



GEORGIA
SCHOOL CLIMATE
SURVEY

Walton High School

Educate.

Inspire.

Empower.

**Class of 2030
High School Transition**



Academic Program

7 period day
6 classes and lunch

Each class earns .5 unit of credit

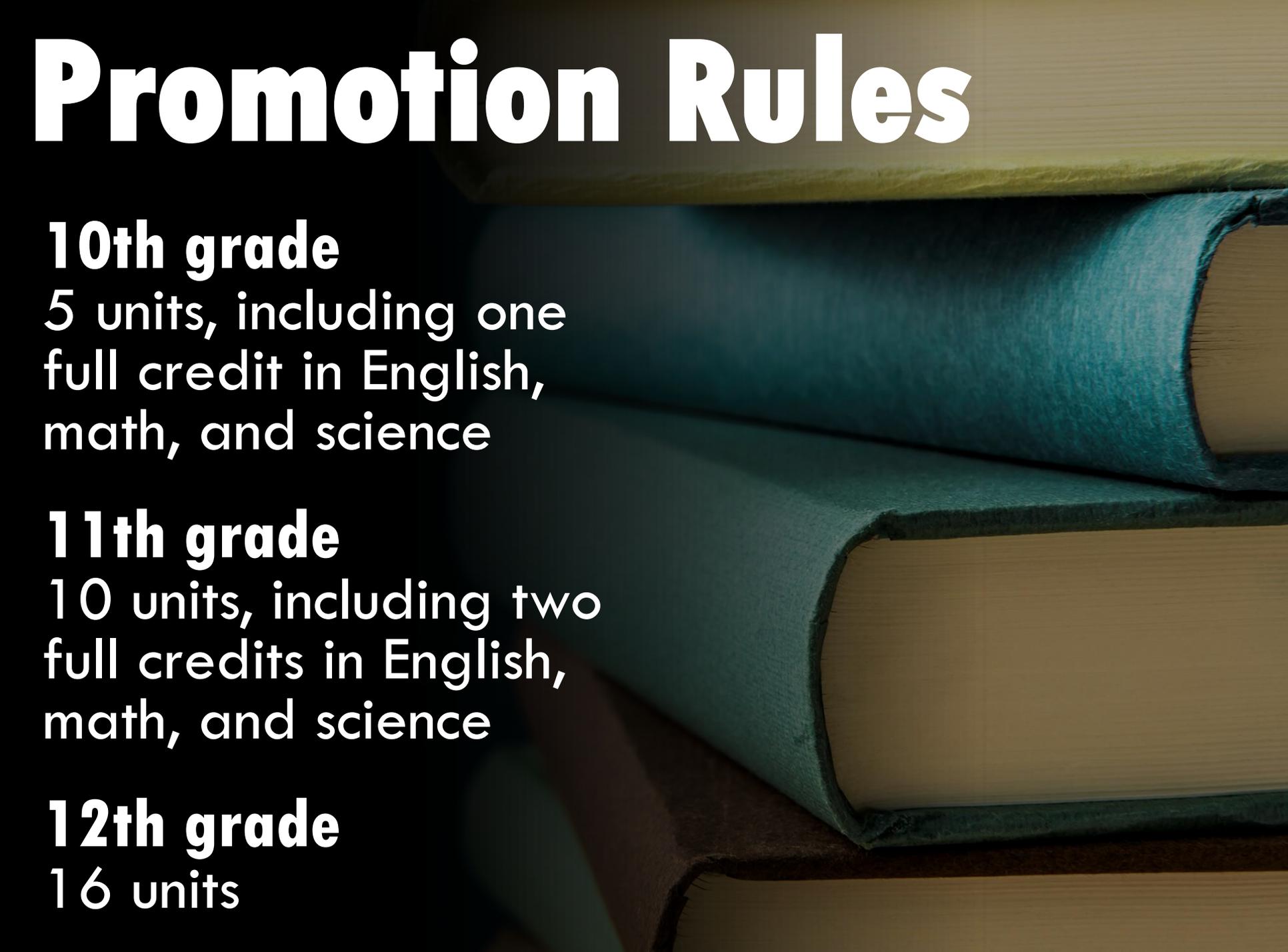
- 3 units per semester
- 6 units per year
- total of 24 units possible over 4 years

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
- Summer programs

Promotion Rules

A stack of three books with dark green covers and light-colored pages, viewed from the side. The books are stacked on top of each other, with the top book slightly offset to the right.

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

Subjects	Diploma
English	4 units of English Language Arts required for all students including 1 unit of Literature/Composition 1 and 1 unit of Literature/Composition 2
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 (semester) and Personal Fitness (semester) 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



Eligibility

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 units in the first year and have earned 2.5 units the previous semester.

English Options

Literature/Composition I

- 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

Literature/Composition I Honors

- 1 summer reading novel
- 3 parallel readings per semester
- Accelerated vocabulary book
- Develop voice and sophistication in writing through narrative, analytical, and argumentative essays
- Homework: 2–2.5 hours per week
- Independent reading is expected

	9th	10th	11th	12th
Honors/AP	Literature and Composition I Honors *80 or below = possibility of moving to on-level Lit And comp II	*AP Language/Literature and Composition II (see below)	Literature and Composition III (LA) Honors *C or lower = move to on-level Literature and Composition IV	AP English Literature and Composition
		Literature and Composition II Honors *C or lower = move to on-level Literature and Composition III	*AP Language (see below) OR Literature and Composition III Honors	
Honors	Literature and Composition I Honors *80 or below = possibility of moving to on-level Literature and Composition II	Literature and Composition II Honors *C or lower = move to on-level Literature and Composition III	Literature and Composition III Honors	Literature and Composition IV Honors OR AP English Literature and Composition
College Prep	Literature and Composition I *A = possibility of moving to Literature and Composition II Honors	Literature and Composition II *A = possibility of moving to Literature and Composition III Honors	Literature and Composition III *A = possibility of moving to Literature and Composition IV Honors	Literature and Composition IV Or Dramatic Writing
Small Group (IEP placement)	Literature and Composition I (SG)	Literature and Composition II (SG)	Literature and Composition III (SG)	Literature and Composition IV (SG)

Mathematics

Enhanced Courses

- go at a faster pace
- include 2 years of curriculum in one year
- very little calculator usage
- Accelerated courses earn $\frac{1}{2}$ EQP for BOTH courses
- Embedded credit (grade counts twice!)

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 Algebra 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**

Foundations of Algebra A&B (Fall)

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 Algebra must take the course the entire year and cannot waive midway through the year

9th	10th	11th	12th
Honors Advanced Algebra	AP Precalculus BC	AP Calculus BC	Multivariable Calculus
Enhanced Hon Geo/ Enhanced Hon Adv Algebra	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
	Honors Geometry	Honors Advanced Algebra	AP PreCalculus AB
Algebra	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	PreCalculus
Algebra & Algebra Support	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	PreCalculus OR 4 th year option
Foundations of Algebra (Fall) & Algebra 1 93 (Spring)	Geometry 103	Advanced Algebra 113	Stat Reasoning or AMDM
Foundations of Algebra (SG) & Algebra (SG)	Geometry (SG) & Geometry Support (SG)	Advanced Algebra (SG) & Advanced Algebra Support (SG)	
	AP Statistics can be taken as an elective any time after successful completion of Enhanced Honors Geo/Adv Alg or Honors Geometry as an elective		

SCIENCE

All rising 9th graders will take Biology or Environmental Science. Biology is the study of living things from the molecular level to the larger ecological levels. Environmental Science is the study of how humans impact the Earth, including pollution and ecosystems.

93 Environmental Science

Homework expectation is about 1-1.5 hours weekly preparing for unit exams and quizzes. Most classwork should be finished in class.

Biology

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

Honors Biology

Students must have been recommended for Honors 9th 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



	9th	10th	11th	12th
Honors	Honors Biology (students should be recommended for Honors English)	Honors Chemistry (taken concurrently with geometry or higher math) <u>Available Electives</u> Honors Human Anatomy/Physiology	Honors Physics AP Physics 1 AP Physics C (<i>must be taken with Calc</i>) <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 (<i>must be taken with Calc</i>) 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 Human Anatomy/Physiology Zoology	Physics <u>Available Electives</u> Anatomy/Physiology Environmental Science Astronomy Forensics Zoology	Course Options Anatomy/Physiology Physics Environmental Science Astronomy Forensics Zoology
3-level	Environmental Science 93	Biology 103	Physics 113	Course Options Anatomy/Physiology 123 Astronomy Chemistry Zoology

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 4th science

Note:

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

9th Grade Social Studies

AP Human Geography

- Summer Packet—will be posted on Walton website at the end of the semester
- Know the relative location of most of the countries in the world, plus several sub-national regions
- Theme:
 - Catch Up Unit: Physical Geo. and History; general geographical concepts; Demography and Migration; Cultural Geography (language & religion); Political Geography; Agriculture and Rural Land Use; Industrialization; Urbanization

World Geography

- Summer Packet — will be posted on Walton Website at the end of the semester
- Theme:
 - Semester 1: Physical Geography, Cultural Geography, and Demography & Migration
 - Semester 2: Political, Environmental and Economic Geography

World Geography

AP Human Geography

15-25 minutes

**Homework
per day**

30-45 minutes

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

One formal DBQ essay

**Writing
component**

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

Various articles/book chapters/PSAT-style readings given

Reading Quizzes used to assess reading per chapter

**Reading
component**

Textbook is written at the 11-12th grade level (used sparingly)

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

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

Grading Scale

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

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
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 *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 AP European History AP Art History	AP U.S. History *Possible AP electives include - AP Macroeconomics AP Comparative Gov AP European History AP Art History AP Psychology AP African American Studies	AP World History *Possible AP electives include – AP Macroeconomics AP Comparative Gov AP European History AP Art History AP Psychology AP African American Studies
Honors Level	AP Human Geography	Honors U.S. Government & Honors Economics and Personal Finance	Honors U.S. History	Honors World History
College Prep	World Geography	U.S. Government & Economics and Personal Finance	U.S. History	World History
3 – Level	Foundations of Social Studies 93	U.S. Government 103 & Economics and Personal Finance 103	U.S. History 113	World History 123

Graduation Requirements:
1 unit of World History
1 unit of U.S. History
½ unit of Government
½ unit of Economics

AP Microeconomics – meets the Economics graduation requirement
AP Macroeconomics – meets the Economics graduation requirement

AP U.S. Government – meets the Government graduation requirement
AP Comparative Government – counts as an academic elective

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.

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

GPA and Extra Quality Points

ALL honors courses earn
.5 Extra Quality Point

AP earns 1.0 Extra Quality Point

A in a college prep course is 4.0
B in a college prep course is 3.0

A in an honors course is 4.5
B in an honors course is 3.5

A in an AP course is 5.0
B in an AP course is 4.0

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 has 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 Friday, March 4th at 5 PM and will close at 11:45 PM on Sunday, March 22nd.

Why is registration important?

- We build our master schedule and hire staff according to student course requests.
- There is not an option to "sample" a course and then change your decision.
- Our goal is to ensure that every student is appropriately challenged and advancing toward meeting high school graduation standards.

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:
 - Link to elective course registration
 - Link to electronic waiver form
 - Information about registering and paying for zero period
 - Link to online course form

Class of 2030

Elective Registration for Fall 2026

Must be completed by Sunday, March 22nd by 11:45pm

Dear RISING 9th 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 8th 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/Microsoft 365 platform.**

Here is what you need to do:

1. Click [HERE](#) to complete *elective registration*. Note: *Opens March 4th at 5PM and closes March 22nd at 11:45PM. Please have your parent/guardian with you when you sign up.*
2. All forms are linked below.
3. Elective registration **will open March 4th at 5:00 PM and close on Sunday, March 22nd 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, Freshman registration booklet, and elective lists available at [HERE](#) or www.cobbk12.org/Walton
>Menu> Resources > Fall 2026 Course Registration Information.

Waiver Form:

Your current middle school teachers recommended you for your core classes. If you wish to change one level up or down from the recommended course, you will need to complete a course waiver form. The course waiver form link is listed below. It will open for rising 9th grade students on March 4th at 5PM. Course waiver forms are due by 11:45 on April 1st. 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. Burns at Jennifer.Burns@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. **April 1st is the last day to register and pay for a 0-period course.**

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 Cobb Virtual Academy. Students are required to utilize Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA) unless a course is not offered or is full. Registration for summer courses begins March 2nd at 9 AM. More information can be found [HERE](#). Georgia Virtual School (GAVS) registration for summer term will open March 1st, 2026. More information on GAVS can be found [HERE](#).

Rising 9th Grade (Class of 2029) Forms:

[Rising 9th Grade - Walton High School Course Waiver Form Fall 2026](#) – Due by 11:45pm April 1st

[Summer/Fall 2026 Online Course Registration](#)

Zero Period

- NOT required and 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
- Interested? 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 Ms. Burns: Jennifer.Burns@cobbk12.org for more information. Deadline to register and pay for zero period is April 1st.

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; waivers are due April 1st at 11:45PM

- **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

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 and should also reach out to your student's 8th grade counselor.

- Who should I direct questions to?

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

Dickerson—Ms. Charrette
(Kirsten.Charrette@cobbk12.org)

Dodgen—Ms. Hammonds
(Kaley.Hammonds@cobbk12.org)

Walton 101

- PTSA Sponsored
- Learn the nuts and bolts
- April 21st
6:00 p.m.
- Lecture Hall
(inside the library)



GIVE TO THE RISING 9TH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- **March 3- April 21**
- **Goal: reduce class sizes**
- **Donor perks: rising 9th tour**
- **waltonhighschoolfoundation.org**



Next Steps

- Q & A with
 - Department chairs
 - STEM
 - Special Education
 - Counselors
- Select clubs and organizations will be showcased along your route
- Registrar Mrs. Melissa Schrenk is available in the library to answer questions for families outside the Walton feeder pattern

