

High School Terms You Need to Know

Term	Definition
Academic/Core Courses	Includes required courses in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language.
Career, Technical, Agricultural Education (CTAE)	Courses that provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare students for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers.
Career Cluster	A system of organizing similar groups of career pathways. Georgia has 17 career clusters.
Career Pathway	Three sequential and related CTAE courses designed to expose students to the skills required for a specific career.
Credits	Term used to refer to the numeric unit assigned to a course used to meet high school graduation requirements. The terms <i>credits</i> , <i>units</i> , and <i>Carnegie Unit</i> are used interchangeably.
Dual Enrollment	Rigorous college and technical school courses that allow students to earn both college and high school credit while in high school.
Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)	A student-specific plan developed detailing the courses necessary for a high school student to graduate from high school and to transition successfully to postsecondary education and the work force.
4 x 4 Block	A system of scheduling courses that involves taking four courses each semester to earn credit. In typical 4 x 4 system, students take four classes from August to December and four different courses from January to May.
Yearlong	A system of scheduling courses that involves taking the same six, seven, or eight courses for the entire school year, typically from August to May.
A/B Block	A system of scheduling courses that involves taking courses on alternating days throughout the school year.
Semester	Refers to one half of the school term, made of two quarters.
Quarter	Refers to one nine-week term of the school year.