

## Reduced Course Load Option CONTRACT for Seniors

For the **2022-2023 SY**, Fulton County Schools will allow seniors who are on track for graduation, to take a “Minimum Day Reduced Course Load” which allows seniors to reduce their course load **by one class period per semester**. Students taking advantage of this option can take a morning OR afternoon Minimum Day option.

### Eligibility:

1. Seniors who are enrolled in the courses needed to graduate on-time.
2. Seniors with **no “WF”** on transcript.
3. Seniors who completed the **Reduced Course Load Option** form. (Students under 18 must have parent permission.)

As you consider taking advantage of the reduced course load option make note of the following:

1. **Student Athletes and Student Performers:** (Per GHSA) To be eligible to participate, practice, and/or try out in interscholastic activities, a student must be academically eligible. A student is required to pass classes that carry at least 2.5 units counting toward graduation the semester immediately preceding participation. **Therefore, any student who wishes to play Winter or Spring sports second semester must earn 2.5 credits (5 semester courses) in the Fall Semester in order to be eligible.**
2. **College Admissions:** students seeking college admissions should consider the impact of taking a reduce course load their senior year and the impact it may have on being competitive during the college admissions process. Before choosing to take a reduced course load please check with the colleges or universities you are interested in.
3. **HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship Eligibility:** seniors wishing to raise their [HOPE GPA](#) may need additional core courses in their schedule to reach the desired GPA needed to secure the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship. Taking a reduced course load can impact a student’s ability to improve their HOPE GPA. Students will also need a minimum of four [HOPE rigor courses](#) to be [eligible for HOPE](#).

### Program:

1. Students can **either** take a morning OR afternoon Minimum Day option.
2. Students traveling to a Dual Enrollment class may enroll in one Minimum Day class for travel.
3. Students may also be enrolled in Mentorship with Minimum Day, Work-based Learning, or TAG Internship.

Graduation Requirement	Credit
Please reference the GRADUATION STATUS REPORT for graduation course and credit needs	
Total Credits Needed to Graduate	

If you agree and understand the impact of a reduced course load and would like to pursue this option, please sign and date below and complete the **Reduced Course Load Option Form**. This signed letter needs to be sent to the student’s counselor and the **Reduced Course Load Option Form** listing the courses you wish to take, need to be completed.

COURSE TO BE REMOVED FROM CURRENT SCHEDULE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Full Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name and Signature (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**What forms do I need to complete to request a reduced course load?** Please fill out and sign the bottom of page 1 of this letter and send to your school counselor.

**How do I look at my HOPE GPA and HOPE Rigor courses?** If you haven't done so already, create a student account at [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) and look up HOPE Progress Report.

**I have questions about the impact of a shortened class schedule on my college admissions? Who should I contact?** Please contact the college or university admissions representative at each school that you are considering applying to discuss the impact.

**If I satisfy all of my graduation requirements in the Fall, do I have to be an early (December) graduate or can I graduate in May?**  
Students who satisfy graduation requirements can graduate in December or May. Students who have met graduation requirements and wishes to stay enrolled to graduate in May must be enrolled in a minimum of one course.

**If I satisfy all of my graduation requirements in the Fall, can I graduate early?**

Yes you may, but you are not obligated to. You must indicate your plan to be an early graduate on the **Reduced Course Load Option Form.**

**What classes are offered at my high school?**

A list of all high school courses, including AP, IB, and electives are listed here: [www.chsknights.com](http://www.chsknights.com) – click on Academics and Course Catalog

**Who is my counselor?**

Counselors are assigned to students by student last name: <http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com/contact-us/>