



# Centennial High School

*We empower students to Discover, Think and Succeed.*

## 2012-2013 School Calendar

Aug 2-3: Teacher Workdays/  
Preplanning

Aug 9: Orientation

Aug 13: 1st Day of School

Sept 3: Labor Day Holiday

Sept 10-11: GA High School  
Graduation Test (GHS GT) Retest

Oct 3: GA High School Graduation  
Writing Test (GHS GWT)

Oct 15: Teacher Workday  
(students off)

Oct 17: PSAT

Nov 6: Election Day (students off)

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

Nov 21-23: Thanksgiving Holidays

Dec 3-6: End of Course Tests  
(EOCT)

Dec 19: End of 1st Semester

Dec 20-Jan 3: Winter Break

Jan 4: Teacher Workday (students  
off)

Jan 7: 1st Day of Second Semester

Jan 21: Martin Luther King Jr  
Holiday

Feb 15: Teacher/Student Holiday  
(schools closed)

Feb 18: Presidents Day Holiday  
(schools closed)

Feb 27: GHS GWT Retest

Mar 15: Teacher Workday  
(students off)

Mar 18-22: GHS GT

Apr 1-5: Spring Break

Apr 29-May 3: End of Course Tests  
(EOCT)

May 6-17: AP Exams

May 20-23: Final Exams

May 23: Last Day of School



## Centennial High School 2012-2013 New Student Quick Reference Guide

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**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	<b>8:30—9:22</b>	<b>8:30—9:28</b>
2nd Period/Seminar*	<b>9:27—9:58</b>	<b>N/A</b>
3rd Period	<b>10:03—10:55</b>	<b>9:33—10:30</b>
4th Period	<b>11:00—11:52</b>	<b>10:35—11:32</b>
5th Period	<b>11:57—12:49</b>	<b>11:37—12:34</b>
6th Period	<b>12:54—1:46</b>	<b>12:39—1:36</b>
7th Period	<b>1:51—2:43</b>	<b>1:41—2:38</b>
8th Period	<b>2:48—3:40</b>	<b>2:43—3:40</b>

*Student are allowed five 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 2012-2013**



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Courtney Burson

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**Wrestling:** TBA

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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	S1	S2
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Literature/Comp	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Literature/Comp	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Amer. Literature/Comp	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Literature	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
MATH (4 Units)			
CCGPS Algebra	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
CCGPS Geometry	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
CCGPS Advanced Algebra	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
4 <sup>th</sup> CCGPS Math (TBD)	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
SCIENCE (4 Units)			
Biology	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
Physical Science or Physics	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
Chemistry, Environmental Science, Earth Systems or AP Science Course	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
4 <sup>th</sup> Science Course or a state approved CTAE course	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
SOCIAL STUDIES (3 Units)			
American Government	1/2 unit		
World History	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
US History	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
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	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
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	1 unit	<del>S1</del>	<del>S2</del>
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 (GHSGWT) and at least one End of Course Test or GA HS Graduation 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 - 10.5 credits
11th Graders/Juniors:	Students with 11.0 - 16.5 credits
12th Graders/Seniors:	Students with 17.0+ credits

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

## 2012-13 Grading Timeline

Aug 13: Start of 1st Semester

Sept 27: 6 Week Progress Report

Nov 8: 12 Week Progress Report

Dec 14-19: 1st Semester Final Exams

Dec 19: End of 1st Semester

Jan 15: 1st Semester Report Cards Mailed Home

Jan 7: Start of 2nd Semester

Feb 26: 6 Week Progress Report

Apr 16: 12 Week Progress Report

May 20-23: Final Exams

May 23: End of 2nd Semester

May 3: 2nd Semester Report Cards Mailed Home

## 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>



## 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 Centennial's Student Handbook that will help get you started...

### 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.

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.

Please see **your student agenda** 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, the DMV will not issue a learner's permit or driver's license without the Certificate of Attendance.

### Tardiness to School/ Tardiness to Class

School begins promptly at 8:30. A warning bell is sounded 5 minutes before school starts. 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 **your student agenda** for more details about consequences for being tardy for class.

### 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 **your student agenda** of the handbook for a list of consequences for breaking these rule.

### 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 **your student agenda** to become familiar with the COMPLETE dress code at Centennial!

**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:

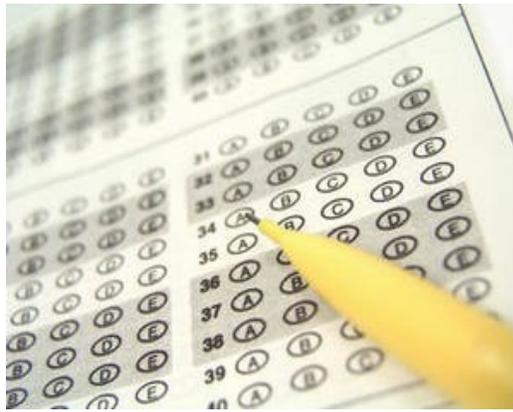
AP Biology = 92

$92 - 7 = 85$

$85 = 3.0$

$3.0 + .5 = 3.5$

- 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
<b>Four</b> - 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
<b>1-36 ACT Composite Score</b> (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 2012-13 registration fees are \$34.00 or \$49.50 (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.
<b>Ten</b> - 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
<b>600-2400 SAT Composite</b> Critical Reading + Math + Writing
<b>400-1600 SAT Composite</b> Critical Reading + Math
Critical Reading: 200-800 Math: 200-800 Writing: 200-800
The 2012-13 registration fee is \$49.00
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](http://www.FastWeb.com)  
[www.MeritAid.com](http://www.MeritAid.com)  
[www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com)  
[www.CollegeAnswer.com](http://www.CollegeAnswer.com)  
[www.AtlantaScholaships.com](http://www.AtlantaScholaships.com)  
[www.CollegeBoard.com/Pay](http://www.CollegeBoard.com/Pay)  
[www.CollegeAnswer.com](http://www.CollegeAnswer.com)



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

A. [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org)  
[www.satonlinecourseschool.com](http://www.satonlinecourseschool.com)  
[www.Number2.com](http://www.Number2.com)  
[www.March2Success.com](http://www.March2Success.com)

**Q: What are some other college planning website?**

A. [www.Cappex.com](http://www.Cappex.com)  
[www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com)  
[www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com)