

Perry High School

9th GRADE TRANSITION
MEETING

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

■ Class of 2025

- Each student will take 7 classes per semester
- In high school, each semester course is worth 0.5 units of credit
- Students may earn up to 3.5 units a semester (7 x .5) or 7 units per year or 28 units in 4 years

Grade Point Average

- A student's GPA (Grade point average), used for college admissions and scholarships, begins when he or she enters the 9th grade

Two main types of GPAs

– Perry High School GPA

- Includes an average of all classes taken in High School
- Used for College Admission

– HOPE GPA

- Includes only Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language
- Used to determine eligibility for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship
- Calculated by the Georgia Finance Commission and can only be found at gafutures.org

High School Grading Periods

- Students will take 18 week semester courses
- Progress reports for grades and attendance will be sent out at 6 weeks and 12 weeks.
- Semester Final Grades will be posted on the transcript at the end of each semester (December and May).

A separate grade will be posted on transcripts for each semester of a course. The semester grades are not averaged together.

For example:

Biology A (first semester) 80

Biology B (second semester) 65

The student would have to retake only second semester of the course.

Graduation requirements

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math
- 3 units of Social Studies
- 4 units of Science
- 3 units of Career Tech, Fine arts, and/or Foreign Language
- 1 unit of Personal Fitness/Health
- 5 additional elective credits
- 24 total credits

Students must take 4
“rigorous” courses in order to
be eligible for the HOPE
scholarship. A list of rigor
courses can be found on
gafutures.org.

Students in the honors program
must take at least 1 honors
class each year to remain in the
program.

Testing

- Select courses in each academic area will have End of Course Tests (EOC) that will count for a certain percentage of the final course grade. Students must pass all courses containing an EOC.
 - Most freshmen will take 2 EOCs
 - Algebra and Biology

Topics of importance:

- Infinite Campus –
 - Please check your student's grades and attendance weekly!
 - Students have access to IC to monitor their own grades

Your student should have received a registration form from the middle school. This form asked your student to choose their academic and elective courses.

For more details about each elective course, please go to phs.hcbe.net and click on the advisement circle. There are videos that highlight each elective course on the right side of the page.

Please return the
registration form to your
middle school or scan the
QR code by March 26.

We look forward to having your student as a PHS Panther and member of the Class of 2025!