

Mission Possible



Graduation and Beyond!

2023



Information for a Successful High School and Career Experience



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Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond & BRIDGE Advisement

- Counselors support all students in three life areas:
 - Academics
 - Careers
 - Personal/Social
- **Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy**
 - BRIDGE Advisement supports students in making career decisions during and beyond high school
 - BRIDGE Advisement activities are mandated by state law (signed into law May 2010).

PURPOSE THIS EVENING

- **High School Staff:**

- Tonight, we will review the steps taken thus far:
 - BRIDGE Informational Advisement Sessions at Middle Schools
 - ✦ Reality/Pathway Fairs Held for 8th grade Students at High Schools.
 - ✦ Classroom Guidance with Students during 8th Grade Year (Fall Semester)
 - ✦ Parent Opportunity that reviewed HS 101 and Career Planner topics and completed 8th to 9th BRIDGE Advisement Graduation Plan in November, December or January
 - ✦ Review MYAP Academic and Progress Information via the IC Portal
- Visit with:
 - Department Experts
 - Extra-curricular Opportunities
 - ✦ Sports
 - ✦ Clubs
 - Counselors

*Students along with their parents/guardians
will be ready to make a smooth
transition to high school.*



As a part of BRIDGE advisement 8th grade students attended the Reality/Pathway Fair during October.

Reflecting on THE REALITY FAIR

- ✓ An interactive financial tool for middle school 8th grade students.
- ✓ An experience in REALITY.
 - Career was selected.
 - Monthly salary was provided.
 - Tables were visited for expenses.
- ✓ Time to learn about the Career Pathways at each high school.



REFLECTING ON BRIDGE ADVISEMENT

- After the Reality/Pathway Fair high school counselors provided classroom guidance to students.
- An informational night was held by middle school counselors for parents and students.
- A face-to-face (f2f) BRIDGE advisement opportunity was facilitated by middle school counselors to complete the BRIDGE Advisement Graduation Plan.
- Students updated their Individual Graduation Plans in Infinite Campus. The new tool used is MYAP (Multi-Year Academic Planner). document.
- Students entered planned courses for the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade years.
- Students 9th grade planned courses become course requests for next school year. Students also entered 3 alternate courses in ninth grade.

BLOCK Courses

- A student can earn 4 credits 1st semester and 4 more during the 2nd semester and graduate with 32 credits!
- Advantages:
 - ❑ Students will have an opportunity to complete more than one pathway.
 - ❑ If a student fails a course, there more options to get caught up.
 - ❑ A student can actually take advantage of the Dual Enrollment program and earn college credits at least by Junior or Senior year.

Example of 9th Grade Schedule

1st Semester

- GSE Algebra
- World Geography
- Personal Fitness/Health
- Band

2nd Semester

- Ninth Lit
- Biology
- Band
- Intro to Business Tech

Continuing with BRIDGE Advisement

- BRIDGE Law Graduation Plan and Topics
 - Important Definitions
 - Graduation/Course Requirements
 - BRIDGE Law Checklist of Advisement During HS Years
 - Units Required to Move to Next Grade Level
 - HOPE Scholarship
 - Postsecondary Plans
 - CTAE/World Language/Fine Arts Pathways
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Work-based Learning
 - Testing Requirements
- BRIDGE Advisement Plan and IC MYAP Tool Individual Graduation Plan
 - CORE Courses
 - CTAE/World Language/Fine Arts Pathway Courses
 - Focus on Career Interest Area
 - Other Requirements

Areas of Focus

- Pathways to College and Career Readiness: Plans of Study/Areas of Focus are recommended in CTAE, Fine Arts, or World Language.
- For students who want a Plan of Study in an Advanced Academic Pathway in English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies, these Plans of Study are also available.

Pathways to College and Career Readiness: Program of Study

Content Areas	Area of Focus *Students are strongly encouraged to complete 3 sequential units in one of the areas below:		
	CTAE	Fine Arts	World Language/Latin
English Language Arts (ELA)	4	4	4
Mathematics	4	4	4
Science	4	4	4
Social Studies	3	3	3
Health/PE	1	1	1
Electives*	7*	7*	7*
Total Units Required	23	23	23

Some Important facts to review

(Questions & Answers)

What is a High School Diploma?

- ☐ **Certified Document That Student Receives Upon Graduation Based On:**
 - Attendance
 - Carnegie Units (One Carnegie Unit = 1 Credit)
 - State Tests (End-of-Course Assessments)

- ☐ **One Diploma**
 - One diploma option based on the America Diploma Project and the Georgia Department of Education State Board Graduation Rule for the Class of 2012 and Thereafter

Facts continued

- **What is a high school transcript?**

An official record of academic status which includes state course numbers and course titles plus grades earned. Credits are also on the transcript. For each course in which a 70 or higher was earned either a .5 or 1.0 credit is recorded. For a course in which a 69 or lower grade was earned 0 credit is recorded.

- **What is a Grade Point Average?**

The total calculation of all grades received during high school is referred to as the GPA, for example, Numerical (i.e. 92.5) Currently, high school transcripts have a numerical grade point average and 4.0 GPA calculation. Class rank is based on the numerical GPA.

Facts continued

What about the HOPE Scholarship?

Please know that a HOPE GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. The PCSD transcript includes a 4.0 GPA scale but calculates all courses taken for high school credit.

- Only academic courses (core and elective) count for HOPE
- No high school courses taken during middle school count for HOPE
- Non-academic elective courses do not count
- Thus, an overall numeric GPA of 83.4% (numeric GPA also included on high school transcript), does not necessarily mean that the HOPE GPA will be a 3.0 or higher.
- HOPE grade point information is transmitted on a 4.0 GPA scale to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and is not a numerical GPA.

Weighted—Per local board policy extra points are added for honors and Advanced Placement courses as well as Dual Enrollment core courses.

For HOPE-AP courses are weighted for the purposes of calculating HOPE Scholarship eligibility with AP courses not weighted beyond a 4.0 GPA for HOPE.

Core Dual Enrollment courses are weighted in the HOPE scholarship calculation, but are also not weighted beyond a 4.0 GPA for HOPE.

HOPE Scholarship (4 Rigorous Courses Required)

- ▶ Currently, the HOPE scholarship is determined by the calculation of all academic core courses that the student has taken and completed (grades 9-12). **No middle school core course grades count.**
- ▶ Georgia Student Finance Commission Rigorous Course Chart

https://apps.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Course_List.pdf

- ▶ Both passing and failing grades in the core courses count. Thus, this is a merit based scholarship for eligible students.
- ▶ Changes in the eligibility guidelines are posted and updated on the GAFutures website (there are often annual changes in HOPE Scholarship regulations). For current HOPE tuition payments use this link:

https://apps.gsfc.org/SecureNextGen/dsp_award_amounts.cfm



KEEP HOPE ALIVE!

- **Both passing and failing grades are recorded on the high school transcript and the HOPE eligible transcript. The student information system (Infinite Campus) must have the correct legal name, social security number and birth date for a student to be HOPE eligible.**

Transcript is sent electronically from the Paulding County School District to Georgia Student Finance Commission via GAfutures.org. Then, GSFC determines eligibility.



After the 1st semester of 9th grade, students may view their HOPE transcript via their MyGAfutures account at: Gafutures.org

Students will have an updated HOPE GPA within 30 days of the close of each semester during high school on their My GAfutures account.

Course grades earned in middle school are not calculated in the HOPE grade point average.

More Facts

- **What is the High School Grading Period?**

Credit is awarded at the close of each semester with a full credit/1.0 credit. There are very few .5 credit courses. An example of a nine-weeks .5 credit course is Health.

- **What is the Grading Scale?**

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

00-69 = F

Important Things to Know

❑ **Attendance Matters**-*Being in all classes each day is very important.*

❑ **Tests and Grades Matter**

❑ **Courses and Career Interests Matter**

Research University 4 additional core units recommended

State/Regional University 2 additional core units recommended

Two-Year College

Technical College

The rigor of the courses taken is examined by admissions staff. Matching a career pathway/cluster with high school courses is important. The Career Cluster/Pathway choice is based on Career Interest Inventory information.

❑ **Activities Matter**

(Tonight we have extra-curricular representatives here to talk with you.)

Athletics

Fine and Performing Arts

Clubs/Organizations

Community Service

Athletic Eligibility, Okay to Play

- An entering ninth grade student is eligible to participate in athletic activities for the first semester;
- To be eligible after the first semester, a student must "earn 2.5 credits each semester and be on track to graduate".
- At the end of the ninth grade year, the student must be on track (5 credits earned).

TESTING

- ✓ **EOC (End-of-Course) Assessments**
 - ✓ **Counts 20% of the final grade for the course**
 - ✓ **Course must be passed.**

- ✓ **Areas Tested in Either 8th or 9th Grade:**

Ninth Literature/Composition

GSE Algebra I

GSE Geometry

Biology

These tests are taken in 10th, 11th or 12th grades toward the end of the course:

GSE Geometry (if not already taken in 9th grade)

Physical Science

United States History

American Literature/Composition

Economics

Test-Out Options for EOC Courses Only

Information provided already during previous advisement opportunities included:

1. Student is limited to 3 credits earned during high school.
2. PCSD Test-out Registration Opportunity was during January with information available prior to this registration opportunity. At this time \$50.00 must be paid for each test that student is going to take. Important: Student who scores *Distinguished* on any test taken has money reimbursed.
3. A reminder that any student cannot have started a course(s) that he/she is planning to test-out.
4. During February a grade of B or higher was validated in the subject area in which the test was taken by the student's teacher. Also, during February a teacher recommendation regarding the test-out opportunity was received.
5. EOC assessments are taken during March for all interested students, including current high school students.
6. When the district has the results and the *Distinguished* score is available, student will have transcript updated with course number, course title and the credit earned by his/her school counselor.
7. There will be an annual reminder that this opportunity is available.



BRIDGE ADVISEMENT DURING HIGH SCHOOL

- **9th Grade**
 - ♥ **BRIDGE Plan Review and Update (Individual Graduation Plan)**
 - ♥ Use of MYAP Tool in Infinite Campus to plan and request courses for 10th grade
 - ♥ **Career Exploration and Review (3 Careers)**
 - ♥ **Dual Enrollment Opportunities (Two Informational Summits Offered each school year)**
- **10th Grade**
 - ♥ **BRIDGE Plan Review and Update (Individual Graduation Plan)**
 - ♥ Use of MYAP Tool in Infinite Campus to plan and request courses for 11th grade
 - ♥ **Dual Enrollment Opportunities (Two Informational Summits Offered each school year)**
 - ♥ PSAT Test and Results
 - ♥ *Youscience* Assessment – Measures abilities and interests
- **11th Grade**
 - ♥ **BRIDGE Plan Review and Update (Individual Graduation Plan)**
 - ♥ Use of MYAP Tool in Infinite Campus to plan and request courses for 12th grade
 - ♥ **Dual Enrollment Opportunities (Two Informational Summits Offered each school year)**
 - ♥ **3 Postsecondary Institutions Exploration**
 - ♥ **Research Workforce Development Information**
 - ♥ Use of *Youscience* Assessment results
- **Senior Year**
 - ♥ Senior Letter including Advisement and Senior Seminars
 - ♥ **Next step after high school**
 - ♥ Ongoing support regarding course selection, graduation requirements, career planning and decision-making and future decisions
 - ♥ Use of *Youscience* Assessment results

All advisement information in student's GCIS Portfolio with the exception of the IGP which is in Infinite Campus (Portal)

- Student Portfolios supported in middle school and throughout high school.
- Career Interest Inventory and Career Portfolio Information Used for High School Advisement plus decisions regarding Programs of Study
- High School Planning
- College Planning
- Financial Planning



What if a student wants take a course Online during high school?

- ✓ A reminder that from April 1 through mid-July 2018, there will be a PCSD online registration opportunity for Online high school courses.
- ✓ Senate Bill 289 allows districts to provide students in grades 3 through 12 the option of taking an online course should you choose that option.



More Online Course Information

- Counselors have the online course information for high school courses and offer an advisement opportunity regarding online courses each semester.
- **Counselors assist students with any online questions.**





What is the Paulding Virtual Academy?



- The Paulding Virtual Academy will offer students the opportunity to use teacher supported, technology-based courses to earn new high school credit, recover credit, continue coursework or accelerate their progression through high school and into college level courses.
- The application process for Fall semester begins April 1.

Link for more information:

<http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/29099>



Paulding Virtual Academy

@ New Hope Education Center

For Success Today and Tomorrow

Are you looking for a new and innovative way to receive high school AND college credit?



Would you like to complete classes at your own pace?



Are you looking for a career path for after graduation?

The Paulding Virtual Academy offers students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to:

- Use teacher supported, technology-based courses
- Earned high school credits
- Accelerate your progression through high school
- Access to college level courses.
- Access courses at your own pace
- Work under an individualized plan.
- Participate in Athletics at the home school
- Participate in all extracurricular clubs at the home school
JROTC, BETA, Student Government, Band, Career Organizations, special events such as Prom.
- On site College and career partners to assist students in planning for the next step in their life.

What is the Paulding College and Career Academy?



- PCCA opens the Fall semester of 2019
- Students who attend PCCA graduate with a high school diploma plus have:
 - Dual Enrollment Course Opportunities
 - Work-Based Learning/Apprenticeship Program Courses
 - Complete a CTAE Pathway and related courses



What are the Opportunities at the PCCA?



Paulding College and Career Pathways

1. Healthcare
 - Patient Care Tech
2. Energy
 - Energy & Power: Generation, Transmission, and Distribution
3. Advanced Manufacturing
 - Mechatronics
4. Information Technology
 - Cybersecurity



Freshmen Orientation (Summer 2019)

- Purpose
- Date and Time

Our Schedule for the Rest of the Evening

Please review the MYAP information that is now on the student's Course Request document from Infinite Campus.

If you have questions or concerns this evening regarding the Course Request information, please talk with school counselors.

Graduation and being prepared is the key to your student's future.



We are here to provide support!

