## Freshman Classroom

 Guidance - Part 1 ©
## Class of 2026

## CHS Counseling Program Overview

## Courses, Credits, and Promotion

## Additional Tips

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## What is the most difficult part of being a student at Centennial?

 Getting to class
people lots of work Keeping up with work work and somany classes

## Student Support

## Grades 9-12



## How to Earn Credits

In middle school, grades are calculated using a system of averages.

- Example $8^{\text {th }}$ grade English
- Semester 1 (Aug-Dec):60 (F)
- Semester 2 (Jan-May): 8o (B)
- Yearly Ave: 70 (C)
- Student passes classfor the year (earns 1.0 credit of 8th grade English).

In high school, grades are not averaged... Each semester is independent.

- Example $9^{\text {th }}$ grade English
- Semester 1 (Aug-Dec): 60 (F)
- Semester 2 (Jan-May): 80 (B)
- No Yearly Average
- Student fails $1^{\text {st }}$ semester; passes $2^{\text {nd }}$ semester (only earns . 5 credit and is required to retake first semester of $9^{\text {th }}$ grade English).


## How to Earn Credits

| First Semester (Aug - Dec) | Second Semester (Jan - May) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Period $1(.5)$ | Period $1(.5)$ |
| Period $2(.5)$ | Period $2(.5)$ |
| Period $3(.5)$ | Period $3(.5)$ |
| Period $4(.5)$ | Period $4(.5)$ |
| Period $5(.5)$ | Period $5(.5)$ |
| Period $6(.5)$ | Period $6(.5)$ |

You can earn 3.0 credits per semester. You can earn 3.0 credits per semester.
You can earn 6.0 credits per school year.
You need total of $\mathbf{2 3 . 0}$ credits to graduate.

## Middle School Credits

## High School credits earned in Middle School

- Students can earn HS credits for math, science, world languages, and/or certain electives.
- 7 th and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade world language equals 1.0 HS credit.
- 7 points will be added to all passing grades in honors classes.
- You can view transcripts in Infinite Campus under "Documents."

| \#9990 Holcomb Bridge Middle School |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Course | Mark Attemplea | Credli |
| 2017-2018 Grade 08 \$2 |  |  |
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| 21.4250000 FndtusEEginn/Tech | $97 \quad 0.5000$ | 0.5 |
| 60.0110000 French 1 | $97 \quad 0.5000$ | 0.5 |
| 40.2110004P Phys Sci H | 1040.5000 | 0.5 |
| Credile 2.000 GPA: 99.500 |  |  |
| 2017-2018 Grade 088 |  |  |
| 23.2610040 9h LitiComp H | 1000.5000 | 0.5 |
| 21.4250000 FndtrsEEginin/Tech | 1000.5000 | 0.5 |
| 60.0110000 French 1 | 98.0 .5000 | 0.5 |
| 40.2110040 Plys Sci H | 1030.5000 | 0.5 |
| Credil: 2.000 GPA: 100.250 |  |  |

## HOPE \& Zell Miller Scholarships

## HOPE

3.0 GPA in core classes

Funding depends on the school with award limits

Private vs. Public
DOES NOT COVER 100\%

## ZELL MILLER

3.7 GPA in core classes

SAT score of 1200 combined (no super score) or ACT of 26 or valedictorian or salutatorian
Award limits
Public = full tuition
Private $=$ tuition assistance

## BOTH HOPE \& ZELL MILLER

- Receive credit for 4 classes that meet the HOPE \& Zell Miller rigor requirement.
- Complete the FAFSA

~How to keep track of the credits you earn~


3 Credits are possible each semester

6 Credits are possible each year



## Credits not earned (must be taken again)

## Promotion and Grade Level

Seniors ( $12^{\text {th }}$ Grade):
17.0 or more credits

> Juniors ( $11^{\text {th }}$ Grade):
> $11.0-16.5$ credits

Sophomores ( $10^{\text {th }}$ Grade):

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5.0-10.5 \text { credits }
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Freshmen (9 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade):

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\text { o - } 4.5 \text { credits }
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## Group Activity



- How many credits did the student have at the end of first semester?
- How many credits did the student have at the end of 9th grade?
- Did the student have enough credits to be promoted to 10th grade?
- Do you think this student will get into the college of her choice? Why or why not?
- What do you think this student's senior year schedule will look like?


## Transcript A



- How many credits did the student have at the end of first semester?
- How many credits did the student have at the end of $9^{\text {th }}$ grade?
- Did the student have enough credits to be promoted to $10^{\text {th }}$ grade?
- Do you think this student will get into the college of her choice? Why or why not?
- What do you think this student's senior year schedule will look like?


# Transcript A: Senior Year Schedule 

## Transcript B



- How many credits did the student have at the end of first semester?
- How many credits did the student have at the end of $9^{\text {th }}$ grade?
- Did the student have enough credits to be promoted to $10^{\text {th }}$ grade?
- Do you think this student will get into the college of her choice? Why or why not?
- What do you think this student's senior year schedule will look like?


## Transcript B: Senior Year Schedule

## MATH

## SCIENCE

## SOCIAL STUDIES

## ELECTIVE

## ELECTIVE


－Students planning to attend a Univeristy Systom of Georgia colloge／university or any out of state 4 year college／university directly after high school must take 2 credits of the same world language to meet admission requirements．
－ 3 Credits must fulfill requirements of a pathway as determined by the FCBOE

Total Credits Required to Graduate： 23
The If you do not pass a class，you do not earn the credit．

Each semester grade $=.5$ credit

Passing both semesters of a class $=1$ credit
F－2．

## Required Academic Classes

## Language Arts (4 Crediits)

$9^{\text {th }}$ Grade Lit \& Comp
$10^{\text {th }}$ Grade Lit \& Comp
11 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade/American Lit
Senior Level Lang Arts Course
(ex: AP Literature, College English, Dramatic Writing or World Lit/Mult Lit)

## Required Academic Classes

## Mathematics (4 Credits)



## Honors <br> Algebra Honors (8)

Geometry Honors (9)

Algebra 2 Honors (10)

Precalculus Honors (11)

## Accelerated

Accelerated
Algebra/Geometry A
Honors (8 or 9)
Accelerated Geometry B/Algebra 2 Honors
(9 or 10)
Accelerated PreCalculus Honors (10 or 11)

## AP Math or Dual Enrollment Math

## Required Academic Classes

## Science (4 Credits)

Biology


Physical Science or Physics
Chemistry, Environmental Sci, Earth Systems or an AP Science class

Approved $4^{\text {th }}$ Science Course

## Required Academic Classes

## Social Studies (3 Credits)

- Government (1 semester)
-World History
- US History

Economics (1 semester)


## Fine Arts



## Career Technology (CTAE)

$\underset{\text { Tech \& Film }}{\text { Audio/Video }}$

## Business Accounting

## Computer Science

Food \& Nutrition

## JROTC

Web \& Digital
Design

## World Languages



French: 1, 2, 3, 4, AP

## Spanish: 1, 2, 3, 4, AP

## German: 1, 2, 3, 4, AP

Honors courses exist in level II and higher

## Additional Required Classes

## Physical education (1 credit)



## General Health

(1 semester)
Personal Fitness
(1 semester)
*Personal Fitness exemption information
can be found mycentennialcounseling.com.


## Factors in College Admissions



## General Tips

## Get connected to Centennial

Join at least one club/activity first semester. Additional information can be found on the "Activities" link on www.chsknights.com.

## Reach out for help and be accountable

Now that you are in high school, it is important that you take ownership of your education and learn to advocate for yourself. Please reach out to your teacher when you have concerns about an assignment, quiz, or test.

## Set a daily routine

Check your school email every day
Arrive on time to your classes every day and participate
Complete/submit assignments and study
Check Infinite Campus and Teams every day to make sure all assignments have been submitted

Practice self care: This is a difficult time, so make sure you take care of yourself!

## Roadblocks and Detours to Earning the Money

Being absent and not making up work, tests, and quizzes

Not completing homework and projects

Not studying

Not seeking additional help

Poor time management

## Zeroes!!!

## Education and Income

## Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2021

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## Classroom Guidance Review

| Question | Answer |
| :---: | :---: |
| Who is your counselor? | Last name A - Co (Giles) <br> Last name CP - H (Ekpo) <br> Last name I - NH (Ruppe) <br> Last name NI - SI (Freeman) <br> Last name SJ - Z (Peart) |
| How many credits can you earn in one |  |
| semester? |  |$\quad 3$ credits.

## Moving Forward

Please remember to check www.mycentennialcounseling.com regularly and click on "Contact Us" to email your counselor.

Freshmen will all take the PSAT on October 25, 2022.
Progress reports will come out again in November. Final exams will be in December.


## Please complete

the post-test survey. Thank you!

## Stay Connected to Counselors

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