



Centennial High School

2010-2011 New Student Quick Reference Guide

2011-2012 School Calendar

Aug 8-12: Teacher Workdays/
Preplanning

Aug 11: Orientation

Aug 15: 1st Day of School

Sept 5: Labor Day Holiday

Sept 12-13: GA High School
Graduation Test (GHS GT) Retest

Sept 27: GA High School
Graduation Writing Test (GHS GWT)

Oct 17: Teacher Workday (students
off)

Oct 12: PSAT

Nov 7-8: GA High School
Graduation Test (GHS GT) Retest

Nov 23-25: Thanksgiving Holidays

Dec 12-15: End of Course Tests
(EOCT)

Dec 22: End of 1st Semester

Dec 23-Jan 3: Winter Break

Jan 4: Teacher Workday (students
off)

Jan 5: 1st Day of Second Semester

Jan 17: Martin Luther King Jr
Holiday

Feb 17: Teacher/Student Holiday
(schools closed)

Feb 20: Presidents Day Holiday
(schools closed)

Feb 29: GHS GWT Retest

Mar 9: Teacher Workday (students
off)

Mar 19-23: GHS GT

Apr 2-6: Spring Break

Apr 30-May 4: End of Course Tests
(EOCT)

May 7-18: AP Exams

May 16-18: Final Exams

May 18: Last Day of School



Centennial High School

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High School CEEB Code **112623**

Fulton County School District

Centennial Bell Schedule

Period	Schedule for Mon, Wed, Fri (52 Minute Classes)	Schedule for Tues & Thurs (57 Minute Classes)
1st Period	8:35—9:27	8:35—9:33
2nd Period/Seminar*	9:32—10:03	N/A
3rd Period	10:08—11:00	9:38—10:35
4th Period	11:05—11:57	10:40—11:37
5th Period	12:02—12:54	11:42—12:39
6th Period	12:59—1:51	12:44—1:41
7th Period	1:56—2:48	1:46—2:43
8th Period	2:53—3:45	2:48—3:45

Student are allowed six minutes to transition between classes. The minute warning bell will ring after five minutes.

*What is seminar?

The Seminar period is a short 31 minute class that will meet three times a week in nine week increments. Students may sign up for a variety of "seminars" offered by the staff, community members, or possibly other students under the supervision of a staff member. Seminar does not appear on student transcripts and students do not receive academic credit for seminar.

Seminar will be a designated block of time, **3 days a week**, for all students to receive academic support and participate in various programs. During Seminar, students will attend either remediation sessions or attend a seminar of their choosing which focuses on a particular topic (see [sample seminar topics](http://seminars.chsknights.com/index.asp) at <http://seminars.chsknights.com/index.asp>; individual enrichment/study hall is included as an elective seminar option). On days when necessary, advisement will take place during the Seminar time period.

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CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS 2010-2011



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Graduation Requirements

The course requirements listed below apply to students in the graduating **Class of 2012 and beyond.**

FULTON COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (CLASS of 2012 and BEYOND) - 23 Total Carnegie Units Needed -

LANGUAGE ARTS (4 Units)			
Class	Number of Units Required		
9 th Grade Literature/Comp	1 unit	\$1	\$2
10 th Grade Literature/Comp	1 unit	\$1	\$2
11 th Grade Amer. Literature/Comp	1 unit	\$1	\$2
12 th Grade Literature	1 unit	\$1	\$2
MATH (4 Units)			
GPS Algebra	1 unit	\$1	\$2
GPS Geometry	1 unit	\$1	\$2
GPS Advanced Algebra	1 unit	\$1	\$2
4 th GPS Math (TBD)	1 unit	\$1	\$2
SCIENCE (4 Units)			
Biology	1 unit	\$1	\$2
Physical Science or Physics	1 unit	\$1	\$2
Chemistry, Environmental Science, Earth Systems or AP Science Course	1 unit	\$1	\$2
4 th Science Course or a state approved CTAE course	1 unit	\$1	\$2
SOCIAL STUDIES (3 Units)			
American Government	1/2 unit		
World History	1 unit	\$1	\$2
US History	1 unit	\$1	\$2
Economics	1/2 unit		
CTAE and/or WORLD LANGUAGE and/or FINE ARTS (3 Units)			
(Students planning on enter or transfer into a 4 year college/university must take 2 units of the same world language)			
	1 unit	\$1	\$2
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	1 unit	\$1	\$2
ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSES (5 Units)			
Health	1/2 unit		
Personal Fitness	1/2 unit		
Electives	4 Units		

All students seeking a Georgia high schools diploma must pass the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHSWGT) and at least one End of Course Test in each of 4 areas:

Language Arts • Math • Science • Social Studies

Fulton County Grading Scale & Grade Placement

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade
A	90-above
B	80-89
C	70-79
F	Below 70
W	Withdrew
INC	Incomplete
NG	No Grade (no transfer grade or on roster <20 days in the grading period)

Students stay with their class for all school activities for the Freshman year only. Placement beyond freshman year will be determined strictly by the number of credits the student earns.

9th Graders/Freshmen:	Students with 0 - 4.5 credits
10th Graders/Sophomores:	Students with 5.0 - 9.5 credits
11th Graders/Juniors:	Students with 10.0 - 15.5 credits
12th Graders/Seniors:	Students with 16.0+ credits

*Students will only be promoted at the end of the school year.

2011-12 Grading Timeline

Aug 15: Start of 1st Semester

Sept 29: 6 Week Progress Report

Nov 14: 12 Week Progress Report

Dec 20-22: Semester Final Exams

Dec 22: End of 1st Semester

Jan 9: 1st Semester Report Cards Mailed Home

Jan 5: Start of 12nd Semester

Feb 23: 6 Week Progress Report

Apr 13: 12 Week Progress Report

May 16-18: Final Exams

May 18: End of 2nd Semester

May 25: 2nd Semester Report Cards Mailed Home



Handbook Highlights



There are some rules, policies and procedures that are unique to every school. To help make a smooth transition into a new school it is very important to become familiar with that school's student handbook. Here are a few highlights from

Recovery Policy

Any student with an average of 74 or below at the end of the 6 or 12 week grading period may be eligible for a recovery plan designed to provide additional opportunity for master of the course objectives. See **page 6** of the student handbook for information.

Tardiness to School/ Tardiness to Class

School begins promptly at 8:35. If you are late to school, you must stop at the Attendance Window and receive a late pass prior to going to your class.

Students receive 5 minutes between classes and are expected to be in class when the bell rings. *Running through the door as the bell rings is considered a tardy!* Please see **page 13** for more details about consequences for being tardy for class.

Attendance Office

The Attendance Office window is located in the main entrance hallway between the front office and the Assistant Principals' offices. The Attendance Office is open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. The Attendance Office phone number is 770-650-4230 extension 123. School starts promptly at 8:40 a.m. A warning bell is sounded 5 minutes before school starts.

If a student has an appointment during the school day, the student must present a note from a parent/guardian to the attendance window AT LEAST TWO HOURS BEFORE the expected release time from school.

Centennial High School allows TEN parental notes per school year. A parental/guardian note is any note from a parent/guardian that requests an excused reason for a check in/out, and/or excused reason(s) for any full day absences. Every time a note from a parent/guardian is turned into the attendance office for an excused appointment and/or an excused absence, it will be counted as one parental/guardian note towards the maximum allowable ten authorized days.

Please see **pages 12-13** for more details about attendance procedures and requirements.

Unexcused vs. Excused Absences

If you have 10 or more unexcused absences in a given school year, you cannot receive your Certificate of Attendance from the attendance office until you have two consecutive school years with fewer than 10 days of unexcused absences. The Certificate of Attendance is required by the Georgia DMV when you go to take your learner's permit and/or driver's license tests. In the state of Georgia, you **CANNOT** receive your learner's permit or your driver's license without the Certificate of Attendance.

Cell Phones & other Electronic Devices

Students are not permitted to use, openly display, or leave cell phones in the "on" position during instructional or testing time. Under no circumstances shall students be allowed to use their cell phone for voice calls or photographing during the school day from 8:00-3:45. *Confiscated cell phones will only be returned to a parent/guardian.*

Listening devices such as iPods and MP3 please are strictly prohibited during instructional or testing time. Student may use the listening devices before school, during lunch or during passing time.

Be sure to see **page 16** of the handbook for a list of consequences for breaking these rules.

Dress Code

- Shorts/Skirts should be no shorter than mid-thigh when in sitting/Shorts must be hemmed and mid-thigh length
- No form fitting clothing (i.e. tights, jeggings or leggings worn as pants)
- Tank-tops must have straps that are at least as wide as the first 3 fingers of your hand.
- Personal undergarments and skin in the midriff area must not be visible
- No hats, caps or head covering of any type are to be worn in the building
- Accessories such as sunglasses, wallet chains, or items with spikes are also not permitted

These are just a few items...be sure to read **page 17-18** to become familiar with the **FULL** dress code at Centennial!

Time Management Tips for HS Students

It's 10:00 -- Do You Know Where Your Homework Is?

1. Make a "To Do" List Every Day.
Put things that are most important at the top and do them first. If it's easier, use a planner to track all of your tasks. And don't forget to reward yourself for your accomplishments.

2. Use Spare Minutes Wisely.
Get some reading done on the bus ride home from school, for example, and you'll kill two birds with one stone.

3. It's Okay to Say "No."
If your boss asks you to work on a Thursday night and you have a final exam the next morning, realize that it's okay to say no. Keep your short- and long-term priorities in mind.

4. Find the Right Time.
You'll work more efficiently if you figure out when you do your best work. For example, if your brain handles math better in the afternoon, don't wait to do it until late at night.

5. Review Your Notes Every Day.
You'll reinforce what you've learned, so you need less time to study. You'll also be ready if your teacher calls on you or gives a pop quiz.

6. Get a Good Night's Sleep.
Running on empty makes the day seem longer and your tasks seem more difficult.

7. Communicate Your Schedule to Others.
If phone calls are proving to be a distraction, tell your friends that you take social calls from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. It may sound silly, but it helps.

8. Become a Taskmaster.
Figure out how much free time you have each week. Give yourself a time budget and plan your activities accordingly.

9. Don't Waste Time Agonizing.
Have you ever wasted an entire evening by worrying about something that you're supposed to be doing? Was it worth it? Instead of agonizing and procrastinating, just do it.

10. Keep Things in Perspective.
Setting goals that are unrealistic sets you up for failure. While it's good to set high goals for yourself, be sure not to overdo it. Set goals that are difficult yet reachable.

Consider these tips, but personalize your habits so that they suit you. If you set priorities that fit your lifestyle, you'll have a better chance of achieving your goals.

Source: <http://www.collegeboard.com/article/0,3868,2-9-0-116,00.html>



Remember: These are just a few highlights. Be sure to become familiar with the entire handbook as soon as possible. Being familiar with the rules and guidelines of our school will help you to quickly become familiar and comfortable with the expectations of Centennial!

The GPA Mystery

Cumulative GPA

All grades on the transcript are converted from numerical grades to a 4.0 scale and averaged where an:

A=4 B=3 C=2 F=0

Core GPA

- Only English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language course grades are included
- Grades are converted to the 4.0 scale and averaged

HOPE GPA

- All English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language course grades earned in high school are counted - middle school grades do NOT count
- The Fulton County "7" points are removed from all honors, AP, and college course grades
- Numeric grades are converted to the 4.0 scale and averaged
- After additional points are removed and grade is converted, an AP grade receives an additional .5 point

Example:

AP Biology = 92

$92 - 7 = 85$

$85 = 3.0$

$3.0 + .5 = 3.5$

- To qualify for the HOPE Scholarship the HOPE GPA must be 3.0+
- Please remember that this is **not finite**, but rather a guesstimate. The GSFC determines if your student is HOPE eligible.



College Admission Testing: SAT vs. ACT

Most colleges require either the SAT or ACT. Test scores are intended to supplement the secondary school record and help admission officers put local data - such as coursework, grades, and class rank - in a national perspective.

ACT www.act.org
Designed to measure academic achievement in the areas of English, math, reading and science
Four - test exam
English (75 items, 45 min) Math Reading (40 items, 35 min) Science (40 items, 35 min) Writing - Optional (30 min)
Scoring is based on the number of right answers. No penalty for guessing
1-36 ACT Composite Score (average of four sub-area scores - does not include writing*)
English: 1-36 Reading: 1-36 Math: 1-36 Science: 1-36
*Writing Essay Subscore: 2-12
The 2008-09 registration fees are \$31.00 or \$46.00 (with writing)
Students can register either online at www.act.org or by mail. Registration booklets are available in the Guidance office. The registration should be submitted directly to ACT by the student by the specified deadline. Online registration is preferred.
The ACT is offered six times a year in September, October, December, February, April and June.

SAT www.collegeboard.com
Designed to measure reasoning abilities related to successful performance in college.
Ten - section exam
3 - Writing (60 min) 3 - Math (70 min) 3 - Critical Reading (70min) 1 - Experimental
Correct answers carry full weight while a 1/4 point penalty is applied for each incorrect answer
600-2400 SAT Composite Critical Reading + Math + Writing
400-1600 SAT Composite Critical Reading + Math
Critical Reading: 200-800 Math: 200-800 Writing: 200-800
The 2008-09 registration fee is \$45.00
Students can register either online at www.collegeboard.com or by mail. Registration booklets are available in the Guidance office. The registration should be submitted directly to College Board by the student by the specified deadline. Online registration is preferred.
The SAT is offered seven times a year in October, November, December, January, March, May, and June.

Online Resources

Q: Where can I find a free scholarship search website?

A: There are several free online scholarship search services available. Here are some recommended sites:
www.FastWeb.com
www.MeritAid.com
www.Scholarships.com
www.CollegeAnswer.com
www.AtlantaScholaships.com
www.CollegeBoard.com/Pay
www.CollegeAnswer.com



Q: Where can I find a free test preparation online?

A. www.GACollege411.org
www.satonlinecourseschool.com
www.Number2.com
www.March2Success.com

Q: What are some other college planning website?

A. www.Cappex.com
www.ecampustours.com
www.mymajors.com