
8th Grade Transition

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Odyssey Charter School

February 27, 2020
6:00 pm

TOPICS

- Understanding the Course Recommendations for 9th
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Understanding the Course Recommendations

Math and Science recommendations are connected, just as Literature and Civics. Middle school teachers work together to recommend the best fit for your student. Parents have the ability to override teacher recommendations.

Math Placement Rubric for Rising 9th Graders

7 th Grade Math EOG Achievement	8 th Grade Math Average			
	90-100	80-89	75-79	Below 75
4	STEM Algebra 1 Adv. <i>OR</i> STEM Algebra 1 Adv. <i>AND</i> STEM Geometry Adv.	Algebra 1 Adv. <i>(with teacher rec)</i> <i>OR</i> Algebra 1 (1-Term)	Algebra 1 (1-Term)	Algebra 1 (Year-Long)
3	Algebra 1 Adv. <i>(with teacher rec)</i> <i>OR</i> Algebra 1 (1-Term)	Algebra 1 (1-Term)	Algebra 1 (Year-Long)	Algebra 1 (Year-Long)
2	Algebra 1 (1-Term)	Algebra 1 (Year-Long)	Algebra 1 (Year-Long)	Foundations of Algebra
1	Algebra 1 (Year-Long)	Algebra 1 (Year-Long)	Foundations of Algebra	Foundations of Algebra

9th Grade Literature Placement Rubric for Upcoming Freshmen

(Students in the REACH gifted program should be scheduled for Gifted 9th Grade Lit & STEM students must fill out application)

STAR Reader Lexile Average	7 th - 8 th Grade ELA Average			
	90-100	80-89	75-79	Below 75
1800-1500L (Reading significantly above level)	STEM 9th Grade Literature -- or -- Advanced 9th Grade Literature	STEM 9th Grade Literature -- or -- Advanced 9th Grade Literature	Advanced 9th Grade Literature	Advanced 9th Grade Literature
1500-1300L (Reading above grade level)	STEM 9th Grade Literature -- or -- Advanced 9th Grade Literature	Advanced 9th Grade Literature	Advanced 9th Grade Literature	Advanced 9th Grade Literature --or-- General 9th Grade Literature
1200-900L (Reading at or slightly below grade level)	Advanced 9th Grade Literature -- or -- General 9th Grade Literature	General 9th Grade Literature	General 9th Grade Literature	General 9th Grade Literature
<900L (Reading significantly below grade level)	General 9th Grade Literature -- or -- 9th Grade Literature (Year-Long)	9th Grade Literature (Year-Long)	9th Grade Literature (Year-Long)	9th Grade Literature (Year-Long)

Course Registration

Academic Classes

Teachers have initialed by the level of academic class he/she recommends.

Parents can override by circling their choice and initialing by the class.

Each 9th grader is also enrolled in a Health/Personal Fitness class, which is required for graduation by the state of Georgia.

****Odyssey students are not pre-registered like Coweta students. We will cover this, the requirements to register, and complete paperwork during the May 7th Transition Meeting.****

Elective Classes

Choose 5 electives, numbering 1-5.

If your student is interested in taking classes at CEC, please choose at least 2 to aid in scheduling.

Foreign Language

Although not required for graduation, most 4 year universities require at least 2 credits in the same language. Check with the college's admissions page to verify.

***Students with less than an 80 in ELA should wait until 10th grade to enroll in foreign language.**

CEC CLASSES

Central Education Center (CEC)

- Charter school in Coweta County designed by a partnership between business and industry, Coweta County Schools, and West Georgia Technical College
- Comprised of students from each high school

CEC instructors often come from business and technology and are experts in the areas they teach.

Coweta County provides transportation to and from the student's base school to CEC. Options are based on both the master schedules of the base schools and CEC.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP courses are college level courses. To be competitive at top tier schools, students should focus on their school and community involvement, GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and the rigor of their academic transcript.

AP Opportunities for 9th graders

- **AP Human Geography**

- Social Studies elective
- 1 term class
 - This course emphasizes the importance of geography as a field of inquiry and briefly discusses the emergence of academic geography in nineteenth-century Europe. The course introduces students to the importance of spatial organization – the location of places, people, and events, and the connections among places and landscapes – in the understanding of human life on Earth.

- **AP Environmental Science**

- Counts as a 4th science
- 1 term class
 - This course is designed to provide students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the inter-relationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and man-made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving or preventing them.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual enrollment is designed to prepare students for college and career opportunities leading students to postsecondary institutions for an industry recognized certification or licensure, an associate and/or higher college degree, and successful employment.

[Dual Enrollment FAQ](#)

[General Information](#)

****House Bill 444 proposes changes to dual enrollment. If passed, it will restrict dual enrollment eligibility to grades 11 & 12 starting July 2020. It will also limit the number of Hope Scholarship paid credit hours to 30****

BLOCK SCHEDULE

Students have the ability to earn 8 credits per school year, for a total of 32 credits. Students are required to earn 28 credits to graduate.

August-December 4 90 minute blocks

January-May 4 90 minute blocks

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - 28 credits

4 English

- 9th grade Literature
- 10th grade Literature
- 11th grade Literature
- 12th grade Literature

4 Science

- Biology
- Chemistry, Earth Science, or Environmental Science
- Physics or Physical Science
- 4th Science

4 Social Studies

- American Government
- World History
- United States History
- Economics

4 Math

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- 4th Math

- 3 CTAE (Career Technical Agricultural Education), Fine Art, Modern Lang
- 1 Health/Personal Fitness
- At least 8 additional electives

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CREDITS AND GRADES

- To gain credit for a class, students must earn at least a 70.
- 9th grade classes Biology, 9th grade Literature, and Algebra 1 have a Georgia Milestone End of Course Test that counts as 20% of the final grade.
- To be promoted to 10th grade, students must earn 6 credits, including 9th grade Literature and Algebra.
- Quality points are averaged into a student's weighted GPA. Advanced, Gifted, and STEM classes earn 5 quality points. Advanced Placement classes earn 10 quality points.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP/HOPE GRANT

High School GPA → HOPE eligibility

- Georgia's HOPE Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. The scholarship provides money to assist students with the educational costs of attending a [HOPE eligible postsecondary institution](#) located in Georgia.

[Eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship](#)

- Georgia's HOPE Grant (separate from the HOPE Scholarship) is available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible college or university in Georgia.

[Eligibility for the HOPE Grant](#)

SUCCEEDING IN HIGH SCHOOL

- **Help** is available - ask for it and use it.
- **Don't fall behind** with missing assignments. Make up work immediately, if you are absent.
- **Stay organized** and use an agenda to keep track of assignments and important due dates.
- Keep a **positive** attitude.
- **Stay out of trouble.**
- Get **involved** and stay **connected**.

****We will cover more about the actual transition to High School during our May 7th Transition meeting. We will also have an Odyssey alumni and parent panel available to answer your questions!****

Stay Connected - School website, counseling site & twitter

East Coweta

- <http://echs.cowetaschools.net/>
- <https://eastcowetahighschoolcounseling.weebly.com/>
- @EastCowetaHigh

Newnan

- <http://nhs.cowetaschools.net/>
- <http://nhs.cowetaschools.net/guidance-counselors-2784bb5e>
- @NewnanHigh

Northgate

- <http://nghs.cowetaschools.net/>
- <http://nghs.cowetaschools.net/about-the-counseling-department-53c29c3f>
- @Northgate_High