

Raider Essentials ToolKit

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Office Locations



Main Office

Hours: 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Mrs. Kristin Bowen, Receptionist, 160101
Mrs. Erica Hendrix, Attendance Secretary, 160100

**Parent Portal, Certificate of Enrollment, ADAP,
Student Attendance, Tardy Report, Check Outs**



Front Administrative Office

Hours: 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Mrs. Ranita Christopher, Principal's Secretary , 160113
Mrs. Cindy Mills, Bookkeeper, 160112

**Change of Address, Proof of Residency,
Accounting, Bookkeeping Budget, Student Fees**



Counseling Office

Hours: 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM

Mrs. Mandy Hoaglund, Counseling Secretary, 160230
Ms. Chris Head, Registrar, 160233

**Transcripts, Summer School Registration, Work
Permits, Social Security, Military Forms, Record
Requests, Report Cards, Student Enrollment
Forms**



Student Support and Activities

Hours: 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Mrs. Sandra Sutton, Student Activities Secretary,
106402

**Facilities Requests, Student Parking Passes,
Fundraiser Requests, Lockers,
Bus/Transportation**

High School 101

Graduation Requirements

Course	Credits Required
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies (World, US, Gov't/Econ)	3
Health/Personal Fitness OR 3 units JROTC	1
CTAE/Fine Arts/World Language	3
Electives	4
Total Credits (Minimum) Year Long courses= 1 credit Semster courses= 0.5 credit	23

GPA Scale

	Regular/ Honors Course	AP or Dual Enrollment Course
A 90-100	4.0	5.0
B 80-89	3.0	4.0
C 70-79	2.0	3.0

Formative vs. Summative

Formative Grades= Classwork, Quizzes, Homework
25% of overall grade

Summative Grades= Tests, Projects
75% of overall grade

End of Course Testing

Students must take the End of Course (EOC) for the following:

English Lit 2

Algebra Concepts and Connections

Biology/ Honors Biology

US History

College Admissions Testing

PSAT (PreSAT)= Grades 9, 10, 11 in October

*All 10th grade students are automatically registered

SAT= Grades 11 & 12

Register: www.sat.org

ACT = Grades 11 & 12

Register: www.act.org

Cumulative vs. CORE GPA

Cumulative GPA= All classes including electives

Core GPA= Core Academic Courses

(Math, Science, Social Studies, English, World Lang)

HOPE GPA

Based on Core GPA, calculated up to a 4.0

Zell Miller= minimum 3.7 GPA + ACT/SAT requirement

HOPE= minimum 3.0 GPA

*Must also meets HOPE rigor requirements

*Check your HOPE GPA on GaFutures.org

Raider Time/ Wellness

Raider Time

Students attend every day

Receive remediation, extra help, and enrichment opportunities

Wellness

Wednesday only

student groups, explore interests

Class Schedule

- 7 periods
- 50 min classes (all 7 periods) Monday, Tuesday, Friday
- 90 min Even/ Odd block classes (4 periods) Wednesday, Thursday
- Raider Time & Wellness Wednesday
- Report Card Each 9 weeks
- Final grade posted at conclusion of course (average of 1st semester & 2nd semester grade for yearlong courses), includes EOC for EOC courses

Strategies for Student Success

1. Advocate for your education
2. Check Canvas and Infinite Campus/ Student Portal
3. Take responsibility
4. Ask for help! Talk to your teachers and use Raider Time
5. Complete all assignments on time and turn them in

Four Year Academic Plan

9th Grade

English (4 credits required)

English Lit 1 or English Lit 1 Honors

Math (4 credits required), Based on current course and teacher recommendation

Foundations of Algebra, Algebra*, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Accel Adv Algebra

Science (4 credits required)

Biology*, Biology Honors*, Environmental Science

CTAE/ World Language/ Fine Arts (3 credits required)

Choose from options in an area of interest

Personal Fitness/ Health (1 credit or 3 credits of JROTC)

Health & Personal Fitness or JROTC

Additional Electives (4 credits)

See registration sheet for all electives

10th Grade

English (4 credits required)

English Lit 2 or English Lit 2 Honors

Math (4 credits required)

*** Based on current course and teacher recommendation

Algebra I, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Accel Adv Algebra, AP PreCalc

Science (4 credits required)

Biology*, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Earth Systems, Environmental Sci, AP Biology

Social Studies (3 credits required)

World History or AP World History

CTAE/ World Language/ Fine Arts (3 credits required)

Choose from options in an area of interest

Additional Electives (4 credits)

See registration sheet for all electives

11th Grade

English (4 credits required)

American Literature* or AP American Literature and Language*

Math (4 credits required)

*** Based on current course and teacher recommendation

Geometry, Adv. Algebra, Adv. Algebra Honors, AP PreCalc, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB/BC

Science (4 credits required)

Earth Systems, Enviro Sci, Physical Sci, Physics, Chemistry, AP Chem, Forensic Sci, Bio II, AP Bio, AP Enviro Sci, AP Physics, Epidemiology

Social Studies (3 credits required)

US History* or AP US History

CTAE/ World Language/ Fine Arts (3 credits required)

Choose from options in an area of interest

Additional Electives (4 credits)

See registration sheet for all electives

12th Grade

English (4 credits required)

Advanced Composition, Dramatic Writing, Multicultural Literature or AP Literature

Math (4 credits required)

*** Based on current course and teacher recommendation

Adv. Algebra, PreCalc, AMDM, Calculus, Statistical Reasoning, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Statistics, College Readiness Math, AP Pre-Calc

Science (4 credits required)

Earth Systems, Enviro Sci, Physical Sci, Physics, Chemistry, AP Chem, Forensic Sci, Bio II, AP Bio, AP Enviro Sci, AP Physics, Epidemiology

Social Studies (3 credits required)

Government, Economics or AP Government, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics

CTAE/ World Language/ Fine Arts (3 credits required)

Choose from options in an area of interest

Additional Electives (4 credits)

See registration sheet for all electives

23 credits Total

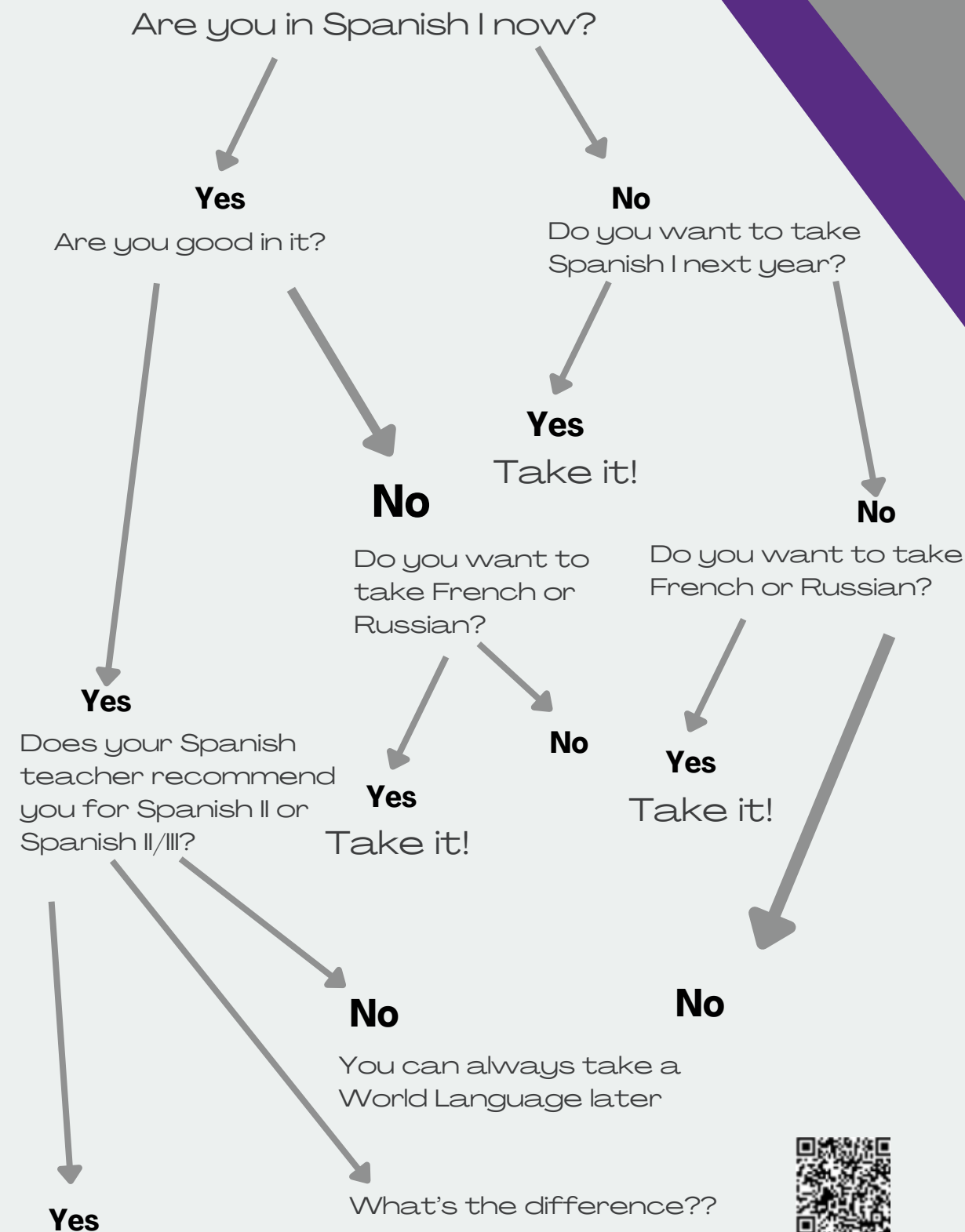
*Designates course with an End of Course Assessment (EOC)

High School CTAE Pathways

NFHS 2025-2026

Audio & Video Technology and Film	Audio & Video Technology and Film I Audio & Video Technology and Film II Audio & Video Technology and Film III
Computer Science	Introduction to Software Technology AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A
Engineering and Technology	Foundations of Engineering and Technology Engineering Concepts Engineering Applications
Food and Nutrition	Food, Nutrition, and Wellness Food for Life Food Science
JROTC- Marines	MCJROTC Leadership Education I MCJROTC Leadership Education II MCJROTC Leadership Education III
Healthcare- Public Health	Introduction to Healthcare Essentials of Healthcare Public Health
Healthcare- Sports Medicine	Introduction to Healthcare Essentials of Healthcare Sports Medicine
Marketing/ Management	Marketing Principles Marketing and Entrepreneurship Marketing Management
Marketing: Promotions and Communications	Marketing Principles Promotional and Digital Marketing Integrated Marketing Communications
Education as a Profession	Examining the Teaching Profession Contemporary Issues in Education Teaching as a Profession Practicum
Veterinary Science	Basic Agriculture Animal Science and Biotechnology Veterinary Science
Web Development	Introduction to Software Technology AP Computer Science Principles Web Development

What World Language Class Should I Take?



Take it!

Do you speak another language at home? Learn how to take a placement test to potentially earn World Language credits through testing.



***Students must complete 2 years of the same foreign language for 4 year college admission, but world language is not required for high school graduation**

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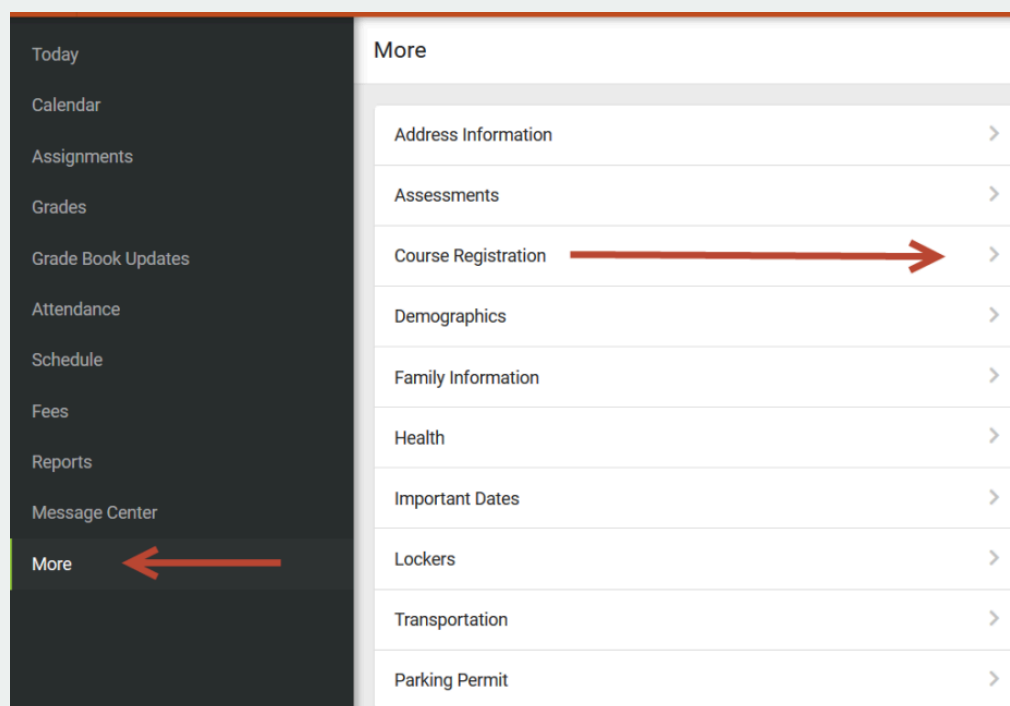


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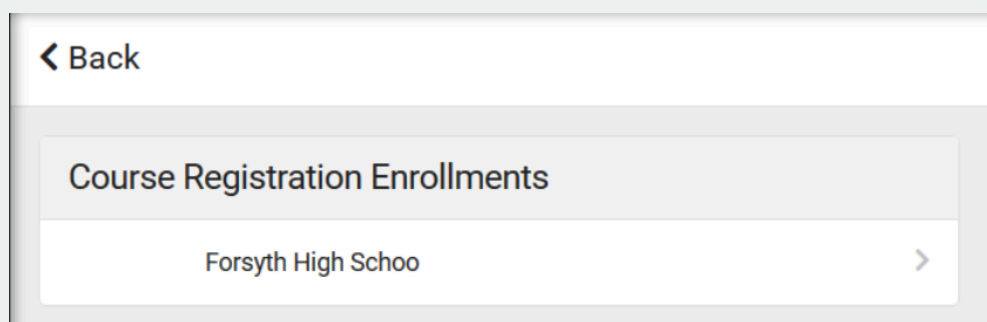
Portal Registration

Directions

- Log into your parent portal account. If you do not have a parent portal account, please contact your student's current school.
- On the left-hand side of your screen, select **More**. Then select **Course Registration**. (See figure below)



- Then select **North Forsyth High School**



Portal Registration

Directions

- The next screen will show you your student's recommended courses for next year. These will be listed under **Required**. You will also notice at the top of the screen a percent complete bar and Units (xx/xx). Each course is comprised of units. Normally, a yearlong course equals 6 units and a semester course equals 3 units. You will be able to select elective courses until you reach the maximum of 42 units. All courses requested after the 42 units will be Alternate Courses.
- At the bottom of the screen is a blue box- **Add Course**. Select this box.

The screenshot displays the 'Course Requests' section of a registration portal. At the top, a progress bar indicates '71% complete' with a red arrow pointing to it, and 'Units: 30/42' with another red arrow pointing to it. Below this is a table of course requests. A red circle highlights the 'REQUIRED' tab. At the bottom, a red arrow points to the 'Add Course' button.

COURSE NAME	UNITS
▼	REQUIRED
Advanced Composition 10305y	6
Calculus 20315y	6
American Government 40005s	3
Economics 40205s	3
Mastery Band IV 801765y	6
Forensic Science 30445y	6

Buttons at the bottom: Add Course, Print

Portal Registration

Directions

- The next screen will list all elective course options. If you know the course number or name, you can type it in the search bar. If you see it listed, **select the arrow** next to the course name.

Back

71% complete
Units: 30/42

Add Course

Search Courses

ACTION	COURSE NAME	UNITS
+	Basic Agricultural Science 700105y	6 >
+	Food Nutrition and Wellness 702105y	6 >
+	General PE I 60065y	6 >
+	Intro To Digital Media 703305y	6 >
+	Intro to Digital Technology 708205y	6 >
+	Marketing Principles 702745y	6 >
+	Psychology 40305a	3 >
+	Sociology 40315a	3 >

- If **Course History** appears, this means the student has already taken or is currently taking the course. Do not select this course. Click the back button and make another choice.

Back

71% complete
Units: 30/42

708205y - Intro to Digital Technology

Course Average - Career Tech Credits: 1.000
Units: 6
No course description.

Course History

Year: 2019-2020
Grade: 11
Term:
Score:
Year: 2019-2020
Grade: 11
Term:
Score: 95

Portal Registration Directions

- If you do not see Course History, then you can select either **Add Request** or **Add Alternate** at the bottom.

- Once you select the course, it will put a red X next to that course. If you selected the course in error or would like to change your selection, just select the course again and a pop up screen will appear asking if you would like to delete the course request.

ACTION	COURSE NAME	UNITS
+	Basic Agricultural Science 700105y	6
+	Food Nutrition and Wellness 702105y	6
+	General PE I 60065y	6
+	Intro To Digital Media 703305y	6
X	Intro to Digital Technology 708205y	6
+	Marketing Principles 702745y	6
+	Psychology 40305s	3
+	Sociology 40315s	3

Portal Registration

Directions

- Once you have selected enough courses, the completion bar at the top is 100% complete. You will need to **select at least 3 alternate courses**. You will follow the same procedure you did when you selected your elective requests, except **choose alternate**.

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100% complete Units: 30/42

60065y - General PE I

Course Average - Elective OR CORE Elective Credits: 1.000
Units: 10
No course description.

Add Request Add Alternate

- Once that is complete, select the **Back** arrow at the top to return to the course request page. This will bring you back to the main screen and show you all courses requested and alternated. Double check your Required, Requested, and Alternate selections and then select the **print** button at the bottom of this page.

← Back

100% complete Units: 30/42

Course Requests

COURSE NAME	UNITS
REQUIRED	
Advanced Composition 10305y	6
Calculus 20315y	6
American Government 40005a	3
Economics 40205a	3
Mastery Band IV 801765y	6
Forensic Science 30445y	6
REQUESTS	
Marketing Principles 702745y	6
Psychology 40305a	3
Sociology 40315a	3
ALTERNATES	
Food Nutrition and Wellness 702105y	6

Add Course Print

Scheduling 101

To ensure that NFHS is able to properly staff and schedule students for the 2025-2026, students and families need to review their schedules in detail during the elective selection and course waiver window. Students should consider their extracurricular involvement, balance of schedule, as well as the specific courses that they are requesting.

Early January 2025

- Core academic teachers will complete recommendations for students. Teachers spend significant time considering work ethic, grades, and scores. We encourage students and parents to consider these recommendations and reach out to teachers with questions.

January 23, 2025- January 30, 2025

- Students will complete the online elective portal and any course waiver requests (for courses they were not recommended for) during the open portal window.

February 2025

- Counselors will meet one on one with every current NFHS student through English classes at North Forsyth High School. Current NFHS students may reach out to their individual counselor to schedule an appointment, if they do not have an English class on campus.

March 3, 2025- March 7, 2025

- The portal will open for View Only for students to view their course requests and ensure that all waivers and application based classes have been processed correctly. **After this point, schedule corrections will only be considered if it meets one of the schedule correction criteria. Change Requests will no longer be considered.**

August 2025

- Following the release of schedule in the summer, students will only be able to request a schedule correction for the below reasons. Following the end of the schedule correction window, schedule corrections will no longer be considered.

All students should carefully consider their course selections in the spring, as NFHS will only allow schedule corrections for the following reasons:

- The student has already earned credit in the course.
- The student has not met the course prerequisites.
- The student needs a specific class to complete a pathway.
- The student has a dual enrollment conflict.
- A Senior needs a specific class to graduate.
- Administrative balancing of classes.
- All other requests will be denied. If a student waives into a class during the waiver process, **they will not be eligible to waive back out.** Department chairs and counselors will review all waiver requests.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will my child have the opportunity to change their mind about electives after selections are made in parent portal.

- Elective registration is from Thursday, January 23 at 8am to Thursday, January 30 at 4pm. You may make changes during this time frame. Students must make their selections and choose three alternate selections in the event that your student does not get their first choice. Once the portal is closed on January 30th, there will not be a chance to amend these choices. If you select a semester class "s", please select 2 to ensure a full schedule.

2. Will my child have an opportunity to change the courses their 8th grade teacher recommended for the upcoming school year?

- Yes, during the waiver period students can request to take another course, as long as your student has the pre-requisite to take the course. **The waiver period is from January 23rd at 8am through January 30th at 4pm.** Note: any student who waives into a course **MUST** stay with that choice. Students are NOT allowed to drop out of any course he/she waived into. Teachers spend time considering recommendations, so we encourage students to really think about their extracurricular involvement and work ethic when considering waiving into a more rigorous course.

3. What is the purpose of the course waiver?

- The purpose of the course waiver is for students and/or parents to disagree with the recommended courses made by the student's teacher. Students and/or parents will need to complete the course waiver if you want to change a core academic or elective class a student has been recommended for.

4. I am typing in an elective course and it is not working? Why can I not add this elective?

- This may be happening for a couple of reasons. Some electives require a prerequisite course. If you have not taken the prerequisite course, you will not be able to sign up for the class. If you are looking to add an upper level world language course, your teacher must recommend you for the course. If you would like to add these upper level courses despite the teacher recommendation, you will have to fill out the waiver form.

5. What are alternate courses?

- If an elective fills up, we utilize an identified alternate course to ensure a complete schedule. Another scenario would be if there is a conflict with the elective courses selected. We do the best we can to put you in all your first choice electives; however, we cannot always accomplish this goal. If you do not select alternate courses, you will be added to courses with availability.

6. If I have submitted an application for a course, when will my schedule reflect the class(es) I have applied for?

- Once the completed applications have been turned in and the teachers have accepted or denied students for these classes, counselors will adjust schedules accordingly. Application courses include Office Aide, Newspaper, Yearbook, IE2, Raider Station, Library Science, AP Capstone, Internship Forsyth.

7. Should I take Health/Personal Fitness in the summer?

- There is no recommendation to take these courses over the summer; however, if you choose to do so, 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 through GAVS it is your responsibility to bring the transcript for each course to NFHS. The parent of the student MUST complete a signed form. FVA courses will automatically be added to the transcript. NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED AN ELECTIVE CHOICE BECAUSE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE THESE COURSES OVER THE SUMMER. ELECTIVES WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON SEATS AVAILABLE. We encourage you to select Forsyth Virtual Academy, if your student chooses to take the course over the summer, if offered through FVA. Please note, students can ONLY take 1 credit self-pay over the summer and/or during each semester.

Frequently Asked Questions

8. Should I take virtual courses?

- Every family should evaluate their student's ability to manage virtual courses and online learning. Information regarding Forsyth Virtual and/or Georgia Virtual registration will be shared through our website later this spring.

9. What time does school start and end?

- School starts at 8:25 am and ends at 3:40pm

10. How much time do I have between classes?

- There is a six minute transition period between classes.

11. What do I bring to school 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/notebook.

12. Can I prepay my lunch account like I did in middle school?

- Yes, you may login to Schoolbucks (myschoolbucks.com) and put money on your account. Please see our website, under "Quick Links" for this url if you are unfamiliar.

13. When will I eat lunch?

- We eat lunch during 4th period or 5th period, depending on the daily bell schedule.

14. Where do I catch the bus, and when will it pick me up?

- All bus routes are available in Parent Portal. It is important to find your bus number, time of pick up, and the afternoon slot number so you know where to find your bus at the end of the day.

15. How do I join a club?

- We will host Club-a-palazoo, a club fair, for all students at the beginning of the school year, during Raider Time. Students can view all club offerings on the NFHS website, under the Extracurricular tab.

16. What is Raider Time?

- Raider Time is a dedicated time built into the schedule for students to receive remediation, enrichment, and extra help from teachers. Students will register for a Raider Time session each day of the week.

17. How do I join a sports team?

- Check the NFHS website at NFraidersathletics.com 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.

18. Will I be able to select a locker?

- Yes, students will have the opportunity to select a locker at the beginning of the year, if they are interested.

You can access information regarding registration on the NFHS website, under Student Services, Counseling, Course Registration:

Self-Pay Courses

FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS

What

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES TO COURSE CREDITS?

There is now a limit to the number of self-pay courses FCS will post to a student's transcript and factor into the GPA.

Students in grades 9–12 may earn up to 1 (.5/.5 or 1) high school credit for self-pay online courses (GAVS or FVA only) outside their regular school schedule per semester (Fall, Spring, & Summer) to be added to the high school transcript and factored into the overall GPA.

Dual Enrollment courses, funded through GAfutures (up to 30 hours), will be added to the student's transcript and factored into the overall weighted GPA.

Self-pay Dual Enrollment courses in the high school schedule will be added to the student's transcript but will NOT be factored into the overall GPA.

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL'S REGISTRATION DATES AND DIRECTIONS WHEN REGISTERING FOR 2025–26 COURSES.

UPDATES TO SELF-PAY COURSE CREDITS

Who

WHO WILL THESE CHANGES IMPACT?

Changes will apply to current freshmen (Class of 2028) and all following graduation cohorts.

When

WHEN WILL THESE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT?

Changes will take effect beginning the summer term of 2025.

FAQs

FOR MORE DETAILS & FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS, [CLICK OR SCAN HERE:](#)

