

# NORTH ATLANTA HS CLASS OF 2026

9TH GRADE COUNSELOR CLASSROOM LESSON (FALL 2022)

## Today's Topics:

- High School 101
  - Graduation Requirements, Earning Credits, GPAs & Transcripts
  - Freshmen Obstacles, Pitfalls and Zeroes
- Preparing for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes and Future Program Opportunities
- New Community Service Guidelines
- YouScience Test Results & Career Exploration





# EARNING COURSE CREDIT IS JUST LIKE EARNING MONEY

## Earning Money...



You work at a job...



You are paid in money...



The money is used to acquire things

## Earning HS Credits...



You do school work...



You are paid in credits...



The credits are used to acquire a HS diploma

**Each semester passing grade = .5 credit**



**Passing both semesters of a class = 1 credit**

























**In 1 semester you can earn 4 credits:**



**In 1 school year you can earn 8 credits:**



# EARNING HS CREDITS

<b>Fall Semester (\$1)</b> Aug - Dec				<b>Spring Semester (\$2)</b> Jan - May				<b>End of the Year Total Credits Earned</b>			
9th Lit/Comp	85	= .5		9th Lit/Comp	88	= .5		9th Lit/Comp	1.0		
Algebra 1	62	= 0		Algebra 1	68	= 0		Algebra 1	0		
Biology	67	= 0		Biology	72	= .5		Biology	.5		
French 1	88	= .5		French 1	90	= .5		French 1	1.0		
Art	81	= .5		Art	67	= 0		Art	.5		
JROTC 1	95	= .5		JROTC 1	95	= .5		JROTC 1	1.0		
Amer Govt	60	= 0		US/World Affairs	85	= .5		Amer Govt	0		
Health	94	= .5		Personal Fitness	94	= .5		US/World Affairs	.5		
<b>Total Credits Earned Fall Semester</b>				<b>Total Credits Earned Spring Semester</b>				Health	.5		
								Personal Fitness	.5		
2.5 Credits (\$2.50)				3.0 Credits (\$3.00)				<b>Total Credits Earned Freshman Year</b>			
											
								5.5 Credits (\$5.50)			



**If your final semester grade is below 70  
you DO NOT earn the credit.**

**English/Language Arts: 4 Credits**



**Science: 4 Credits**



**World Languages: 2 Credits\***



*\*both credits must be in the same language*

**Career Tech/ Fine Arts/World Lang: 1 Credit**



**Community Service: .5 Credit\***



*\*75 community service hours*

**Math: 4 Credits**



**Social Studies: 3 Credits**



**Electives: 4 Credits\***



*\*3 credits in a related state-defined pathway recommended*

**Personal Fitness/Phys Ed/Health: 1.5 Credits**



# HOW MUCH CREDIT DO YOU NEED TO GRADUATE HS?



# 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 or Physical Sci
- 4th Science Course

## Social Studies: 3 credits

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

## World Language: 2 credits

- World Language 1
- World Language 2

## Health/Phys Ed: 1.5 credits

- Health (1 Sem)
- Personal Fitness (1 Sem)
- Phys Ed★(1 Sem)  
*★Phys Ed class can be waived w/2 years of varsity sports or Adv Band*

## Career Tech/Fine Arts: 1 credit

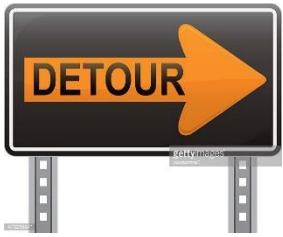
- Students are expected to complete a 3 course pathway in a Career Tech or Fine Arts program

## Electives: 4 credits

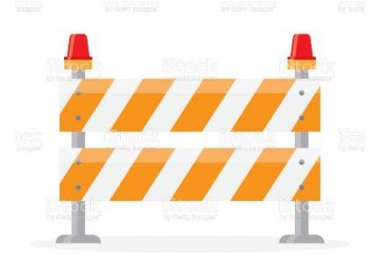
- Any courses beyond the listed required classes
- May be academic or non-academic classes



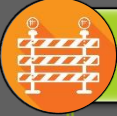




## Community Service: .5 credit

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



# ROADBLOCKS & DETOURS TO EARNING THE MONEY



-  **Being absent and not making up work, tests, and quizzes**
-  **Not completing homework and projects**
-  **Not studying**
-  **Not attending tutorials or asking for extra help**
-  **Not asking questions in class**
-  **Poor time management**
-  **Zeroes!!!**

# BEWARE THE EVIL POWERS OF ZEROES

Don't go to the dark side!



Here is a sample of a student average with all passing grades and <u>2 zeroes</u>	Here is a sample of a student average with the same passing grades and replacing those 2 zeroes with <u>50's</u>
100	100
100	100
100	100
→0	→50
→0	→50
88	88
70	70
95	95
<b>Grade Average: 69 (F)</b>	<b>Grade Average: 81 (B)</b>

**Something is better than nothing!**  
Receiving even partial credit for an assignment will not hurt your grade as much as a zero.

**Zeroes become more powerful when you...**

Procrastinate

Are absent

Avoid difficult assignments

Are unorganized

Don't attempt to makeup missing work

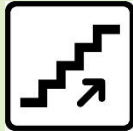
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# WHERE ELSE DO MY GRADES AND CREDITS COUNT?



Promotion to  
the Next  
Grade:



Freshmen (9th Grade):  
**< 6 credits**

Sophomores (10th Grade):  
**6 credits**

Juniors (11th Grade):  
**12 credits**

Seniors (12th Grade):  
**18 credits**

## Eligibility for NAHS Athletics

- Must pass five (5) classes for the grading period prior to the season of your sport

## Exempting Final Exams

- 90+ average in the class
- No cheating/plagiarism or honor code violations
- No ISS or OSS assigned during the semester  
(does not apply to EOC or AP classes)

## Eligibility to take Honors, AP & IB Classes

- Need to meet course pre-requisites



## COURSE PLACEMENT & SELECTION PROCESS (JANUARY - MARCH 2024)

**Your Fall Semester Grades & MAP scores will determine your 10th grade academic course placement.**

**Review the Pre-Reqs for 10th Grade Classes NOW while fall semester grades are still in progress**

- **January**: 10th grade academic course placements will be assigned based on Fall Semester Final grades and MAP scores
  - **January-February**: Students & Parents will receive their assigned academic placements for next year and select elective pathway courses for 10th grade schedules
  - **February**: Academic Planning Sessions for rising 10th Grade parents will be offered
  - **March**: Opportunity for students to Add/Drop classes to 10th Grade schedule
- \*\*NO CHANGES PERMITTED IN AUGUST\*\***

# THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

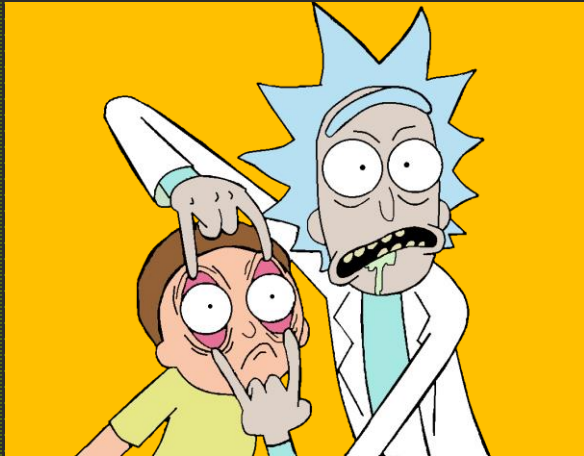


A transcript is a complete summary of your complete academic record.

- Every HS course attempted
- When and where each course was taken
- Final semester grade for each course
- Credits earned
- GPA
- Class rank

Student Information				#0192 North Atlanta High School			
		Course	Mark	Weight	Credit		
<b>2016-2017 Grade 09 Term 2</b>							
		23.0610002 9th Lit/Comp	85	0.5000	0.5		
		45.0570041 Am Gov/Civ H	72	0.5000	0.5		
		54.0241002 Beginning Women's Chorus I	100	0.5000	0.5		
		26.0120042 Biology H	84	0.5000	0.5		
		27.0991042 GSE Geom H	86	0.5000	0.5		
		36.0510001 Personal Fitness	97	0.5000	0.5		
		60.0730042 Spanish 3 H	93	0.5000	0.5		
		52.0210002 Theatre Arts I	97	0.5000	0.5		
		45.3830001 World History A V	85	0.5000	0.5		
		Credit: 4.600 GPA: 88.778 U/W GPA: 88.778					
<b>GPA Summary</b>							
Cumulative GPA (Weighted)		87.412					
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)		87.412					
<b>Enrollment Summary</b>							
Start/End Date	Grade	School					
08/04/2014-	07	Willis A. Sutton Middle School					
08/05/2015-	08	Willis A. Sutton Middle School					
08/03/2016-	09	North Atlanta High School					
08/01/2017-	10	North Atlanta High School					
<b>#3067 Willis A. Sutton Middle School</b>							
Course		Mark	Weight	Credit			
<b>2015-2016 Grade 08 Term 2</b>							
		27.0990000 GSE Algebra I	82	0.0000	0.5		
		60.0710089 Spanish 8 HS I B	96	0.0000	0.5		
		Credit: 1.000 GPA: 0.0000 U/W GPA: 0.0000					
<b>2015-2016 Grade 08 Term 4</b>							
		27.0990000 GSE Algebra I	77	0.0000	0.5		
		60.0710089 Spanish 8 HS I B	89	0.0000	0.5		
		Credit: 1.000 GPA: 0.0000 U/W GPA: 0.0000					
<b>#0192 North Atlanta High School</b>							
Course		Mark	Weight	Credit			
<b>2016-2017 Grade 09 Term 1</b>							
		23.0610001 9th Lit/Comp	80	0.5000	0.5		
		54.0241001 Beginning Women's Chorus I	100	0.5000	0.5		
		26.0120041 Biology H	73	0.5000	0.5		
		17.0110001 General Health	85	0.5000	0.5		
		27.0991041 GSE Geom H	79	0.5000	0.5		
		60.0730041 Spanish 3 H	88	0.5000	0.5		
		52.0210001 Theatre Arts I	92	0.5000	0.5		
		45.0711041 World Geography H	90	0.5000	0.5		
		Credit: 4.000 GPA: 86.876 U/W GPA: 86.876					
<b>Credit Summary</b>							
Curriculum Program: GA High School Diploma							
<b>Default 2015</b>	<b>Attempted</b>	<b>Earned</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Remaining</b>			
<b>ENGLISH/LANGUAGE</b>							
ARTS	1.000	1.000	4.000	3.000			
MATH	1.000	1.000	4.000	3.000			
SCIENCE	1.000	1.000	4.000	3.000			
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>							
STUDIES	1.500	1.500	3.000	1.500			
<b>PHYSICAL ED/HEALTH</b>							
ED/HEALTH	1.000	1.000	1.500	0.500			
<b>MODERN LANGUAGE</b>							
LANGUAGE	1.000	1.000	2.000	1.000			
<b>CAREER/MOD LANG/FINE</b>							
ART	2.000	2.000	1.000	0.000			
ELECTIVE	2.000	2.000	4.000	2.000			
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>							
LRNG	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.500			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.500</b>	<b>10.500</b>	<b>24.000</b>	<b>14.500</b>			
<b>Comments</b>							
Grade Legends—Current: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, F=0-69, S=Satisfactory—(1999-Dec.2006: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=74-79, D=70-73, F=0-69)—((Prior to 1999: A=92-100, B=83-91, C=74-82, D=70-73, F=0-69))—Class Rank as shown at the end of the transcript is calculated using numerical grades and is not final or official until a student completes all graduation requirements.—AP courses carry a weight of 10 extra points added to the final grade each semester.							

# TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



What happens when a student fails a class?

What happens when a student retakes a class they failed?

What happens when a student fails a class that is an elective?

Student Information				#0192 North Atlanta High School			
				Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
<b>Student Number:</b>				<b>2019-2020 Grade 10 Term 2</b>			
<b>Birthdate:</b>				45.0830002 World History	96	0.5000	0.5
<b>State ID:</b>				Credit: 4.000 GPA: 83.875 U/W GPA: 83.875			
<b>Diploma Type:</b>				<b>2020-2021 Grade 11 Term 1</b>			
<b>Diploma Date:</b>				10.5191005 AV Tech/Film II	83	0.5000	0.5
				27.0992005 GSE Alg II	95	0.5000	0.5
				36.0210005 Lifetime Sports	97	0.5000	0.5
				40.0810005 Physics I	90	0.5000	0.5
				Credit: 2.000 GPA: 91.250 U/W GPA: 91.250			
				<b>2020-2021 Grade 11 Term 2</b>			
				10.5191005 AV Tech/Film II	81	0.5000	0.5
				27.0992005 GSE Alg II	98	0.5000	0.5
				40.0810005 Physics I	90	0.5000	0.5
				45.0812006 U.S. History in Film	76	0.5000	0.5
				Credit: 2.000 GPA: 86.250 U/W GPA: 86.250			
				<b>2020-2021 Grade 11 Term 3</b>			
				23.0510045 Amer Lit/Comp H	84	0.5000	0.5
				45.0310005 Sociology	85	0.5000	0.5
				60.0720005 Spanish II	73	0.5000	0.5
				45.0810005 U.S. History	76	0.5000	0.5
				Credit: 2.000 GPA: 79.500 U/W GPA: 79.500			
				<b>2020-2021 Grade 11 Term 4</b>			
				23.0510045 Amer Lit/Comp H	93	0.5000	0.5
				36.0270005 Rec Games	85	0.5000	0.5
				60.0720005 Spanish II	70	0.5000	0.5
				45.0810005 U.S. History	76	0.5000	0.5
				Credit: 2.000 GPA: 81.000 U/W GPA: 81.000			
				<b>#9992 Atlanta Virtual Summer Academy</b>			
				Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
				<b>2018-2019 Grade 09 Term 1</b>			
				26.3120081 Biology A CR	76	0.5000	0.5
				Credit: .500 GPA: 76.000 U/W GPA: 76.000			
				<b>#9991 Atlanta Virtual Academy</b>			
				Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
				<b>Grade 10 Term 2</b>			
				27.3991081 GSE Geom A V CR	74	0.5000	0.5
				45.3830081 World History A CR	80	0.5000	0.5
				Credit: 1.000 GPA: 77.000 U/W GPA: 77.000			
				<b>Comments</b>			
				Grade Legend--A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, F=0-69, S=Satisfactory			

# A FEW GOOD REASONS TO CARE ABOUT YOUR TRANSCRIPT...



## Eligibility for College/Career Readiness Opportunities:

- Programs such as IB, Dual Enrollment, and ACCA have a GPA requirement to participate



## Applying to College

- You will be required to send your transcript to every college you apply to as part of your application.



## Academic & Merit Scholarships:

- The HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships have minimum GPA requirements



## NCAA Eligibility:

- College level athletes must meet HS academic standards set by the NCAA to participate in college athletics



# NAHS ACADEMIC AND COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PROGRAMS



**IB Diploma Programme (IBDP)**

**IB Career Related Programme (IBCP)**

**Individual IB or AP Courses**

**Dual Enrollment Program (DE)**

**Atlanta College & Career Academy (ACCA)**

**Work Based Learning (WBL)**



# The Georgia Hope & Zell Miller Scholarships

## HOPE Eligibility:

- **3.0 HOPE GPA (Core Academic Classes Only)**
- Meet course GA Student Finance Commission rigor requirement

## Zell Miller Eligibility:

- **3.7 HOPE GPA (Core Academic Classes Only)**
- Meet course GA Student Finance Commission rigor requirement
- Combined SAT score of at least 1200 (critical reading score and math-no super scoring) OR ACT of at least 26



## NEW APS Service Hour Guidelines: effective December 1, 2022

### 75 Total Service Hours

- Doing or performing an act for the benefit of others
- Is not self-serving and directly benefits one or more individuals
- Does not occur during instructional time (unless planned as part of a large school activity)
- Is not related to routine tasks or requirements that students are expected to complete
- Does not result in compensation (monetary or otherwise)
- Is meaningful or contributes to the betterment of the school or larger surrounding community

### Students will use the My VolunTier App to...

- Find & Sign Up for community service opportunities
- Verify and Log all of Community Service Hours
- Track progress towards meeting the community service graduation requirement
- **All APS student service hours must be logged & verified on the MyVolunTier app**

MyVolunTier®



# THE MYVOLUNTIER APP IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS STARTING DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>

## MyVoluntier is accessed via the APS My Backpack

<https://launchpad.classlink.com/atlanta>

- Look for the MyVoluntier Icon
- Login using your APS student email and Lunch #
  - Email Example: SMarino1234@apsk12.org
  - Password: Lunch #



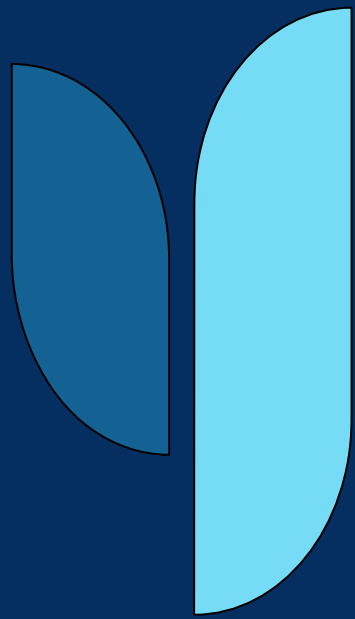
- Students will receive MyVoluntier info & demo video in Advisement on Jan 17
  - Service hours completed after Jan 17, 2023 must be logged in MyVoluntier
  - Service Hours completed prior to Jan 17, 2023 and logged on hard copy Community Service Log WILL BE honored IF submitted by Jan 20, 2023
- \*\*After Jan 20, 2023 service hours recorded anywhere other than MyVoluntier WILL NOT COUNT\*\***

# CLASS OF 2026



Mark your  
calendar with  
these  
important  
freshman  
year dates,  
deadlines  
and events!

- Nov 28-Dec 9: Counselor Classroom Lessons (High School 101, YouScience Results & Career Match)
- **Dec 1: My VolunTier App goes live**
- **Dec 10: Applerouth Mock PSAT at NAHS (Sign Up Online)**
- Dec 13-16: Semester 1 Final Exams
- **Dec 16: End of Semester 1**
- Jan 3: Start of Semester 2
- **Jan 5: Semester 1 Report Cards**
- **Jan 17: My VolunTier App Student Training (Advisement)**
- **Jan 20: Deadline to submit Hard Copy Community Service Hour Logs**
- **Jan 30-Feb 3: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Registration & Selection**
- Feb 6-8: Rising 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Scheduling Info Sessions
- **Mar 15-17: Add/Drop for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule Change Requests**
- **March 28: Pre-ACT 8/9 (All 9<sup>th</sup> Graders)\*\***
- Apr 25-May 5: Georgia End of Course Milestone Testing (Algebra 1 & Biology)
- Apr-May: Summer School & AVA Course Registration
- May 23-26: Semester 2 Final Exams
- **May 26: End of Semester 2**
- **June 1: Semester 2 Report Cards**



you  
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## YOUSCIENCE HELPS YOU TO ANSWER...

- Who are you?
- What are your interests?
- What are your strengths?
- What are your talents?
- What skills come easily to you?
- What careers best match my personal traits and characteristics?



# LET'S GET STARTED...

## LOG IN TO YOUR YOUSCIENCE RESULTS

Sign into My Backpack and  
Log into Your Infinite Campus



On left menu bar click **MORE**,  
then click SLDS portal on the right  
side under Quick Links



Click My Career Plan then Go To  
YouScience.

• This will bring you to the Welcome Screen  
Below for you to start reviewing your results.

The YouScience logo features the word "youscience" in a lowercase, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "y" is stylized with a long, curved tail that loops back under the "o".

You have a lot to offer - and we're here to help you tell the world. Check out your options below and start exploring all the things that make you AWESOME.



#### OPPORTUNITIES

Explore industry opportunities that align with your certifications, aptitudes, and interests.

#### WELCOME BACK!

We've done the math - and you have a lot to offer! Let's explore the mix of talents and interest that makes you, you!



Interpersonal Style



Talents



Work Approach

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#### BEST FIT CAREERS



Explore over 500 awesome options to help you imagine what you can be.

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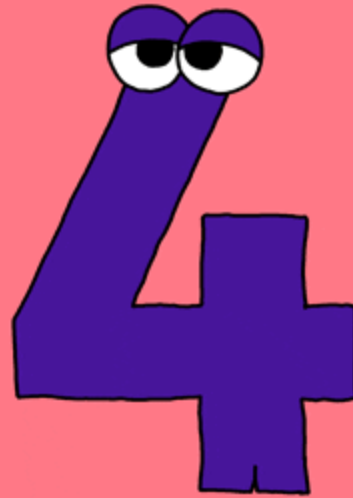
COLLEGES



**HOW DOES THIS TOOL WORK???**  
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# EXPLORING CAREERS THAT FIT YOU



**MAKE SURE YOU SAVE AT  
LEAST 4 CAREERS!!!**