

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL
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Class of 2026
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



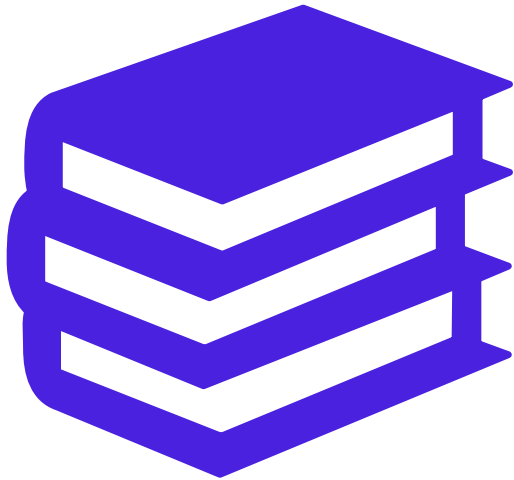
Two semester system- grades are
posted to the transcript at the end
of each semester



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.

Subjects	Diploma
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

	9th	10th	11th	12th
Honors/AP	9 th Lit/Comp Honors *80 or below = possibility of moving to on-level 10th World Lit	AP Language/Comp (see below) 10 th World Lit/Comp Honors *C or lower = move to on level Am Lit	American Lit/Comp (LA) Honors *C or lower = move to on level Eng. Lit *AP Language/American Lit (see below) OR American Lit/Comp Honors	AP English Lit/Comp
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College Prep	9 th Lit/Comp A = possibility of moving to Honors World Lit/Comp	10 th World Lit/Comp	American Lit/Comp	British Lit/Comp Or Dramatic Writing
Small Group (IEP placement)	9 th Lit/Comp (SG)	World Lit/Comp (SG)	American Lit/Comp (SG)	British Lit/Comp (SG)

4 Units of English Required. Must include:
***1 unit of 9th Lit/Comp**
And
***1 unit of American Lit/Comp or AP Lang/Amer. Lit**

NOTES:
 *Students in Honors 9th Lit/Comp have the possibility of taking AP Language in 10th grade OR 11th grade depending on their English grades. **Students cannot take AP Language in both 10th and 11th grades.**
 *For each English class, there are a minimum of three parallel readings each semester.
 *The research paper is written during the 2nd semester of honors World Lit and all American Literature classes as well as 1st 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



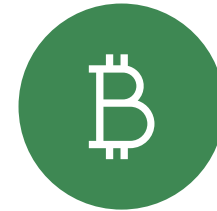
NO STATE CURRICULUM
FOR SUPPORT



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

9th	10th	11th	12th
Accel GSE Geo/Alg 2	GSE Accel PreCalc BC	AP Calculus BC	Multivariable Calculus
	GSE Accel PreCalc AB	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC
GSE Honors Geometry	GSE Honors Algebra 2	GSE Accel PreCalculus AB	AP Calculus AB
GSE Geometry	GSE Algebra 2	GSE PreCalc	AP Calculus AB OR AP Statistics
GSE Honors Algebra 1	GSE Honors Geometry & GSE Honors Algebra 2	GSE Accel PreCalculus AB	AP Calculus AB
	GSE Honors Geometry	GSE Honors Algebra 2	GSE Accel PreCalculus AB
GSE Algebra 1	GSE Geometry	GSE Algebra 2	GSE PreCalculus
GSE Algebra 1 & Algebra 1 Support	GSE Geometry	GSE Algebra 2	GSE PreCalculus OR 4 th year option
Foundations of Algebra (fall) & GSE Algebra 1 93 (spring)	GSE Geometry 103	GSE Algebra 2 113	GSE PreCalculus OR 4 th year option
Foundations of Algebra (SG) & GSE Algebra 1 (SG)	GSE Geometry (SG) & Geometry Support (SG)	GSE Algebra 2 (SG) & Algebra 2 Support (SG)	Advanced Math Decision Making (SG)

AP Statistics can be taken any time after successful completion of GSE Accel Geo/Alg 2 or GSE Honors Geometry as an elective

SCIENCE

Physics I - a course which includes all standards of Physics I. It is considered a lab science by colleges

Physics I 93

Honors – 2 options- both receive .5 EQP

Honors Physics I 91

1.5 hours homework per week/independent reading/must be in GSE Honors Algebra

This is not a repeat of MS Phy Science-lab/math – many schools teach this course in 11/12th grade

Honors Biology 101 - Hyper accelerated

Co-requisite is Honors Algebra 1 or higher math (must be honors level)

3 hours homework per week/Honors English is recommended

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Accelerated/ Multiple AP options	Honors Biology (taken concurrently with Hon Alg 1 or higher math)	Honors Chemistry (taken concurrently with Hon Alg 2 or higher math)	<i>"A or B" avg in Chem:</i> AP Biology OR AP Chemistry OR AP Physics C (must be taken with Calc) AP Physics 1 OR AP Environmental Science	AP Biology OR AP Chemistry OR AP Physics C (must be taken with Calc) AP Physics 1 OR AP Environmental Science OR Honors Anatomy/Physiology OR Honors Biotechnology OR Honors Physics 2
			<i>"C or D" avg in Honors Chem:</i> Anatomy/Physiology OR Honors Physics 2	
			<i>Below "D" avg in Honors Chem:</i> Env Sci and a science elective course	
	Honors Biology (taken concurrently with Hon Algebra 1)	AP Env. Science OR Honors Anatomy/Physiology	Honors Chem (taken concurrently with GSE Hon Alg 2 or higher math)	
Honors	Honors Physics 1 (taken concurrently with Hon Algebra 1 or higher math) *Below a C average will be recommended to Biology	Honors Biology *Below a C average will be recommended for Chemistry	Honors Chem (taken concurrently with GSE Hon Alg 2 or higher math)	
College Prep	Physics 1 (taken concurrently with Algebra 1 or higher math) *A average can go to Honors Biology	Biology	Chemistry (taken concurrently with GSE Alg 2 – not Alg 2 113) OR Environmental Science	Anatomy/Physiology OR Physics 2 OR Environmental Science OR Astronomy OR Forensics
3-Level	Physics 1 93 (taken concurrently with Foundations of Alg or Alg 1 93)	Biology 103	Environmental Sci (taken concurrently with Alg 2)	Anatomy/Physiology OR Chemistry OR Astronomy OR Forensics

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 11-12th 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
Graduation Requirements: 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		
		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	AP Spanish Language	AP Spanish Literature
				Spanish V Honors	AP Spanish Language
Language Track for entering freshmen	Spanish IA	Spanish IB	<p><u>Fall Semester:</u> Spanish IIA</p> <p><u>Spring Semester:</u> Spanish IIB or Spanish IIB Honors</p>	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)

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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

Physics- 94

AP Human Geog- 90

Spanish II – 95

Weight training - 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

Physical Science 93- 94

Study skills – 99

Spanish I-90

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

Student #3 (4.5)

Honors 9th Lit- 98

Acc Geom/Alg II- 98

AP Env Sc- 96

AP Human- 99

Spanish II – 98

Chorus-98

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

Student #4 (3.583)

Honors 9th Lit- 82

H Geometry- 82

Honors Fresh Physics- 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!

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 May 1st.

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.



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.

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 9th at 8am and will close at 11:45pm on Sunday, March 20st

ELECTIVE COURSE REGISTRATION

-ALL students must complete elective course registration!!

-Elective course registration can be accessed through the student's CTLS

- Dodgen – please see your CTLS Homeroom tile
- Dickerson – please see your CTLS Social Studies 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

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

-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 for more information.



WALTON 101

PTSA Sponsored –
Learn the Nuts N Bolts

Tuesday, April 26th

▪ 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 27th

7:00 p.m.

Lecture Hall

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 8th grade articulation, including private school registration, can be found here:

<https://www.waltonhighcounseling.com/articulation>