15am Monday – Thursday.

#### **Taking An Online Course:**

If you are interested in taking an online course during the summer or during the school year next year, you should fill out the form listed below and register for the course at <https://www.cobbk12.org/cobbvirtualacademy>. Students are required to utilize Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA); unless a course is not offered or is full. Summer registration for CVA will open on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am. Georgia Virtual School (GAVS) registration for summer term will open in March 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. More information on GAVS can be found at <https://www.gavirtualschool.org/Course-Info/Summer-2023-Courses>

#### **Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Forms:**

**[Course Waiver Form](#)** – due by April 1<sup>st</sup>

**[Online Course Form](#)**

# ZERO PERIOD

- This is NOT required and is NOT for everyone.

- Zero period classes meet Monday-Thursday 7:10 – 8:10am

- Parent/guardian is responsible for transportation.

- Who takes zero period?

- -Course 8 (extra course)

- Example: Student wants to take English, math, science, social studies, orchestra, Spanish and Latin or a STEM student is taking English, math, science, social studies, orchestra, Spanish, and a STEM elective.

- If interested in zero period, you must express interest and pay for the course NOW. If no zero period class works in your schedule, you will receive a refund.

- Cost is \$300. Email Anilda Cook at [Anilda.cook@cobbk12.org](mailto:Anilda.cook@cobbk12.org) for more information. Deadline to register and pay for zero period is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

# WAIVERS

## **What is a waiver?**

A form you submit to request a course one academic level different from the teacher recommendation.

## **How do I submit a waiver?**

Electronic form will be distributed, and waivers are due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **What does this mean for my child?**

Your child will be required to stay in the course for the semester even if the teacher decides he/she is misplaced.

# OTHER FAQS

## **What if my child is in STEM or ISA?**

-Once your child commits to the STEM or ISA program, the school will automatically update course lists.

## **What if I want to drop a class on my student's course list?**

-You will do this through the elective registration form found in the CTLS homeroom.

## **What if my child is taking a course over the summer?**

-You can find information about the process in the CTLS homeroom. There is an online form linked in CTLS. You are responsible for registering your child through CVA or GAVS.

## **Who should I direct my questions to?**

For now, your 8th-grade middle school counselors:

Dickerson – Ms. Jackson

Dodgen – Ms. Hammonds



**WALTON 101**

PTSA Sponsored –  
Learn the Nuts N Bolts

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.

Lecture Hall (inside the  
library)



## Next steps:

- Q & A with Department Chairs, STEM/ISA, Special Education and Counselors
- Select clubs and organizations will be showcased along your route to the Q & A sessions.



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Information about  
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school registration  
here:

<https://www.waltonhighco>