

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation & High School Overview for Class of 2028

Information and Tips for Creating a Successful  
High School & Career Experience





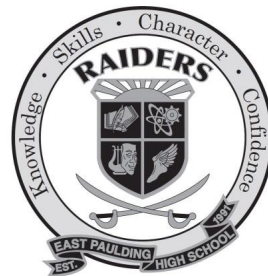
## High School 101

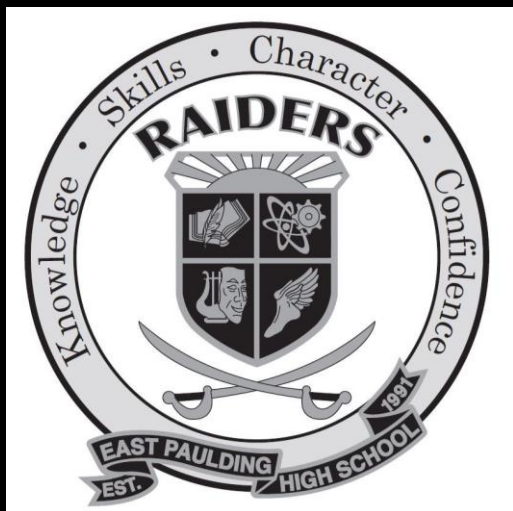
- Located on the PCSD Website
- Gives course descriptions & provides in-depth information about High School.



## Career Planner

- Located on the PCSD Website.
- Gives sequencing guides and further information about courses offered in the district.



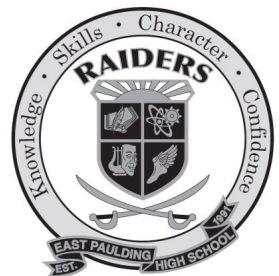


WHAT  
CLASSES  
WILL I TAKE  
DURING 9<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE?

In high school, you will be on a block schedule.

This means you will take 4 courses during your fall semester and 4 new courses your spring semester.

- A block class is one in which you have class for 90 minutes per semester.
- Each semester you will have two academic courses and two elective courses.
- Typically, Math and Social Studies courses are paired together, and ELA and Science courses are paired together.



# Sample Schedule

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

1<sup>st</sup> Block – Algebra  
Concepts & Connections  
A

(8:35-10:10)

2<sup>nd</sup> Block – Basic Ag

(10:15-11:45)

3<sup>rd</sup> Block – Health/PF

(11:50-1:50)

4<sup>th</sup> Block – World Geo

(1:55-3:25)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

1<sup>st</sup> Block – Algebra  
Concepts & Connections  
B

(8:35-10:10)

2<sup>nd</sup> Block - Visual Art

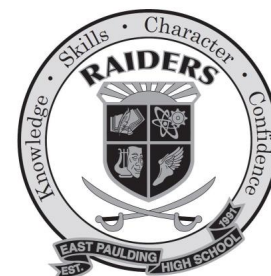
(10:15-11:45)

3<sup>rd</sup> Block – Environmental  
Science

(11:50-1:50)

4<sup>th</sup> Block – Ninth Lit

(1:55-3:25)

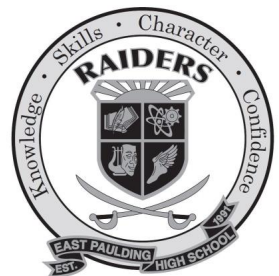


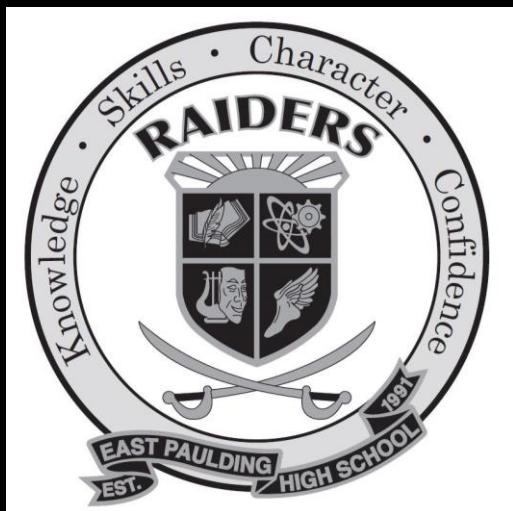
There are certain classes that the state require every student to take in order to graduate. The classes you are required to take in 9<sup>th</sup> grade are:

- ✓ 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature or 10<sup>th</sup> World Literature
- ✓ Algebra Concepts & Connections A & B or Geometry Concepts & Connections
- ✓ Biology or Environmental Science

Then you will also take other elective courses during your first semester such as:

- ✓ Health & Personal Fitness
- ✓ H World Geography \*if qualified\*
- ✓ Spanish I, Fine Arts, CTAE Pathway course, etc.



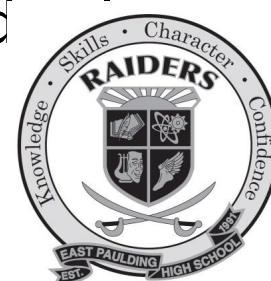


WILL I  
CHOOSE THE  
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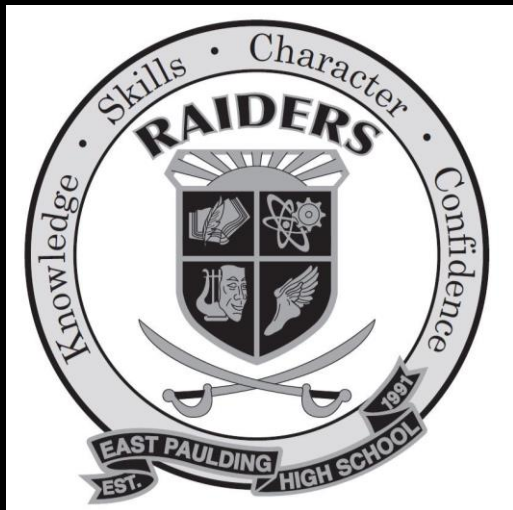
- In High School you will choose some of your classes, like electives, *though you may not always get the ones you select.*
- Other classes are required to graduate, and you will not get to choose. For example, all students take Math, but can choose if you want to take a World Language.

*\*if interested in a 4-year college, you need 2 World Language credits*

- The decisions on electives need to be based on your goals/plans after high school and your BRIDGE Career Interest Inventory information.
- Your Individual Graduation Plan will also be important for you to consider. Your middle and high school counselors will help you weigh your options and the classes that will help you reach your career/education goals.








WHAT  
CLASSES ARE  
REQUIRED TO  
GRADUATE?

These are the classes that every student is required to take for graduation. They include specific courses and total *23 units of credit*.

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 Health/Personal Fitness
- 3 CTAE/Fine Arts/World Language
- 4 Electives

PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
High School Diploma  
Graduation Requirement Checklist  
Class of 2016 and Thereafter



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

I. ENGLISH: 4 UNITS REQUIRED (Full Credit*)			
Course Name	Credit	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
9th Grade Lit-Comp / Honors			
10th World Lit-Comp / Honors			
10th Multicultural Lit-Comp/Honors			
11th American Lit-Comp / Honors			
12th British Lit-Comp			
12th Advanced Comp.			
AP Lit-Comp			
AP Language			

II. MATHEMATICS: 4 UNITS REQUIRED (Full Credit*)			
Course Name	Credit	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
9th Grade Alg or 9th Alg (Accelerator)			
GSE Adv. Alg. (per REP)			
GSE Adv. Geom. / Acad.			
GSE Adv. Geo. / Supp. (per REP)			
GSE Adv. Algebra or Alg. II			
GSE Adv. Alg. Supp. (per REP)			
GSE Pre-calculus			
AP Calc. or Stat. Reasoning			
AP Calculus AB or AP Statistics			
*Support math course meet math requirements for graduation as stated in GP. Support math course not included in an AP are recorded under the elective requirement section.			

III. SCIENCE: 4 UNITS REQUIRED (Full Credit*)			
Course Name	Credit	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
Biology/Honors/AP			
Chemistry/Honors			
Environmental Science			
Earth Systems			
AP Course			
Physical Science or Physics			
1 additional unit:			

IV. SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 UNITS REQUIRED			
Course Name	Credit	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
World History/Honors/AP			
US History/Honors/AP			
Economics/Honors/AP			
Government/Honors/AP			

V. HEALTH & P.E.: 1 UNIT REQUIRED			
Course Name	Credit	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
Health/Personal Fitness			

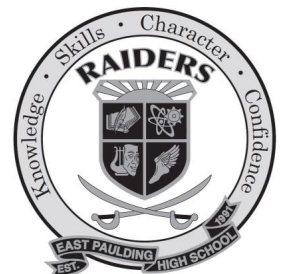
VI. CTAE: 3 UNITS REQUIRED (Full Credit*)			
Course Name	Credit	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
Career Technology			
Career Technology			
Career Technology			
World Language			
World Language			
World Language			
Fine Arts			
Fine Arts			
Fine Arts			

VII. ELECTIVES: 4 UNITS REQUIRED (1 or Full Credit)			
Course Name	Credit	Fall (A)	Spring (B)

NOTE: Rigorous Course  
[http://www.gpc.org/main/paulding/2012/Course\\_List.pdf](http://www.gpc.org/main/paulding/2012/Course_List.pdf)

Pathway(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Full Credit = 5.0-5.5 Course GP Code and Title must be the same if awarded in 3 and 3 credits on transcript and must equal one full credit in same course.  
TOTAL Units/Credits Earned - Requires 23 units



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10th Multicultural Lit-Comp Honors		
11th American Lit-Comp / Honors		
12th British Lit-Comp		
12th Advanced Comp		
AP Lit-Comp		
AP Language		

III. SCIENCE: 4 UNITS REQUIRED (Full Credit*)		
Course Name: Circle One	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
Biology/Honors/AP		
Circle One: Chemistry/Honors		
Environmental Science		
Earth Systems		
AP Course		
Physical Science or Physics		
1 add'l sci. unit:		

VI. CTAE: 3 UNITS REQUIRED (Full Credit*)		
CTAE, World Language, and/or Fine Arts (3 sequential courses highly recommended)		
<i>Note: 2 units in same World Language required for college/univ. admission.</i>		
Course Name	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
Career Technology		
Career Technology		
Career Technology		
World Language		
World Language		
World Language		
Fine Arts		
Fine Arts		
Fine Arts		

HOPE Rigorous Courses  
[http://www.gsc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Course\\_list.pdf](http://www.gsc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Course_list.pdf)

II. MATHEMATICS: 4 UNITS REQUIRED (Full Credit*)		
Course Name: Circle One	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
GSE Coor Alg or GSE Alg I/Acceler.		
GSE Alg Supt.* (per IEP)		
GSE An. Geom. or GSE Geom./ Accel.		
GSE Analy. Geo. Supt.* (per IEP)		
GSE Adv. Algebra or Alg II		
GSE Adv. Alg Supt.* (per IEP)		
GSE Pre-calculus		
AMDM or Stat. Reasoning		
AP Calculus AB or AP Statistics		

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IV. SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 UNITS REQUIRED		
Course Name: Circle One	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
World History/Honors/AP		
US History/Honors/AP		
Economics/Honors/AP		
Government/Honors/AP		

V. HEALTH & P.E.: 1 UNIT REQUIRED		
Course Name	Fall (A)	Spring (B)
Health/Personal Fitness		

VII. ELECTIVES: 4 UNITS REQUIRED (.5 or Full Credit)		
Student selects from academic or non-academic electives. Students seeking admission into University System of GA colleges and universities need to take as many rigorous academic courses as possible.		
Course Name	Fall (A)	Spring (B)

\*Full Credit = IDA3 Course CIP Code and Title must be the same if awarded as .5 and .5 credits on transcript and must equal one full credit in same course.

TOTAL Units/Credits Earned - Requires 23 units

Pathway(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Grade Levels

Passing your classes is essential in high school. In order to be promoted to the next level and work toward your high school graduation, students *must* earn a specific number of credits each year.

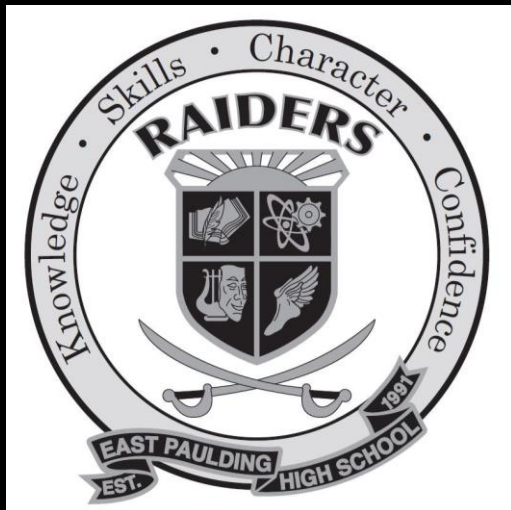
*Sophomore – 5*

*Junior – 11*

*Senior – 17*

*Graduation – 23*

*\*each time you fail a class, it affects your GPA\**



WHY SHOULD I  
CARE ABOUT  
MY GPA?

# What is a GPA?

## Paulding GPA

100

- Comprised of every grade that you make in each of your academic and elective classes.
- This GPA is out of 100 and a student must earn an 89.5 to be considered an Honors Graduate

## HOPE and Zell Miller GPA

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- Comprised of every grade that you make in your academic and world language classes *only*.

**A = 4**

**B = 3**

**C = 2**

**D = 1**

**F = 0**

# Scholarships for Georgia Students

## HOPE Scholarship

Awarded to students who graduate high school with a **3.0 HOPE GPA**. This scholarship covers a portion of your college tuition

## Zell Miller Scholarship

Awarded to students who graduate high school with a **3.7 HOPE GPA**. This scholarship covers a portion of your college tuition

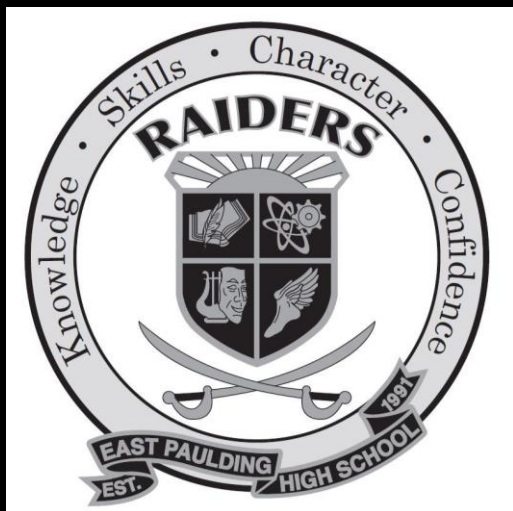
Students must also take 4 rigor courses, which can be found on the GA Futures website.

These scholarships are applied for when student's fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## HOPE Grant

Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible college or university in Georgia.

Continuing education programs are not eligible.

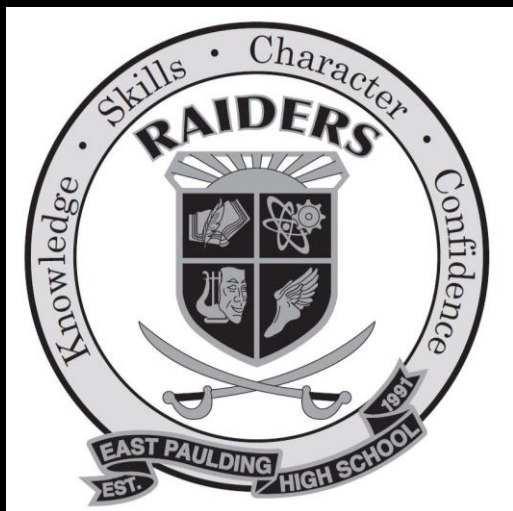


HOW ARE  
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DIFFERENT  
FROM MIDDLE  
SCHOOL?



# Are you taking classes this year for high school credit?

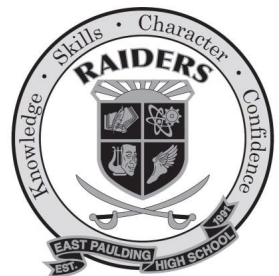
- Honors Physical Science, Honors Ninth Lit, Honors Algebra I, or Spanish I
  - The courses will count in the local district GPA (Grade Point Average) and for class rank.
  - These courses **will not count** for the HOPE Scholarship grade point average.
- Honors courses you can take in 9<sup>th</sup> grade:
  - English/Language Arts
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies



WHAT  
ELECTIVES  
CAN I TAKE  
IN 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE?

# Elective Course Opportunities at East Paulding High School

- Basic Ag Science
- Marketing Principles
- Audio and Video Technology and Film
- Intro to Digital Technology
- Intro to Personal Care Services (Cosmetology)
- Intro to Culinary Arts
- Intro to Healthcare (Allied Health Medicine)
- JROTC
- Automotive Technologies
- Intro to Drafting & Digital Design (Architecture)
- Intro to Graphics and Design
- Teaching as a Profession
- Business & Technology
- French I
- Spanish I
- Spanish II (if Spanish I passed in 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Chorus
- Band
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Weight Training
- Team Sports
- Current Issues/Personal Financial Literacy
- Sociology
- Psychology



# Frequently Asked Questions:

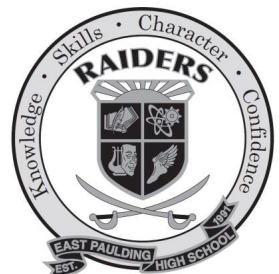
Do I have to take specific electives?

- Yes. You will take 3 electives in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and Health and Personal Fitness.

*Health and Personal Fitness is required by the state of Georgia for graduation, unless you successfully complete 3 years of JROTC.*

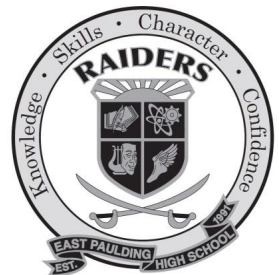
What is JROTC?

- The Junior ROTC program includes CTAE courses taught by retired officers and non-commissioned officers at selected public and private high schools in the U.S.



# Frequently Asked Questions:

- JROTC prepares high school students for future leadership roles while making them aware of the benefits of citizenship. Classroom and outside activities become opportunities to acquire knowledge, discipline, and a sense of responsibility that are necessary to take charge of one's future. The result is responsible cadets who are confident of themselves, can think on their own, and can express their ideas and opinions clearly and concisely.
- JROTC (Air Force) is offered at EPHS.
  - At EPHS you can now earn your 4<sup>th</sup> science by taking the JROTC course “Flight Science” if you are completing the JROTC pathway
- JROTC (Army) is offered at HHS, NPHS, PCHS, and SPHS.



# Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I have to take a World Language to Graduate?

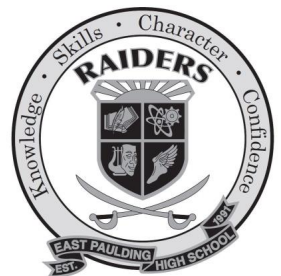
- No! You can take CTAE or Fine Arts classes instead.

**\*BUT\***

- YES! If you plan on attending a 4-year college, 2 years of the same World Language are required for admission into Georgia Colleges/Universities as well as many out of state colleges and universities!

Français  
Español

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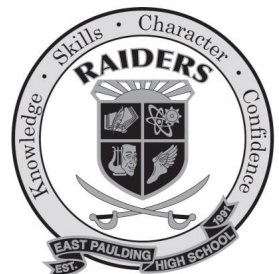


# Frequently Asked Questions:



## What is the Paulding Virtual Academy?

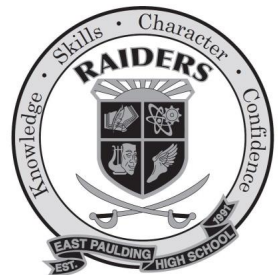
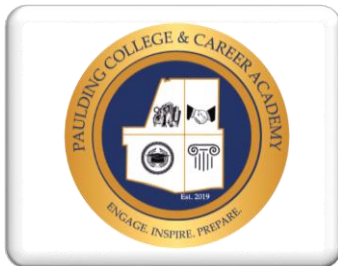
- PVA allows a student to take online courses rather than attend in-person high school. The classes are technology-based, and teacher supported. Students that attend PVA are still EPHS students, they just take their courses from home. PVA enrollment can be done through your parent portal account and the deadline to apply is February 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



# Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Paulding College and Career Academy?

- PCCA Opened in the Fall of 2019 and serves all 5 high schools by offering courses and pathways that are specifically selected based upon the work needs of the surrounding area and the state as a whole.
- Students who attend PCCA graduate with a high school diploma plus have:
  - Dual Enrollment Course Opportunities
  - Work-Based Learning/Apprenticeship Program Courses
  - Complete a CTAE Pathway and related courses





# Pathways & Opportunities at PCCA

## Facts About The Paulding College & Career Academy

PCCA will open at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year and serve students from grades 9-12 from all five high schools in Paulding County.



The PCCA will offer four career pathways initially:



**Energy**  
Lineman/Technician



**IT**  
Cybersecurity



**Healthcare**  
CNA/Patient Care Tech



**Manufacturing**  
Mechatronics

Transportation will be provided from a student's home high school to the New Hope Education Center, where the Paulding College and Career Academy will be located, to participate in CTAE courses not offered at any other high school. They will also have the opportunity to obtain college credit for both CTAE and Core classes through the program and they can also take Core Classes through the Paulding Virtual Academy.



Real life learning opportunities will be a critical component of the PCCA program. Opportunities will include:



**Job Shadowing**

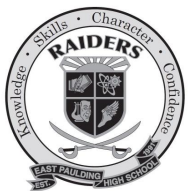


**Work-Based Learning**



**Youth Apprenticeship**

To register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/pccaregistration>



# Requirements

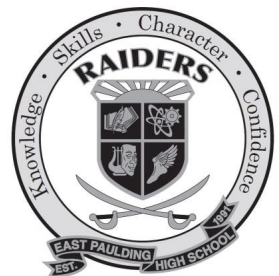
- NONE! By being a student in the district you are qualified to apply for PCCA.
- Please talk with your counselor if you are interested as it will impact your schedule.

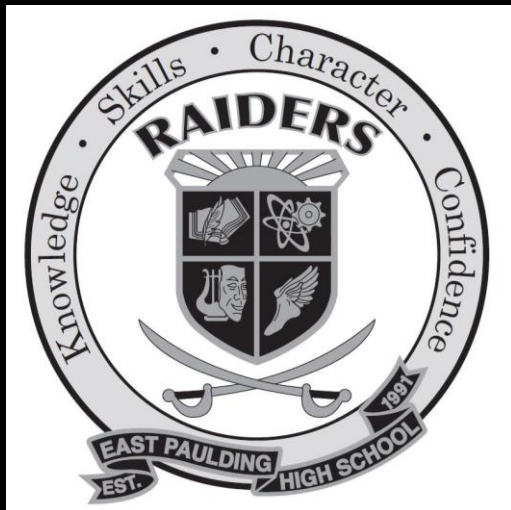
## Applications

- Applications are posted on the district and PCCA website in December.

## Transportation

- Students are bussed from their local high school to PCCA and then back to the local high school.





# WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

# Dual Enrollment

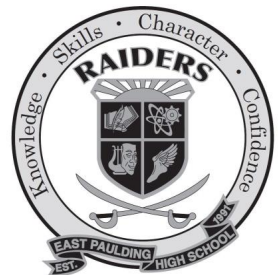
Starting your Sophomore year, students can apply to be a Dual Enrollment student and take courses from a state public or private postsecondary institution while still enrolled as a high school student and receive credit both at the high school and at the postsecondary institution.

*Freshman are not eligible for Dual Enrollment*

*Sophomores can take CTAE courses*

*Juniors & Seniors can take CTAE and Core courses*

If you're interested in this opportunity, be sure to talk to your high school counselor during your freshman or sophomore year!



# Dual Enrollment

How can I benefit from Dual Enrollment?

Benefits to High School Students

Enhance high school experience

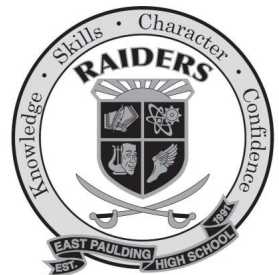
Expanded course offerings

College persistence

College savings

Job skills acquisition

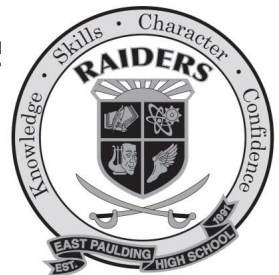
Quicker entry into the workforce

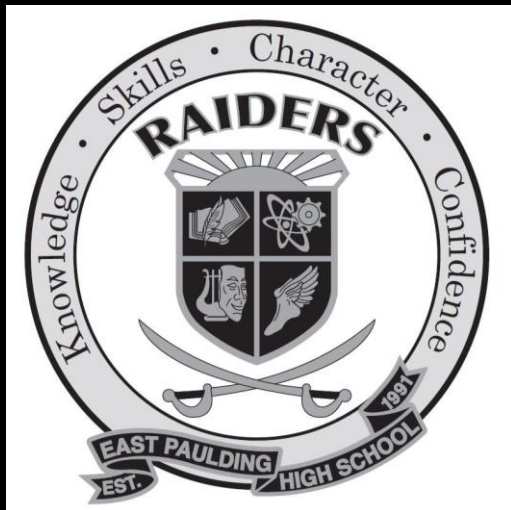


# Things to Consider About Being a Dual Enrollment Student...

- Maturity level of the student
- Post-secondary plans of the student
- Individual career goals and IGP (Individual Graduation Plan)
- Necessary tests for admission to the postsecondary institution(s) of choice
- Application and acceptance by the post-secondary institution

Visit the Paulding County School District website for more information!





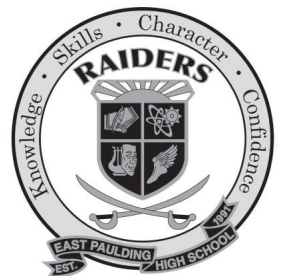
# WHAT IS WORK BASED LEARNING?

# Work Based Learning (WBL)

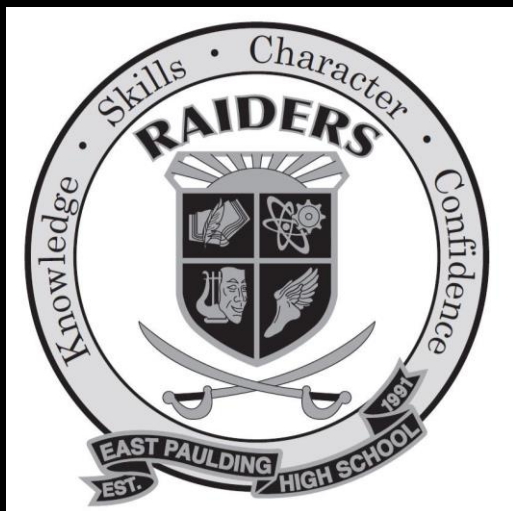
Starting your Junior year, students can apply to for WBL. This is a structured experience that connects a student's career goal and classroom learning with a productive work environment.

7.5 hours of work per week = 1 block of WBL

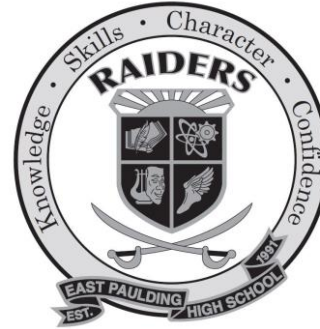
15 hours of work per week = 2 blocks of WBL





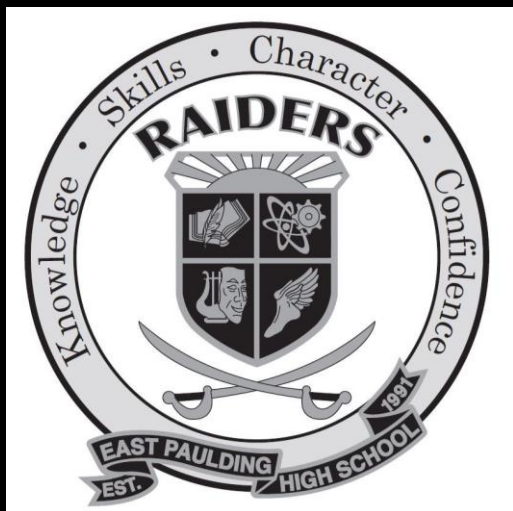


**WHO IS MY  
SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR AT  
EAST?**



## East Paulding High School Counselors:

- Mrs. Berry... A - Cr
- Ms. Fain... Cu - Ha (Lead)
- Ms. Hayes... He - Ma
- Dr. Haston... Mc - Sa
- Ms. Bourn... Sc- Z

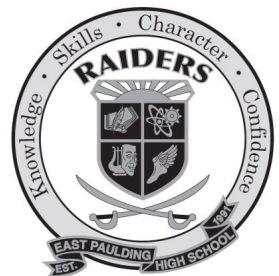


# SPORTS IN THE PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

There are several kinds of high school sports including:

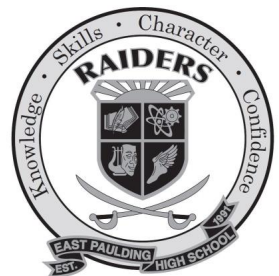
- Wrestling
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Volleyball
- Track
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Bass Fishing
- Soccer
- Fast pitch softball
- Flag Football
- Football
- Lacrosse
- Swimming
- ESports
- Tennis

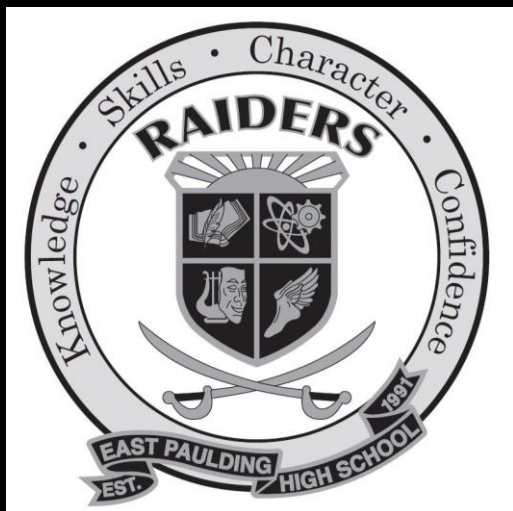
You will be playing against other high schools within Paulding as well as other districts!



## What are the requirements to play sports in high school?

- First semester freshmen may participate in sports and extra-curricular activities.
- To Keep Eligibility:
  - **Each student must earn at least 3 credits in the previous semester.**
    - Ex: 9th grade students must have earned credits in the fall to participate in the spring..
  - **Each student must stay on track to graduate.**
    - This means that by the start of the sport you are playing you must have earned the following number of credits:
      - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5.0 Credits
      - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: 11.0 Credits
      - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 17.0



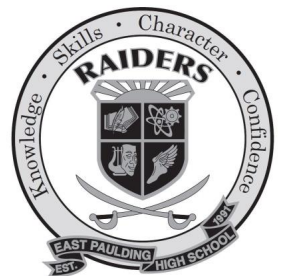


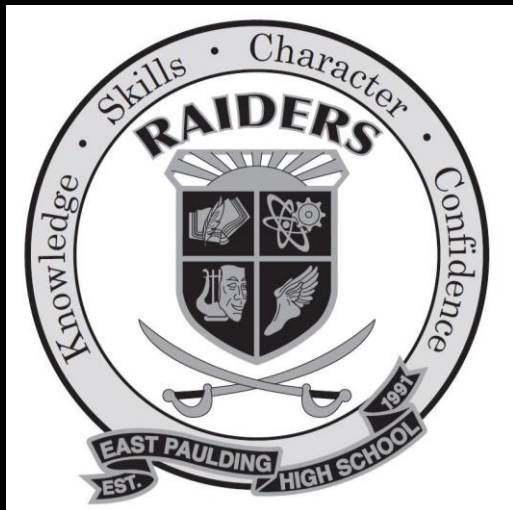
HOW DO YOU  
SIGN UP FOR  
CLUBS &  
ACTIVITIES?



There are several ways to find out about clubs and extra curricular activities...

1. Check-out the high school website
2. Listen to the daily announcements about clubs, activities, and events.
3. Visit various clubs at open-house

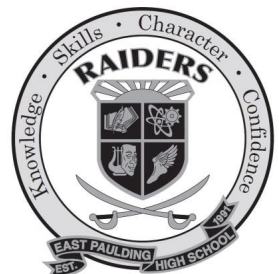




WHAT IS AN  
EOC TEST?



- End of Course (EOC) assessments are state regulated and mandated tests that high school students have to take to ensure that the students have mastered the courses. All Georgia high school students will take the same EOCs. This provides consistency among all schools in Georgia.
- *Your EOC score will count for a percentage of your final grade.* The EOCs you will take in either 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade are:
  - Algebra Connections & Concepts A & B (year long)
  - Biology



# STAY CONNECTED

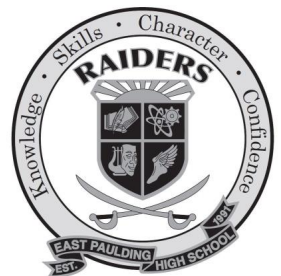


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# Questions?

