



HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION 101

A guide for in coming students to Etowah High School

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Units Required

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION?

(I)	English/Language Arts*	4
(II)	Mathematics*	4
(III)	Science*	4
The 4 th science unit may be used to meet both the science and elective requirement		
(IV)	Social Studies	3
(V)	CTAE and/or 3 Social Studies	3
(VI)	Health and Physical Education*	1
(VII)	Electives	4
Total Units (Minimum)		23

You will need:

- 4 ELA
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 Health & PE
- 3 CTAE/Language/Fine Arts
- 4 Electives
- 23 Total Credits Needed

*Required Courses and/or Core Courses

2. *Modern Language/Latin:* All students are encouraged to earn two units of credit in the same modern language/Latin. Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution or other post-secondary institution must take two units of the same modern language/Latin. Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE) institutions (Technical College System of Georgia) do not require modern language/Latin for admissions.

A. Students whose native language is not English may be considered to have met the foreign language expectation by exercising the credit in lieu of enrollment option if they are proficient in their native language. A formal examination is not necessary if other evidence of proficiency is available.

4. *Health and Physical Education:* One unit of credit in health and physical education is required. Students shall combine one-half or one-third units of credit of Health (17.011), Health and Personal Fitness (36.051), or Advanced Personal Fitness (36.061) to satisfy this requirement. Three (3) units of credit in JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) may be used to satisfy this Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Rule requirements in rule 160-4-2-.12 and 2) the local Board of Education must approve the use of ROTC courses to satisfy the one required unit in health and physical education.

English/Language Arts: Four units of credit in English/Language Arts will be required of all students. A full unit of credit in American Literature/Composition and a full unit of credit in Ninth-Grade Literature and Composition will be required. All courses that may satisfy the remaining units of credit are identified with a “c.” The Writing, Conventions, and Listening, Speaking, and viewing strands of the Georgia Student Performance Standards will be taught in sequence in grades 9-12. Literature modules may be taught in any sequence in grades 10-12.

Mathematics: Four units of credit in mathematics will be required of all students, including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II or its equivalent. Additional units needed to complete four credits in mathematics must be chosen from the list of AP/IB designated courses.

Students with disabilities: refer to the Mathematics Graduation Requirement Guidance Document from the Georgia Department of Education for the most current requirements for students with disabilities.

Science: Four units of credit in science will be required of all students, including one full unit of Biology; one unit of either Physical Science or Physics; one unit of either Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or an AP/IB course; and one additional science unit. The fourth science unit may be used to meet both the science and elective requirements. Any AP/IB science course may be substituted for the appropriate courses listed above.

Social Sciences: Three units of credit will be required in social studies. One unit of credit will be required in United States History. One unit of credit will be required in World History. One-half unit of American Government/Civics will be required. One-half unit of Economics will be required.

WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?



Colleges are looking for students that follow a clear pathway throughout their high school career. Jumping from one path to another will not show commitment.



Colleges look for students who are growing throughout their high school career (Also referenced through rigor).



Many colleges look at a student's unweighted GPA. Weighted GPA is primarily used for class rank.



Colleges look at SAT and ACT scores. There is not a standard preference from one test to the other, but you should look at a few potential colleges and see if they have a preference.



Colleges look to see what extracurricular activities a student is involved in and how consistent they show involvement in their community. Colleges are looking for depth, not a laundry list.

WHAT IS RIGOR?

- Colleges will use 9th grade as a baseline year to assess where a student started.
- It is assumed that from 9th – 12th grade classes increase in difficulty. Grades should show growth as difficulty increases. This is rigor.
- Honors and AP offerings do increase rigor, but there are some things to keep in mind when planning for advanced classes.
 - Student A who maintains an A average from 9th grade on-level math to 10th grade math is keeping up with expected rigor.
 - Student B who earns an A average in 9th grade math but a C in 10th grade AP math does not show they are keeping up with expected rigor.
 - Student C who earns an A average in 9th grade math and an A in 10th grade Honors math is showing expected rigor and will also show higher than expected growth by participating in the honors level course.

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT BAND AND GRADUATION CREDITS

- ***I have to take Health & PE and a foreign language in 9th grade.***
 - There are online options to satisfy the Health/PE credit. Talk with your counselor now about this option if you are interested so you don't miss the deadline.
 - Only 2 foreign language credits are required if enrolling in a college part of the University System of GA.
 - You can take the ADAP program required for a driver's license online:
<https://online.dds.ga.gov/eADAP/Index.aspx?ReturnUrl=/e/adap/>
- ***If I don't start high school with AP course, I won't get into the college I want.***
 - 9th grade is the baseline colleges use. This year is about adjusting to high school schedules, extra curricular, and experiencing growth.
- ***I can't take Band and Choir in high school.***
 - This is possible but takes some serious planning since it uses 2 elective courses per year. This would require an alternate plan for Health/PE and Foreign Language.