

Northside High School – Graduation Information 2007-2008

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Freshman Goal:	To graduate in 2011	6 credits are required by fall '08 to be in the 10 th grade.
Sophomore Goal:	To graduate in 2010	13 credits are required by fall '08 to be in the 11 th grade.
Junior Goal:	To graduate in 2009	20 credits are required by fall '08 to be in the 12 th grade.
Senior Goal:	To graduate in 2008	28 credits are required by May '08 to graduate this year.

Testing Schedule:

1. **PSAT (Oct 17, 2007)** 9th and 10th grade students will take the PSAT. The results will be received in Dec.07. Students should use results to explore ways to improve on future SAT tests.

** Use www.collegeboard.com to begin practice for the SAT and to register to receive a free “SAT Question of the Day” by email. Sign up for free practice tests: Northside code: 110838

Note: Students can take the PSAT during junior year to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

2. **EOCT: (Dec 3-7, 2007)** Georgia requires an End of Course Test for: Algebra, Geometry, 9th grade Lit, 11th grade American Lit, Physical Science, Biology, US History, and Economics.

Note: This test counts 15% of the student's final grade. (2nd semester EOCT will be May 5-9, '08)

* Use www.usatestprep.com to study for the Biology & Physical Science EOCT. Use it also to study for the science graduation test. NHS pays for this great site! See Guidance for the new passwords.

3. **GHSGT: Students must pass five Georgia High School Graduation Tests**

The GHSGT will be given in the 11th grade in five subjects: Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Writing. A passing grade of 500 is required. Five (5) retests for each subject can be taken if needed.

Test dates: 11th grade: Writing (9-27-07) All other subjects (3-17-08 to 3-21-08)

Retest: (11-5-07 to 11-9-07 all subjects except Writing) (2-27-08-Writing only)

Note: Any student who needs to retest can also take the GHSGT on the 11th grade testing dates.

Graduation Credit Requirements

❖ **28 credits needed to graduate:**

All students require: 4 English credits, 4 Social St., 3 Science and 1 PE/Health credit.

In addition, students will choose one of the following Graduation Plans:

1. **College Prep:** requires 2 foreign language credits (in the same language) and 4 math credits (Algebra 1 plus 3 other math classes—all 3 must be more advanced than Algebra 1)
2. **Technology/Career:** requires 4 technology credits (3 in the same area) and a total of 3 math credits. (note: Algebra 1A + Algebra 1B= Algebra 1 and counts for 1 math credit)
3. **Dual Seal: Is simply the College Prep + the Technology/Career requirements.** (Students take college prep class requirements and also satisfy the Tech/Career requirements)
4. **Tech/Prep:** requires 4 career credits-- all in the same area. (During high school students articulate into a specialized technology program at Columbus Tech)

Important Notes

***Report Cards** issued: Oct 17, Jan 9, Mar 12, and May 28

***Progress Reports:** Sept 12, Nov 14, Feb 6, Apr 16

***Email contact with Teachers and Counselors:** <http://northside.mcsdga.net> Click on Parents for a list of teacher names and email addresses. Parents will be emailed progress reports each Friday.

*Conferences are arranged with teachers and counselors by calling the Guidance Office. 706-748-2935

*Use www.GACollege411.org to research information about careers and Georgia colleges. It is very important to register at this site to receive information about SAT/ACT testing, financial aid, and future scholarships. Start working with this site now so that you are familiar with these issues as soon as possible.

*Start now doing volunteer work and extra-curricular involvement. (Keep a record for colleges)

***Hope Scholarship: Plan early!** You must have a 3.0 average in your core classes! **For College Prep,** Hope requires a 3.0 average in *English, Science, Math, Social Studies and Foreign Language*. **For Tech/Career,** Hope requires a 3.2 average in the core classes. Hint: For any “C” received in a core class – you will need an “A” in another core class to keep a “B” average!

