

## Centennial High School Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I enroll my son/daughter?

Students who are currently attending Haynes and Holcomb Bridge Middle Schools will work with their middle school teachers and counselors to choose classes at CHS; they will automatically be enrolled.

Students who do not currently attend Haynes or Holcomb Bridge will need to register for the 2010-2011 school year.

- The Counseling Office will begin scheduling enrollment appointments for the upcoming school year after Spring Break. Please call the Counseling Office at 770-650-4260 on or after April 12 to set up an appointment. Please note that counselors will not be enrolling students over the summer.
- Course placement is based upon pre-requisites and teacher recommendation. You may visit the Centennial High School Counseling website to review the 2010-2011 Curriculum Guide and to download the Middle School Teacher Recommendation form.
- To ensure that your registration goes smoothly, it is critical that you provide all of the required documents at the time of enrollment.
  - ⇒ Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students currently enrolled in a private school or a public school outside of the Fulton County Public School System are required to present all documents listed on the "Required Documents" form, as well the "Middle School Recommendation" form. If any documents are missing at the enrollment appointment, we will have to reschedule when all documents can be provided.
  - ⇒ Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students transferring from another Fulton County Public School need only to provide two proofs of residence (with an "Affidavit of Residence" form) and a completed "Middle School Recommendation" form.

Additional information about this process and required documents are available at:

[www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/counseling.asp](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/counseling.asp).

### What is the school schedule?

School starts every day at 8:40 and ends at 3:40. There are six minutes between classes.

Students have seminar on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Classes are 50-minutes long on seminar days. Students do not have seminar on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes are 55-minutes long on non-seminar days.

Please see [www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/links.asp](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/links.asp) for additional information regarding the school schedule and for a 2010-2011 calendar.

### What is a seminar?

Seminars are non-credit, non-graded courses. Seminars are 28-minute classes that meet three times per week in nine-week increments. Students may sign up for a variety of seminars facilitated by the staff, community members, or students who are under the supervision of a staff member.

All freshmen take a mandatory "Freshman Focus" seminar during the first nine weeks of school.

Please visit [www.chshub.com](http://www.chshub.com) for additional information regarding seminars.

### What courses are required for graduation?

Counselors visit ninth grade classrooms on several occasions to discuss graduation requirements.

Please visit [www.fultonschools.org/dept/curriculum/K-12/Handbooks/HighHandbook.pdf](http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/curriculum/K-12/Handbooks/HighHandbook.pdf) for a list of specific graduation requirements for the Class of 2012 and beyond.

### Does CHS offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses for freshmen?

During the 2009-2010 school year, Centennial offered 19 Honors, 23 Advanced Placement, and 3 College Level Courses. CHS does not offer AP courses for freshmen. Students may take AP courses beginning their sophomore year.

### Which courses do students take their freshman year?

Every freshman takes six classes each semester. Four of the classes each semester are **required** core classes. These yearlong **required** classes are Language Arts, Mathematics and Biology. The **required** semester-long classes (that create a student's fourth class) are General Health and American Government. Scheduling needs determine the semester that students will take each one.

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Language Arts	Language Arts
Math	Math
Biology	Biology
General Health or American Government	General Health or American Government

Each freshman may select an additional two classes, as electives, to complete the schedule.

Students may choose two additional yearlong classes, one yearlong and two one-semester classes, or four one-semester classes.

Please visit [www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/docs/CurriculumGuide2010-11.pdf](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/docs/CurriculumGuide2010-11.pdf) for additional information regarding course offerings.

### Should my child take honors classes? Is a "B" in an honors class better than an "A" in a regular class?

Freshman year is often the most difficult for students as they transition to high school.

We recommend taking the following factors into consideration:

- Teacher recommendations
- Course pre-requisites
- Motivation
- Interest in the subject
- Schedule as a whole
- Commitments outside of the school day
- College/career goals

### Are Affidavit of Residency forms required?

Affidavit of Residency forms have been required for all students entering CHS for several years, and we anticipate that this form will be required in 2010-2011.

Please visit the CHS website, [www.chsknights.org](http://www.chsknights.org), over the summer to access this form.

### How will I be able to track my child's progress at CHS?

Students receive progress reports every 6 weeks through Advisement (homeroom), and grades are mailed home at the end of every semester.

Parents are welcome to contact their students' teachers via e-mail or telephone throughout the semester.

Further, Parent Connect allows parents to monitor students' grades and attendance. Please visit [www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/parentConnect.asp](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/parentConnect.asp) for additional information regarding Parent Connect.

### Can a student change his/her schedule once classes start?

No. Schedule changes are only made if a student is academically misplaced.

**When a student re-takes a course he/she fails, does that grade replace the poor one?**

No. Every course, grade, and credit remains on a student's transcript.

**What options are available for credit recovery?**

There are several options for credit recovery (i.e., Fulton County Summer School, Fulton County Virtual Campus, and Georgia Virtual School).

Please visit [www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/counseling.asp](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/counseling.asp) for additional information regarding options for credit recovery.

**What is the best way for a student to access his/her counselor?**

Counselors work with students based upon first letter of the student's last name. Parents may call the Counseling Office (770-650-4260) or e-mail the counselor.

Students may either schedule an appointment or e-mail their counselor.

**What is the best way to contact teachers?**

Parents are welcome to contact teachers via telephone or e-mail (preferred).

**How will my student know what activities are available, and how do they sign up for them?**

Centennial offers over seventy clubs and activities.

Students can find out more information regarding clubs and activities by:

- Visiting the Centennial High School website
- Listening to announcements
- Visiting the club booths at Orientation
- Checking the announcements on the televisions in the hallway and cafeteria

**What type of events will my freshman be able to participate in to get to know CHS before school starts?**

- Haynes and Holcomb Bridge MS each have scheduled tours the Spring before students enter CHS
- CHS typically hosts Orientation the week before school starts—be sure to look for information on the school website and in the newsletter that will be mailed home over the summer
- Some sports and clubs host activities on CHS's campus prior to the beginning of school

These are all wonderful ways for incoming students to acclimate to CHS.

**How do I find out additional information about Centennial High School?**

Visit the school website at [www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/index.asp](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/index.asp) and read the school's newsletter, the "Knightly News, which is published monthly and available online. (The August edition is also mailed.)

Also, parent involvement is a critical component to student success. Centennial's PTSA is a strong, active organization that would welcome your participation. Please visit [www.centptsa.org/](http://www.centptsa.org/) for additional information regarding Centennial's PTSA.

You may also visit [www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/links.asp](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/centennial/links.asp) to access the student handbook, which includes information regarding school rules pertaining to attendance, cell phones, code, etc.