Welcome Class of 2026!



WHAT IS JUNIOR ADVISEMENT?

Junior Advisement aims to help you plan for senior year and ensure you have all your Georgia high school graduation requirements.

There are four parts:

- 1. PowerPoint Presentation to provide you with further information about post-secondary options after graduating high school
- 2. Bridge Bill Survey the state of Georgia requires all juniors to complete this survey in Naviance
- 3. Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) allows students to view and plan out courses for senior year to meet academic and career goals. Parents/Guardians may view this plan on ParentVue >>student info>>update student info>>graduation plan
- 4. Check out with a school counselor once you've completed the Bridge Bill and IGP, you will check out with any available school counselor in the media center's side rooms. You will follow signs for check out.

REMINDERS



. Please eat your lunch



- 2. Open your laptops and go to www.waltonhigh.org
- 3. You have access to this PowerPoint presentation, including all the links, by using the information on your junior advisement checklist sheet
- 4. You can also access the PowerPoint presentation from the Walton School Counseling website at www.waltonhighcounseling.com/presentations





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PART I: POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

Postsecondary options

Apprenticeships and job training

Military

Specialty School

2-Year and/or Technical College

4-Year College/University

What does "College" mean?

Someone with a high school diploma can attend several types of schools to earn an undergraduate degree or certificate



SPECIALTY SCHOOL

- CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA
- EX: AVEDA INSTITUTE



2-YEAR AND/OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE

 CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, OR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

EX: CHATT TECH, GA HIGHI ANDS



4-YEAR COLLEGE UNIVERSITY

- BACHELOR'S DEGREE
- EX: KSU, UGA

APPRENTICESHIPS & TRADES

- Training lasts 1 5 years and provides on-the-job training, often paid.
- These kinds of programs can lead to secure and well-paying jobs.
- Additional education and training can provide high levels of advancement and increased salaries.
- Examples include electricians, plumbers, HVAC technicians, certified cooks, firefighters, automotive/aviation technicians, licensed practical nurses, welders, and legal assistants.









STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

- <u>Click here</u> to learn about workforce development initiatives in Georgia
- The <u>HOPE Career Grant</u> can boost a student's ability to start a rewarding career in a well-paying, high-skilled, high-demand job without accumulating much student debt. Combined with the <u>HOPE Grant</u>, these two grants can cover the tuition for 17 programs of study. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about these grants from the Georgia Student Finance Commission.
- <u>Dual Enrollment Accelerated Career Diploma</u> offers an alternate path to high school graduation by allowing students to earn 2 technical certificates, a technical diploma, or an associate's degree at a technical college (e.g., Chatt Tech) in a high-skilled, high-demand field. Email <u>betsy.alpert@cobbk12.org</u> for more information.

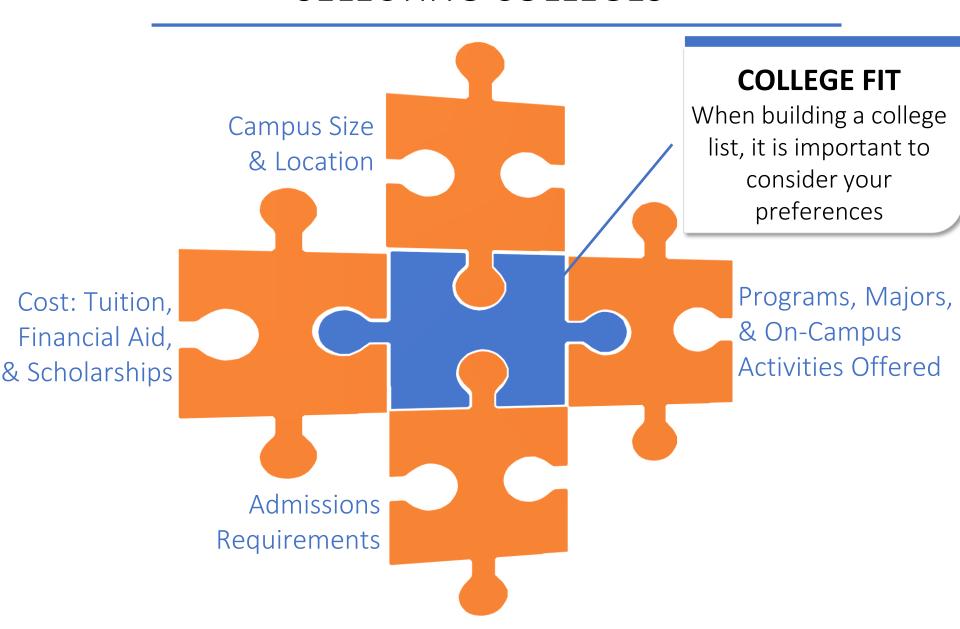
Workforce Development

Military and Military Academies

Military Branch	Websites	Military Academy
Army	www.army.mil and www.goarmy.com	US Military Academy (West Point) www.westpoint.edu
Navy	www.navy.mil and www.navy.com	US Naval Academy www.usna.edu
Air Force	www.af.mil and www.airforce.com	Air Force Academy www.usafa.af.mil
Marines	www.marines.mil and www.marines.com	Future Marines attend the US Naval Academy
Coast Guard	<u>www.uscg.mil</u> and <u>www.gocoastguard.com</u>	US Coast Guard Academy www.uscga.edu

- Speak with a recruiter to learn about opportunities available in the military
- Excellent scholarships are available for those who pursue ROTC in college
- Take the **ASVAB** for career placement and branch eligibility
- Military academy appointments are highly competitive

SELECTING COLLEGES



HOW TO RESEARCH COLLEGES

- Naviance
 - SuperMatch College Search
 - Research Colleges I'm Thinking About
 - Sign up for <u>college rep visits</u> at Walton
- Take official campus tours
 - One excused absence for juniors and two excused absences for seniors
 - Provide attendance with an official excuse note from the college
 - Shows "demonstrated interest"
- Attend college fairs
- Take <u>virtual campus tours</u>
- Make a college advisement appointment with <u>Dr. England</u> (Spring 2025)
- Read your email!



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS VS. COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

High School Graduation

- Determined by GA Department of Education (GaDOE)
- Tracked by you, your teachers, and your school counselor
- You graduate if you earn the minimum 23 required credits in specific areas

College Admissions

- Determined by the individual college
- Tracked by you it is your responsibility to find out what the school needs/wants
- Materials that are needed before you can be accepted – you may not be accepted with just the minimum
- May include college entrance exams (SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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Subject	Required	Diploma Requirement	
	Credits		
English	4	Must include 9 th Lit and American Lit	
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	3	From Career Tech, World Language and/or Fine Arts	
Electives			
Additional	4		
Electives			
Total	23	Minimum required credits	

EOC TESTING AM. LIT & US HISTORY

- The Georgia End-of-Courses (EOC) are statewide tests that assess student knowledge and skills in the four core subjects:
 - Am Lit*

- Algebra I
 Biology
 US History*
- EOCs will be given in late April to early May
- EOC scores factor 10% of final grades
- Test Prep & Resources
 - Study guides
 - Practice tests
 - **Peer tutoring**
 - Extra help sessions with teachers
 - **Study skills**



^{*} Most Juniors will take the EOC in Am Lit and US History in late Spring

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS – SAT & ACT

- Some colleges have adopted a <u>test-optional</u> policy. It is your responsibility to research each college's requirements.
- Most colleges will accept either SAT or ACT
- We recommend that students take both the SAT and ACT at least once by the end of their junior year, whether officially or as a practice test.
- Students receiving free/reduced lunch qualify for fee waivers (email <u>rebecca.england@cobbk12.org</u>)
- <u>Click here</u> for more information about college entrance exams



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS – SAT VS. ACT

SAT

- Virtual
- 2 sections (Math and Reading)
- No penalty for guessing
- 1600 maximum score
- Free online practice:Khan Academy
- Click here to register



ACT

- Paper/Pencil or Virtual
- 4 sections (Math, ELA, Science & Reading)
- No penalty for guessing
- 36 maximum score
- Free online practice: ACT Academy
- Click here to register



OTHER TESTS YOU MAY NEED

Accuplacer

- May be required placement exam for 2-year and technical colleges
- Schedule to take this test at the chosen college if required for admissions purposes
- Click here for more information



ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Battery)

- Aptitude/career exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for jobs
- The ASVAB will be given at Walton on Wed, Nov 13 during WEB
- Spring Semester test Wed, March
 12
- **Click here** to register



FINANCIAL AID

Where to find resources

- Walton school counseling website:
 scholarships and financial aid
- College websites
- Scholarship search engines (e.g., <u>FastWeb</u>)
- Current employer or parent's employer
- Community
- Organizations with which you're involved

How to get money

- Complete your senior year
 - <u>FAFSA</u> opens December 1
 - CSS Profile (optional)
- Apply for scholarships
 - Create a resume in Naviance
 - Prepare a personal statement
 - Apply early and often
 - Be mindful of deadlines
- HOPE / Zell Miller Scholarships

HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- HOPE Scholarship (4-year public college in Georgia)
 - 3.0 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 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 REMINDERS & UPDATES

Reminders

- HOPE GPA is calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) and found on the <u>GAfutures website</u> (it is not listed on the Walton transcript)
- <u>Click here</u> for the updated HOPE rigor course list
- We must have your SSN in the Cobb record system to receive HOPE funds
- <u>Click here</u> to learn more about the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships
- Click here to learn more about the HOPE Grant
- Refer to GAfutures for most up-to-date information regarding changes with the scholarship program.
- Counselors do not calculate HOPE GPA or Core GPA.



DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Georgia's Dual Enrollment (DE) program allows high school students to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma.
- DE covers tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks.
- The goal of DE is to increase college access and completion and prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.
- Students can take both academic and CTAE (career tech) courses.
- <u>Click here</u> for more information regarding DE, including how to register for upcoming mandatory DE information sessions.



PART II: BRIDGE BILL SURVEY

LOG INTO NAVIANCE

- Go to <u>www.waltonhigh.org</u>
- Click on the diploma icon found on the top right of the page
- You will automatically be logged into Naviance via Clever



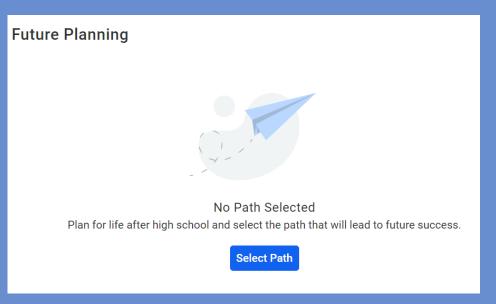
• If you are not on the CCSD network, you may be prompted to sign into Naviance. If so, log in using your Microsoft 365 username & password.

Username:	Password:
Microsoft 365	Microsoft 365
Username	Password

NAVIANCE STUDENT HOMEPAGE

Click "select path" if you see this, choose your path, then click save:

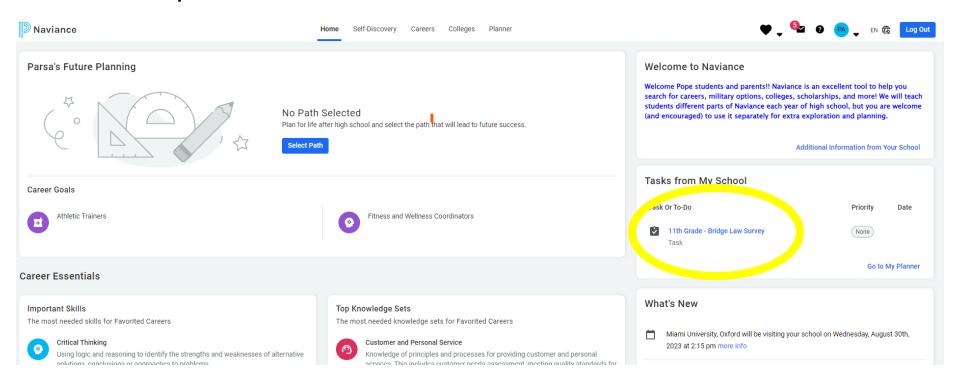
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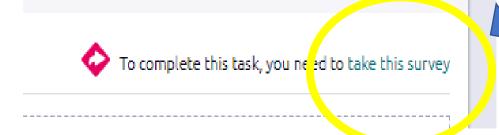
BRIDGE LAW SURVEY

- Go back to your dashboard home screen
- Click on "11th Grade Bridge Law Survey" on the right side under Tasks From My School



COMPLETE THE BRIDGE LAW SURVEY

- Go to "My Planner" and click "Tasks"
- Select: "11th Grade BRIDGE Law Survey"
- Select "Take This Survey" on the right side of the screen. Look for the pink diamond with a white arrow
- Click "Start"
- Answer the questions and select "Save and Finish"
- Do not log out of Naviance



PART III: INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION PLAN (IGP)

Individual Graduation Plan

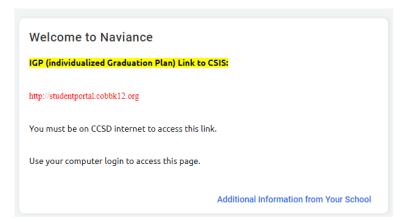
- Your Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) is a tool used to help you when planning your courses and to ensure you are on track for graduation.
- Today, you will be creating or updating your IGP predicting what courses to take next school year. Each student's plan will look different. Remember this is just a plan, registration is a separate process.
- Choose what works for <u>you!</u>

Logging In

Log into Naviance and on the welcome page the IGP link is listed

OR

• go to http://studentportal.cobbk12.org



** Log in using your CCSD computer/email login info **



IGP Content Areas

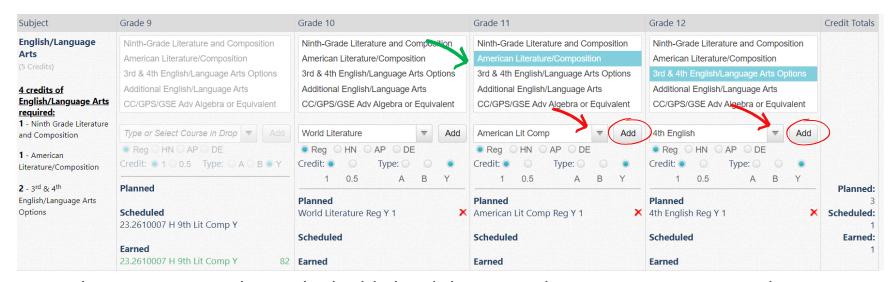
Let's go over three different categories that classes can fall into on your IGP.

- <u>Planned</u> classes are classes that you are preparing to take in the future.
- <u>Scheduled</u> classes are classes that you are currently enrolled in.
- <u>Earned</u> classes are classes that you have successfully passed and received credit for.





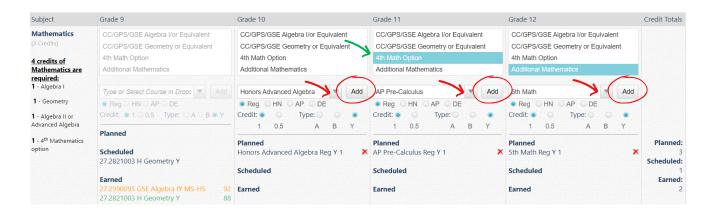
ENGLISH



- The green arrow shows the highlighted the general course you are currently taking
- The red arrows indicate a drop-down button where you can see a list of more specific courses at your school. Scroll to find the course that best matches your current course or <u>start typing the course name</u>
- Click on the level you need regular, honors, AP
- Choose the credit amount .5 semester, 1.0 year
 - You will choose .5 for junior year spring semester
 - You will choose 1.0 for senior year classes
- Click this and choose what course and hit Add



MATH

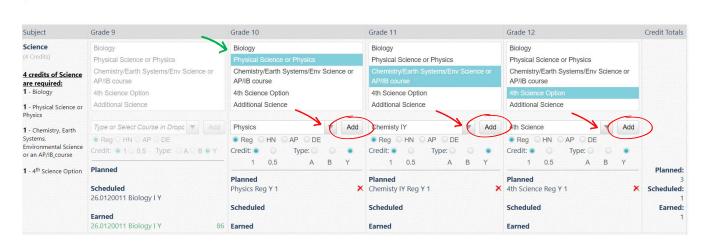


The green arrow shows where you highlight the general course you are working on then the red arrows indicate a drop-down button where you can see a list of more specific courses at your school. Click this and choose what course you will be taking.

Be sure to indicate both the level and number of credits you will receive from the course you have chosen. Don't forget to click "Add" to add the course to your IGP!



SCIENCE

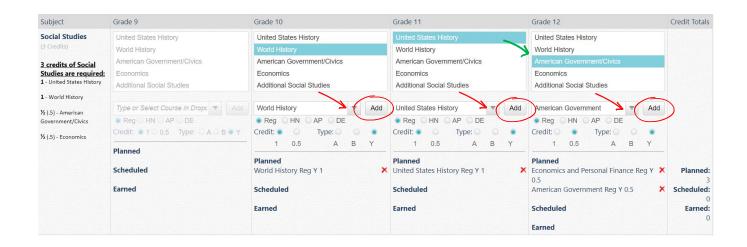


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SOCIAL STUDIES

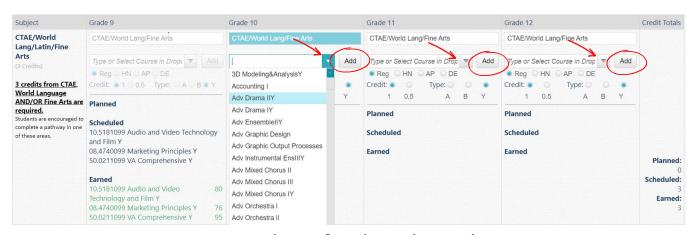


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CTAE/WORLD LANGUAGE/FINE ARTS



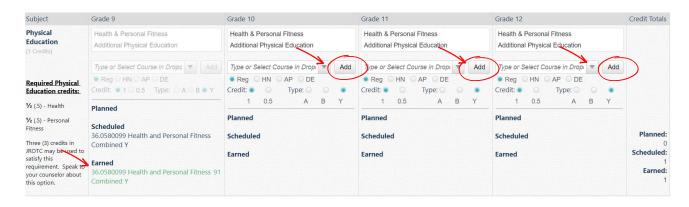
Keep going as you have for the other subjects.

In these areas, in the drop-down list, you will only see courses available at your school. Be sure to review your school's catalog to view any prerequisite the course may have.

Click on the drop-down button and choose what course you will be taking. Be sure to click "Add" to add the course to your IGP.



PERSONAL FITNESS/HEALTH

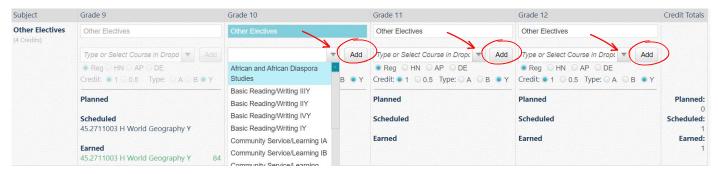


Keep going as you have for the other subjects.

Make sure you have planned Personal Fitness and Health at some point in your high school years. But in this section you can also add other non-required physical education courses.

Click on the drop-down button and choose what course you will be taking. Be sure to click "Add" to add the course to your IGP.

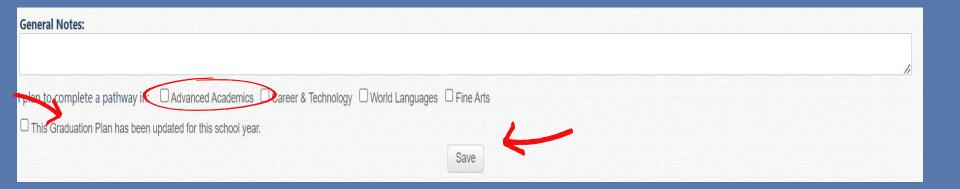
OTHER ELECTIVES



- This section is for any other course not listed above that you want to plan for in your high school years.
- Click on the drop-down button and choose what course you will be taking.
 Be sure to click "Add" to add the course to your IGP.
- If you are unsure, you can type "Elective" for 11th and 12th grade instead of entering specific electives.
- Many of the electives in the drop-down menu are not offered at WHS as this
 is a list of offerings county-wide. Please refer to your binder for a list of
 electives offered at WHS.



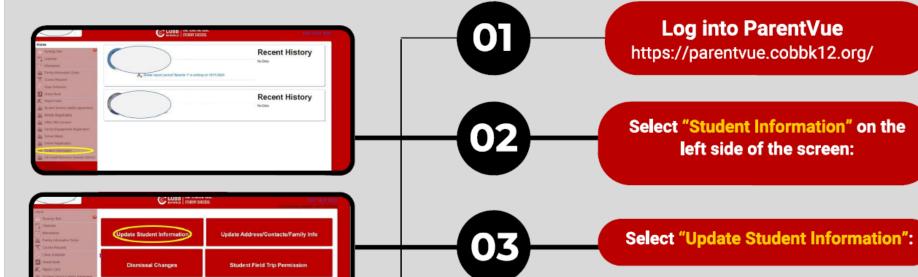
FINISHED?!



Be sure to indicate at least one of four areas you plan to complete a pathway in.

Check with a Counselor to ensure you are complete, then check the box (see red arrow) and click "Save" (see red arrow).

Student IGP view in ParentVue



Select "Graduation Plan" :

If you have more than one student, make sure to select this button under the student you the student you want to view is showing in the top left corner

Students Studen

A few notes:

- The Graduation Plan is only available to high school students
- It does work on mobile devices
- The report viewed through ParentVue is a snapshot in time of when the student last worked in the IGP portal

Please follow this signs to check out with any counselor in one of the two side rooms in the media center.

Thank you!

HOW TO CHECK OUT AFTER COMPLETING THE BRIDGE LAW SURVEY & IGP

- Counselors will review your IGP and ensure you have properly submitted the BRIDGE survey
- Counselors will answer any questions you may have. We are excited to work with you!

