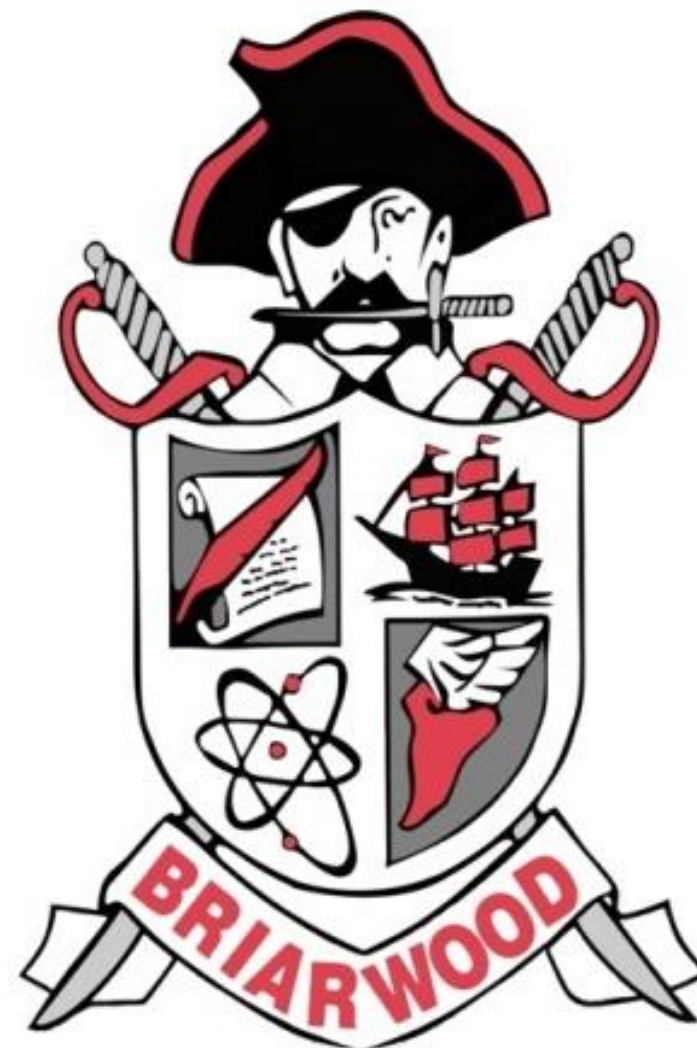


8TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT



Credits Needed to Graduate- 23 credits

Math (4)

Algebra I
Algebra II
Geometry
4th Math

English(4)

9th
10th (American Lit)
11th
Sr. Lit

Social Studies (4)

World History
Government
US History
Economics

Science (4)

Biology
Chemistry or Environmental
Science
Physics or Physical Science
4th Science

PE (1)

Personal
Fitness and
Health

CTAE/Fine
Arts/Foreign
Language(3)

Electives (3)

*Credits are awarded at the end of each year.

* Each class counts as 1 credit, so students will earn 6 credits per year.



Math Track Options

College Prep

Algebra I → Algebra II → Geometry → Pre-Calculus

Honors

H. Algebra II → H. Geometry → Pre-Calculus → H. Calculus

AP

H. Algebra II → H. Geometry → H. Calculus → AP Calculus

Typical Freshman Schedule

English I or H. English I

Algebra I or H. Algebra II

Biology or H. Biology

World History

Personal Fitness/Health

Spanish I

Transcript Information

- A student's transcript lists all classes a student has taken for high school credit (even if the student does not pass the class)
- Cumulative GPA- All classes averaged together (includes weight)
- Weighted Averages
 - We award 5 extra points to all AP classes
 - We award 3 extra points to all Honors classes
- We use a 4.0 scale

Understanding HOPE GPA

- Students can find their HOPE GPA on www.gafutures.org
- The high school HOPE GPA calculation includes core courses as defined by Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).
- They strip our weighting and weight the GPA differently
- Honors coursework is not weighted for HOPE GPA (Only AP)

HOPE Scholarship

- *Must meet the HOPE Rigor Requirements & HOPE GPA requirements. You must successfully complete four rigorous courses:*
http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2011/hope_rigor_requirements.pdf **AND**
- You must earn a 3.0 as calculated by the GSFC at the completion of four years of high school (HOPE).
- You must earn a 3.7 as calculated by the GSFC at the completion of four years of high school PLUS make a 1200 M/V (in one administration) on the SAT before graduation or a 26 on the ACT (ZELL) **All updated HOPE Scholarship information can be found on**
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>

Rigor classes at BA- Algebra II, PreCalc, Calc, Anatomy, Chem, Physics, Forensic Science, Spanish II, Spanish III, all AP classes

Social/Emotional

- Students transition back to being the youngest
- Peer pressure increases
 - Character Education is so important! Educate your child on the pressures they may encounter and talk them through making the right choices
- Students are continuing to discover who they are (phases come and go!)
- Parents be sure to have daily check ins with your teen
 - Best and Worst Part of their day is an easy one
 - Continue to find activities you can enjoy together- shopping, fishing, going for a walk, going to lunch or dinner, etc.

Social/Emotional Continued...

- They should be semi-independent by now
 - Help them practice adulting 😊
 - Have them call and make/cancel their own appointments
 - Teach them life skills- laundry, dishes, changing a tire, paying at checkout, saving/giving/spending balances, to-do lists, online shopping
- Volunteering-
 - Giving to others brings our hearts so much joy!
 - Opens their eyes to others needs
 - Every student can be a great volunteer!
 - Multi-year volunteerism is impressive on a college application and/or resume

Volunteer Opportunities

Nursing
Homes

Family Y

Manna

Local
Church

Animal
Hospital or
Vet

Animal
Shelter

Boys and
Girls Club

Summer
Camps

Afterschool
Program

Vacation
Bible School

Parents
place of
work

GA Futures



A wonderful way to learn more about your teen and begin conversations about their future!

**Interest Assessments connect their personalities to career options



College Information including entrance requirements



HOPE GPA



Scholarship Information



Financial Aid Information for College



www.gafutures.org

High School Timeline

◦ 9th-

- Job Shadow/Volunteer/Intern
- Create Resume
- Sample Extracurricular Strengths
- Discover time management capabilities
- Sign in to GAFutures and learn more about yourself
- Keep grades as high as you can! Every point counts and this will be your easiest year in HS.
- PSAT

◦ 10th-

- Job Shadow/Volunteer/Intern
- Keep track of honors and involvements on Resume
- Hone in on Extracurricular Strengths
- Continue exploration in GAFutures
- PSAT

11th-

- Job Shadow/Volunteer/Intern
- Prepare for SAT
- Register for Spring SAT
- Polish Resume to have ready for College Apps in Fall
- College Tours
- Start Researching Scholarships
- Narrow down to 3-5 Colleges of Choice

12th-

- Job Shadow/Volunteer/Intern
- College Applications and Essays
- College Tours
- Letters of Recommendation
- SAT
- Financial Aid Applications
- Scholarship Searches/Applications

Questions for the Panel...