



Rising 9th  
Grade  
Academic  
Advisement  
Meeting

# Rivers Academy Administrative Team

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# Agenda

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# Graduation Requirements

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: 23 CREDITS

- ▶ 4 ELA
  - ▶ 4 MATH
  - ▶ 4\* SCIENCE
  - ▶ 3 SOCIAL STUDIES
  - ▶ .5 HEALTH/ .5 PE
  - ▶ 3\*\* MODERN LANGUAGE/FINE ARTS/TECH
  - ▶ 4 ELECTIVES
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- ▶ \*4th Science can be used as an elective and Science unit
  - ▶ \*\*Students interested in attending a University System of Georgia school must complete two consecutive years of the same language to be admissible as a freshman.

# Graduation Requirements

## Specified Courses and Basic Sequences



**LANGUAGE ARTS: 4 credits**

9th Comp. Lit - 10th Am. Lit - 11th World Lit. - 12th Brit. Lit.



**MATH: 4 credits**

9th Algebra I - 10th Geometry - 11th Algebra II - 12th Pre Calc or Stats

9th Geometry - 10th Algebra II- 11th Pre-Calc - 12th AP Calc



**SCIENCE: 4 credits**

9th Biology - 10th Physical Sci. - 11th Chemistry - 12th Anatomy and Physiology

9th - Biology - 10th Physical Sci - 11th Chemistry - 12th Physics



**SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 credits**

9th Econ/Gov - 10th US History - 11th World History - AP Human Gov.

# Physical Education Waiver and Health Course

- ▶ PE Waiver - given out during 9th grade conferences. Please fill out the waiver and have a coach sign it. **MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MRS. KEESEE BY END OF SOPHOMORE YEAR.**
- ▶ Health credit - we offer an independent study health course that can be completed during the summer. Please see Mrs. Givens at the main campus to purchase your Health course. **THE COMPLETED PACKET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MRS. KEESEE BY END OF JUNIOR YEAR.**
- ▶ Additional elective credits can be obtained for outside coursework done through GA Virtual and independent study programs related to your passion. Please see Mrs. Keesee to discuss these options and for approval **PRIOR** to coursework. Once approved forms can be found on the Rivers Academy website under the tab entitled Academic Advisement.

# Things to Consider When Choosing Courses



Do your research? What courses do you need for the colleges you wish to attend?

Example: Do you need 3 years of a World Language? Will your area of study require higher math and sciences like Physics and Calculus?



Know the pre-requisites for your course.

Example: You can't take Algebra II without having taken Algebra I.

# Opportunities for Rigor

Must have 4 units of rigor to be eligible for HOPE

- ▶ AP Human Geography
- ▶ AP Psychology
- ▶ Pre-Calculus
- ▶ AP Calculus
- ▶ Statistics
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Anatomy and Physiology
- ▶ Spanish III and IV
- ▶ French III
- ▶ Dual Enrollment



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES (AP)

Earn college credit with certain AP exam scores (depends on university)

Experience college rigor

3 AP courses offered onsite at Rivers

Middle 50% of UGA freshman have taken 6-11

How do I get in? Teacher recommendations or waiver into the course during the spring registration process

\*These are rigorous courses - we encourage students to challenge themselves, but want students to create a balanced course load!!

# A Successful AP Student...



Is Self-Motivated &  
Proactive



Possess time  
management skills



Reads critically and  
understands deeper  
concepts and ideas



Is able to express  
ideas (written and  
verbal)



Is able to manage  
stress with a  
rigorous course load

# Dual Enrollment

☐ Only available to 11th and 12th grade students

\$ Provides opportunities to earn credit at BOTH the high school and at the postsecondary institution

📖 Attend class on college campus

⌚ Shorten the amount of time to earn a degree

🏠 Paid for by funds that do not count toward HOPE hours

✓ Only for very dedicated and proactive students

📋 Must apply to the college and meet admission requirements

👤 Must abide by both the Rivers and college calendar (do not align)

🔗 No communication between parents and professors due to FERPA

# HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships Comparison

## HOPE Requirements:

- ▶ Must earn a 3.0 HOPE GPA in high school.
- ▶ The HOPE award amount varies for each school and is a percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year (view the chart on GAFutures to find award amounts).
- ▶ Mandatory fees are covered
- ▶ Institutional fees are paid by the student
- ▶ \* HOPE Scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout college at various checkpoints.

## Zell Miller Requirements:

- ▶ Earn a 3.7 GPA in high school, AND either
- ▶ Earn a 1200 combined score of Reading and Math on a single administration of the SAT or
- ▶ Earn a composite score of 26 on a single administration of the ACT by your graduation date.
- ▶ At an eligible public postsecondary institution, 100% of the standard tuition charges (view chart on GAFutures to find award amounts).

\*Zell Miller Scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.3 GPA throughout college at various checkpoints.

\*Students who drop below a 3.3 GPA can still be eligible for HOPE if they maintain a 3.0 GPA.

# HOPE GRANT



Available to students seeking a Technical Certification or Diploma regardless of high school grade point average or graduation date.



Full-time enrollment is not required and students are not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA, however, they are required to have a postsecondary cumulative 2.0 GPA, at certain checkpoints, in order to maintain eligibility.



\*\*\*HOPE is not available for out of state tuition.

- ▶ PSAT
- ▶ Who: 9th and 10th graders
- ▶ Where: At school
- ▶ When: March 2022
- ▶ Scholarships: Scores are used by scholarship programs to look for eligible students but are not considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

# Testing

# NCAA

- ▶ College bound athletes must register with the Eligibility Center (usually 10th grade)  
[HTTP://WWW.NCAA.ORG/STUDENT-ATHLETES](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes)
- ▶ Student should use [WWW.PARCHMENT.COM](http://www.parchment.com) to send transcripts to the Eligibility Center at the time of clearinghouse application and then again at the end of senior year.
- ▶ Be sure to check NCAA before taking courses outside of our face to face courses to be certain you are taking courses the NCAA will accept. (NCAA DOES NOT ACCEPT GEORGIA VIRTUAL CREDIT RECOVERY (GVCR) PROGRAMS)

# NCAA 9th Grade Checklist

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.

- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at [eligibilitycenter.org/courselist](http://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).

- Sign up for a free Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) for information on NCAA requirements.



# NCAA 10th Grade Checklist

- Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).



- Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.



- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript.

# Georgia Virtual

- ▶ Georgia Virtual is an online platform that allows your student to take courses that we do not offer that may count toward graduation.
- ▶ Examples of courses can include :
  - ▶ Health or PE credits
  - ▶ AP courses not offered at Rivers
  - ▶ A continuation of study in a language class such as Latin that is not offered at Rivers
- ▶ GAVS is an out of pocket expense for parents and is not covered by tuition

# Future Planning

- ▶ What should my child be doing now to prepare for the college application process?
  - ▶ Think about where you want to be as a senior and begin mapping out your classes with your counselor.
  - ▶ Get involved in clubs and outside activities. Create a spreadsheet in which you document your activities, time spent on the activity per week, any positions held, etc.
  - ▶ Pay attention to your grades.
  - ▶ Think about what college majors are most interesting to you and do some research to find out what high school courses will be most beneficial.
  - ▶ Start thinking about and planning for the SAT and ACT. Do some research and sign up to take the PSAT.

# Helpful Resources

- ← [GAfutures](#)
- ← [CollegeBoard](#)
- ← [ACT](#)
- ← [Common App](#)
- ← [Coalition for College](#)
- ← [Parchment](#)
- ← [Rivers Academy Academic Advisement](#)