

8th Grade to 9th Grade Transition





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Objectives

- ▶ Understand how your 8th grade year impacts 9th grade placement
- ▶ Know requirements for graduation
- ▶ Learn about WEB and Walton schedules
- ▶ Learn about course offerings and the differences in course levels
- ▶ Tips on how to be successful in high school





Walton Schedule

- **2700 students**
- **2 semesters (Fall, Spring)**
- **Seven period schedule (8:20-3:30)**
- **Six classes**
- **Almost 1 hour for lunch!**



Class Schedule Options

Zero Period (Morning Tuition Class)

- Adds an additional 7th class
- Monday-Thursday
- Provide own morning transportation
- Limited courses—based on student requests
- Cost: \$300
- Only 1 extra class as 9th grader (zero period or online)

Flex Schedule (No Tuition)

- Still six classes
- Come early, leave early
- No transportation provided
- Zero period students get priority (not a guarantee)



Schedule

- **Student's schedule will change 2nd semester**
 - *New teachers & classmates*
- **Only allowed to change semester electives**
- **Pay attention to registration deadlines!!**



Walton Enrichment Block

What are WEB days for?

Attend all 6 classes; academic day ends at 12:42, WEB begins at 1:15.

- ▶ Academic enrichment
- ▶ Labs, tutoring, research, study groups, ADAP (Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program) - for learner's permits
- ▶ Make-up work, SAT prep, club meetings, guest speakers
- ▶ If you have an "F" on your progress report (6 weeks), you earn must-stay status for WEB.



Levels of Study

AP - Advanced Placement

- Adds weight to GPA (+1.0)

Level 1 - Honors

- Adds weight to GPA (+.5)
- Leads to Advanced Placement classes

Level 2 - College Preparatory

- Students are well prepared for college classes

Level 3 - Studies move at slower pace



Grade Point Average (GPA)

- ▶ 90-100 = A (4.0)
- ▶ 80-89 = B (3.0)
- ▶ 74-79 = C (2.0)
- ▶ 70-73 = D (1.0)
- ▶ 0-69 = F (0.0)

****Total points divided by number of classes = GPA***

****Honors classes receive half (.5) an extra quality point (EQP)***

****AP classes receive a full (1.0) extra quality point (EQP).***



GPA Examples

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|-----------------------------------|---|-----|-----------------------|---|-----|
| ▶ Honors 9 th Lit/Comp | B | 3.5 | ▶ 9 th Lit | B | 3.0 |
| ▶ GSE Algebra | A | 4.0 | ▶ GSE Algebra | C | 2.0 |
| ▶ Honors Physics I | B | 3.5 | ▶ GSE Alg Support | B | 3.0 |
| ▶ AP Human Geography | A | 5.0 | ▶ Physics I | B | 3.0 |
| ▶ Spanish II | A | 4.0 | ▶ World Geo | A | 4.0 |
| ▶ Health | A | 4.0 | ▶ Chinese I | A | 4.0 |
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| ▶ Total points/Total Classes=GPA | |
| ▶ 24 points/6 classes= 4.0 | 18 points/6 classes = 3.0 |

Senior Transcript

CCSD Student Transcript FOR REVIEW ONLY

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Walton High School
 1599 Bill Murdock Road
 Marietta, GA 30062
 School Phone: 770-576-3226
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Ninth Grade Entry Date: 08/01/2016
 Diploma Type:
 Grad Date:
 Enrollment Status: Active
 Grade Level: 12
 Birthdate: 04/04/2002
 CCSDID: 1037862
 State GTID: 8712857275

Cumulative Weighted GPA:
 Cumulative UnWeighted GPA:



Attempted Credits: 19.000
 Total Credits Earned: 20.500

Attendance For Each Year of High School

SY 2019-20 Days Absent 0 Days Enrolled 45 SY 2018-19 Days Absent 7 Days Enrolled 177 SY 2017-18 Days Absent 8 Days Enrolled 173 SY 2016-17 Days Absent 3 Days Enrolled 168

YR/TERM	Grade Level	Course ID	Course Title	Attempted Grade	Credit	EOCT Credit	EOCT /EQC	YR/TERM	Grade Level	Course ID	Course Title	Attempted Grade	Credit	EOCT Credit	EOCT /EQC
Language Art								Foreign Language							
2017S1	09	23.2610004	H 9th Lit/Comp A	76	0.500	0.500		2017S2	09	60.0720009	Spanish II B	76	0.500	0.500	
2017S2	09	23.0810009	9th Lit/Comp B	96	0.500	0.500	89	2018S1	10	60.2730000	H Spanish III A	80	0.500	0.500	
2018S1	10	23.0630008	World Lit/Comp A	74	0.500	0.500		2018S2	10	60.2730001	H Spanish III B	83	0.500	0.500	
2018S2	10	23.0630009	World Lit/Comp B	90	0.500	0.500		2019S1	11	60.2740000	H Spanish IV A	88	0.500	0.500	
2019S1	11	23.0310008	Amer Lit/Comp A	83	0.500	0.500		2019S2	11	60.2740001	H Spanish IV B	75	0.500	0.500	
2019S2	11	23.0510009	Am Lit/Comp B	80	0.500	0.500	84	Fine Arts							
2020S1	12	23.0340008	Adv Comp A	IP	0.500	0.000		2017S1	09	54.0261096	Intern Womens Chorus I A	98	0.500	0.500	
Mathematics								2017S2	09	54.0261097	Intern Womens Chorus I B	98	0.500	0.500	
2017S1	09	27.0990008	GSE Algebra I A	70	0.500	0.500		2018S1	10	54.0265096	Mas Womens Ch1A	99	0.500	0.500	
2017S2	09	27.0990009	GSE Algebra I B	70	0.500	0.500	87	2018S2	10	54.0265097	Mas Womens Ch1B	98	0.500	0.500	
2018S1	10	27.0991008	GSE Geometry A	72	0.500	0.500		2019S1	11	54.0237096	Mas Mixed Ch III A	88	0.500	0.500	
2018S2	10	27.0991009	GSE Geometry B	81	0.500	0.500	90	2019S2	11	54.0239097	Mas Mixed Ch IIB	100	0.500	0.500	
2019S1	11	27.0992008	GSE Algebra II A	70	0.500	0.500		2020S1	12	52.0920008	Dramatic Writing Film, Television, and Theatre IA	IP	0.500	0.000	
2019S2	11	27.0992009	GSE Algebra II B	64	0.500	0.000		2020S1	12	54.0238096	Mas Mixed Ch IVA	IP	0.500	0.000	
2019S2	12	27.3973002	GV GSE Adv Algebra B	98	0.500	0.500									
2020S1	12	27.0850008	Adv Mathematical Decision Making A	IP	0.500	0.000									
Science															
2016S1	08	40.0110093	Physical Science A MS-HS*	82	0.000	0.500									
2016S2	08	40.0110094	Physical Science B MS-HS*	81	0.000	0.500	79								
2017S1	09	40.0810008	Physics IA	81	0.500	0.500									
2017S2	09	40.0810009	Physics IB	75	0.500	0.500									
2018S1	10	26.0120008	Biology I A	76	0.500	0.500									
2018S2	10	26.0120009	Biology I B	82	0.500	0.500	87								
2019S1	11	26.0811008	Environ Sci A	94	0.500	0.500									
2019S2	11	26.0811009	Environ Sci B	85	0.500	0.500									
2020S1	12	40.0930008	Forensic Sci A	IP	0.500	0.000									
Social Studies															
2017S1	09	45.2770092	AP Human Geography A	74	0.500	0.500									
2017S2	09	45.0711009	World Geography B	82	0.500	0.500									
2018S1	10	45.0610010	Economics	73	0.500	0.500	77								
2018S2	10	45.0570010	US Government	83	0.500	0.500									
2019S1	11	45.0810008	US History A	90	0.500	0.500									
2019S2	11	45.0810009	US History B	74	0.500	0.500	83								
2020S1	12	45.0310096	Sociology A	IP	0.500	0.000									
2020S1	12	45.0830008	World Hist A	IP	0.500	0.000									
PE/Health															
2019S2	12	36.3510001	GV Personal Fitness	96	0.500	0.500									
Foreign Language															
2016S1	08	60.0710093	Spanish IA MS-HS*	98	0.000	0.500									
2016S2	08	60.0710094	Spanish IB MS-HS*	88	0.000	0.500									
2017S1	09	60.0720008	Spanish II A	91	0.500	0.500									

A = 90-100 D = 70-73
 B = 80-89 F = 0-69
 C = 74-79 * = Transfer Course
 IP = In Progress

*High School courses taken in Middle School count for credit only. Grades are NOT factored into the student's GPA





Graduation Requirements

Area of Study	Required Credits
English/Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
World Language/Technical/Fine Art	3 credits
Personal Fitness	0.5 credit
Health	0.5 credit
Electives	4 credits
TOTAL CREDITS:	23



High School Classes in Middle School

- High school courses completed in middle school will be recorded on the high school transcript.
- High school credit earned in middle school will count toward graduation requirements.
- Grades for these courses will not be calculated into the student's high school GPA.

English Level Differences



▶ 9th Lit

- ▶ 1 summer reading novel
- ▶ 3 parallel readings per semester
- ▶ Vocabulary book
- ▶ Fundamentals of argumentative, expository and narrative writing
- ▶ Homework: 30-45 minutes per week
- ▶ Most reading assignments completed in class

▶ 9th Lit Honors

- ▶ 1 summer reading novel
- ▶ 3 parallel readings per semester
- ▶ Accelerated vocabulary book
- ▶ Longer, more analytic writing pieces
- ▶ Homework: 2-2.5 hours per week
- ▶ Independent reading is expected

Math Level Differences



College-prep/on-level GSE Algebra I: a rigorous math course that includes data analysis and collection; organizing and interpreting data; understanding functions and factoring.

▶ Honors Courses

- ▶ More rigorous
- ▶ Higher-order thinking, questions
- ▶ Can take two math courses during sophomore year to reach calculus
- ▶ Less Calculator usage
- ▶ Honors courses earn .5 extra quality point

▶ Accelerated Courses

- ▶ Go at a faster pace
- ▶ Include 1.5 years Curriculum
- ▶ Very little calculator usage
- ▶ Accelerated courses earn .5 extra quality point

Science Level Differences



- ▶ Physics I - Course which includes all standards of Physics I plus an Intro to Chemistry. It is not a repeat of Middle School Physical Science. It is considered a Lab Science by Colleges
- ▶ Physics I 93
- ▶ Honors Physics - Receive .5 extra quality point
 - ▶ 1.5 hours of homework per week/independent reading/ must be in GSE Honors Algebra
- ▶ Honors Biology - 101
 - ▶ Co-requisite is Accel Geom/Alg II or Honors Geometry
 - ▶ 3 hours of homework per week/ Honors English is recommended



Social Studies Level Differences

- ▶ World Geography
 - ▶ Summer Reading: 1 book
 - ▶ Semester 1: Physical & Cultural Geography & Demography
 - ▶ Semester 2: Political, Environmental & Economic Geography
- ▶ AP Human Geography
 - ▶ Summer Requirements: Reading - 1 book; know the relative location of most of the countries in the world, plus several subnational regions
 - ▶ Catch up physical geography; general geographical concepts; culture unit; political geography; agriculture & rural land use; urbanization



9th Grade Schedule Elective Options

Electives

Chorus	World Language
Band	Graphic Arts
Orchestra	AP Computer Science Principles
Journalism/Yearbook	Intro to Engineering Design
Journalism/Newsmagazine	Intro to Healthcare Science
Intro to Business & Tech	Health
Visual Arts	Personal Fitness
Weight Training	Intro to Team Sports
Intro to Lifetime Sports	Technical Theater



World Language

Chinese

French

Latin

Spanish



Placement Information

- **8th grade teachers will make recommendations for core classes**
 - Based on student grades
 - Based on specific guidelines given by Walton and Cobb County
- **May have different levels in core classes**
 - Possible to change level of study during high school
- **Summer reading/assignments—get it done!**
 - Assignments due first day!! Test the first week!!



Class Waivers

- Form to change course level from teacher recommendation
 - Allowed to waiver up or down (one level)
 - Waivers must be turned in to middle school by the deadline
 - Must still meet course pre-requisites
 - Follow the middle school deadline
- Commits student to that level for the entire semester
- STUDENTS CANNOT CHANGE COURSES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR - YOU CAN'T TRY OUT CLASSES!



Volunteer Hours

- ▶ Not required for graduation
- ▶ Can receive a service cord to wear at graduation if you complete 180 verified hours.
- ▶ Begins on the first day of your 9th grade year (anything completed in the summer between 8th and 9th *will not* count!)

Steps for Success



- Set realistic goals and think of balance
- Take advantages of resources
- Get involved (volunteer activities, clubs, arts, and athletics)

Resources



- Walton Enrichment Block (WEB)
- Teacher support
- Free peer tutoring
- Academic Planning Guide
- Naviance - College and Career Resource

Clubs at Walton



- ▶ Over 100 clubs
- ▶ Club fair at the beginning of the school year
- ▶ Important to explore one or two clubs

Full Club list is on the Walton website

- ▶ <https://www.waltonhigh.org/domain/58>



Important Dates

October 22nd

Rising 9th grade parent/guardian info presentation

February 11th

ISA Information Meeting for parents & students

February 25th

Rising 9th Grade Curriculum Night (parents/guardians only)

July/August

Freshman Orientation



College Planning

- 8th grade sets the path to your freshmen year.
- Freshmen grades matter
- Colleges consider:
 - GPA
 - SAT/ACT Scores
 - Rigor of classes taken in high school
 - Student activities and leadership

**YOU ARE
BRAVER THAN
YOU BELIEVE,
STRONGER THAN
YOU SEEM, AND
SMARTER THAN
YOU THINK.**

Winnie the Pooh