



**Welcome
Class of 2015
Students and Parents**

English

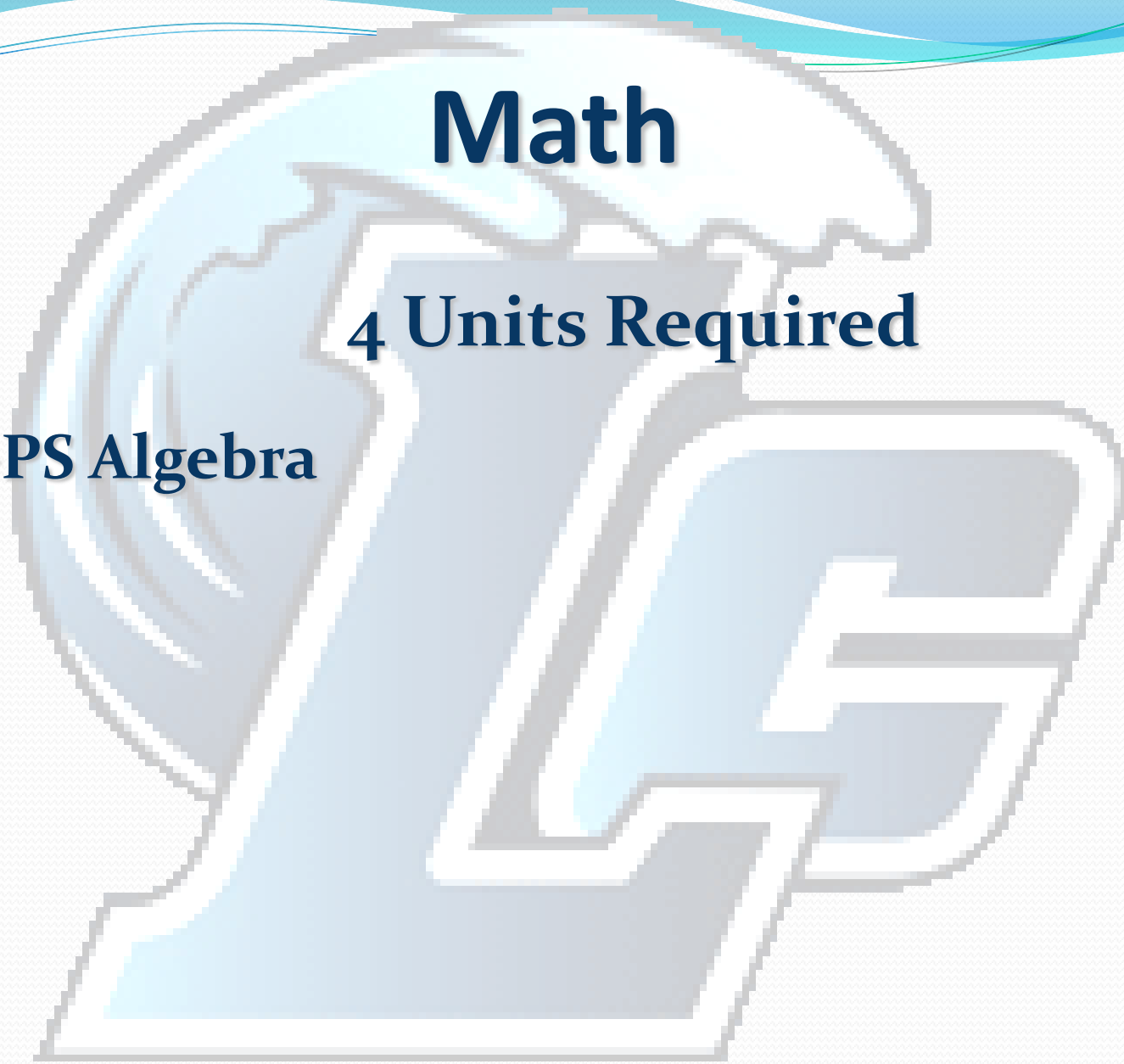
4 Units Required

- 9th Grade Literature and Composition
- 10th Grade Literature and Composition
- 11th Grade Literature and Composition
- 12th Grade Literature and Composition

Math

4 Units Required

- GPS Algebra



Science

4 Units Required

- **9th grade – Biology**
- **10th grade – Physical Science**
- **11th Grade – Environmental Science**
- **12th Grade – Chemistry, Physics, or Approved Career Tech Course**

Social Studies

4 Units Required

- 9th Grade -
- 10th Grade -
- 11th Grade -
- 12th Grade

Electives

- **1 Credit in Health/Physical Education**
- **3 Credits in Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts and/or Career/Technical/Agricultural Education**
- **5 Additional Electives**

Some Important FAQ's to Review

(Frequently Asked Questions)

What is a High School Diploma?

- ❑ **Certified Document That Student Receives Upon Graduation Based On:**
 - Attendance
 - Carnegie Units (One Carnegie Unit = 1 Credit)
 - Standardized State Tests
- ❑ **One Program of Study**
 - One diploma option based on the America Diploma Project and the Georgia Department of Education State Board Graduation Rule for the Class of 2012 and Thereafter

FAQs Continued

- **What is a high school transcript?**

An official record of academic status which includes state course numbers and course titles plus grades earned. Credits are also on the transcript. For courses in which a 70 or higher was earned either a .5 or 1.0 credit is recorded. For courses in which a 69 or lower grade was earned 0 credit is recorded.

- **What is a Grade Point Average?**

The total calculation of all grades received during high school is referred to as the GPA. Numerical (i.e. 92.5) Currently, high school transcripts have a numerical and 4.0 gpa calculation.

FAQs Continued

What about the HOPE Scholarship?

- Please remember that a HOPE gpa is calculated on a 4.0 scale. The transcript includes a 4.0 gpa scale but calculates all courses taken for high school credit.
- Only academic courses count for HOPE
- Non-academic elective courses do not count
- Thus, an overall numeric GPA of 83.4% (numeric gpa also included on high school transcript), does not necessarily mean that the HOPE gpa will be a 3.0 or higher.
- HOPE grade point information is transmitted on a 4.0 GPA scale to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and is not a numerical GPA.

KEEP HOPE ALIVE!

(Subject to Change per Legislation)

- Both passing and failing grades are recorded on the high school transcript and the HOPE eligible transcript.
- Transcript is sent electronically from to Georgia Student Finance Commission via GACollege411.org. Then, the Georgia Student Finance Commission determines eligibility.

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Expand Your Opportunities

FAQs Continued

- **What is the High School Grading Period?**

Credits will be awarded at the end of the semester for .5 credit.

- **What is the Grading Scale?**

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

00-69 = F

It is very important that students remember...

❑ **Attendance Matters**-*Being in all classes each day is very important.*

❑ **Tests and Grades Matter**

❑ **Courses and Career Interests Matter**

Research University *4 additional core units recommended*

State/Regional University *2 additional core units recommended*

Two-Year College

Technical College

The rigor of the courses taken is examined by admissions staff. Matching a career pathway/cluster with high school courses is important. The Career Cluster/Pathway choice is based on Career Interest Inventory information.

Athletic Eligibility: Grades must be okay to PLAY!

- An entering ninth grade student is eligible to participate in athletic activities for the first semester;
- To be eligible after the first semester, a student must "earn 2.5 credits each semester and be on track to graduate".
- At the end of the ninth grade year, the student must be on track (5 credits earned).

State-Mandated Testing Begins in the 9th Grade

- ✓ EOCT (End-of-Course Tests)
 - ✓ Currently, counts 15% of the final grade for the course
 - ✓ However, Georgia Department of Education has a proposal that has not been approved as of yet that the EOCT could count 25% of the course grade for the 8 EOCT course
- ✓ Areas Tested:
 - Ninth Literature/Composition
 - Math 1
 - Math 2
 - Physical Science
 - Biology
 - United States History
 - American Literature/Composition
 - Economics

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- Student Portfolios
- Career Interest Inventory and Career Portfolio Information Used for High School Advisement plus CTAE Clusters/Pathways
- High School Planning
- College Planning
- Financial Planning



Any Questions?

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