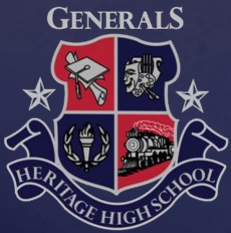


# Honors Night

## February 8, 2024



Heritage High School

- ❖ Begin high school with the end in mind. What do you want to do with your high school diploma?
- ❖ All high school diplomas are NOT created equal.
- ❖ Go *Beyond the Requirements* to get the MOST from your high school years.
- ❖ Plan for Dual Enrollment in 11th/12th Grade

# Heritage High Class of 2028



GOOD

“Regular” College Prep Academic  
Courses with some Career Classes



BETTER

Honors Academic Courses  
and/or select Dual Enrollment  
College Courses and Career  
Pathway completion



BEST

Advanced Placement Courses and/or  
select Dual Enrollment college courses  
and Career Pathway completion

# Educational Options for *College* Preparation

- ❖ Honors Classes are more challenging, more demanding and accelerated classes. Gifted and Honors are synonymous in high school.
- ❖ Heritage High offers courses at several levels:
  - Remedial, Foundation and Support classes
  - College Prep Classes
  - Honors Classes
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Advanced Placement

# Honors Program

- ❖ **SAT** (College Board) – The nation's most widely used college admission test. The highest score possible is 1600. HHS average was 1124 in 2023..
- ❖ **ACT** – “American College Test”: Scale is 1 to 36 (English, Math, Reading and Science measured). HHS average score in 2023 was 21.4.
- ❖ **Advanced Placement** (College Board) – College level courses taught in high school: Scale is 1 to 5
- ❖ **PSAT** (College Board & National Merit Scholarship Corporation) – pre-SAT to provide feedback to students 11<sup>th</sup> grade and younger on their college readiness skills
- ❖ **HOPE Scholarship** – funded by the Georgia Lottery for Georgia high school graduates.
- ❖ **Dual Enrollment** - earning college and high school credit for classes taken in high school.

# College Preparation Terms



College or Career?

That is not a decision to make  
in 8th grade!

- ❖ How do you plan to finance college?
- ❖ **From Here to Career** class will utilize “YouScience” information and discuss college applications.
- ❖ Select Honors/AP Courses during registration. Push yourself!
- ❖ If you are considering a math related career, start with Honors classes.
- ❖ Meet with your school counselor if you are considering starting college early or considering a creative/unique way to earn your high school diploma.
- ❖ PSAT in October, 2024
  - Cost is around \$18
  - This is an excellent opportunity to determine a baseline to prepare for the SAT
  - College Test Parent Meeting to understand scores

# Freshman Year

- ❖ Schedule 2 world language classes (required by some colleges)
- ❖ AP Exams in May
- ❖ PSAT in October (Free for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students)
- ❖ Register for an account from collegeboard.com
  - College Board administers the SAT, PSAT and AP (Advanced Placement)
- ❖ Parents and students talk about college goals. Consider public vs. private and profile colleges that interest you.
- ❖ If you are considering dual enrollment for junior year, start speaking with your counselor and prepare to apply.
- ❖ Consider programs at the College and Career Academy for junior year

# Sophomore Year



- ❖ PSAT – National Merit Scholarship Program
- ❖ SAT and/or ACT
- ❖ AP Exams in May
- ❖ 2 college visits (count as field trips)
- ❖ Look for opportunities to attend college fairs
- ❖ Begin to research scholarship opportunities
- ❖ Identify colleges that interest you and determine admission requirements
- ❖ Have a serious talk with parents about financing college
- ❖ Consider ACT or SAT preparation
- ❖ *Dual Enrollment?*
- ❖ Consider programs at College and Career Academy

## Junior Year

- ❖ Apply to Colleges early fall
- ❖ *Dual Enrollment?*
- ❖ College and Career Academy?
- ❖ Take up to 3 college visits (count as field trips)
- ❖ Apply for scholarships
  - Deadlines typically in Nov.-April
  - Many require an essay, which can be re-used
- ❖ SAT
- ❖ ACT
- ❖ Complete SAT/ACT prep to get the score you want
- ❖ FAFSA (Financial Aid – Fall)
- ❖ AP Exams in May

# Senior Year

## ❖ Requirements

- 3.0 or higher GPA in high school classes
- Pays about 80-90% of tuition in state public university
- Pays about \$4,000 a year toward private Georgia colleges
- Must have 4 rigor classes in high school
- Maintain 3.0 GPA in college to keep scholarship
- Zell Miller Scholarships pays 100% tuition to Georgia public colleges and universities
- 3.7 core GPA
- 1200 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) or 26 ACT
- Maintain 3.3 GPA in college to keep scholarship

# HOPE Scholarship

- ❖ We emphasize graduating from high school with a *plan* to continue education and earn credentials.
- ❖ Some students may choose to work after high school, but earning credentials in their work area will improve their prospects.
- ❖ Experience and skills are great, but credentials verify that experience and those skills

# Credentials

- ❖ Require high school diploma, but do accept GED
- ❖ Georgia Northwestern Tech is the closest
  - Ringgold Campus & Walker Campus
  - SAT/ACT not required
- ❖ Heritage High's college prep curriculum prepares you for success at this level.
- ❖ Accuplacer Test
- ❖ Entrance exam will be administered at HHS for Dual Enrollment

# Technical College



- ❖ SAT/ACT not required except for Dental Hygiene/Nursing Programs
- ❖ Accuplacer test used for admission
- ❖ Require 2.0 GPA
- ❖ Georgia Highland in Rome is the closest in Georgia
- ❖ Heritage High's college prep curriculum prepares you for success at this level, however some programs have more rigorous demands.

## 2 Year Public Community Colleges

- ❖ High School diploma (GED is accepted at some colleges)
- ❖ SAT (minimum 330 Critical Reading, 310 Math)
- ❖ ACT (minimum 14 English, 12 Math)
- ❖ Minimum 2.0 high school GPA
- ❖ Dalton State College is the closest
  - Admission is test optional for 2024-25
  - Average Freshman GPA is 3.10
  - Average ACT is 19
  - Average SAT is 480 in Math, 500 in Critical Reading
  - Tuition is \$3,204 (+ \$750 fees)
  - 10% of freshman graduate in 4 years
- ❖ Our college prep curriculum will prepare students for **admission** to Dalton State, but students need Honors for **success** at Dalton State.

# Four Year Colleges

Princeton

Stanford

UGA

GT

Alabama

MTSU

Auburn

UTK

Tennessee

Valdosta

GA Southern

West Georgia

ABAC

Ohio Univ

Emory

Dalton State

Cleveland State

Chattanooga State

Jacksonville State

North Georgia

Lee University

UTC

Kennesaw State

Rinehardt Univ.

Covenant College

Tennessee Wesleyan

Berry College

Shorter University

GNTC

# Where do HHS students attend college?



# College and University Profiles

(our Honors program, with AP/Dual Enrollment classes, is the best preparation)



- ❖ Annual Tuition: \$6,898
- ❖ \$22,955 with tuition, books, fees, transportation, and room and board
- ❖ Average Freshman Profile 2021
  - Average GPA 3.36
  - Average SAT 1142
  - Average ACT 22-23
- ❖ Minimum Admission Requirements
  - 2.5 GPA
  - SAT (ERW of 500 and Math of 490)
  - ACT (English subscore of 18 and Math of 18)



# Kennesaw State Univ.



- ❖ Annual Tuition: \$11,180
- ❖ \$28,142 total cost (room, board, books, living expenses, tuition)
- ❖ Average Freshman Profile 2023
  - 37% acceptance rate
  - High school GPA 4.0 +
  - ACT average 28-33
  - SAT average 1310-1470
  - 99% took at least one advanced level course (AP, IB, or Dual Enrollment)
  - The average incoming freshman took 7-12 AP or Dual Enrollment courses while in high school
  - 97% took their school's "advanced" or "most difficult" curriculum



# University of Georgia

- ❖ Annual Tuition: \$40,140
  - \$53,410 with tuition, room, board
  
- ❖ Average Freshman Profile 2023 (source collegesimply.com)
  - Average GPA 3.75 +
  - ACT Average Range 21-29
  - SAT Average Range 1110-1290
  - 66% Acceptance Rate



Berry College

- ❖ Tuition is \$52,659
- ❖ Total Cost is \$76,763
  - Scholarship average is \$56,550 (2019)
  - Work expectation is \$2,150 (2019)
  - Parent's contribution average is \$12,450 (2019)
  - Summer student work is \$1,150 (2019)
- ❖ Average Freshman Profile 2021
  - From 109 different countries
  - Average SAT range is 1420-1590
  - Average ACT range is 32-35
  - Acceptance Rate 8.7%
  - Average number of AP classes in high school was 8



# Harvard

- ❖ AP is a national college curriculum developed by the College Board
- ❖ AP teachers attend training to become certified
- ❖ Students may take an AP exam in May (\$97) to attempt to earn college credit for the course. Students may be able to take 1 STEM AP exam for free.
- ❖ AP exams are scored on a 5 point scale with students receiving credit based on scores between 3-5 depending upon the individual college/university
- ❖ Students may take AP exams without taking AP courses if they choose

# Advanced Placement

- ❖ AP Biology
- ❖ AP Chemistry
- ❖ AP Environmental Science
- ❖ AP Physics
- ❖ AP U.S. History
- ❖ AP World History
- ❖ AP Government
- ❖ AP Macroeconomics
- ❖ AP Microeconomics
- ❖ AP Pre-Calculus
- ❖ AP Calculus AB
- ❖ AP Calculus BC
- ❖ AP Statistics
- ❖ AP English Literature
- ❖ AP Psychology
- ❖ AP Spanish
- ❖ AP English Language
- ❖ AP Studio Art

# AP at Heritage



- ❖ Dual Enrollment **FREE to students!**
  - College level coursework for credit in high school and toward college graduation
  - Available for any eligible 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student depending on college and program of study
  - Can be full time or part time
  - Must meet college admission (test and GPA) requirements
  - Work through HHS School Counselors to apply and choose classes
  - Options with HHS teachers, at the College and Career Academy, at Dalton/GNTC, or online

# Dual Enrollment

- ❖ AP Programs are *typically* more rigorous
- ❖ Dual Enrollment classes have clearly defined results and are offered in many different ways
- ❖ When students take college at the post-secondary institution, students are treated like college age students
- ❖ This will be a personal decision as well as a course by course decision
- ❖ Students must meet regular college admission guidelines
- ❖ Dual Enrollment credit may only count as an elective depending on college and major
- ❖ Elite colleges will not accept dual enrollment classes or dual enrollment credits

## AP vs. Dual Enrollment

- ❖ Ronnie Bradford, Principal
- ❖ Dr. Melissa Travillian, HMS Principal
- ❖ Lacey Brown, Dr. Eric Schexnaildre, Eric Beagles, and Dr. Jason Scott, Assistant Principals
- ❖ Allison Allen, Katelyn Canida, Cassey Campbell, and Deston Franks, School Counselors

# Heritage High Staff

- ❖ High School Registration on-line through February 27th
- ❖ Please remember, students may not drop AP/Honors Classes after June 1, 2024



Go Generals!