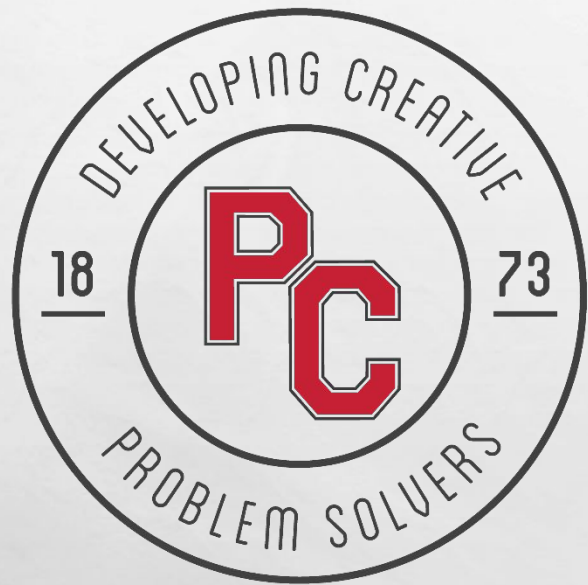


PIKE COUNTY NINTH GRADE ACADEMY ADVISEMENT 2018



WHO'S YOUR COUNSELOR??

- Ms. Rebekah Stewart

Not a counselor but VERY helpful:

- Mrs. Robin Kempson- Data Clerk/Registrar

CREDITS

- **Each course is worth 1 credit (.5 fall semester + .5 spring semester = 1)**
- **You need 24 credits to graduate**
- **Two semesters per year- S1 ends in December,
S2 ends in May**

English 4 credits **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS**

- **Math 4 credits**
- **Science 4 credits**
- **Social Studies 3 credits**
- **FL/CTAE/Fine Arts 3 credits**
- **Health/ Personal Fitness 1 credit**
- **Electives 5 credits**

Total 24 credits

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FAIL A CLASS??

- **The failing grade will always stay on your transcript**
- **Credit recovery options- You can make up any failed course but if the grade is below a 60 you must do new credit**
- **If you fail a class first semester then you will complete credit recovery for that class 2nd semester. This is in addition to the second semester of the class, which you will also be taking at that time.**
- **If you need direct instruction, credit recovery is not an option**
- **Credit recovery courses are not NCAA eligible**

ELIGIBILITY IN COMPETITIVE ORGANIZATIONS

- **Applies to athletics, fine arts/ music productions, class offices and clubs.**
- **All first time 9th graders are eligible in the fall to participate in athletics, fine arts/ music productions, clubs, and hold class offices.**
- **However, all first time 9th graders must pass at least 5 out of 7 classes 1st semester to be eligible to participate 2nd semester.**
- **All upperclassmen must be on track to graduate and have passed 5 out of 7 classes the previous semester.**

SAMPLE REPORT CARD

•9 th English	85
•Algebra I	70
•Biology	68
•Health	90
•World History	74
•Spanish I	69
•Basic Agriculture	62

How many credits?

Eligibility?

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- Scale A's= 4 points, B's = 3 points, C's= 2 points F's= 0 pts
- Cumulative GPA counts every course taken
- Hope GPA counts only core classes- English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language
- Dual enrollment and AP courses
 - PCH adds 1 quality point
 - HOPE adds .5 except A's and F's

HONOR GRADUATES

- **Must have a 3.6 GPA or 90% avg. across classes**
- **Determined after 1st semester senior year**
- **Students can be added after 2nd semester but not removed**

SAT OR ACT??

SAT

- Aptitude test
- Critical reading, math, writing is optional beginning in March 2016
- Currently, you get points off for wrong answers
- Scores will be based on # of correct answers w/ no penalty for guessing for new test
- 140 questions
- Each section worth 800 points

ACT

- Achievement test
- English, math, reading, science, optional writing
- Scored based on # of correct answers w/ no penalty for guessing
- 215 questions

MOVE ON WHEN READY OPPORTUNITIES

- Earn high school and college credit at the same time
- College courses= 1 credit/class High school courses= .5 credit/ class
- Does not count against HOPE hours
- Options
 - Gordon State College
 - Southern Crescent Technical College
 - Griffin Regional College and Career Academy
 - Georgia Military College

MOVE ON WHEN READY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Can begin college in 10th grade**
- **Senate Bill 2: Students can graduate after taking health/ personal fitness, 9th English, American Literature, Algebra, Geometry, Biology, U.S. History and Economics if they take all required courses at Southern Crescent for an Associate's Degree program or two Technical Certificates in the same Pathway.**

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- **Must have 3.0 GPA in core classes plus 3 rigor courses (12th), 4 rigor courses (11th, 10th and 9th)**
- **Must earn 3.0 GPA in college to maintain it**
- **Zell Miller Scholarship- VAL and SAL qualify, as well as anyone with a 3.7 GPA plus 1200 combined critical reading and math on SAT or 26 composite ACT**
- **Must earn 3.3 in college to maintain it**

HOPE RIGOR COURSES

- Any AP or dual enrollment core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies or Foreign Language)
- Advanced Algebra, Pre-Calculus
- Human Anatomy, Chemistry, Physics
- French II, French III, Spanish II, Spanish III, Latin II

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/187520/rigor-course-list-september-2017.pdf>

HOPE GRANT

- **HOPE grant applies to certificate or diploma programs at technical colleges**
- **High school GPA and/or test scores not considered**
- **Must earn a 2.0 GPA in college to maintain it**

PATHWAYS- CHOOSE ONE

4 pathways

- **Advanced Academic**
- **Fine Arts**
- **CTAE**
- **World Language**

Learn about yourself **www.gafutures.org**

- **Determine your skills, interest and work values through career interest inventories**
- **College searches**
- **Scholarship searches**
- **Apply to colleges**
- **Request transcripts**
- **Apply for HOPE scholarship and HOPE grant**
- **MOWR application for dual enrollment**

REGISTRATION

Will begin in January or February

- Know which pathway you want to pursue**
- Know which AP / honors / gifted courses you want to take**
- Be prepared if you plan to dual enroll- you must attend informational sessions and take SAT/ACT/Accuplacer**
- Know how you will make up any failed courses**

BE PREPARED

- **Keep a list of awards and community service hours for scholarships**
- **Scholarships are posted on PS daily bulletin and on Grad Coach's Facebook page**
- **Get plugged in through clubs and/or sports**
- **Make good grades**
- **Be aware of college admission requirements and application deadlines**
- **Its never too early to plan for the future- take charge**

COUNSELING STUFF

- **What do you do if a friend tells you s/he wants to die?**
- **What do you do if you overhear a conversation between two friends discussing ways to end their lives?**
- **What do you do if you see someone showing others marks on his/her arm where they cut themselves?**

**REPORT TO A TEACHER OR COUNSELOR
ASAP**

You may not get a second chance

QUESTIONS???