

Welcome to



2026 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
- ▶ Rigor and Balance
- ▶ Q and A after the meeting in the PAC lobby with school counselors if you have individual questions.

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Important Dates

- **Feb 2nd-6th** - Core registration
- **Feb. 23rd and 24th** - 9th and 10th grade advisement opportunity
- **Feb 25th** - Elective options and elective registration information shared in Advisement
- **Mar 2nd-6th** - Online elective registration
- **Mar 6th** - ALL applications due to teacher / counselor
- **Mar 13th** - ALL waivers due
- **Mid-April** - Course REQUEST preview (this is NOT your schedule)

Course planning “nuts and bolts”

Graduation Requirements

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

Graduation Requirements (cont...)

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

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-phasing out
- ▶ GA Colleges will accept 2 AP Computer Science or ASL (only available online) courses for the World Language requirement, but out-of-state colleges may not accept

High School Promotion Rules

GRADE	RULE
10 th grade	Earn 5 units, including one unit each of core English, Math, and Science
11 th grade	Earn 10 units, including and two units each of core English, Math, and Science
12 th grade	Earn 16 units* (nonspecific)
	NOTE: Due to Pope High School's traditional schedule, students need 17 units by the start of their 4 th 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
- ▶ Juniors received their updated IGP at Jr. Advisement in Fall
- ▶ 9th and 10th grade students have created/updated their IGP during our course registration classroom lessons
 - ▶ Accessible in **ParentVue**:
 - ▶ [Student Information/Update Student Information/Graduation Plan](#)
 - ▶ **IGP IS ONLY A PLANNING TOOL!**
- ▶ **STEM and Globalization Academy** course requirements are posted on our website: <https://www.cobbk12.org/pope/academies-pope>

Go to www.cobbk12.org/pope

Menu



Curricular



Registration

The screenshot shows the Pope High School website. At the top, there is a blue header with the school's logo, name, and address. Below the header, a navigation menu is visible on the left, with 'Registration' highlighted. The main content area displays the 'Registration' page, which features a large banner with the school's logo and the text 'Course Registration'. A red arrow points down from the banner area.

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Registration

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POPE HIGH SCHOOL **Course Registration**

[Registration FAQs - START HERE](#)

[Course Catalog](#)

[Family Course Registration Preview Presentation](#)

[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](#)
- [Online Waiver Form - Must be completed by Parent/Guardian](#)
 - Waivers are required for ALL requests to change courses or levels (ie. College Readiness Math to Statistics, or Honors to AP)
 - Waivers must be completed by Parent/Guardian
- Online Classes
 - CCSD Online Student Agreement - must be turned in to room 102
- [Dual Enrollment](#)
- Rising 9th Grade Core Error Form

[Graduation Requirements](#)

Important Registration Dates for 2026-2027

- Feb 2nd - 6th - Core Registration
- Feb 11th – Informational Registration meeting by counselors for current 9th – 11th graders at 6:30 pm in the PAC
- Feb 23rd & 24th - Counselors- Parent Advisement night 9th and 10th - by appt only in learning Commons
- Feb 25th - Application course applications available
- Feb 26th - Rising 9th Grade Parent Night at 6:30 in the PAC
- Mar 2nd – 6th Online Elective Registration
- Mar 6th – ALL Applications due to teacher/counselor INCLUDING DUAL ENROLLMENT
- Mar 13th – ALL waivers due -NEW ONLINE WAIVER FORM will be linked to Pope Registration Page
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Application Courses

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

Course selection considerations

Rigor vs. Balance

▶ Why Rigor?

- ▶ Teacher recommends? - stretch yourself
- ▶ Improve critical thinking/study skills
- ▶ Earn college credit (AP or Dual Enrollment courses)
- ▶ Boost GPA (extra weight added to GPA for honors/AP)
- ▶ Improve SAT/ACT scores
- ▶ Maintaining HOPE Scholarship in College
- ▶ Competitive College Admission

Rigor vs. Balance

▶ Why Balance?

- ▶ Mental health concerns
- ▶ Time management
 - ▶ Devote more time to subjects that are more relevant/interesting/beneficial to student
 - ▶ Extracurricular activities and volunteering - also very important
- ▶ High rigor is not needed for many colleges
- ▶ Students may transfer to that competitive college later
- ▶ Raise high school GPA and/or earn HOPE GPA

HOPE Scholarship (2- and 4-year colleges)

Zell Miller Scholarship

End of HS- 3.7 HOPE GPA

1200 SAT/25 ACT (one sitting)

100% Tuition guaranteed

3.3 GPA in college to maintain

IN-STATE Colleges only

Private in-state colleges
will not be 100% tuition

HOPE Scholarship

End of HS -3.0 HOPE GPA

(no test score required)

90 -100% Tuition

3.0 in college to maintain

Program Eligibility

- Meet HOPE's U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements;
- Be a legal resident of Georgia;
- Meet enrollment requirements;
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements;
- Meet academic achievement standards;
- No drug charges

THE HOPE GPA CALCULATION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE POPE GPA

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

Core AP and Dual Enrollment courses:
0.5 extra weight

Honors courses not weighted

Does not go above 4.0

The HOPE GPA is NOT on the Pope Transcript!

You can find your student's HOPE GPA on

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

The screenshot shows the GAfutures.org website. At the top, the GSFC Georgia Student Finance Commission logo is on the left. In the center, there are two buttons: 'Create an Account' and 'Sign', both of which are circled in red. To the right of these buttons is a 'Help' button with a question mark icon. Further right is a search bar with the text 'ENHANCED BY Google' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the header is a navigation bar with the GAfutures logo and the tagline 'Explore. Plan. Succeed.' followed by several menu items: 'Home' (circled in red), 'HOPE & State Aid Programs' (circled in red), 'Federal Aid & Scholarships', 'College Planning', 'Career Exploration', 'Resources', 'About Us', and 'My GAfutures'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner for the 'CLASS OF 2025' with the text 'Claim Your Spot.' and images of graduates. On the left side of the banner is a 'GEORGIA MATCH' section with a description and a 'Learn more' button. On the right side is a 'GEORGIA MATCH' sidebar with a 'Trending' tab and a 'Shortcuts' tab. The 'Shortcuts' tab is active, showing a list of links: 'GEORGIA MATCH', 'GSFAPP', '2024-2025 Award Amounts', 'Promise Scholarship', and 'Your HOPE GPA' (circled in red with a red star next to it). At the bottom of the page are four colored boxes: a blue box for 'GEORGIA MATCH' with a description, a dark blue box for 'College Search' with a description, a purple box for 'Scholarship Search' with a description, and a green box for 'Quick Pay' with a description and a 'Need to Chat?' button.

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Learn more

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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.
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HOPE Grant - Technical Colleges Only

Zell Miller Grant

No initial HS GPA

100% Tuition

3.5 college GPA at
end of each term

HOPE Grant

No initial HS GPA

80-100% Tuition

2.0 College GPA

HOPE Career Grant

No initial HS GPA

18 eligible programs

100% Tuition

2.0 College GPA

How can I fit it all in?



SUMMER SCHOOL

- Cobb Virtual Academy
- \$275 per half-credit
- Registration opens in April
- 100% asynchronous (EOC is in-person in July)
- Coursework starts Tuesday after Memorial day and ends week of July 4th



ON-LINE DURING SCHOOL YEAR

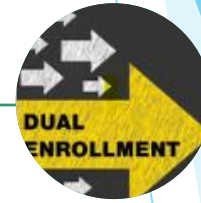
Cobb Virtual Academy

During school day:

- No cost
- MUST apply for this option by March 6th
- Must provide own transportation

Outside school day:

- \$275 per half credit



DUAL ENROLLMENT

- All information is found on our webpage:
- <https://www.popeschoolcounseling.com/dual-enrollment/>
- Deadlines approaching!

Frequently Asked Questions


Taking Spanish III or Math 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
- ▶ **Is it better to get an A in an on-level class or a B in an honors/AP class?**
- ▶ **What is the difference between on-level, honors, and AP courses?** (see Registration page)

For individual specific questions: See us in the lobby or.....

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