



## BCHS Class of 2023 Information for Rising 9th Grade Students and Parents

Please visit the BCCHS website at [www.bankscountyhigh.com](http://www.bankscountyhigh.com) to access important information:

- Information from the Preview Night will be posted by 2/11/19 (including powerpoint presentation, information packet, Program of Study, other useful documents)
- Teacher and staff emails
- Student Handbook

If you have questions about 9th grade or the high school registration process, please contact Mary Boykin, 9th/10th grade counselor, at [mary.boykin@banks.k12.ga.us](mailto:mary.boykin@banks.k12.ga.us) or 706-677-2221.

### Registration Timeline

1. **9th Grade Parent Preview Night** at BCCHS, Feb 7
2. **Student Elective Selection** Feb 11-15
  - a. Students will receive Elective Selection Forms to take home to review. Please discuss electives and alternates with your student.
  - b. BCCHS counselors and teachers will be at BCMS on 2/15/19 to help students make final elective selections.
  - c. 8th grade teachers will also make academic recommendations during this time.
3. **Final Course Selection**, Feb 25 - March 1
  - a. Students will take home a **Course Recommendation Form** on 2/25/19. This form will contain a list of the academic courses your student's teachers have recommended and the student-selected electives. Please (1) REVIEW THIS CAREFULLY, (2) make any ADJUSTMENTS, and (3) SIGN.
  - b. The **LAST day to return this form to BCMS is March 1**
4. **Transfer Ceremony**, May 24, 10:00 AM , BCCHS
  - a. Students will gather at the BCCHS Football Stadium, where they will graduate in 2023, to reflect on the transition from middle to high school. A Class of 2023 picture will be taken. Parents are welcome to attend.
5. **Freshman Festival**, July 30
  - a. This is a fun, student-only event.
  - b. Rising 9th grade students will meet with advisors to tour the school and get to know each other. Upperclassmen will also be on hand to answer questions about high school!
6. **Open House** (9th-12th grades), Date TBA
  - a. A school-wide Open House will be held before school begins. Students and parents/guardians are invited to come and meet teachers at this time.

## Contacts and “Who to Know”

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### Typical 9th Grade Schedule

9th graders take year-long courses, with the exception of health and PE and 9th grade social studies, which are semester-long courses. Grades and credits are finalized at the end of each semester.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Literature A	Literature B
Math A	Math B
Science A	Science B
HS Transition or World Geography	American Govt/Civics
Health	Personal Fitness
Elective 1 A	Elective 1 B
Elective 2 A	Elective 2 B

By the end of 9th grade, if they pass all their courses, 9th grade students will earn 7 total units of credit (.5 credit earned per course per semester).

## 9th Grade Courses

Subject Area	Course Options
Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9th Lit/Comp *</li> <li>● Honors 9th Lit/Comp</li> <li>● Honors 10th Lit/Comp</li> </ul>
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Foundations of Algebra</li> <li>● Algebra I (taken in conjunction with Algebra I Support class)</li> <li>● Algebra I *</li> <li>● Honors Algebra I</li> <li>● Honors Geometry</li> </ul>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Environmental Science *</li> <li>● Honors Biology</li> </ul>
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High School Transition AND American Govt/Civics * #</li> <li>● Honors World Geography AND Honors American Govt/Civics</li> </ul>

- \* most typically scheduled course
- # High School Transition is not a social studies course. It counts as an elective credit.

## 9th Grade Elective Courses

- Comprehensive Art and Drawing 1
- Band
- Beginning Instrumental Ensemble (Color Guard)
  - Requires try-outs
- Chorus
- Beginning Guitar and Keyboarding (Piano)
- Theatre Arts I (Drama)
- Early Childhood Care & Education
- Intro to Business and Technology
- Intro to Digital Technology
- Basic Maintenance and Light Repair (automotive)
- Agricultural Science & Technology
- JROTC Army Leadership
- Intro to Law, Public Safety, and Corrections (NEW!!!)

The **BCHS Program of Study** includes course descriptions for both academic and elective courses. Your student received a copy of this document in their email.

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## End of Course Exams

During high school, students will take the GA Milestone Exam in the following classes:

<b>Lang Arts</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
9th Lit/Comp	Algebra I	Biology	US History
11th grade American Lit	Geometry	Physical Science	Economics

The exam counts for 20% of the final grade. 9th grade milestones are taken at the end of the second semester.

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<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	
ELA	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Health/PE	1 combined credit
CTAE and/or Fine Arts and/or Modern Language	3 credits
Electives	4 credits
<b>Total Minimum Units Required for Graduation</b>	<b>23</b>

<b>Promotion Credits</b>	
to attain 10th grade status	4 credits required
to attain 11th grade status	10 credits required
to attain 12th grade status	16 credits required