

9th Grade Course Selection

Class of 2026

North Atlanta High School

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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*



Most classes you will 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)

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)

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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



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 individual 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 so you know exactly what you are signing up for.**
- ▶ 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 very low
- ▶ Have 2-3 Pathways in mind in case you are unable to be scheduled for your top choice
- ▶ **Remember there are NO SCHEDULE CHANGES 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

No changes will be accepted after March 15

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

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

English/Lang Arts Placement Guidelines



9th Grade Lit/Comp

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

Reading & Writing 1

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

Science Placement Guidelines



Biology

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

Social Studies Placement Guidelines

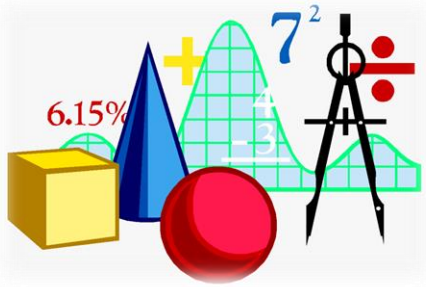


**All 9th Graders are required
to take both:**

**American Govt
(1 Semester)**

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

There are no Honors level classes offered for these classes



Math Placement Guidelines

Students Currently taking 8th Grade Math

Algebra 1 AND Algebra 1 Support:

- Required class for students scoring at defined level on the GA Milestones 8th Grade Math EOG

Algebra 1

- Score Proficient (Level 3) on 8th Grade EOG in Math

FAST TRACK Math: Algebra 1 & Geometry Honors**

- 90+ course average in 8th grade Math
- Score Distinguished (92+) on 8th Grade EOG in Math (or defined level of performance on NAHS Placement Test)

Students Currently taking Algebra 1

Geometry Honors*

- Successful completion of GSE Algebra I

FAST TRACK Math: Geometry Honors & Algebra 2**

- Score Distinguished (92+) on Algebra 1 End of Course (EOC) test (or defined level of performance on NAHS Placement Test)
- EOC scores of 88-91 may be considered after taking a math assessment with North Atlanta

Health & Phys Ed



**Health (1 Semester) and
Personal Fitness (1 Semester)**

JROTC 1

- Must Complete JROTC Pathway to exempt Health/Personal Fitness Requirement

World Language



Arabic 1

Chinese 1

Spanish for
Native
Speakers 1

French

French 1

French 2*

French 3*

Spanish

Spanish 1

Spanish 2*

Spanish 3*

****IMPORTANT****

If you took and passed a World Language class in MS, you already have HS credit and cannot retake the same level class. You must move up to the next level class.

6th Grade = Level 1
7th Grade = Level 2 Part A
8th Grade = Level 2 Part B
9th Grade = Level 3*

6th Grade = Level 1
(No World Lang in 7th & 8th)
9th Grade = Level 2**

8th Grade Only = Level 1
9th Grade = Level 2

- **Level 3***: English IS NOT spoken by the teacher in Level 3+ World Language classes. All instruction and communication in the class is in that language.
- **Level 2****: Students in Level 2 are required to recall and apply what was learned in Level 1, even if they have not been in the class since 6th grade. Having been removed from a language for 2 years can make this very difficult for students.



Pathway Classes

Before you mark your form...
Review the course description
provided to make sure you
are selecting the correct
pathway.



Fine Arts Pathways:

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



Career Tech Pathways:

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

Elective:

**Do Not Select the Same Class
You Chose for your Pathway**

Fine Arts

Band

Chorus

Dance

Guitar

Orchestra

Theater

Visual Arts

Career Tech

Audio Visual
Tech& Film

Business &
Technology

Digital
Technology

Graphic Design

Journalism

JROTC

Academic

AP Human
Geography*

(FAST TRACK
Math*)

AP Human Geography 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 When Selecting 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**



Alternative Pathway & Elective Choices

If there is a schedule conflict that cannot be resolved, we need to know what other pathway or elective classes you would be interested in.



Pick 3 alternate classes you would like to have as your backup choices.



Mark them in the order of your preference: #1, #2 and #3

- Band
- Chorus
- Dance
- #1** Guitar
- Orchestra
- Theater
- Visual Arts

- #3** Audio Visual Tech/Film
- Business & Technology
- Digital Technology
- Graphic Design
- #2** Journalism
- JROTC

What if there aren't enough spots to fit all the classes you need or want?

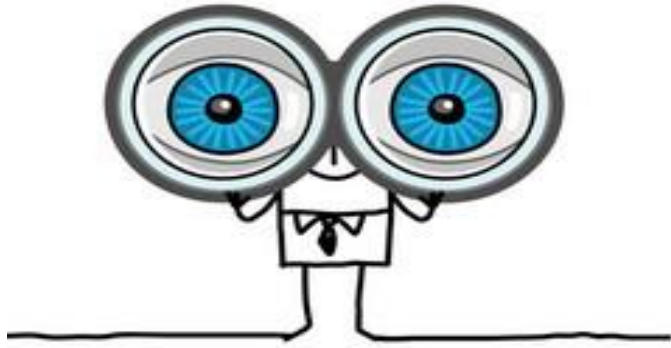


Fast Track Math & AP Human Geography

- Students taking Fast-Track Math or Human Geography may opt to take Personal Fitness and Health online this summer to make room for a pathway or elective class.
- All online classes are scheduled with Atlanta Virtual Academy (AVA)
- **Registration for all Summer AVA classes will be done with Ms Pannier at Sutton** (Summer AVA class info will be available in April after spring break)

Academic Support Classes

- Math Support and/or Reading/Writing **will automatically be added to eligible student schedules** once EOG scores are received.
- Students cannot opt out of Math Support or Reading/Writing classes
- Students required to take both Support classes and did not take world language in MS can choose to take a Pathway class in its place in 9th grade. Student would then need to start their World Language in 10th grade.



Carefully Review

All your marks &
selections on
your Course
Request Form



Make sure your name is at the top



8 total class credits requested; 1.0 in
each subject



3 alternative pathway/elective classes
chosen



If you plan on taking Health and Personal Fitness
online over the summer to make room for FAST
TRACK Math &/or AP Human, **write that in the
Special Notes section**



**When you have finished filling out your
course request form, take a picture of
your sheet to share with your parents**

GRADE 9

COURSE

SELECTION

RISING 9TH GRADE PARENT Q&A POP-IN SESSIONS

MS MARINO WILL BE HOLDING A SERIES OF Q&A ZOOM SESSIONS FOR RISING 9TH GRADE PARENTS. THESE SESSIONS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE PARENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THEIR STUDENT'S 9TH GRADE COURSE PLACEMENT & SELECTION.

If you have any questions about academic class placement, course selection process & timeline and/or general high school schedule questions, please join one of these upcoming sessions. Ms Marino will not be able to accommodate requests for individual parent meetings.



<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Times:</u>
Wed, Feb 16	9:00-10:00am
Thurs, Feb 24	9:00-10:00am
Fri, Feb 25	9:00-10:00am
Tues, Mar 1	3:30-4:30pm
Wed, Mar 2	3:30-4:30pm
Thurs, Mar 3	3:30-4:30pm

Zoom Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/tz6utkm6>

Meeting ID: 883 9155 6338
Passcode: 813346

Scan QR Code for Zoom Session



Q&A Zoom Pop-In Sessions

LA SRA. MARINO LLEVARÁ A CABO UNA SERIE DE SESIONES ZOOM DE PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS PARA LOS PADRES HISPANOHABLANTES DE FUTUROS ESTUDIANTES DE 9º GRADO.

ESTAS SESIONES ESTÁN DESTINADAS A BRINDAR A NUESTRAS FAMILIAS LATINAS, LA OPORTUNIDAD DE HACER PREGUNTAS SOBRE LA SELECCIÓN DE CURSOS DE 9º GRADO DE SUS ESTUDIANTES. EL SR. GALBAN, ENLACE DE FAMILIAS DE NAHS, ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE PARA INTERPRETAR Y ASISTIR.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la asignación de clases académicas, el proceso de selección de cursos y el cronograma o sobre el horario general de la escuela preparatoria, por favor acompañenos en una de estas próximas sesiones.



<u>Fechas:</u>	<u>Horarios:</u>
miércoles, 16 de febrero	6:00-7:00 pm.
miércoles, 2 de marzo	6:00-7:00 pm.

Where to find NAHS scheduling info for rising 9th graders

GO TO THE NAHS WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.ATLANTAPUBLICSCHOOLS.US/NORTHATLANTA](https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/northatlanta)



**CLICK ON THE
COUNSELING TAB**

A screenshot of the North Atlanta High School website. The header features the school's logo (a stylized 'NA' in a circle) and the text 'North Atlanta High School Home of the Warriors'. To the right of the logo are links for 'Translate' and 'Sign In', and buttons for 'District Home' and 'Choose Your School'. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with white text for 'ABOUT NAHS', 'ACADEMICS', 'ATHLETICS', 'COMMUNITY', 'SCHOOL LIFE', 'ANNOUNCEMENTS', and 'GOVERNANCE TEAM'. A search icon is on the far right. Below this bar, the 'COUNSELING' and 'CALENDAR' tabs are visible, with 'COUNSELING' circled in green. The main content area features a large yellow banner, a photo of students walking in a hallway with a sign for 'CAFETERIA PARKING DECK', and a dark image of the school building with the text 'North Atlanta High School' overlaid. Navigation arrows are at the bottom right of the main content area.