

Course Request FAQs

1. What is a course request?

A course request is an itemized list of courses that will be used to generate your student's schedule for the 2019-20 school year. The course request lists recommended courses; however, courses are subject to change as staffing needs are determined. Course requests are provided to middle school students in late February. Please review this and document any changes because this document will be used to develop your child's schedule. There will be limited to no opportunities to make additional changes once school begins.

2. How are courses determined?

Courses are determined in three ways: teachers make recommendations based on progress in current courses; counselors review transcripts and place students in the correct course based on county placement guides; remaining courses are selected as needed to fill holes (counselors prioritize the electives that students showed interest in)

3. How many courses should my student have?

Each 9th grade student will have 8 credit hours on their course request.

4. My student says that he has previously taken a course that's on the current course request. What should we do?

Log into Home Access and take a look at the student's transcript. If you see a course (accompanied by a passing grade) listed on the transcript, then a change is needed. Please complete the bottom of the course request form indicating this change.

5. My student would like an honors or AP class. What should we do?

Teachers recommended students for AP and/or honors classes based on current progress in courses, as outlined in Fulton County's Placement Guide. If your student was not recommended for advanced courses, you may submit a waiver requesting for your child to be placed in a particular class. Please indicate the change on the bottom of the course request AND retrieve the course waiver form from your student's counselor.

6. Will my students have these exact same courses in the fall?

Even though we aim to ensure students get the same courses that are listed on the request, there is no guarantee. There are other factors that affect scheduling between now and the beginning of school, such as staffing and scheduling building that sometimes shift the priority levels; this can interfere with the course offerings and shift what the student takes. Please note that shifts occur only in situations that cannot be avoided.

7. Does my student have what he or she needs to graduate?

The first priority of student services department is to ensure the successful graduation of our students; therefore, counselor often review transcripts to make sure students have been placed appropriately. If you have a specific concern in this area, please contact your student's counselor.

8. Will my student receive the pathway of his or her choice?

We do our best to honor the first and second choice pathway options. However, due to scheduling restrictions and demands, often students are not able to take the pathway that they are most excited about. Please note that if you do not see the pathway that you chose it is due to the fact that it either is full or could not fit into your schedule for various reasons and counselors have placed you in the next best option.