

RISING NINTH GRADE

Frequently Asked Questions

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What time does school start?	School starts at 8:25 a.m. A warning bell rings two minutes before each class period. Students MUST arrive no later than 8:25 a.m. or they will be marked tardy.
How much time do I have between classes?	Currently, there is a 6-minute transition period between classes. We are looking at some other options for next year's schedule.
What do I bring the first day of school?	Each teacher will advise your student about their expectations for supplies. The first day they should bring paper and pen/pencil and one folder.
Can I prepay my lunch account like I did in Middle School?	Yes, you may login to MyPaymentsPlus (MPP) and put money on your account. Please see our website on the "Quick Link" section for this URL if you are not familiar. Parents may bring in checks during 9th Grade Orientation in July. Students can also see our café manager, Ms. Garrett-Martin, if they have any questions.
When will I eat lunch?	We eat lunch during 4th period or 5th period depending on the daily bell schedule.
Should I take Health/PE in the summer?	There is no recommendation to take these courses over the summer; however, if you choose to do this there is a protocol that must be followed in order to receive credit for the course. If you choose to take these state REQUIRED courses over the summer it is your responsibility to complete the Course Waiver form for each course and request a different elective. NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED AN ELECTIVE CHOICE BECAUSE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE THESE COURSES DURING THE SUMMER. ELECTIVES WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON SEAT AVAILABILITY. We encourage to select Forsyth Virtual Academy if you choose to take the course over the summer.
Where do I catch the bus, and when will it pick me up?	All bus routes will be posted during SOFOPalooza (9th grade Orientation). It is important to find your bus number, time of pick up, and the slot number so you know where to find your bus at the end of the day. You can also find information regarding buses on our district website.
If my student is a car rider, where do I drop him/her off?	Students are ONLY allowed to be dropped off by way of Peachtree Parkway. The traffic pattern information can be found on the website. Parents should use the two lanes in the front of the school when dropping students off from 7:45 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.
How do I join a club?	We will have a time during advisement where students will learn about clubs that are available to them. Additionally, during SOFOPalooza (Freshmen Orientation), students will have an opportunity to learn more about these clubs, so they may determine the best fit for their interests.
How do I join a sports team?	Check the SFHS website at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/sfhs for a complete list of our sports programs by season. All sports teams will require a tryout, so make sure you check early in the year so as not to miss out. Also, listen to the daily announcements and checkout the bulletin boards around school.
Where do I go if I come to school late or need to leave early?	You need to report to the Attendance Office in the main building. If you are leaving early, bring a note or have your parent/guardian email Ms. Lee at slee60@forsyth.k12.ga.us so that your absence may be verified. If you come to school tardy, you MUST stop by the Attendance Office whether or not you have a note and pick up a yellow slip. If you fail to check-in or check-out through the Attendance Office, it is consider skipping and students will receive a discipline consequence.
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How will my child purchase a PE uniform if he/she wants one for the semester?	PE uniforms are handled through the department. Once your child attends the class the teacher will explain the purchasing process. Students will not be penalized the first day of school if they do not have a uniform.
How will I know what I need to know before my first day of school?	There will be a SOFOPalooza (9th Grade Orientation) in late July or early August that will allow your student to spend time on campus. During this time, students are paired up with Student Ambassadors, so they can answer questions and give your student some helpful information before the first day. Schedules are historically released to students 1 week prior to the first day of school.
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Is my child required to take a world language?	No. However, many colleges and universities do require 2-3 years of world language credits.
Is there an age requirement to take Driver's Ed?	No
Do courses taken in the summer for rising 9th graders count in GPA? (For Example: PE)	Yes, they will calculate in the student's GPA should you provide a transcript of the completed course and complete a form requesting for it to be added to your student's transcript.
What classes would a 9th grader need to take in order to get into IB classes?	There are not specific course requirements. If a student is attending South out-of-district for IB, then they must take 2 rigor courses.
How is GPA calculated?	
My teacher recommended me for the wrong class how can we change it?	Teachers cannot make changes to recommendations at this time. You can complete a course waiver to request to have it changed when it opens in March.
Can we choose more than 1 elective (excluding health and personal fitness)?	It depends on the other courses taken. Use the 9 th grade course planning sheet to guide your choices.
Can recommended regular Social Studies replace/waiver by AP Human Geography?	
Can a 14 year old elect to take Drivers Ed semester 1? Turns 15 12/27	

our student opts to take PE over summer, is the registration process to take that extra course totally separate than alternate courses they select now?	
can you do both IB and a career pathway?	
do we get a recording of this meeting	
have you figured out the regulations and procedures that might be in place when students would have lunch(COVID wise).	
are schedules similar from South Forsyth Online and in person.	
Hi! My name is Adhya Desanasetti, and I think there's a problem with my schedule. My schedule has world geo and us history and film as required courses and it isn't letting me change them. It says my schedule is 86% complete only with the required courses added.	
When can we start to pick clubs	
My son logged into infinite campus at 9 AM today , and planned to register his 9th grade courses in SFHS, but he found out all the courses are filled and he didn't get any chance to choose elective courses, also he has two math classes (Geometry Honors and Geometry). Is there anything wrong with the system? How can we fix this?	
as a freshman student completes the GAVS virtual health and Personal fitness over the summer, does that mean the student can now take a different elective instead of pe and health?	
how do you get into an Ivy league college	
When can students register to take Health and PE over the summer?	
for the next school year, will there be any special events	

occurring per quarter, or will simply be things happening from semester to semester.	
Can we register for two pathways?	
What if we don't like alternate pathway allotted, can they pick for next year?	
Do students get to pick electives again for Semester 2? This wasn't clear in the presentation.	
Do we also have to email the counselor and fill out the waiver to take PE and Health over the summer? I want to do the combo class for chorus and musical theater as one of my electives but I've been given 2 different codes to put into Student Portal. What is the right code for that class? Since I'm planning to take PE and Health over the summer, how do I put into Student Portal or let you all become aware of the other elective (Intro to Business and Technology) I want to take?	
Why is there not a French 2 or 9th grade? My son has French 1 already in 8th grade.	
Is a language required for graduation?	
Is PE done in summer calculate for GPA?	
If the student wants to complete fitnesses and health over the summer, do we need to submit the waiver now?	
If you just want to take a culinary class but not follow the pathway, is that possible?	
If we choose an elective that requires an audition. When will that audition happen?	
My son who went to Alliance didn't get his Health/PE grades counted towards his GPA. Is it different for South?	
If I'm planning on taking PE/Health over the summer, and am aware I have to bring the transcript to school and the counselors will switch it	

with something else. I was wondering, should I put the class i'm interested in taking in place of PE/Health in my alternates?	
I can't find AP Human Geography in the electives in Parent Portal Course selections, but I see AP Psychology and AP European History. Who do I have to contact to select AP Human Geography? Do I have to provide a transcript for the high school credits I obtained in middle school, or will they automatically transfer?	
Sorry may be I am sending multiple times. Is Summer PE course consider for GPA	

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