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HIGH SCHOOL 101

9th Grade

Classroom Instruction

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Students Will Gain Understanding of the Following Topics:

- How to earn credits
- APS graduation requirements
- Difference between credits and grades
- How to calculate GPA
- HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarship information
- How to read a transcript

Earning Credits is Like Earning Money

Earning MONEY \$

You work a job...
You get paid in
money...

The money is used
to acquire things!



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Earning HS CREDITS

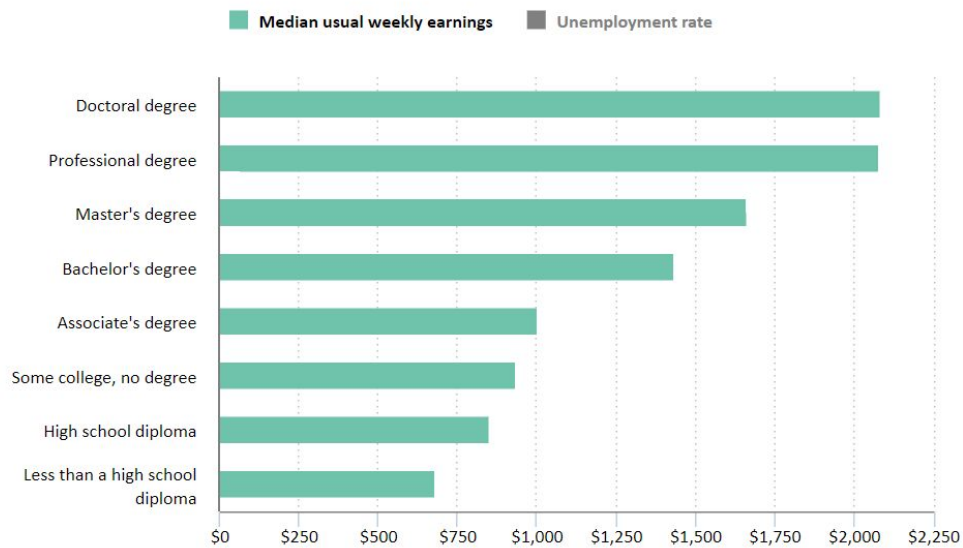
You do school work...
You are paid in
credits...



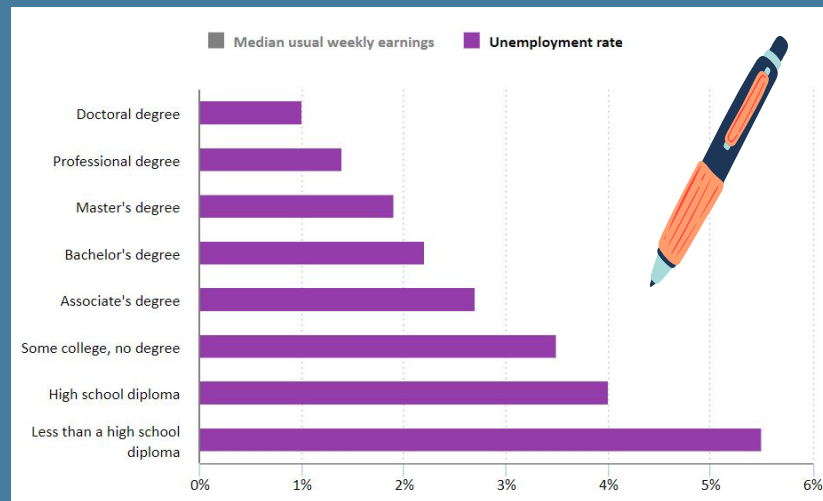
The credits are used to
acquire a HS diploma!



Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2022



How a HS Diploma and Higher Education Pay You Back!



The more education (or specialized training) you have, the higher your earning potential is in the workforce!



Earning Credits Towards a HS Diploma

Each semester passing grade = .5 credit



Passing both semesters of a class = 1 credit



In 1 semester you can earn 4 credits:

















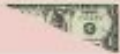






In 1 school year you can earn 8 credits:



TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION: 24

Keeping Track of the Credits You Earned

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Total Credits Earned</u>
9 th Lit H: 85 = 	9 th Lit H: 85 = 	9 th Lit H: (1) 
Algebra 1: 68 =	Algebra 1: 71 = 	Algebra (.5) 
Biology: 62 =	Biology: 69 =	Biology: (0)
Am Gov: 92 = 	HS Trans: 95 = 	Am Gov: (.5) 
	HS Trans: 95 = 	HS Trans: (.5) 
Health: 88 = 	Pers. Fit: 97 = 	Health: (.5) 
	Pers Fit: 97 = 	Pers Fit: (.5) 
Alg. Supp: 56 =	Alg. Supp: 66 =	Alg. Supp: (0)
Spanish 1: 88 = 	Spanish 1: 93 = 	Spanish 1: (1) 
Art: 72 = 	Art: 76 = 	Art: (1) 
Total Credits Earned = 2.5 Credits	Total Credits Earned = 3.0 Credits	Total Credits Earned Freshman Year = 5.5 Credits

1 CREDIT

(1.0) = 

½ CREDIT

(0.5) = 

Credits not
earned must
be taken
again!

Credits Needed to Move to the Next Grade

FRESHMAN
(9th Grade)

0 - 5.5
credits

SOPHOMORE
(10th Grade)

6 - 11.5
credits

JUNIOR
(11th Grade)

12 - 17.5
credits

SENIOR
(12th Grade)

18 or more
credits



**ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS**
(4 UNITS)

1 unit Ninth Grade Literature/Composition
1 unit American Literature/Composition
2 units English Language Arts core, including IB/AP/DE* courses

MATHEMATICS
(4 UNITS)

1 unit GSE Algebra I (or equivalent)
1 unit GSE Geometry (or equivalent)
1 unit GSE Algebra II (or equivalent)
1 unit Mathematics core, including IB/AP/DE* courses

SCIENCE
(4 UNITS)

1 unit Biology
1 unit Physical Science **or** Physics
1 unit Chemistry **or** Earth Systems **or** Environmental Science **or** an AP/IB/DE course
1 unit Science core, including IB/AP/DE* courses

**SOCIAL
STUDIES**
(3 UNITS)

1 unit U.S. History
1 unit World History
1/2 unit Economics/Business/Free Enterprise
1/2 unit American Government/Civics

**MODERN
LANGUAGE**
(2 UNITS)

2 units of the same modern language **or** Latin **or** American Sign Language, **or** computer science with an emphasis on coding and programming

**PHYSICAL
EDUCATION/
HEALTH**
(1 1/2 UNITS)

1/2 unit Personal Fitness
1/2 unit PE elective
1/2 unit Personal Health

ELECTIVES
(5 UNITS)

3 of 5 units related to the same thematic pathway

**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**
(1/2 UNIT)

75 hours of community service

TOTAL
24 CREDITS



CREDITS VS. GRADES

Credits Earned

- Credits are the points you earn for passing classes
- Each class passed = .5 credits
- Passing grade = 70 or above
- If you do not pass a class, you do not earn any credit

There is no GPA requirement to graduate, but you must earn 24 credits (in the right areas) to graduate!

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- GPA is the average of all the grades you earn in your classes
- You earn a grade in every class, whether you pass it or not
- Your GPA impacts what colleges you get in to, the scholarship \$ you earn, etc



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Calculating Your GPA

Grade Point Average is simply the average of all grades earned in HS.

▪ Biology (A)	81
▪ 9 th Grade Lit (A)	91
▪ Am Govt	75
▪ Spanish II (A)	78
▪ A/V Tech (A)	89
▪ Health	69
▪ Alg I (A)	85
▪ Alg I Support (A)	90

For every: You get:

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

F = 0 points

**Grades above 100
= 5 points**

Converting Your GPA to the 4.0 Scale

▪ Biology (A)	81 = 3
▪ 9 th Grade Lit (A)	91 = 4
▪ Am Govt	75 = 2
▪ Spanish II (A)	78 = 2
▪ A/V Tech (A)	89 = 3
▪ Health	69 = 0
▪ Alg I (A)	85 = 3
▪ Alg I Supp (A)	90 = 4

21/8

GPA 2.625

GPA 82.25



The **HOPE Scholarship** is available to EVERY HS Graduate in Georgia who earns a **3.0 GPA**. The **Zell Miller Scholarship** is available to EVERY HS graduate in Georgia who earns a **3.7 GPA** and 1200 SAT/26 ACT.

ZEROES: The Wrecking Ball of Grades



100
100
100
0
0
88
70
95

Grade Average: 69 (F)

Example of a student
with all passing
grades and **2 zeroes**

**EVERY POINT
MATTERS!**

Example of student
with same passing
grades, **replacing**
those 2 zeroes with
50s.



100
100
100
50
50
88
70
95



Grade Average: 82 (B)

The HS Transcript

A transcript is a complete summary of a student's academic record that includes:

- Every HS course attempted
- When and where each course was taken
- Final grade for each course
- Credits earned (per class, semester and total)
- Overall GPA (average of all final semester grades)
- Class rank

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Student Information		#0186 Maynard Jackson High School		
Student Number:	2031309	Grade:	11	
Birthdate:	06/27/2007	Gender:	M	
State ID:	5077273464			
Guardian:	Princetta Miller			
Diploma Type:				
Diploma Date:				
GPA Summary				
Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	99.313			
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)	98.063			
4.0 GPA				
Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	4.125			
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)	4.000			
		Comments		
		Grade Legend—A=90-110, B=80-89, C=70-79, F=69, S=Satisfactory		
		*10 points are added to the final numeric grade for each AP, IB, or core content / world language and dual enrollment courses that is passed with a grade of 70 or above.		
Course		Mark	Weight	Credit
2020-2021 Grade 08 Term 4				
27.0994000	GSE Acc Alg/Geom	90	1.0000	1
Credit: 1.000 GPA: 90.000 U/W GPA: 90.000				
Course		Mark	Weight	Credit
# Whitewater Middle School				
2021-2022 Grade 09 Term 1				
23.2610001	9th Lit/Comp	93	0.5000	0.5
26.2120001	Biology	97	0.5000	0.5
17.0110001	General Health	100	0.5000	0.5
48.5610001	Graphic Design	93	0.5000	0.5
27.2995001	GSE Acc Geo/Alg II	100	0.5000	0.5
07.4413001	Intro Bus/Tech	97	0.5000	0.5
60.0720001	Spanish II	100	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 3.500 GPA: 97.143 U/W GPA: 97.143				
2021-2022 Grade 09 Term 2				
23.2610002	9th Lit/Comp	95	0.5000	0.5
26.2120002	Biology	98	0.5000	0.5
48.5610002	Graphic Design	97	0.5000	0.5
27.2995002	GSE Acc Geo/Alg II	100	0.5000	0.5
07.4413002	Intro Bus/Tech	98	0.5000	0.5
36.0510001	Personal Fitness	100	0.5000	0.5
60.0720002	Spanish II	100	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 3.500 GPA: 98.286 U/W GPA: 98.286				
2022-2023 Grade 10 Term 1				
23.2620001	10th Lit/Comp	97	0.5000	0.5
11.0160001	AP Computer Sci A	93	0.5000	0.5
27.0740001	AP Statistics	98	0.5000	0.5
45.0811001	AP World History	100	0.5000	0.5
40.2510001	Chemistry I	98	0.5000	0.5
11.4150001	Intro Dig/Tech	99	0.5000	0.5
60.0730001	Spanish III	99	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 3.500 GPA: 97.714 U/W GPA: 97.714				
Course		Mark	Weight	Credit
#9990 Atlanta Virtual Summer Academy				
2022-2023 Grade 10 Term 1				
36.3110001	General PE 1	97	0.5000	0.5
27.3974001	GSE Pre-Calc V A	95	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 1.000 GPA: 96.000 U/W GPA: 96.000				



Official's Signature



Roadblocks That Keep You From Earning the Money (Credits)



Being absent
and not
making up
classwork,
tests and
quizzes

Not
completing
homework
on projects

Not seeking
additional
help

Poor time
management

Not studying

ZEROES!!



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= 75 Hours

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Ms. Edmonds

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