

Class of 2020

School Counseling Office Hours: 7:45 am until 4:00 pm.

Hope Scholarship: Your Harrison GPA is NOT your HOPE GPA.

- The HOPE program has changed to include various tiers of scholarships. You are encouraged to visit www.GAFutures.org for information.
- Only Advanced Placement (AP) courses will receive the .5 quality point weight in the calculation of the HOPE G.P.A. (This is different from how Cobb County awards extra quality points.) Your HOPE G.P.A. will not be higher than 4.0 meaning that an A will not receive the additional half point.
- HOPE G.P.A. is calculated using all courses in English, Math, Social Studies, Science, and World Language. The final HOPE G.P.A. will not be rounded up. Failing grades in these courses are included in the HOPE calculation.
- Transcripts for freshmen will be uploaded by March 1. Students will be notified when they may check HOPE eligibility.

9th Grade Advisement:

Ninth Grade Advisement is scheduled for February 13 – 17 with a school counselor. Ninth Grade Advisement is an opportunity for the student to make a 4-year PLAN of study and learn about all of the opportunities at Harrison. A ninth grade parent night is scheduled on February 16 at 7:00 PM to review requirements for graduation and curriculum.

Promotion:

In order to promote from one grade level to the next, the following # of credits and specific courses are required:

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| 10 th Grade: | 5 credits | Including one full unit each of English, Math, & Science |
| 11 th Grade: | 10 credits | Including two full units each of English, Math, & Science |
| 12 th Grade: | 16 credits | |

Rigor of curriculum:

It is important that your student chooses the most rigorous classes at which he/she can be successful. Colleges emphasize the need for rigor on a transcript. The goal for all of our students is the most rigorous curriculum based on strengths, abilities and interest. All students can benefit from taking honors and AP courses. These courses usually help a student acquire better study skills as well as improved success later in college. It is important that not only should your student be competitive for admission, but that your student be prepared with the skills to complete a degree. If your student is enrolled in an AP course, we strongly recommend they take the AP test in May.

College Admissions:

#1 – above everything else – your student's application to a college or university will be assessed based on his or her grades in a rigorous curriculum. Check with specific colleges regarding admission requirements that may differ from graduation requirements.

PSAT:

Results for the PSAT were distributed on January 20. Please review your student's score report and utilize the resources at www.collegeboard.org for interpretation of the PSAT and preparation for the SAT. Students are now able to link their College Board and Kahn Academy accounts for more personalized practice.

SAT/ACT:

We do not recommend your student take the SAT or ACT until spring of the junior year. However, we do recommend students become familiar with both testing formats. Some students might benefit from structured preparation and additional resources. Check out the many resources at collegeboard.com and in the community.

www.GAFutures.org

Create an account and login to apply for college, HOPE, FAFSA, scholarships, and learn about educational and career options. This is a wonderful, one-stop shop to do everything related to college including release of transcripts electronically to Georgia schools and some out of state schools as a senior. For student accounts, please be sure to use your Cobb ID as your user name.

Move on When Ready (MOWR):

The Move on When Ready Program is now open to students in grades 9-12. Students interested in dual enrollment should schedule an appointment with their school counselor as well as check specific requirements with the college. Not all colleges will accept a 9th or 10th grade student in this program.

AP Exams:

For the 2017 AP exams, students will be registering online. This registration will only take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer with internet access. The cost of each AP exam is \$93, with a one-time service fee of \$15. Online registration began on January 3 and ends on Wednesday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. Students should visit www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/111734 in order to register. To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions. Registration is not complete until students have printed the pdf confirmation page at the end. We know that parents may desire to register their students for exams. We strongly recommend that parents and students are both present while registering to ensure that the correct exams are ordered. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning registration.

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Wed., Mar. 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. – Registration Ends
- Mon., Mar. 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. – Registrations that have not been paid for will be cancelled and exams will not be ordered.
- Tues., Mar. 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. – Last day to cancel a registration and receive a partial refund. Exams will be ordered on Mar. 8 and no refunds will be given after that date.
- The exam window is May 1-May 12, 2017. See the College Board website for the dates and times of the specific exams.

QUEST:

College Fair: March 21 at Kennesaw Mountain High School from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Workshop sessions: (Session times TBD) College 101, Military Academies, NCAA Eligibility, Financial Aid, Transition to College for Students with Disabilities, Georgia Tech, University of Georgia

Email:

Parents should subscribe to the Harrison PTSA Email Blast. This is our means of communicating information to parents. Please take out your phone and visit www.harrisonptsa.org to subscribe.

Twitter:

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| Harrison School Counseling | @HoyaCounselors |
| Mrs. Campbell | @hoya principal |
| Harrison athletics | @HSHSoyaSports |

Elective Registration:

Elective registration for the 2017 – 2018 school year for freshmen will be March 6 and 7. Please note that if your student receives one of his or her elective choices, the course will not be eligible for a drop / add request. Students will be registering for the entire school year.

Schedules for Spring Term:

Schedules for fall term will be distributed on April 28. Drop add will be May 1 – 3

Office of School Counseling:

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| A – Da | Dawn Mann |
| Db – Ka | Taylor Damico |
| Kb – Ra | Jason Evans |
| Rb – Z | Katie Hoptroff |
| 9 th Grade | Gillian Moody |
| Lead | Sonia Wilcox |

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| School Counseling Clerk | Karen Hanten |
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