

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION PROCEDURES
For rising 9th graders at Dickerson and Dodgen Middle

Before completing the Registration Form, read and follow the guidelines listed below:

Complete all the information at the top of the Registration Form. Be sure to print and include full legal name and social security number (or county assigned 900# if no social security available).

Read the information found in the course description booklet. On the front of the Registration Form, your child's eighth grade teachers have made placement recommendations. These course level placements are based on the student's grade at the time of registration and in compliance with Cobb County and Walton guidelines.

If you disagree with the recommended placement for your child in an academic area, you may have the option of waiving to a different level or class.

****If you decide to waive in an academic area, you will need to obtain a Waiver Form directly from the 8th grade counselor. Complete and staple the White Copy of the Waiver Form to the back of the Registration Form. DO NOT MARK OUT THE COURSE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED. The Registration Form and any attached Waiver Forms will be returned to the middle school (please do not bring to Walton). It is important to note that a change in course placement requested through a Waiver will be *permanent for the fall semester*.**

The back page of the Registration Form is for Electives. Parents should follow instructions on choosing electives for fall and spring semesters. Choose these courses carefully, as Walton's fall semester master schedule is based on the enrollment numbers from registration. Any late changes would result in overcrowding in some classes; therefore, no changes in elective course requests for fall semester will be made after the Registration Form is returned to the Middle School.

Two (2) alternate elective courses **MUST** also be indicated in the spaces provided under the Elective options. These selections should be different from the electives that you and your child marked since they may replace an elective choice if the course is unavailable. Not listing alternates may result in the school making a selection for the student.

NOTE: We strongly encourage parents to attend Walton's Rising 9th Grade Curriculum Night on March 7, 2017 in the Walton Theater. In order to accommodate all parents, two identical presentations are offered based on the student's last name (6:00 p.m. for last names beginning with A-L and 7:00 p.m. for M-Z.) Important curriculum information will be provided, along with an opportunity for you to ask any final questions about your child's registration.

Important Information about Waiver Forms:

1. For **CORE CLASSES** (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language), current teachers will make recommendations for the level of curriculum to be taken next year.
2. If a parent and student disagree with the recommendation, a Waiver Form can be completed for changing up or down (*ONE LEVEL ONLY*), as long as all pre- and co-requisites for the course are honored.
NOTE: WHEN WAIVING THE LEVEL OF A COURSE, DO NOT MARK OUT THE COURSE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED BY THE TEACHER.
3. A waiver is **binding for one semester**. Please consider this *carefully*. Once a student has completed and been approved for a waiver, the class addressed by the waiver cannot be changed during that semester.
4. Waivers for the first semester **must be** completed and turned in with registration materials to the 8th grade Middle School Counselor. *WAIVERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE unless a teacher recommendation changes course placement.*

Other Registration Considerations:

We, at Walton High School, try to make the registration process as smooth as possible. One way we do this is by building Walton's Master Schedule for both teachers and students only after we have received all student requests for courses during registration. The Master Schedule, therefore, is determined by student requests and provides the maximum accommodation for the courses desired by Walton students, with a minimum of schedule conflicts. If your registration form is not returned to your Middle School Counselor by the due date, your course requests cannot be included in the Master Schedule considerations. The result may be that your student is registered for only those classes with openings and thus may include a 2nd or 3rd elective alternative or even a different class level than you had wished.

Registration for yearlong classes (classes with both A and B semesters) in an academic area may not be dropped at the end of the first semester. The *only exception* is if the teacher of the subject recommends a change for the student.

We DO NOT honor teacher preference requests for schedules. All 2700+ students at Walton High School have preferences. It would be impossible to honor the requests of all students; therefore, we honor none.

PLEASE CHOOSE COURSES CAREFULLY. It is not feasible for students to simply "try out" a course to determine whether it is a good fit. If you have any questions about a course, please contact your Middle School Counselor or refer to the Academic Planning Guide found on Walton's website.

Return the Registration Form to your middle school by their stated deadline

- We suggest that you make note of class choices, or photocopy the form for your personal records to reference for required summer assignments in literature, math, and social studies classes.

Thank you for helping with this process. We look forward to having your child with us next year!

For Rising 9th Graders

Flex Schedule and Morning Tuition Class

What are they? Morning Tuition Class allows a student to pay for and take an extra seventh class. Student schedules will run from 0 period through 7th period (7:10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), but morning bus transportation is not provided. In contrast, Flex schedule allows a student to take the usual 6 classes, but to attend school from 0 period through 6th period (7:10 a.m.-2:29 p.m.) There is no tuition cost for Flex scheduling and afternoon bus transportation is not provided (Flex students are required to leave campus at the end of their school day.)

Note: **Morning Tuition students are given priority for 0 period class registration**, as this is a financially self-sustaining program. Flex schedule requests will only be permitted if space is available in 0 period classes.

What is offered? After the registration process, we will evaluate all Flex and Morning Tuition forms to determine which classes have the most interest. If a student registers for an extra class and nothing on the schedule will be held 0 period, you may request a refund by bringing the original receipt to Mrs. Rose in Walton's Guidance office. Historically, AP Human Geography is the most popular 9th grade 0 period class, though any class is possible with enough interest. Personal Fitness in the fall and Health in the spring are generally available every year during 0 period, as well, though seniors are given priority for these two classes.

How do I sign up? Registration for Tuition and Flex classes are handled after your official Registration Form has been completed and turned in to the middle schools. Since we cannot be certain which, if any, of your child's classes will be offered, please **DO NOT** add or delete any classes from your child's Registration Form. Complete the regular Registration Form as though they were NOT adding an EXTRA class to enroll in a Morning Tuition class or Flex schedule. The extra Morning Tuition class will be added by completing the appropriate form and making payment of \$300.00 at Walton (both Morning Tuition and Flex forms will only be available through Walton.) You may complete forms and payment during Curriculum Night (March 7th) or see Mrs. Rose in the Walton Counseling office between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. by March 31st. Be sure to keep your receipt in order to request a refund if needed. Contact Mrs. Rose or Dr. Mallanda at Walton (770-578-3225) if additional information is needed.

Example Schedules:

	Sample 9th Schedule:	Sample Flex Schedule:
0 period	<u>N/A</u>	Health
1 st period	Ninth Lit	Coordinate Algebra
2 nd period	Orchestra	Ninth Lit
3 rd period	Lunch	Physics
4 th period	Physics	Lunch

5 th period	French II	AP Human Geography
6 th period	Coordinate Algebra	Spanish I
7 th period	World Geography	<u>N/A</u>

	Morning Tuition: Example #1	Morning Tuition: Example #2	Morning Tuition: Example #3
0 period	Coordinate algebra	Latin II	AP Human Geography
1 st period	Ninth Lit Honors	Coordinate Algebra	Honors Physics
2 nd period	Coord. algebra support	Ninth Lit	Coordinate Algebra
3 rd period	Lunch	Freshman Physics	Beg. Programming (<u>Extra Class</u>)
4 th period	Physics	Lunch	Spanish II
5 th period	French II	AP Human Geography	Lunch
6 th period	Band (<u>Extra Class</u>)	Spanish I (<u>Extra Class</u>)	Concert Band
7 th period	World Geography	Intro Engineering	Ninth Lit