

Freshman Year Course Selection

Class of 2027

North Atlanta High School

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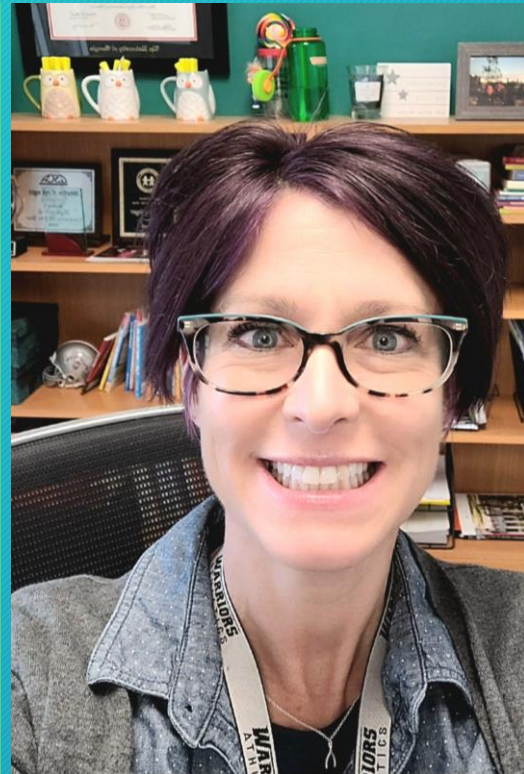


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Meet Your North Atlanta 9th Grade School Counselors

**Ms
Shellie
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**Last Names:
A - L**



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**Last Names:
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APS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: 24 TOTAL CREDITS

Language Arts: 4 credits

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

Math: 4 credits

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

Science: 4 credits

- Biology
- Chemistry or Environmental Sci or IB/AP Level Science
- Physics
- 4th Science Course

Social Studies: 3 credits

- American Govt (1 semester)
- World History
- US History
- Economics (1 semester)

World Language: 2 credits

- Must be 2 consecutive years of the same language

Career Tech/Fine Arts: 1 credit

- Students are expected to complete a 3 course CTAE or Fine Arts Pathway sequence

Health/PE: 1.5 Credits

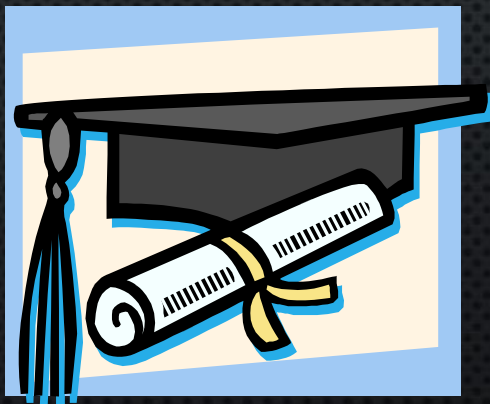
- Health (1 semester)
- Personal Fitness (1 semester)
- Additional Phys Ed (1 semester)

Electives: 4 credits

- Can be academic or non-academic classes
- Students will typically have an excess of Elective course credits at the end of senior year

Community Service: .5 credits

- **75 Hours of Volunteering w/APS Approved Non-Profit Organizations**



CLASS schedule

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 45.0570001-12 Am Gov/Civ	08:45 AM-09:57 AM 60.0730002-4 Spanish III
Advisement	10:05 AM-10:50 AM 00.0000020-11 Advisement 9th Grade	10:05 AM-10:50 AM 00.0000020-11 Advisement 9th Grade
02	10:58 AM-12:10 PM 27.8990002-1 GSE Algebra I	10:58 AM-12:10 PM 27.8997002-1 GSE Algebra I Supp
03	12:18 PM-02:24 PM 26.0120002-2 Biology	12:18 PM-02:24 PM 23.0610002-11 9th Lit/Comp
04	02:31 PM-03:45 PM 48.5610002-3 Graphic Design	02:31 PM-03:45 PM 36.0510001-13 Personal Fitness



Academic Course Placement

Scan to view
9th Grade Academic Course
Placement Guidelines



- ▶ Placement for core academic classes are based on 8th Grade Fall Semester Grades and MAP test scores.
- ▶ Students have been entered into the highest level courses they qualify for based on Rising 9th Grade Placement Guidelines.
- ▶ If you WERE NOT PLACED in an Honors or AP level class, then your grades and/or test scores did not meet the requirements for the class and **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** for those classes next year.
- ▶ If you have been placed in an Honors or AP level class and want to go down a level, he/she may **submit a change request during the Add/Drop period in March**



Fine Tuning

Making Changes to 9th Grade Year Course Requests

The Add/Drop Period to request changes to your course requests for next year is March 15-17

No class changes for the 2023-24 school year will be accepted after the Add/Drop period closes

No schedule changes will be made in August

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

Add/Drop form will be available on the NAHS Counseling website

Schedule change requests sent via email will not be processed

Students/Parents will not receive status update notifications about course request change submissions

Approved changes can be viewed in Infinite Campus Parent Portal after Spring Break

English Language Arts



9th Grade Lit/Comp Honors

9th Grade Lit/Comp

**9th Grade Lit/Comp and
Reading/Writing 1 (2 classes)**

- Reading/Writing class counts as an academic elective

Fast Track Math: North Atlanta's Math Acceleration Program

- Students take a double block of Math classes for in their schedule.
- Classes cover the content of 2 yearlong math classes in 1 school year
- **Eligible students/parents will be notified via email and have an opportunity to accept or decline invitation to take the class (May 25-June 2).**
 - Students who accept invitation will make necessary revisions to freshman year classes at that time.

Fast Track Algebra 1 /Geometry Honors

Fall Semester:

Algebra 1 Part A & B (1.0 credit)

Spring Semester:

Geometry Hon Part A & B (1.0 credit)

To Qualify: Score Distinguished (92+)
on 8th Grade EOG in Math

Fast Track Geom Hon /Algebra 2 Honors

Fall Semester:

Geometry Hon Part A & B (1.0 credit)

Spring Semester:

Algebra 2 Hon Part A & B (1.0 credit)

To Qualify: Score Distinguished (92+)
on Algebra 1 End of Course test

Science



Biology

Biology Honors

Social Studies



American Govt
(1 Semester)

US & World Affairs
(1 Semester)


- There are no Honors level 9th grade social studies classes offered

Health & Phys Ed



All 9th graders will take
1 semester of Personal Fitness
and 1 semester of Health

Both classes are state
graduation requirements

	1st Semester Aug - Dec	2nd Semester Jan - May
Lang Arts	9 th Grade Lit/Comp	9 th Grade Lit/Comp
Math	Math (TBD)	Math (TBD)
Science	Biology	Biology
Soc Studies	American Govt	US & World Affairs
PE/Health	Personal Fitness	Health
World Lang		
Pathway		
Academic or Pathway Elective		

World Language



Student will select one of the following options:

Arabic	French	Chinese	Spanish	Spanish for Native Speakers
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IMPORTANT NOTE for students who have taken ANY World Language classes in grades 6, 7 &/or 8:

- If you took and passed French or Spanish at Sutton you have already earned HS course credit for those classes.
- Students **CANNOT repeat the same level class in HS** once HS course credit has been awarded
- Students will be required to ***proceed to the next higher-level class in that language*** or ***select a new language*** to begin at Level 1 in 9th grade.

Look at your Transcript the World Language Line of Your Blue Form

Students who took Spanish or French all 3 years off MS:

- Spanish or French in 6th Grade = 1.0 Credit for Level 1
- Spanish or French in 7th Grade = .5 Credit for Level 2 Part A
- Spanish or French in 8th Grade = .5 Credit for Level 2 Part B
- **Students can either go into *Level 3* of the same language or Level 1 of a new language**



Students who took Spanish or French in 6th Grade only:

- Spanish or French in 6th Grade = 1.0 Credit for Level 1
- **Students have been removed from language for 2 years and are recommended to take Level 1 of a new language**

Students taking Spanish or French in 8th Grade Only

- Spanish or French in 8th Grade Only = 1.0 Credit for Level 1
- **Students can either go into Level 2 of the same language or Level 1 of a new language**



LEVEL 3 WORLD LANGUAGE CLASSES: POINTS TO CONSIDER

- All instruction is delivered in the language of the class.
- Teachers **ARE NOT** speaking English in class.
- Students are expected to be sufficiently fluent to comprehend and communicate at this level.
- **9th Grade students who do not have a strong foundation in their language typically find the class to be too difficult and struggle with being successful at this level.**



Pathway Elective Classes

Review the course description provided to make sure the pathways you are selecting are the correct classes you want to take.



Fine Arts Pathways:

- Art
- Band
- Chorus
- Dance
- Guitar
- Orchestra
- Theater



Career Tech Pathways:

- Audio/Visual Tech & Film
- Graphic Design
- Business
- Software Technology (Digital Tech)
- JROTC
- Journalism

Rank your pathway choices in the order of your preference:

#1

Your Top Choice (class you want the MOST)

#2

Your 2nd Top Choice (next class you are most interested in)

**#3, #4,
and #5**

3 back up classes you are interested in taking if there is a conflict with your #1 or #2 choice

_____ Art
_____ Band
#1 _____ Chorus
_____ Dance
_____ Guitar
_____ Orchestra
#3 _____ Theater

#2 _____ Audio Visual Tech/Film
_____ Business
_____ Software Technology
_____ Graphic Design
_____ JROTC
_____ Journalism

Ranking Your Pathway Choices

If there is a schedule conflict that cannot be resolved...

What other pathway or elective classes you would be interested in taking?




The 8th Schedule Slot

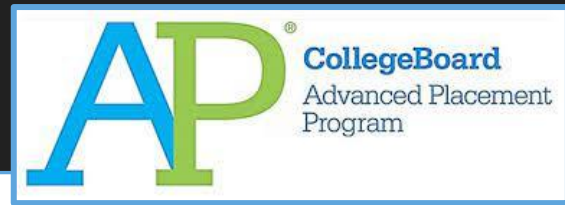
7 of the 8 Schedule Slots are Filled

8th Schedule Slot Classes:

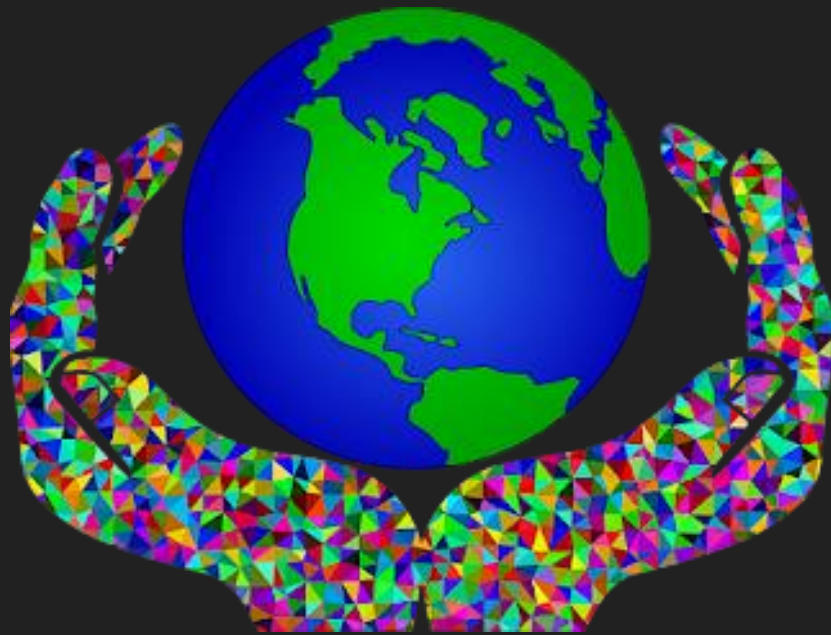
- Algebra Support
- Reading/Writing 1
- Fast Track Math
- 2nd Pathway Class
- AP Human Geography



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Science	Biology	Biology
Soc Studies	American Govt	US & World Affairs
PE/Health	Personal Fitness	Health
World Lang	Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish or Span/NatSpk	Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish or Span/NatSpk
Pathway	Career Tech/Fine Arts	Career Tech/Fine Arts
8 th Slot		



AP Human Geography (Elective)



- **AP Classes are equivalent to college level course**
- **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*
- **Class is Extremely rigorous;** Strong work ethic, time and organizational skills are critical for students to be successful in this class
- **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**

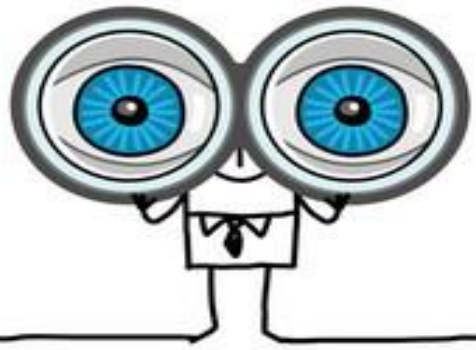
***Students who meet class requirements have AP Human added to their course request form.**

***Students/Parents may decline taking the class via the Add/Drop period in March.**



When Making Your Course Selections...

- ▶ You are encouraged to take the most rigorous courses you can AND be successful in ALL of them.
- ▶ Look at your class schedule by each subject area AND as a whole. Consider the combined workload for all 8 classes together.
- ▶ **You will have homework that you need to take HOME. You will not be able to get all your classwork done during the school day.**
- ▶ Factor in sports and extracurricular activities that may demand a lot of your time outside the school day.
- ▶ **Review the course descriptions thoroughly so you know exactly what you are signing up for.**
- ▶ Select classes that match your personal and career interests. **DO NOT select classes because your friend(s) signed up for them.**
- ▶ **Remember there are NO SCHEDULE CHANGES in August or January!!!**



Carefully Review

All your marks &
selections on
your Course
Request Form



Make sure your name is at the top



World Language class is selected



**Five Pathway classes are selected and
ranked 1 thru 5**



Sign and date form at the bottom

Scheduling Process Next Steps



- You are receiving a copy of your MS transcript and the blue course request form you completed today.
- Share these with your parents and talk to them about your course placements and selections for next year

Rising 9^h Grade Parent Scheduling Zoom Info Sessions

March 14: 10am-11am and 6pm-7pm

March 15: 12pm-1pm

- Info with link provided and posted on the Class of 2027 page of the NAHS counseling website (link & QR code are on your form)
- ### March 15-17: NAHS Add/Drop Period
- Online Add/Drop Google Form will be open during these 3 days for you to submit requests to make any changes
 - No class changes can be made after the Add/Drop period closes on March 17

There will be NO SCHEDULE CHANGES IN AUGUST!

Scheduling Rules & Process



- Students must have a total of 8 classes per semester (there are no free periods or study halls)
- All single semester classes must be paired with another semester class
- Yearlong classes cannot be changed mid-year after fall semester
- Students cannot request the term in which term they will have a single semester 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 this spring are not guaranteed to make it onto a student's final schedule in August.**
- **Final schedules will not be available for students/parents until mid-summer.**



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<https://tinyurl.com/NAHS-Counseling>

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