**Map Your Future**

A basic guide for college-bound middle and high school students.

**College Connector**

**KEEP MOVING**
GRAD SCHOOL AHEAD
Masters Degree
Law School
Medical School
Doctorate Programs

**Paid Tutors for Assistance**

**1ST YEAR**
Freshman

**CORE ACADEMICS**
Math, English, Literature, Science, History

**2ND YEAR**
Sophomore

**CORE ACADEMICS**
Math, English, Literature, Science, History

**3RD YEAR**
Junior

**MAJOR and MINOR areas of study**

**GRE**
**LSAT**
**MAT**

**4TH YEAR**
Senior

**MAJOR and MINOR areas of study**

**Rockdale County Public Schools**

**RCPS**
SAFETY NET PROGRAMS are available at all grade levels to provide assistance and support in all academic areas.

**Advanced Placement Course Support Programs**

**Enrichment Camps**

**HONORS COURSES**

**CARNEGIE COURSES**

Ensure you have completed:
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 ELA
- 3 Social Studies prior to taking SAT

**SAT/ACT Prep Course**

**PSAT Fall of 10th**

Meet with teachers and counselors to discuss results, address student needs, and complete individual graduation plan.

**PSAT**

If competing for National Merit Scholarships

Meet with teachers and counselors to review individual graduation plan.

**SAT/ACT Fall of 12th**

Submit College Applications

No later than December

**12TH GRADE**

HONORS COURSES and at least two AP COURSES

**11TH GRADE**

HONORS COURSES and at least two AP COURSES

**10TH GRADE**

HONORS COURSES and at least one AP COURSE

**9TH GRADE**

HONORS COURSES

**8TH GRADE**

HONORS COURSES and CARNEGIE COURSES

**7TH GRADE**

HONORS COURSES

**6TH GRADE**

HONORS COURSES

**Middle School Road**

**High School Highway**

Start Planning Here

ReadiStep

Fall of 10th

PSAT

Fall of 12th

SAT/ACT

11TH GRADE

10TH GRADE

9TH GRADE

8TH GRADE

7TH GRADE

6TH GRADE

Enrichment Camps
Georgia must pass to graduate, taken in 11th grade.
– A series GHSGT (Georgia High School Graduation Tests) schools as required by the State Board of Education.

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high achieving students that meet academic achievement classes offered during fall, winter, and summer breaks to school athletic director for details.

– A 15-hour program of enrichment Enrichment Camp – A middle school assessment to identify academic gaps in preparation for high school.

Class Rank – A student's standing based on his or her cumulative grade percent average as compared with that of other members of the class. In a class of 100, the student with the highest grade percent average would be Number 1 and the lowest Number 100.

Core Courses – Refers to Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies coursework. (For college admission standards, Modern/Classical Language credits also are included in the Core Course category.)

Credits/Units – The terms credits and units are used to identify how much each course passed counts toward meeting the 24 credits/units required for graduation from high school.

Elective Courses – Classes that may be selected by the student and are included in the 24 credits required for high school graduation.

Eligibility – Mandatory guidelines for student participation in sports and extracurricular activities. Check with your local school athletic director for details.

Enrichment Camp – A 15-hour program of enrichment classes offered during fall, winter, and summer breaks to high achieving students that meet academic achievement requirements.

EOCT (End of Course Test) – EOCTs measure learning of the statewide curriculum in selected courses to ensure that high academic standards are being met in all Georgia high schools as required by the State Board of Education.

GHSGT (Georgia High School Graduation Tests) – A series of five exit exams that all high school students through 2014 in Georgia must pass to graduate, taken in 11th grade.

GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) – Required for admission to business school. It tests students on verbal skills, quantitative skills (math) and analytical writing skills.

Graduate School – A school that awards advanced academic degrees (i.e. master’s degree, Ph.D.) with the general requirement that students must have earned a previous undergraduate (bachelor’s) degree.

GRE (Graduate Record Examination) – This exam is for graduate school applicants what the SAT is for college applicants — a standardized test designed by Educational Testing Service to measure knowledge and skills, scored on a 200:800 scale.

Honors Class – A rigorous class at the middle and high school level that is paced faster and covers content deeper.

LSAT (Law School Admission Test) – An examination administered by the Law School Admission Council for prospective law school candidates.

MAT (Miller Analogies Test) – A standardized test used primarily for graduate school admissions in the USA. MAT analogies state a correspondence between two things that are otherwise dissimilar.

Postsecondary – Referring to college or technical college/ institute coursework.

Prerequisites – Courses, test scores, and/or grade level that must be completed before taking the next sequential course, grade, etc.

PLAN – The PLAN is a practice college admissions test similar to the ACT in format.

PSAT (Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test) – A scaled down version of the SAT, taken in 9th or 10th grade to help students prepare for their college entrance exam.

ReadiStep – A middle school assessment to identify academic gaps in preparation for high school.

Safety Net – A specialized program used to address student academic needs in specific areas of weakness.

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) – is a standardized college entrance exam with verbal, math, and writing sections with maximum scores of 800 each.

Transcript – The complete record of all high school courses taken and grades earned. A student’s transcript contains his or her cumulative record.

Students who took an AP course and exam significantly outperformed students who took standard high school courses on all college outcomes. (Hargrove, Godin and Dodd, 2008)

Students who score a 3 or higher on an AP exam are more likely to graduate from college in five years or less compared to non-AP students. (Dougherty, Mellor and Jian, 2006)

Students who take an AP course and the AP exam earn higher GPAs and more credits in college and are more likely to graduate from college than students who take only the AP course or a non-AP course in the same subject. (e.g., Hargrove, Godin, & Dodd, 2008; Dougherty, Mellor, & Jian, 2006).