NINTH GRADE PLACEMENT CHART



"Staying on track for graduation"

Cobb County School District

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Cobb County School District Middle and High School Language Arts

The chart below should be used to determine high school placement for the 2014-2015 school year.

Four units of credit in English Language Arts shall be required of all students. A full unit of credit in **Ninth Grade Literature/Composition** and a full unit of credit in **American Literature/Composition** are required by the State of Georgia.

High School Diploma

| Eighth Grade Language Arts | Ninth Grade Placement |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Teacher Recommendation of highly motivated and/or highly able students | Ninth Grade Lit/Composition (Honors) |
| All other students | Ninth Grade Lit/Composition |

Students Reading Below Grade level

| Eighth Grade Language Arts | Ninth Grade Placement |
|---|---|
| Teacher Recommendation | Elective <i>scaffold</i> courses: (Block schools should offer first semester) |
| Students who score at or below the 25th percentile on the ITBS and who are reading below a Lexile Level of 984 as documented by CRCT test score or another reading assessment may be required to take Current Topics I in addition to their English class. | Communication Skills** Or Current topics I** (Read 180 if available) (ESOL if available) |
| | AND |
| | Ninth Grade Lit/Composition (Block schools should offer second semester) required |

****Counts as elective credit only.**

If Communication Skills or Current Topics are not offered, Ninth Grade Lit/Composition is the appropriate placement.

Cobb County School District Middle and High School Mathematics

The chart below should be used to determine high school placement for the 2014-2015 school year. This chart is subject to change after state and district revisions (if any). When options are finalized, students will be registered for classes based on the current course titles or an equivalent title.

| Eighth Grade Mathematics | Criteria | Ninth Grade Placement |
|---|---|---|
| Student has completed CCGPS Accelerated Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry A | Test Average is 85% or above AND Passes the EOCT | CCGPS Analytic Geometry B/Advanced Algebra |
| (Numeric grade is recorded on middle school report card) | Passing course grade | CCGPS Analytic Geometry |
| Student has completed CCGPS Coordinate Algebra (Numeric grade is recorded on the middle school report card) ***Students that pass this course may not be placed into CCGPS Acc. Coordinate Algebra | Passing course grade | CCGPS Analytic Geometry |
| | Eighth grade math unit test average is 90% or above AND Passes eighth grade CRCT | CCGPS Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry A |
| Student has completed Math 8 OR Advanced Math 8 | Eighth grade math unit test average is 75% or above OR Meets Standards on eighth grade CRCT | CCGPS Coordinate Algebra |
| | Eighth grade math unit test average is 75% or below AND/OR Does Not Meet Standards on eighth grade CRCT | CCGPS Coordinate Algebra & CCGPS Coordinate Algebra support |

Cobb County School District Middle and High School Foreign Language

The chart below should be used to determine high school placement for the 2014-2015 school year.

For Students Enrolled in Middle School Foreign Language

| Middle School Foreign Language | Ninth Grade Placement |
|---|--|
| Completed the regular middle school foreign language program with a final grade of P for "passing" in eighth grade * | Continue in level II of the same language and/or begin a new Language |
| Did not complete the regular middle school foreign language program with a final grade of P for "passing" in eighth grade * | Repeat language in ninth grade or begin a new language (Option: Postpone repeating language studied in middle school until tenth grade) |
| Completed the one year extended day middle school foreign language program with a final grade of P for "passing" in eighth grade * | Continue in level II of the same language and/or begin a new language.* Those students who studied two languages in middle school, one during school hours or one extended day, should continue in level II of one or more of these languages* |
| Did not complete the one-year extended day middle foreign language program with a final grade of P for "passing" in eighth grade ** | Repeat language in ninth grade or begin a new language (Option: Postpone foreign language study until tenth grade) |

For Students Not Enrolled in Middle School Foreign Language

| Eighth Grade Language Arts | Ninth Grade Placement |
|-------------------------------|---|
| A, B or C average recommended | Enroll in level I of any foreign language offered |

- A minimum of two years of the same foreign language is required for admission to colleges in the University System of Georgia as well as most universities outside the state of Georgia. Each college has its own set of criteria for admission. Students are encouraged to research the admissions criteria for all colleges they are planning to attend to ensure that they will have the requisite amount of foreign language credit.
- To be well prepared for colleges that require foreign language, high school students are highly encouraged to take four years of language study by completing four years of study in one foreign language or two years of one language and two years in a second foreign language.
- Successful completion of either the regular middle school foreign language program or the extended day program is equivalent of one year of high school credit.

* Numeric grade is recorded at the eighth grade and changed to a "P" for passing on high school transcript.

Cobb County School District Middle and High School Science

The chart below should be used to determine high school placement for the 2014-2015 school year.

| Eighth Grade Science | Criteria | Ninth Grade Placement |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| AC Physical Science | Final Average is 80% or above AND Completed Accelerated Mathematics I with 80% or above | Honors Biology |
| | Final average is 80% or above AND Completed Eighth Grade Mathematics with 90% or above | Honors Biology |
| | Final average is below 80% OR Completed Eighth Grade Mathematics with an average of 90% or below | Biology |
| Physical Science | Final average is 85% or above AND Completed Eighth Grade Mathematics with an average of 85% or above | Honors Biology |
| | Final average is below 85% OR Completed Eighth Grade Mathematics with an average below 85% | Biology or Environmental |

Cobb County School District Middle and High School Social Studies

The chart below should be used to determine high school placement for the 2014-2015 school year.

| Eighth Grade Social Studies | Ninth Grade Placement |
|---|--|
| An 85 average at end of second grading period and at time of registration and/or teacher recommendation | World Geography, Honors World Geography, AP Human Geography or Pre-AP Social Studies |
| All other students | World Geography is strongly recommended because it builds background knowledge and literacy skills for the required social studies courses. |

Three (3) credits of social studies are required for graduation for freshman beginning with the school year 2008-2009. All students must take and pass World History (1 credit), United States History (1 credit), Economics (1/2 credit), and American Government (1/2 credit).