

North Atlanta High School

Class of
 2026

Rising 9th Grade Parent Curriculum & Scheduling Night

North Atlanta High School

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AGENDA

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WELCOME

Mr Lincoln Woods

9th Grade Assistant Principal





Atlanta Public Schools HS Graduation Requirements

LANGUAGE ARTS: 4 CREDITS

- 9th Grade Lit
- 10th Grade Lit
- American Lit
- 12th Grade Lit

MATH: 4 CREDITS

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- 4th Core Math Course

SCIENCE: 4 CREDITS

- Biology
- Physical Science or Physics
- Chemistry, Environmental Sci, or AP/IB Science
- 4th Core Science Course

SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 CREDITS

- American Govt (.5 Credit)
- World History
- US History
- Economics (.5 Credit)

WORLD LANGUAGE: 2 CREDITS

- Minimum of 2 credits of the same language
- *Recommended 2 credits taken in HS for college admissions*

CAREER TECH/FINE ARTS PATHWAY: 1 CREDIT

- *Pathway Completion requires 3 credits in the same career tech or fine arts program*
- *Pathway completion is pre-requisite for Work-Based Learning program*

PHYS ED/HEALTH: 1.5 CREDITS

- Health (.5 Credit)
- Personal Fitness (.5 Credit)
- Phys Ed Elective (.5 Credit)
 - *Students may exempt Health & Personal Fitness requirement with completion of JROTC pathway*
 - *Students may exempt Phys Ed Elective requirement with 2 seasons of participation in varsity sports or marching band*

ELECTIVES: 4 CREDITS

COMMUNITY SERVICE: .5 CREDIT

- Completion of 75 hours of community service
- *Documentation must be validated and submitted using the NAHS Community Service Log form*

Earning HS Course Credits



Students are awarded course credit based on their final grade at the end of EACH semester

- Semester 1 is Aug-Dec
- Semester 2 is Jan-May

Students must earn a final semester grade of 70 or higher to receive credit for a class.

Semester 1 and Semester 2 final grades ARE NOT averaged together.

Final course grades and credits for each semester post separately on the HS transcript



- **Most classes students take are yearlong:** Fall Semester + Spring Semester
- **Some classes are only 1 semester in length:** Fall or Spring Semester only
- **A complete HS Class Schedule contains 8 classes each semester**

High School Course Credits

1 Semester Class = .5 Credit

1 yearlong Class = 1.0 Credit

- .5 Credit (Fall Semester)
- .5 Credit (Spring Semester)

8 Total Credits per School Year

4.0 Fall Semester
(8 Classes for .5 Credit for each)

4.0 Spring Semester
(8 Classes for .5 Credit for each)

North Atlanta Bell Schedule



4 x 8 Block Schedule

- Students take a total of 8 classes
- 4 - A Day Classes; 4 - B Day Classes
- A Days and B Days alternate the whole school year
- Class periods are 90 minutes
 - 7 Minutes between classes
 - 22 Minute Lunch Periods
- Advisement (aka Homeroom)

	A-ADV	B-ADV
01	08:45 AM-09:57 AM 60.0710002-1 Spanish I	08:45 AM-09:57 AM 45.0570001-36 Am Gov/Civ
Advisement	10:05 AM-10:50 AM 00.0000020-24 Advisement 9th Grade	10:05 AM-10:50 AM 00.0000020-24 Advisement 9th Grade
02	10:58 AM-12:10 PM 23.2610042-2 9th Lit/Comp H	10:58 AM-12:10 PM 26.2120042-4 Biology H
03	12:18 PM-02:24 PM 27.0990002-24 GSE Algebra I	12:18 PM-02:24 PM 45.2770002-3 AP Human Geography
04	02:31 PM-03:45 PM 36.0510001-19 Personal Fitness	02:31 PM-03:45 PM 50.0211002-5 Visual Art Comp I

CLASS schedule

Sample Schedule w/Yearlong & 1 Semester Classes

A Day Schedule Fall/Spring

	Fall Semester A	Spring Semester A
01	60.0710001-1 Spanish I	60.0710002-1 Spanish I
02	23.2610041-2 9th Lit/Comp H	23.2610042-2 9th Lit/Comp H
03	27.0990001-24 GSE Algebra I	27.0990002-24 GSE Algebra I
04	17.0110001-1 General Health	36.0510001-19 Personal Fitness

B Day Schedule Fall/Spring

	Fall Semester B	Spring Semester B
01	45.0910001-18 U.S./World Affairs	45.0570001-36 Am Gov/Civ
02	26.2120041-4 Biology H	26.2120042-4 Biology H
03	45.2770001-3 AP Human Geography	45.2770002-3 AP Human Geography
04	50.0211001-5 Visual Art Comp I	50.0211002-5 Visual Art Comp I



9th Grade Required Core Academic Classes



All 9th Graders will take classes in the following core academic subjects each semester:

- Math
- English/Lang Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Language



All academic subject classes will reference grades from Fall Semester of 8th grade for placement

Math Placement Guidelines

Algebra 1 AND Algebra 1 Support:

- Required class for students scoring at defined level on the GA Milestones 8th Grade Math EOG
- Class is paired with student's Algebra 1 class. Student will take Algebra every day.
- Algebra Support is an academic support class that counts as an elective

Algebra 1

- Student placement is based on a defined level of performance on the GA Milestones 8th grade Mathematics EOG Assessment

Geometry

- Successful completion of GSE Algebra I

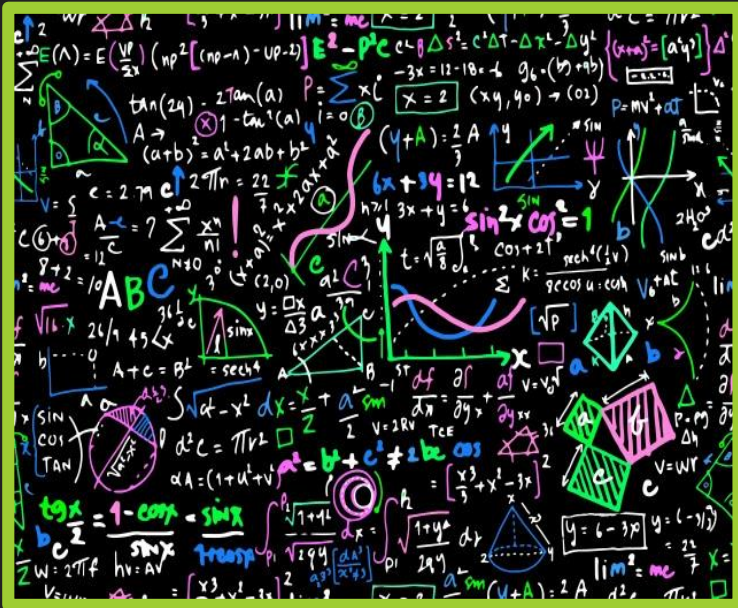
Geometry Honors

- 85+ course average for Algebra 1
- Proficient or Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in Algebra 1

Algebra 1 & Geometry Honors (FAST TRACK)

- Distinguished performance on the GA Milestones 8th grade Mathematics EOG Assessment (or a defined level of performance on the NAHS Placement Test)
- 90+ course average in 8th grade Math.

Fast Track Math Program



- Fast track is North Atlanta's math acceleration program. The purpose of this program is to expose students who have aptitude and strong interest in mathematics to advanced level mathematics courses before finishing high school.
- Students who participate or are invited to Fast Track cannot participate in SMSEA.
- **Students DO NOT have to participate in fast track to take IB or AP level math courses.**
- Participation in fast track will limit the number of electives the students will be able to take.

Fast Track Math Program Tracks

Algebra I/Geometry

- This track is for rising 9th grade students who have completed 8th Grade Math.

Geometry/Algebra 2

- This track is for rising 9th and 10th grade students who have completed Algebra I.

Entry to Fast Track Math Program



Students must earn a **level 4** on either the **EOG** (for Algebra I/Geometry fast track) or **level 4** on **EOC** (for Geometry/Algebra 2)



A score of level 4 is 92 or higher.



Consideration will be given to students who earn an 88 – 91.
• They will have to sit for a North Atlanta assessment.

If you have questions about the fast track program...

Email me at ammitchell@apsk12.org

English/Lang Arts Placement Guidelines



9th Grade Lit/Comp and Reading/ Writing 1

- Required Class for Students with ELA 8th Grade EOG score of Beginning
- Reading/Writing 1 is an academic support class that counts as an elective

9th Grade Lit/Comp (College Prep)

9th Grade Lit/Comp Honors

- **Requirements:**
 - 85+ in Advanced or Gifted 8th Grade Language Arts or 90+ in on-level 8 Grade Language Arts
 - Proficient or Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in Reading and Language Arts sections

Science Placement Guidelines



Biology Honors

- **Requirement:**
 - 85+ in Advanced or Gifted 8th grade Science or 90+ in on-level 8th grade science
 - Proficient or Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in science

Biology

Social Studies Placement Guidelines



**All 9th Graders are
required to take both:**

**American Govt
(1 Semester)**

**US & World Affairs
(1 Semester)**

There are no Honors level classes offered for these classes

World Language Placement Guidelines



Students will choose one of the following World Language options:

Arabic

French

Chinese

Spanish

Spanish for Native Speakers



Students who have taken a world language at Sutton MS...

- If you passed the class at Sutton, you have already received HS course credit for the class. Once you earn credit for a class, you CANNOT retake the same class in high school
- If you did not pass, no credit was earned and you will select a language to start at level 1

Students who took and passed world language classes in MS have 2 options:

Option 1:

Continue the same language by taking the **next higher level** course (see example below)

Example:

- Spanish 1 in 7th Grade
- Spanish 2 in 8th Grade
- Spanish 3 in 9th Grade

Option 2:

Select another language and start at level

TAKE NOTE




IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER with CHOOSING OPTION 1!

- **English IS NOT spoken by the teacher in Level 3+ World Language classes.**
- **Students are expected to be sufficiently fluent to comprehend and communicate at this level.**

Non-Academic Required Classes for 9th Graders



- All 9th graders will take **Personal Fitness & Health (1 Semester each)**
- Students who select JROTC as their Pathway WILL NOT be scheduled for Personal Fitness/Health

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Lang Arts	9 th Grade Lit/Comp	9 th Grade Lit/Comp
Math	To Be Determined by Math EOG	To Be Determined by Math EOG
Science	Biology	Biology
Soc Studies	American Govt	US & World Affairs
World Lang	To Be Selected by Student	To Be Selected by Student
Per Fit/Health	Personal Fitness (or JROTC 1)	Health (or JROTC 1)
CTE/Fine Arts Pathway		
Elective		

Pathway Classes

- Opportunity to personalize your schedule
- Explore an area of interest
- Gain knowledge in possible future college major or career
- Students are expected to complete a 3 course pathway sequence



Fine Arts Pathways:

- Band
- Chorus
- Dance
- Guitar
- Orchestra
- Theater
- Visual Arts



Career Pathways:


- Audio/Visual Tech & Film
- Business & Technology
- Graphic Design
- Journalism
- JROTC-Army
- Web & Digital Design

Elective Classes

Remaining spots in schedule will be elective classes

Elective Class Options:

- Students may choose an **additional pathway class** (Yearlong)
- **AP Human Geography** (Yearlong)
- **Music Technology** (1 Semester only)
- **Music Appreciation** (1 Semester only)
- **Phys Ed** (1 Semester only)

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Science	Biology	Biology
Soc Studies	American Govt	US & World Affairs
World Lang	To Be Selected by Student	To Be Selected by Student
Per Fit/Health	Personal Fitness (or JROTC 1)	Health (or JROTC 1)
CTE/Fine Arts Pathway	To Be Selected by Student	To Be Selected by Student
Elective	To Be Selected by Student*	To Be Selected by Student*

AP Human Geography (Elective)

Class Requirements:

- 85th percentile or higher on a nationally-normed test in Social Studies OR Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in Language Arts sections
- 90+ in advanced or 95+ in on-level 8th Grade Language Arts and 90+ in 8th Grade Social Studies
- 1200 Lexile and Teacher Recommendation



Factors to Consider With Taking AP Classes

- AP Classes are equivalent to college level course
- This class is Extremely rigorous
- Very heavy workload; Extensive amount of homework assigned daily
- Strong work ethic, time and organizational skills are critical for students to be successful in this class
- This IS NOT a class required to graduate; it is an ELECTIVE class that students choose to take
- Students DO NOT have to be in Gifted program
 - Any student who is willing to work hard and has strong reading comprehension skills may be good fit
- Students who take the class are expected to take the AP Exam in May (paid for by students)
- Final passing grades are weighted 10 points on transcript; Failing grades are not weighted



Tips for Selecting Classes

- Students are encouraged to take the most rigorous courses they can **AND** be successful in ALL of them.
- **You WILL have homework that you cannot complete during the school day.**
- Look at your class schedule by individual subject area AND as a whole. Consider the combined workload for all 8 classes together.
- Factor in sports and extracurricular activities that may demand a lot of your time outside the school day.
- Read the course descriptions thoroughly before selecting a class (especially Pathways and Electives)
- Look for classes that match your personal and career interests
- **DO NOT select classes because your friend(s) signed up for them.** The chance of you having the class together is highly unlikely.
- **Remember that there are NO SCHEDULE CHANGES in August**

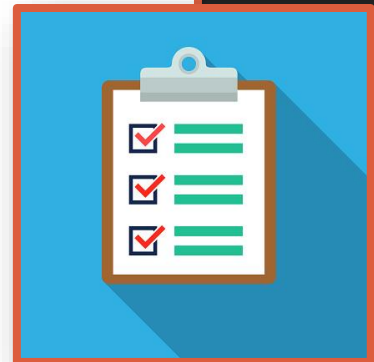
Course Request Process



- Students will be introduced to all Pathway and Elective options through “**Going North**” Zoom session
- NAHS Counselor will conduct academic advisement lessons with 8th grade classes at Sutton
 - Students will be assisted in filling out a 9th Grade Schedule Request Forms
 - Students will select their Pathway and Elective classes by ranking them in order of preference (#1 for top choice, #2 for next choice, etc.)
 - Students will select up to 4 alternative pathway/elective options
 - Students will have a list of requested courses equaling 8.0 total credits and a list of selected alternative pathway/elective classes
 - **Students will take a picture of the form to share with parents/guardians**

Course Request & Schedule Guidelines

- Students must have a total of 8 classes per semester (total of 8.0 credits)
- If students do not select enough course requests to fill a complete schedule, classes will be assigned randomly to fill gaps in the schedule
- All 1 semester classes must match up with another 1 semester class in the schedule
- Students are expected to complete the courses in which they enroll
- Yearlong classes cannot be dropped mid-year after fall semester
- Students cannot request the term in which term they will have certain class
- Students cannot request to have a particular lunch period
- WE CANNOT GUARANTEE a student's top elective choice(s) will be granted, but we will do our best!
- **Course requests ARE NOT a schedule. Classes listed on course requests in Infinite Campus are not guaranteed to make it onto a student's final schedule in August.**





Fine Tuning

Editing and Finalizing 9th Grade Course Requests

Opportunity to make changes to course requests will be March 9 – 15

No schedule changes will be made in August

The only schedule changes that will be made in the fall will be due to EOG scores or failure of a class

All course request changes must be submitted thru the online Add/Drop Google Form

Schedule change requests sent via email will not be processed

Please do not submit the same change request multiple times on the Add/Drop Form

No changes will be accepted after March 15

Students/Parents will not receive a status update notification to course request change submissions

Students/Parents can view the changes made thru Infinite Campus Parent Portal after March 23

2022-23 Scheduling Timeline



**Virtual Drop In Q&A Sessions
for Parents: Dates & Times TBD**

Feb 11	Going North Program (during school day)
Feb 14- Mar 4	NAHS Counselor Advisement Lessons at Sutton
Mar 9-15	Course Request Change Add/Drop Period
Mar 9	Rising 9th Grade Private School/Non-Feeder Pre-Registration Session #1
Mar 16	Schedule Course Requests are Finalized
Mar 23	Rising 9th Grade Private School/Non-Feeder Pre-Registration Session #2
Summer: TBD	District will activate 22-23 School Year for students & parents to view course requests in Infinite Campus Portal
August: TBD	Student final schedules to be distributed at Celebration of Learning



Enrolling at North Atlanta HS for 22-23

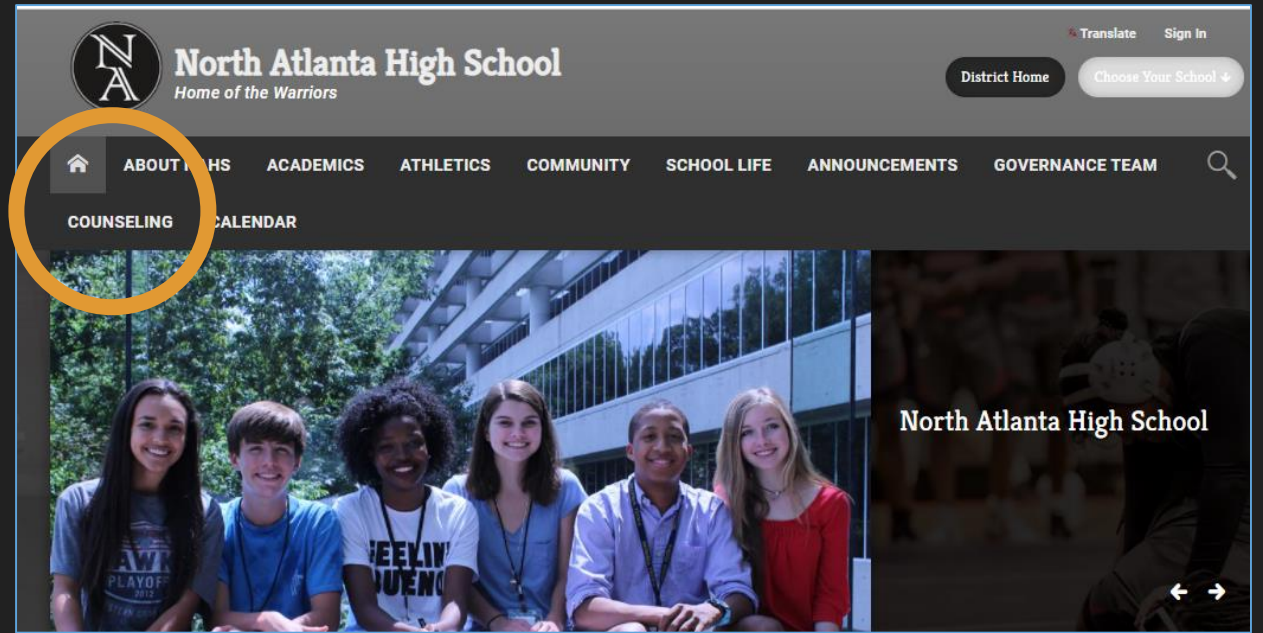
Current Sutton 8th Grade Students

- **Complete online Existing Student Enrollment Verification form on Infinite Campus Portal**
 - For Instructions: [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Provide Affidavit of Residency**
 - For Required Documents in English: [CLICK HERE](#)
 - For Required Documents in Spanish: [CLICK HERE](#)

Private School & Non-Feeder School Students

- Complete APS Online Registration Application (Link to [Registrar's Webpage](#))
- Attend a NAHS Pre-Registration Course Selection Session (March 9th or March 23rd)
 - To Register for Session: [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Students/Parents who do not attend one of these sessions will not select classes until August

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