



8th Grade Gifted Student Night

MVHS HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER 4TH , 2017

Dr. Wendy Rhodes

- Welcome to MVHS
- Personal experience with Gifted and Advanced Placement
- MVHS AP Test Scores for 2017
 - ▶ 1100+ AP tests taken
 - ▶ 600+students(25% of MVHS' student population) took an AP test
 - ▶ 59% scored 3+
- MVHS 9th Grade AP Scores in 2016
 - ▶ 117 freshmen took the AP Human Geography test
- Colleges expect to see a rigorous schedule for high school students for ALL 4 years
- Students can begin earning college credit in 9th grade
- High achieving high school students have limitless potential if they are motivated
- Take advantage of all academic opportunities

Presenters

▶ **Dr. Wendy Rhodes**

- Advanced Placement Coordinator
- Curriculum Assistant Principal

▶ **Jackson Head**

- Gifted Coordinator

▶ **Lauren Horton**

- AP Environmental Science Teacher

▶ **Krista Herring**

- Gifted 9th Grade Math Teacher

▶ **Casey Emmanuel**

- Foreign Language

• **Jackson Head**

- AP Human Geography Teacher

▶ **Carly Stephans/Cindy Copeland**

- Gifted Language Arts Teachers

• **Jane Boyett**

- Fine Arts Teacher

• **Brittany Davidson**

- 9th Grade Counselor

Jackson Head-Gifted Coordinator

- ▶ FAQs about Gifted Classes
 - What is the difference between gifted, honors, and college prep classes?
 - Are gifted classes harder?
 - Why should my child take gifted classes?
 - How much homework should my child expect in a gifted class?
 - Who teaches gifted classes?
 - Will my child have a time that is pulled out for “gifted”?

Gifted Academic Pathway- 9th Grade

- ▶ **9th Grade**
- ▶ Language Arts
 - ▶ Gifted Freshmen Language Arts
- ▶ Math
 - ▶ Many different pathways for math
- ▶ Science
 - ▶ Gifted Chemistry
- ▶ Social Studies
 - ▶ AP Human Geography Gifted (Not required but HIGHLY recommended)
- ▶ Advanced Placement Electives/Course Offerings
 - ▶ AP Human Geography/AP Environmental Science Gifted Pairing (2 classes)

Gifted Academic Pathway- 10th Grade

- ▶ 10th Grade
- ▶ Language Arts
 - ▶ Gifted Sophomore Language Arts
- ▶ Math
 - ▶ Many different pathways for math
- ▶ Science
 - ▶ AP Biology Gifted
- ▶ Social Studies
 - ▶ AP World History Gifted
- ▶ Advanced Placement Electives/Course Offerings
 - ▶ AP Environmental Science Gifted

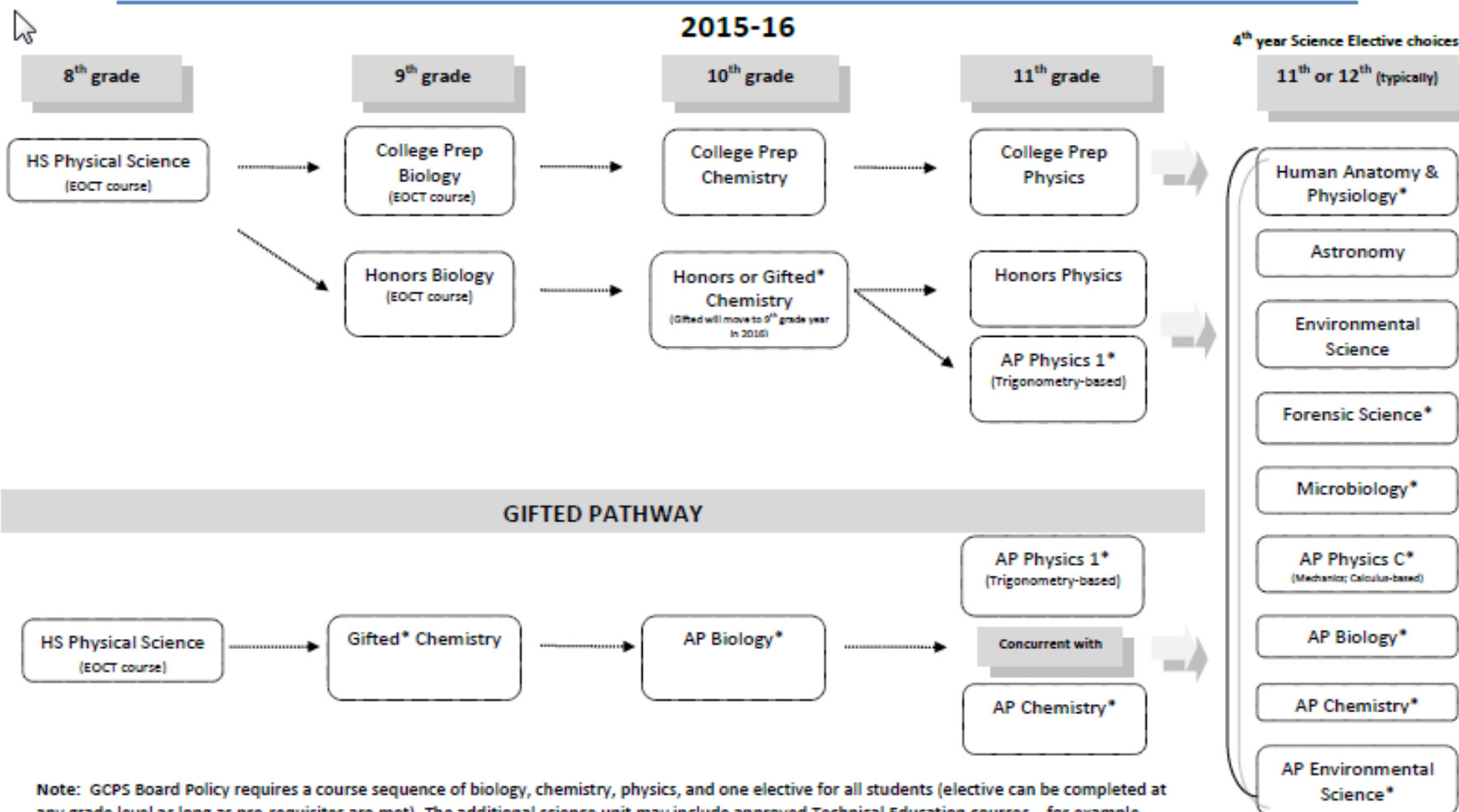
AP Human Geography

- Over the years at Mountain View High School, you might take many AP classes. But, this is the primary AP course offered to up-coming freshmen.
- This will prepare you for other AP classes you might take in the future.
- Who should take the course?
 - ▶ Achievement of 85% and above in Social Studies
 - ▶ Achievement of 85% and above in English
 - ▶ Ability to participate in and outside of class through inquiry, Socratic dialogue, and team projects
 - ▶ Desire to attend college and take additional AP classes
 - ▶ Willingness to personally invest effort throughout the academic year
 - ▶ Preferred concurrent registration in Honors or Gifted Language Arts.

Gifted Chemistry

Mountain View High School

Recommended Science Sequence for freshman starting 2015 or later



Note: GCPS Board Policy requires a course sequence of biology, chemistry, physics, and one elective for all students (elective can be completed at any grade level as long as pre-requisites are met). The additional science unit may include approved Technical Education courses—for example, Power & Energy and Food & Nutrition through the Lifespan. Check with the College and/or University you are interested in for acceptance of these

AP HUG/APES Pairing

▶ AP Human Geography and AP Environmental Science

▶ Purpose

- Research shows that a large percentage of the curriculum for AP Human Geography and AP Environmental Science connects. Students taking both classes concurrently often score higher on the AP test than students who take each class during different years.

▶ How can my child be a participant?

- The HUG/APES pairing will be limited to 30 gifted and high achieving ninth grade students. Students must apply by January 26th to Dr. Wendy Rhodes at MVHS (wendy_rhodes@gwinnett.k12.ga.us). Applications may be stapled to the Course Registration Form or emailed directly to [Dr. Rhodes](mailto:wendy_rhodes@gwinnett.k12.ga.us). **Applications are available NOW!**

Pairing Student Schedule

- ▶ **What would my child's schedule look like if they choose the Pairing?**
- ▶ Required- Language Arts
- ▶ Required- Math
- ▶ Required- Science (Gifted Chemistry)
- ▶ Required- Health/Physical Education**
- ▶ Elective #1- AP Human Geography
- ▶ Elective #2- AP Environmental Science
- ▶ **Many students choose to take Health/PE over the summer. This cost is usually about \$500 to take the class online or in person over the summer. A student may want to do this so that they can take a fine arts class or a foreign language. This is *optional!* Do not feel like your student has to do this!

Gifted Language Arts

- ▶ Gifted Freshman Literature and Composition:
 - is more rigorous
 - goes into greater depth
 - moves at a faster pace
 - prepares students for success in future AP English classes
 - encourages close reading of both fictional and informational texts
- ▶ Students in Gifted Freshman Literature and Composition will:
 - support ideas both verbally and in writing with textual evidence
 - write for a variety of purposes
 - conduct research and properly document findings
 - deliver formal presentations to an audience
 - work collaboratively with others

Accelerated Math Pathway

Gifted Accelerated & Advanced Math Tracks				
Year	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
8th	Acc Alg 1	Acc Alg 1	Acc Alg 1/Alg 1	Acc Alg 1/Alg 1
9th	Acc Geom	Acc Geom	Gft Geom CC	Gft Geom CC
10th	Acc PreCal	Acc PreCal	*Gft Alg 2 CC	Gft Alg 2 CC
11th	AP Calc BC	AP Calc AB	Acc PreCal	Gft PreCal CC
12th	Dual Enroll @ MVHS Calc II/II Ga Tech OR Stat/Calc I Gwinnett Tech OR **AP Stat	Advanced Calc II OR Dual Enroll @ MVHS Gwinnett Tech Stat/Calc I OR **AP Stat	AP Calc AB or BC OR AP Stat OR Dual Enroll @ MVHS Gwinnett Tech Stat/Calc I	AP Stat OR Statistical Reasoning OR Dual Enroll @ MVHS Gwinnett Tech Stat/Calc I
<p>* Option 3 the student will have to switch from the advanced track to the accelerated track (PreCal to Acc PreCal) to take AP Calc AB/BC. This will be discussed with their teacher at the end of Alg 2 CC.</p>				
<p>** It is recommended that students complete all the levels of calc they will need for college before switching to AP Stat. This will be discussed with their teacher at the end of AP Calc.</p>				

“I wish I knew then what I know now” (math edition)

Advice from current freshmen:

- ▶ There is a summer assignment test over the summer assignment. You should study and take it seriously.
- ▶ AP classes take a LOT of work, so make sure you are willing to put in the effort for them.
- ▶ The classes are shorter so you go through the material faster.
- ▶ There are no more 2 column proofs until you get to the EOC.

Gifted Spanish

- ▶ *Benefits of taking a foreign language
- ▶ *Course Offerings & Sequence
- ▶ *Guidelines for Placement

Fine Arts



- ▶ Audition dates can be found by emailing the appropriate teacher or the websites listed on the handout
- ▶ Students regularly participate in Fine Arts, Athletic activities and clubs each year in addition to their academic core classes
- ▶ Fine Arts courses include Band, Chorus, Dance, Music Technology, Theatre, Orchestra & Visual Arts
- ▶ If you have any questions or concerns, please email one of the Fine Arts teachers!

Counseling

- ▶ Freshman year is a big transition from middle school to high school.
- ▶ Ms. Haynes at Twin Rivers is an excellent resource through the registration process.

Helpful Hints for Incoming Students

- ▶ Gifted – Curse or Blessing?
- ▶ HS is much harder than MS
- ▶ More stress with transition, workload, social changes.
- ▶ Listen to your student and be supportive
- ▶ Teach them how to solve problems for themselves
- ▶ Dependence vs Independence
- ▶ Goal: Consistently shine brightly rather than quickly burn out

Tips for High School

- ▶ GPA starts the first day of HS or with MS credit
- ▶ Pick classes carefully
- ▶ Build good relationships with teachers and counselors
- ▶ Use e-class daily
- ▶ Explore College and Career options
- ▶ Encourage participation in clubs/sports
- ▶ Make good decisions
- ▶ Learn to self-advocate

Dual Enrollment



- ▶ Earn college credit for FREE while still in HS!
- ▶ Dual Enrollment Junior and Senior years
- ▶ Most colleges will not accept younger students
- ▶ Program requires student maturity without parental involvement

Counselor/Student Breakdown

- ▶ 9th Grade Brittany Davidson A-K
▶ Adrian Peterson L-Z
- ▶ 10th Grade Joe Faulconer
- ▶ 11th Grade Lucy Mason
Nicole Blackmon
- ▶ 12th Grade Joyce Gonzalez

Still have questions?

▶ Wendy Rhodes

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▶ We want to make your gifted child's high school experience successful!