## 8TH GRADE SUMMER Parent Meeting

## Mandatory High School Credit Classes

## Algebra or

Algebra/Geometry
Physical Science
9th Grade Lit/Comp

## 2 Other Core Classes

## Georgia Studies

Research

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            High SchOOL GrADUATION REQUIREMENTS
    Required Areas of Study
    English/Language Arts
    Mathematics
    Science
    Social Studies
    Health and Physical Education
    World Language
CTAE
Units of Credit Required
4
4 * *
4 *
3
1
2 \text { College Prep Pathway (4 preferred)}
OR
1 CTAE Pathway (2 preferred)
4 CTAE Pathway only Electives
6 \text { College Prep Pathway Students OR}
3 CTAE Pathway Students
Total Minimum Units of Credit
2 4
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## GPA

Your student will earn credits that will be calculated into their cumulative GPA. This will follow them through their high school career. If a student fails a high school credit course, they can retake the course, but the original grade will not be replaced; the two grades will be averaged. Grades in their high school credit courses this year will also help determine placement in high school pathways and programs. It is imperative that students start, continue, and finish strong as their grades this year will impact the next 3-4 years of their lives significantly. In order to facilitate this, we are implementing a "no cell phone use" policy in classrooms, unless authorized by the teacher. The number one cause of poor grades is inattention during instruction. Your student is expected to absorb information meant for a 16-17 year old, but they are still 13-14 years old. The brain of a 16 year old is much different than that of a 13 year old. We need all of their attention so that they can be as successful as possible. Very few students fail here because of ability; it is usually due to maturity.


## Physical Science

The science class for this year is High School Physical Science, not to be confused with 8th grade Physical Science.

High School Physical Science is the prerequisite class for both Chemistry and Physics. The first semester we will focus on pre Physics and the second semester will be pre Chemistry. This class is NOT Chemistry or Physics! This class is the PREREQUISITE for those classes!

Students will need to complete an EOC which will count as 20\% of their overall grade.

## GeORGIA Studies

Students must successfully complete this course in order to move on to high school.
This means having a 70\% or higher yearly average.

This course covers the geography and formation (both political and geological) of Georgia spanning the time periods from pre-colonial to modern day.

Students will need to complete the EOG; this score is NOT included in their final grade.

