



High School 101:  
How to make it to graduation





# Graduation Requirements

Stay on Track



# High School Diploma

Earn at least 24 Credits including these requirements:

- 4 Math
- 4 Social Studies
- 4 Science
- 4 Language Arts
- 2 World Language\*
- 4 electives (3 in a pathway)
- Health/Personal Fitness
- PE

*\*Honors diploma requires 3 foreign language credits and a 3.5 weighted GPA*



# Testing Requirements

EOC – Georgia Milestone- 20% of your Grade

Biology

Physical Science

US History

Economics

Coordinate Algebra

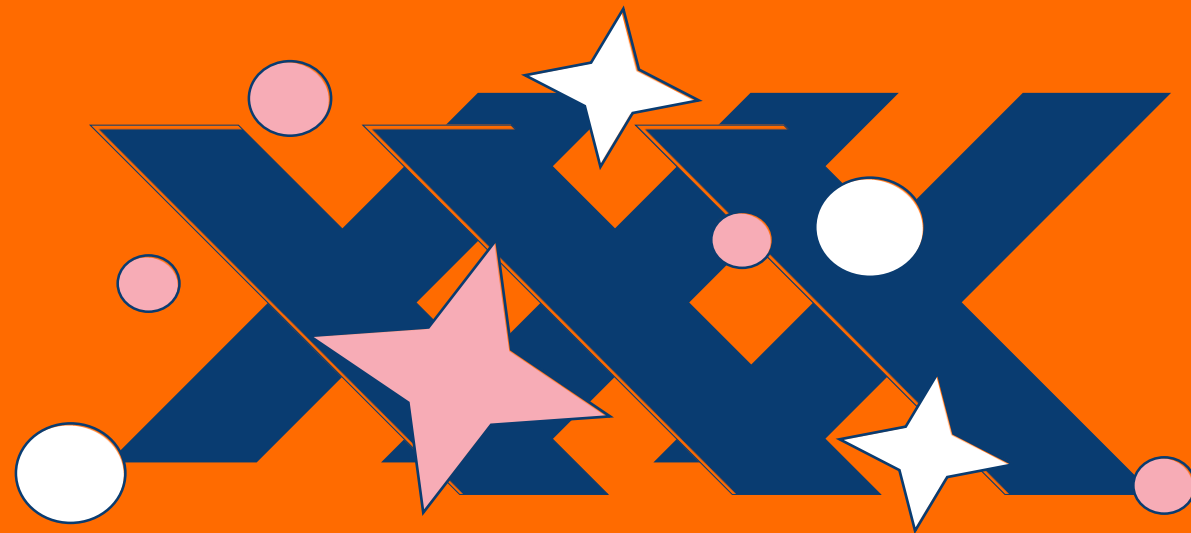
Analytic Geometry

Lit/Comp 9

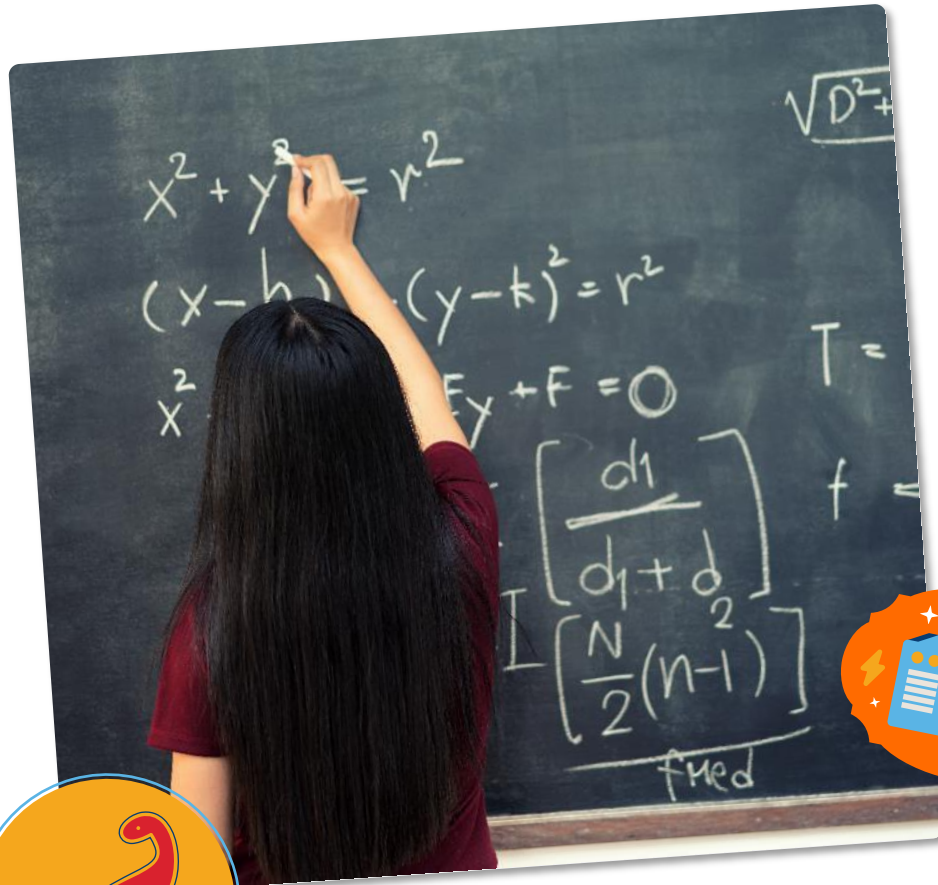
American Literature

# What is a Credit?!?

Do I have enough to be on target?



# Promotion Requirements



- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 0-5 credits or less than 3 core
- Promotion to 10<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 6 credits/3 core
- Promotion to 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 12 credits/6 core
- Promotion to 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 18 credits/9 core





# GPA

## What is a GPA?

Grade point average (GPA) is a numerical summary of your grades from high school.

## What is a Core GPA?

A Core GPA includes your grades from your core coursework only.



# Why is GPA Important?

- A GPA is one of the factors that colleges look at for admissions.
- A high GPA can make you eligible for more scholarships and for college honors programs.
- A low GPA can make you ineligible to play sports both in high school and in college.
- Your GPA is CUMULATIVE, which means your final senior GPA, includes grades from freshman year or earlier (8th grade high school credits).





# How is GPA Determined?

Each course you take receives a GPA grade point. The point that you receive is determined by your grade in the course.

## GRADING SCALE:

Dekalb County uses a 4.0 Scale

- General and accelerated courses range from 0-4 GPA points
- AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment courses range from 0-5 GPA points



# The GPA Calculation

A GPA is your Grade Point Average; the average of all the grades you've earned divided by the number of credits you have taken.

## REGULAR SCALE

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

F = 0.0

## WEIGHTED SCALE

A=5.0

B=4.0

C=3.0

D=2.0

F=0.0

# Example Calculation of GPA

Assuming all of the classes are 1 credit:

Course	Grade	GPA point
Lit/Comp 9	B	3
Coordinate Algebra	A	4
Environmental Science	C	2
Spanish I	A	4
		Total GPA points = 13
		Total credits (classes) = 4
Total GPA points divided by number of credits = GPA		$13/4 = 3.25$

# What is an High School Transcript?

A high school transcript is a record of your academic accomplishments in high school. It lists **every** class you took, when you took them, and the grade you received in each class, sometimes along with additional information such as standardized test scores and any honors you received. **Every person enrolled in high school has a high school transcript**, which is regularly updated as courses are completed.



# Why is an High School Transcript So Important?

- To Apply to College
- To Graduate High School or Transfer to a New High School
- To Apply for Jobs



# What is included on a High School Transcript?

- The Name of Each Course You Took in High School
- The Grades You Earned in Each Class
- When You Took Each Class



# Tips for Success

1. Attend tutorial regularly –If you have a 79 or below, make sure you are attending tutorial.
2. Maintain an Infinite Campus Account to keep track of your grades and any missing assignments.
3. Complete and turn in homework and classwork—this is 45% of your grade.
4. Prepare for Milestone Exams\* (EOC). These exams are 20% of your grade.
5. Communicate with your teacher if you are having trouble academically or personally.
6. Attendance is key. Poor attendance has a direct impact on your ability to succeed. Missed class = missed instruction.

