

SCHOLARS ACADEMY FRESHMAN ORIENTATION



Scholars Seal Requirements

1. Students must take an average of 5 classes at Scholars Academy (including Honors, AP, and MOWR)
2. Students must take a minimum of 3 AP classes
3. Students must take 4 years of Foreign Language in high school (same language or combination)
4. Students must have an 80 academic average
5. Students must annually document 20 community service hours.*
6. Students must show involvement in at least 1 extracurricular activity:
 - Sport
 - Academic Competition
 - Club
 - Student Government/Peer Leadership

Designated Scholars Academy students will:

- Wear a Scholars Academy Patch for Graduation
- Have a Scholars Academy Seal on their Diploma

* Documentation of community service must be submitted for a patch to be ordered

Transcript

- At Scholars Academy, your transcript has already started to be built.
 - Spanish, Science, and Accelerated Math are all high school courses
- Record of ALL CLASSES attempted and grades
- Build a good one
- Required for college admissions
- Required for job applications
- Shows semester grades for both semesters and final grade, test scores, GPA on 4.0 scale
- Colleges and HOPE uses 4.0 Scale
 - 90 – 100 = 4
 - 80 – 89 = 3
 - 70 – 79 = 2
 - Lower than 70 = 0

Required End Of Course Tests (EOCT)

* Physical Science (taken in 8th grade if enrolled at Scholars Academy)

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade
English		American Literature
Biology		
Algebra I	Geometry	
Economics		U.S. History

*EOCs count for 20% of Final Grade

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Not usually a factor for less selective schools
- VERY important for more selective schools
- Some schools (i.e. UGA) use only for regular admissions or for deferred students. Not a factor for early admissions
- Can be very useful for scholarships
- Keep resume of all honors, awards, clubs, sports, etc. on GAFutures.org

CTAE Pathway Course

- Agriculture
- Healthcare Science
- Food, Nutrition, and Wellness
- ROTC
- Business, Technology, and Public Safety
- Work-Based Learning

* Offered on the THS Campus and can be paired with an advanced academic course

Scholars Academy

Advanced Placement Courses

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th
AP American Government	AP World History	AP U.S. History	AP Psychology
	AP Language	AP Biology*	AP Literature Composition
	AP Environmental*	AP Chemistry*	AP Physics*
	AP Latin*	AP Art History*	AP Calculus*
	AP Statistics*	AP Spanish*	AP Studio Art*

*courses can be taken 10th, 11th, or 12th grade year

Move On When
Ready(MOWR)

vs.

Advanced
Placement(AP)

Move On When Ready (MOWR)

- Students must take the Accuplacer test for admission and receive a qualifying score
- Can be taken at any Georgia College, University, or Technical College
- Core credit will be awarded at any in-state public College, University, or Technical College
- Private Colleges or Out-of-State Institutions may or may not accept this credit
- Courses taken in your declared major may not be accepted (i.e. a Chemistry course may not be accepted if the student declares Chemistry as their major)
- For designated MOWR courses students are required to take the EOCT for 20% of the final average (9th English, Physical Science, Algebra I, Geometry)
- .5 will be added to the weight of the final grade for HOPE GPA calculation purposes
- Any student participating in more than 2 MOWR courses will be transferred to Thomasville High School
- Colleges will not communicate with parents/guardians in regards to student progress

Advanced Placement (AP)

- Nationally accepted with a passing score of 3, 4, or 5
- Highest level of academic course work (must indicate on college applications what level of course work was taken)
- Colleges and Universities give more weight to AP Courses when determining acceptance
- Colleges and Universities will recommend that you exhaust ALL AP courses before enrolling in MOWR due to the level of academic rigor associated with AP
- .5 will be added to the weight of the final grade for HOPE GPA calculation purposes
- +10 points will be awarded to the class grade for class rank, valedictorian, and salutatorian
- Georgia Standards are included in the course work for all AP classes in preparation for the required EOCT's
- AP faculty can provide detailed and personal letters of recommendation to colleges and universities
- AP courses are EXCELLENT preparation for SAT and ACT

College Entry Information

- PSAT/SAT/ACT
 - PSAT paid by the state for all 10th graders
 - 11th grade PSAT determines eligibility for National Merit Scholars and National Achievement Scholars
 - Recommended Times to SAT/ACT
 - End of 10th grade year (or upon completion of Algebra II)
 - Mid-year of 11th grade
 - End of 11th grade

- HOPE
 - Computed on a 4.0 scale by the Georgia Student Finance Commission
 - Averages all attempts of core courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language) in grades 9 – 12
 - Pays 90% of tuition at public Georgia Schools
 - HOPE Private Scholarship Pays a % base amount a year to private schools in Georgia
 - Funded for 127 attempted semester hours
 - 3.0 GPA in academic classes in grades 9 – 12
 - Every C must have an A to balance to be eligible
 - Every F must have 3 A's
 - For students graduating on or after May 1, 2017, student must have passed 4 course from the following type of courses:
 - Advanced Math
 - Advanced Science
 - AP Core Subjects
 - Core Subjects taken at a University System of Georgia Institution
 - Advanced Foreign Language

- Zell Miller Scholarship
 - Must earn a 3.7 GPA in core classes in grades 9 -12
 - Score a 1200 on the Critical Reading and Math portion of SAT in one test administration or score a 26 Composite on the ACT
 - Pays 100% of tuition at public schools
 - Pays \$4000 per year at private schools