

**Welcome to**



**2025 Family Course**

**Registration Preview Meeting**

# Introductions

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# Purpose

## To Review:

- ▶ Important Course Registration Dates
- ▶ Graduation Requirements - Core and Electives
- ▶ Pope Registration Resources on Webpage
- ▶ IGPs (Individualized Graduation Plans)
- ▶ Rigor and Balance

# 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Advisement Opportunity

- Parent/student can register to attend a 30-minute time slot to ask questions of academic and elective departmental reps and school counselors about your course selections
  - Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>
- **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND!**
- link will be sent through CTLS email blast to **CURRENT 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade families tomorrow - Feb. 11th**

# Important Dates

- **Feb 3-7** - Core registration
- **Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade advisement opportunity
- **Mar 3-7** - Online elective registration
- **Mar 7** - ALL applications due to teacher / counselor
- **Mar 14** - ALL waivers due
- **Mid-April** - Course REQUEST preview (this is NOT your schedule)

# Course planning “nuts and bolts”

# Graduation Requirements

Subject	Requirement
English/Literature	<b>4 Credits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English I, II, III or AP Lang, IV or AP Lit</li></ul>
Math	<b>4 Credits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Including Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra, 4<sup>th</sup> Math</li></ul>
Science	<b>4 Credits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Including Biology; Chemistry, Environmental or Earth; Physics or Physical Science; and 4<sup>th</sup> Science</li></ul>
Social Studies	<b>3 Credits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Including World History, US History, and Government/Economics</li></ul>

# Graduation Requirements (cont...)

Subject	Requirement
Health and Personal Fitness	<b>1 Credit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• .5 credit of Health and .5 credit of Personal Fitness (3 full units of ROTC can also fulfill this requirement)</li></ul>
Career Tech/Fine Arts/World Language	<b>3 Credits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most 2- and 4-year colleges require at least 2 years of the same world language (or more) for admission</li></ul>
General Electives	<b>4 Credits</b>
	<b>23 Total Credits Required</b>



# To Graduate:

Students need 3 credits (any combination) from these elective areas

- ▶ **CTAE Courses**

- ▶ Audio Video Tech, Business and Technology, Computer Science, Culinary, Graphic Design, Engineering, JROTC

- ▶ **Fine Art Courses:**

- ▶ Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Theater/Drama, Visual Art, Music Appreciation, Dramatic Writing

- ▶ **World Language Courses (plan on 2 same lang. minimum if going to college)**

- ▶ Spanish, German, French

- ▶ GA Colleges will accept AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A for the World Language requirement, but out-of-state colleges may not

# Pathways

- All students are encouraged to complete a pathway
- Pathways allow a student to take coursework/learn more about a specific subject that could benefit their future
- Pathways are not required for graduation
- Pathways can also help increase Pope's CCRPI score!
- Two Ways:
  1. Complete 3 courses in a sequence in any of these categories:
    - Fine Art
    - World Language
    - CTAE
  2. Advanced Academic - complete 2 World Languages and an AP

# PATHWAY EXAMPLES

## ▶ Academic

- French 1 & 2 and
- 1 AP course in required core subject (ie AP US History)

## ▶ World Language

- Ex. Spanish 1, Spanish 2, H. Spanish 3

## ▶ Fine Art - Drama - Band - Visual Art - Orchestra - Chorus

- Ex. 3 full years of Band

## ▶ CTAE - Computer Science - Business - Engineering - Video Broadcasting - Culinary Arts - Graphic Design - JROTC

- Ex. 3 full years of one of the above + end of pathway test

# High School Promotion Rules

GRADE	RULE
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Earn 5 units, including one unit each of core English, Math, and Science
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Earn 10 units, including and two units each of core English, Math, and Science
12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Earn 16 units* (nonspecific)
	NOTE: Due to Pope High School's traditional schedule, students need <b>17 units</b> by the start of their 4 <sup>th</sup> year to avoid having to take extra courses outside of the normal school day to earn the required 23 credits by May in order to graduate on time.

# Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP)

- ▶ The Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP) is a tool created to help your child plan their courses and to ensure they are on track for graduation and how/when they will take desired electives.
- ▶ Juniors received their updated IGP at Jr. Advisement in Fall
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students started to create their IGP during our course registration classroom lessons (still have a handful of classes this week).
- ▶ **ONLY A PLANNING TOOL!** Ideally you will sit down with your child and continue the conversation with them at home.

# Students Can Access Their IGP in Naviance on Campus

The screenshot shows the Naviance user interface. At the top left is the Naviance logo. The navigation menu includes Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, Colleges, Planner, and About me. On the right, there are icons for a heart, a notification bell with '11', a question mark, a user profile 'RW', and a globe. A 'Log Out' button is also present. The main content area is titled 'Riley's Future Planning' and includes a 'College: Bachelor's Degree' tag and an 'Edit Path' link. A large graphic of a graduation cap is visible. A 'Plan Your Future' box contains the text: 'Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.' On the right, a 'Welcome to Naviance' message states: 'GP (Individualized Graduation Plan) Link to CSIS: <http://studentportal.cobbk12.org>'. The link is circled in red. Below this, it says 'You must be on CCSD internet to access this link.' and 'Use your computer login to access this page.' At the bottom right, there is a link for 'Additional Information from Your School'.

Remember, the IGP is just a planning tool, NOT Course Registration!

# Parents can view their student's IGP in ParentVue

1. Log-in to view your student's information
2. Scroll down to Student Information in the left-hand menu
3. Click on Update Student Information
4. Click on Graduation Plan

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# Student can create a more reader-friendly IGP document



Portal Home

My Workspace

Modules

Queries

Help

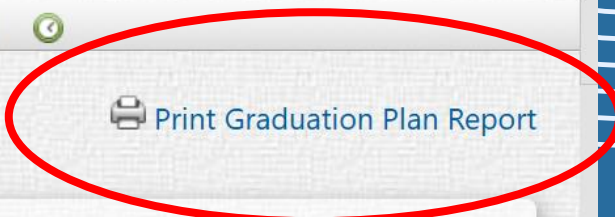
Logout

+ Add Page to Favorites

School: Pope HS

Student

Grade 10 ( [New Search](#) / [Siblings](#) / [Unselect](#) )



[Print Graduation Plan Report](#)

## Student Graduation Plan

**Student ID:** [redacted]  
**Student Name:** [redacted]  
**Current Se** [redacted] Gifted  
**Cohort Year:** 2027  
**9th Grade Entry:** 08/01/2023  
**Weighted GPA:** 4.083  
**Unweighted GPA:** 3.833  
**Date Saved:** 2/6/2025 3:10:42 PM (LESLIE SHEARSTONE)

	Required Credits:	Planned Credits:	Earned Credits:	HS Credit Breakdown	MS:	HS:
	23	13	12	English/Language Arts:		1.5
				Mathematics:	1	1.5
				Science:	1	1.5
				Social Studies:		0.5
				CTAE/World Lang/Latin/Fine Arts:	1	2.5
				Physical Education:		
				Other Electives:		1.5

### **Individual Graduation PLAN (IGP)**

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Adjustments may be made annually as needed during the advisement process.

- These are the minimum requirements to graduate with a high school diploma. Many colleges and universities may have specific or additional coursework or requirements for entry into their programs.
- Students should research the different application/admission requirements of the post-secondary institutions they are interested in attending upon graduation from high school.

**For more information, please visit [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org) or see administrative rule IHF-R.**



**Cobb County School District  
Individual Graduation Plan**



Name:	Weighted GPA: 4.083	Required Credits: 23
Expected Graduation Year:	Unweighted GPA: 3.833	Planned/Scheduled/In Progress Credits: 19
School: Pope HS	Current as of 2/6/2025	Earned Credits: 12

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P - Planned Courses are general plans made by your student for future semesters but are NOT scheduled.

TS - Tentatively Scheduled Courses are tentatively scheduled for the next semester. These courses are subject to change.

IP - In Progress Courses are in progress for the current semester.

GR - Graded Courses have been completed by your student and count towards earned credits for graduation. (If failed, credit is not earned and the course is in red.)

SUBJECT	GRADE 9	GR	GRADE 10	GR	GRADE 11	GR	GRADE 12	GR	TOTALS
English/Language Arts	H 9th Lit Comp A	91	10th Lit Comp A	90	Honors Lit 3 (HN)	P	Honors Lit 4 (HN)	P	4
	H 9th Lit Comp B	90	10th Lit Comp B	IP					
Mathematics	GSE Algebra IA MS-HS	86	H Adv Algebra A	91	Pre-Calculus (Reg)	P	AP Calc. AB (AP)	P	5
	GSE Algel			IP					
	H Geomet								
	H Geomet								
Science	Biology I A			88	Hon. Physics (HN)	P	Hon. Human Anatomy (HN)	P	5
	Biology I E			IP					
	Physical Science A MS-HS	82							
	Physical Science B MS-HS	81							
Social Studies			H World History A	85	AP US History (AP)	P	AP Gov./AP Econ. (AP)	P	3
			H World History B	IP					
CTAE/World Lang/Latin/Fine Arts	Intro Culinary Art A	93	H Spanish III A	90					4
	Intro Culinary Art B	95	H Spanish III B	IP					
	Spanish IA MS-HS	90							
	Spanish IB MS-HS	89							
	Spanish II A	91							
	Spanish II B	90							
Physical Education					Health/Pers. Fitness (sum school '26) (Reg)	P			1
Other Electives	H World Geography A	92	Psychology A	92	AP Psychology (AP)	P	Elective (Reg)	P	6
	H World Geography B	91	Sociology A	IP	Elective in place of Physics (Reg)	P	Elective (Reg)	P	

# Go to [www.cobbk12.org/pope](http://www.cobbk12.org/pope)

Menu



Curricular



Registration

The screenshot shows the website for Pope High School. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the school's logo, the name "POPE HIGH SCHOOL", and contact information: "3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, 30062 | Phone: 770-578-7900". Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube are also present, along with a search bar. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads "Home / Curricular / Registration". On the left side, a vertical menu lists various categories: "About", "Curricular", "Academic Programs", "Course Extension", "Departments", "Final Exam Schedule", "Registration" (highlighted in blue), "School Counseling", "Synergy (ParentVUE/StudentVUE)", "Community", "Extra-curricular", and "Resources". The main content area is titled "Registration" and features a large banner with the school's logo and the text "POPE Course Registration" in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below the banner, there are social sharing options for Facebook, Twitter, Print, Email, and More.



Summer School

Synergy  
(ParentVUE/StudentVUE)

Community >

Extra-curricular >

Resources >

[Registration FAQs - START HERE](#)

[Course Catalog](#)

[Course Flow Charts](#)

- [Math Course Sequencing](#)
- [Science Course Sequencing](#)
- [English Course Sequencing](#)
  - [English Comparison of On level / Honors / AP for all levels](#)
- [Social Studies Course Sequencing](#)
  - [Social Studies Comparison of On level / Honors / AP for all levels](#)
- [How to view core course recommendations in ParentVUE](#)
- [Parent Waiver Form](#) - waivers are required to move UP or DOWN a level
- Online Classes
- [Dual Enrollment](#)

[Graduation Requirements](#)

# Graduation Requirements

## Important Registration Dates for 2025-2026

- Feb 3-7 - Core registration
- Feb 10 - Informational registration meeting by counselors for current 9th-11th graders
- Feb 26 - Application course applications available online
- Feb 27 7:00 pm - Rising 9th grade parent night
- Mar 3-7 - Online elective registration
- Mar 7 - ALL applications due to teacher / counselor
- Mar 14 - ALL waivers due
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## Elective Registration Forms

- [9th Elective Worksheet](#)
- [10th Elective Worksheet](#)
- [11th-12th Elective Worksheet](#)

## Application Courses

Application forms for 2025-2026 will be available for elective registration on February 26, 2025.

- [Yearbook Application](#)
- [Minimum Day Application](#)
- Mentorship Application
- [Internship Application](#)
- [AP Capstone Program Application](#)
- [AP Capstone Program Intent Form](#)

# Course selection considerations

# Rigor and Balance (On-level vs. Honors vs. AP)

## ▶ Why INCREASE Rigor?

- ▶ Teacher recommended - stretch yourself!
- ▶ Improve critical thinking/study skills
- ▶ Earn college credit
- ▶ Boost GPA
- ▶ Improve SAT/ACT scores
- ▶ Maintaining HOPE Scholarship in College
- ▶ AP Potential - available in their online PSAT Score report
- ▶ Competitive College Admission

# Rigor and Balance (On-level vs. Honors vs. AP)

## ▶ Why DECREASE Rigor?

- ▶ Create balance to overall schedule
  - Such as if increasing rigor elsewhere
- ▶ Time management
- ▶ Devote more time to subjects that are more relevant/interesting/beneficial to student
- ▶ Extracurricular activities
- ▶ Mental health concerns
- ▶ Competitiveness of some college admissions
- ▶ Raise high school and/or HOPE GPA



# HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

**GAFUTURES.ORG**

Remember – **Core/HOPE GPA only in Gafutures.com - *NEVER* on your transcript**

## ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

## HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

## ZELL MILLER GRANT

## HOPE GRANT

## HOPE CAREER GRANT

End of HS

3.7 HOPE GPA

1200 SAT/25 ACT

4 Rigor courses

100% Tuition

3.3 GPA in college to maintain

End of HS

3.0 HOPE GPA

4 Rigor courses

80-100% Tuition

3.0 in college to maintain

No initial HS GPA

Tech colleges only

100% Tuition

Must achieve a 3.5 GPA first year of Technical program to be reimbursed

No initial HS GPA

Tech colleges only

80-100% Tuition

2.0 College GPA

No initial HS GPA

18 eligible programs

Tech colleges only

100% Tuition

2.0 College GPA

# THE HOPE GPA CALCULATION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE POPE GPA

Only considers core coursework: English, Math, Science, Social Studies & World Languages

Core: AP, IB and Dual  
Enrollment: 0.5 weight

Honors not weighted

Does not go above 4.0

The HOPE GPA is NOT on the Pope Transcript!  
You can find the HOPE GPA on [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

Student(not parent) should make an account on  
GAFutures.org

THEY MUST ENTER THEIR SS#

They can then look up their HOPE GPA Calculation

GSFC | Georgia Student  
Finance Commission

Create an Account

Sign

Help ?

ENHANCED BY Google



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MATCH

Learn more about direct admission into  
Georgia's public colleges and universities.



College Search

Search Colleges and Universities in the  
state of Georgia and across the country.



Scholarship Search

Use this tool to find eligible  
national and local scholarships.




Quick Pay

Click here to make a payment on  
GSFA (Pathways) account.

Need to  
Chat?

# How can I fit it all in?

- I want to take Band and World Language all four years - there's no room for Health/Personal Fitness
- I'm in an Academy that requires certain electives

The background features a series of overlapping, semi-transparent blue geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of light and dark blue, creating a modern, abstract design on the right side of the slide.

# Online courses “outside the school day” for tuition

- Student or parent must inform their counselor of their plan to take an online course outside the school day.
- There is a tuition cost - \$250-\$275 per 0.5 credit
- Considerations:
  - More work/rigor on top of their 6 Pope classes
  - Frees up summer for other activities

Period	Course
1	At Pope
2	At Pope
3	At Pope
4	Lunch
5	At Pope
6	At Pope
7	At Pope
	Online

Online courses  
“during the school day”  
(aka FTE)

- Student must apply for this option. Application due by March 7<sup>th</sup>
- No cost when part of Pope schedule
- Must be off-campus the period the online course is scheduled
- Must provide own transportation
- Considerations:
  - Is student a good online learner? Are they motivated? Do they have good time management?
  - They may not receive the same type/depth of instruction as they would in a face-to-face course

Period	Course	Course	Course	Course
1	Online	At Pope	Online	At Pope
2	At Pope	At Pope	Online	At Pope
3	At Pope	At Pope	At Pope	At Pope
4	At Pope	At Pope	At Pope	At Pope
5	At Pope	At Pope	At Pope	At Pope
6	At Pope	At Pope	At Pope	Online
7	At Pope	Online	At Pope	Online



# Some Submitted Questions

- What HS credit does the 8th grade Physical Science course count towards? Does it replace the Physics requirement or just count as 1 HS science credit so they only need 3 at Pope?
- How do you determine which science to take in 10th? Chemistry or Environmental Science?
- What is the value of having a language pathway (3 years of a language vs 2 years)?

# Submitted Questions

- ▶ Taking Spanish III over the summer?
- ▶ Taking a Core course over the summer?
  - ▶ Is that recommended? (depends)
  - ▶ What looks better to college?
  - ▶ Are they at a disadvantage if they take it over the summer vs over the course of the year at their HS?
  - ▶ **Student or parent must inform their counselor about their desire to take a core course over the summer** (for scheduling purposes)
- ▶ What about taking Health and Personal Fitness over the summer?
  - ▶ You **do not** need to inform your counselor if taking Health/PE over the summer

# More Submitted Questions

- ▶ I have a son in 9th grade who wants to pursue Trade School. What class requirements are different for this path vs a student wanting to go to traditional college?
- ▶ Can 10th graders have 3 electives and still gain enough credits to move on to their Junior year?

# Summer School

While the details for all programs are not yet available, here's what we know:

- **Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA)** [www.cobbvirtualacademy.org](http://www.cobbvirtualacademy.org) has posted their summer registration information, but additional details are still to come.
- **Georgia Virtual School (GAVS)** [www.gavirtualschool.org](http://www.gavirtualschool.org) has also posted summer registration information. We encourage you to consider CVA when possible.

**Pope is planning to offer Health and Personal Fitness as a face-to-face option - two weeks for each course - 8-4pm**

**Cobb High School Summer Credit Recovery:** information has not yet been released. At Wheeler HS in mid-June (10 days)

**Want to take a core class over the summer?** Have your student see their counselor to get approval and to confirm correct 2025-2026 placement!

**Thanks for coming!**  
**Meet us out in the lobby**  
**for your individual**  
**Questions**