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HIGH SCHOOL  
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**WALTON HIGH SCHOOL**

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION

**Disclaimer:** This handbook is an abbreviated summary based on a variety of official and unofficial sources. This does not replace the need to read and understand the policies listed in the student handbook (known as the AGENDA). As a student or parent it is your responsibility to seek answers to any questions that you have about George Walton Comprehensive High School.

The PTSA makes no representation that this is a complete list of all the unique factors relating to Walton High School.

*The most comprehensive source of school information can be found online at...*



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# Walton A to Z

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## A

### Absences

The day after an absence your student is required to bring a note explaining the reason for the absence to the homeroom teacher. Excessive unexcused absences could affect your child's ability to get and keep a driver's license. For details of returning to school after an absence see the AGENDA.

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### Absence – Appointment

Students who are absent for part of the day, late for school or must be excused early should bring a note to the Pupil Personnel Office (PPO) when arriving at school on the day of the absence. The note should be signed by a parent or guardian and should include:

- the date/time of absence
- reason for absence
- student's grade/homeroom advisor
- parent/guardian phone number.

Students should return to PPO after their appointment before returning to their classes.

### Academic Planning Guide

This is a complete list of course offerings and academic policies at Walton High School. This is updated and available each year before registration in the spring.

 [WaltonHigh.org](#) »Academics»Academic Planning Guide

### ACT Test

This is a nationally administered college entrance exam taken in Junior and/or Senior year. Check your PTSA calendar for testing dates. Walton is usually a testing center. For strategies in taking this exam multiple times and details regarding test preparation classes, pick up and read carefully the information booklets available in



the Guidance Center. If you are unfamiliar with this exam ask your counselor for more information. Information and online registration are available at [www.actstudent.org](#).

### ADAP

This is an Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program required for a Georgia driver's license for high school students (even licenses that are being transferred from out of state). ADAP is taught during your Health class at Walton High School.

### Advisement Conferences

All students and their parents are scheduled for a meeting in spring of their freshman year and fall of their junior year to review progress toward graduation and post-secondary goals. You should expect to get a letter in the mail with your appointment time.

### Advisor

Your advisor is your homeroom teacher and this person generally remains the same throughout high school.

### Agenda

The AGENDA is the student handbook. Each student is issued an AGENDA which they are required to carry at all times during regular school hours. It contains Walton and Cobb County School District policies, hall passes and a planner for recording academic assignments and school deadlines.


If the AGENDA is lost, a replacement may be purchased in the Guidance Center, Records Room.

 [WaltonHigh.org](#) »General Info »Student Agenda

### Alcohol

Walton has a zero tolerance policy for alcohol. Refer to the AGENDA for the policy.

 Zero Tolerance Policy

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## AP/Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) classes are academically challenging, college level courses. Students take the national AP exam in the spring of each year. Dates and times of the exams are determined by the College Board and are listed in the PTSA Calendar. Students with sufficiently high tests scores may be able to gain college credit for these classes at selected universities.

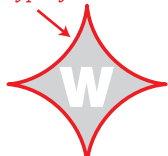
A handbook of AP course offering and requirements are available on the website.

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » Academics » AP Booklet

## Astroid

An astroid is a type of geometric plane curve known as a hypocycloid curve. It is generated by the trace of a fixed point on a small circle that rolls within a larger circle. (A Spirograph creates hypocycloid curves.) The Walton High School logo is based on an astroid.

*Hypocycloid curve*



## Attendance

Policies are stated in student AGENDA.

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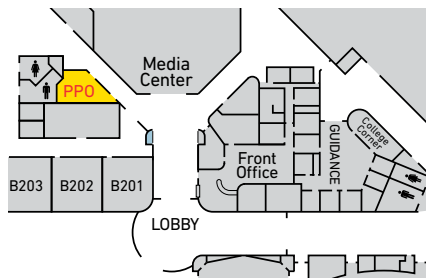
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## Attendance Office

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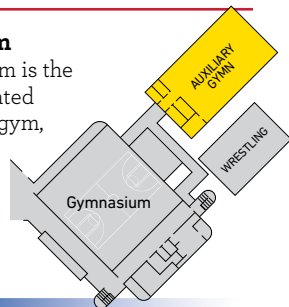
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## Auxiliary Gym

The Auxiliary Gym is the practice gym located behind the main gym, next to the wrestling barn.



## B

## Bell Schedule

Walton maintains two bell schedules, depending on the time of dismissal from school.

1. Daily Schedule – most days students are dismissed at 3:30 pm.
2. Walton Enrichment Block (WEB) days – students are dismissed from their regular classes at 12:42 pm.

Bell schedule and class times are listed at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

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## Birthdays

The cafeteria staff can deliver a cookie cake to students on their birthdays during lunch. To order and purchase a cake, call the Cafeteria office (770-578-3225, ext. 273). Orders should be placed one day in advance.

## Booster Clubs

Booster Clubs are prent organizations that support Walton student sport and music activities. A list of booster clubs and contact information can be found at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org)

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » Athletics » (specific sport)

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## Bus Stops/Schedule

Bus routing and scheduled stop information is centralized in the district transportation office. Bus stop locations can be found at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » Students » School Bus Stop Locator or at [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org). Bus routes are also posted during student orientation.

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » Students » School Bus Stop Locator



## C

### Calendar, Cobb County School District

The official school calendar is determined by Cobb County. Visit [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org) for calendar updates.

### Calendar, PTSA

The PTSA compiles information for and sells school calendars. These list valuable information about Walton, including AP test dates, holidays, WEB, and in-service days. Calendars are sold at the beginning of each year during orientation and through PTSA pre-sale orders. During the school year calendars can be purchased at the front office (limited quantities available).

An updated school calendar can be found online at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » [Quicklinks](#) » [Calendar of Events](#)

### Carnegie Unit

A Carnegie Unit is a measurement of classroom attendance at the secondary school level. One unit of credit is awarded for a minimum of 150 clock hours of instruction. Two semesters = One Carnegie Unit of credit.

### Carnegie Unit, Summer School

This is a measurement of classroom attendance at the secondary school level. One unit of credit is awarded for a minimum of 120 clock hours of instruction.

### Certificate of Attendance

This is required for all high school students who apply for a Georgia driver's license, even if they are transferring a license from out of state. Requests are made at the PPO during the school year. The certificate may be picked up after school hours at the front office the day after making your request. There is a \$2.00 notary fee required at time of pick up (exact change only). The Certificate is valid for 30 days. Instructions on how to obtain a Certificate of Attendance can be found at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » [Students](#) » [Certificate of Attendance](#).

NOTE: The State requires that a student must attend ten days of school before they

can receive this certificate; attendance at your previous school does not count. Students with summer birthdays should get their Certificate at the end of the school year. The Certificate will be valid until the beginning of the next school year. Check the State of Georgia's website for more information.

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » [Students](#) » [Certificate of Attendance](#)

### Charter School

Walton became a Georgia Conversion Charter school in 1998, which allows for more local decision making. The Charter may be reviewed online at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » [Charter Document](#)

### Class Rings

Look for ordering information during sophomore year and delivery during junior year.



### Clubs

A current list of student clubs and organizations can be found online.

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » [Students](#) » [Clubs & Organizations](#)

### Club Fair

This is held on a WEB day at the beginning of the school year. School clubs have representatives that can provide information and answer questions about the clubs. This is a good time for students to become familiar with many of the different opportunities at Walton. Freshmen are required to stay at school for this WEB.

### College Credit Now

A process through which an upcoming junior or senior applies for admission at a state public or private postsecondary institution and upon acceptance, takes courses to earn credit at the high school and at the postsecondary institution. Accepted students may take their full course load at the college or take a combination of courses at the high school and the college. Cobb County does not award an Extra Quality Point for these college courses unless the student has taken the highest course in that subject previously at the high school.



## College Entrance Exams

See *ACT and SAT* in this handbook.

## College and Career Website Listings:

- SAT Registration and information:  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ACT Registration and information:  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Career Cruising:  
[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)
- Georgia Career Information System (GCIS): [www.gcic.peachnet.edu](http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu)
- CollegeSource® Online:  
[www.collegesource.org](http://www.collegesource.org).  
Over 20,000 college catalogs in complete cover-to-cover, original page format.
- Scholarship information:  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Georgia Colleges & Universities:  
[www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)

## College Corner

The College Corner, located in the School Counseling Center, is a resource center for juniors and seniors. College catalogs, scholarship information, and other valuable resources are available to students and parents. Students may visit the College Corner during their lunch period or WEB.

## Commons

This is the cafeteria. Students arriving late to lunch are considered tardy.

## Counselors

See *section on School Counseling*.

## Course Levels

Certain academic courses may be taught on any one of three levels. Level 1 courses are accelerated or honors. Level 2 courses are considered the college preparatory program. For example, course #121 = honors, course #122 = on level, etc. Advance Placement Courses are indicated with an AP listing.

A complete listing of current courses can be found online at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Academics »Planning Guide

## D

### Detention

Refer to the AGENDA

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[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »General Info »Student Agenda

### Directory

See *Student Directory* in this listing.

### Dress Code

Walton has a dress code. Check for details in the AGENDA.

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[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »General Info »Student Agenda



### Drugs

Walton has a zero tolerance policy for drugs. Refer to the AGENDA for the policy.

Zero Tolerance Policy

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## E

### E Lot

The E Lot is the lower parking lot by the stadium.

### Elective Courses

These are courses that are taken beyond those specifically required for a high school diploma. Students often use electives to explore different areas of interest. Local electives are any courses offered beyond the core curriculum. State electives, also called academic electives (required by diplomas of distinction), must be from core courses. For a full description of courses and more info, go to [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org)

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Academics »Academic Planning Guide

### EOCT (End of Course Test)

For the Class of 2015 and subsequent years, students will take the state-mandated end of course tests which are required in certain subjects. The EOCT counts as 20% of the course grade. Students must pass the course and take the EOCT in order to graduate.



## F

### FAFSA/Free Application for Federal Student Aid

This is a free Application for Federal Student Aid (for college) which is available in January of your senior year. Check with your School Counselor for more information on this.

### Field House

The Walton Field House, located on the far side of the campus near the bus lanes, houses the football lockers and the weight room.



### Fighting

Refer to the AGENDA for the policy.

Fighting

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »General Info »Student Agenda

### Foundation/Walton Facilities Foundation, Inc.

The Walton Facilities Foundation, Inc. is a charitable, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose primary purpose is to raise funds used exclusively for improvements to Walton High School.



The Foundation is student-focused, and is committed to promoting safety, scholarship and personal development of every child at Walton High School.

To learn more about Foundation activities or to donate, go to [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Foundation

### Freshman

Ninth grade students are freshman if they have earned less than five graduation units. To advance to 10th grade students must earn five units of credit including one unit each of English, Science and Mathematics.

## G

### George Walton

Walton High School was named for George Walton, (1749 – 1804) who signed the Declaration of Independence as a representative of Georgia.

He also served as the second Governor of Georgia and in the U.S. Congress and Senate.



### GPA/Grade Point Average

The GPA is a single numerical representation of a student's cumulative letter grades. It is calculated by converting each semester letter grade to a corresponding number and finding the numerical average. Additional information about grading scales and GPA calculation can be found at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Academics »Academic Planning Guide

GPA and weighted GPA are listed on each student's transcript. GPA's are generally requested by college admissions offices. The weighted GPA recognizes the difficulty factor of the AP and Honors courses by assigning a higher numerical value to these courses. Ninth grade honors courses do not receive a quality point.

Letter Grade	On Level	Honors Class	AP Class
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	2.0	2.5	3.0

Example:

- The GPA of one "A," one "B" and one "C" is  $3 (4+3+2 = 9/3=3)$
- The GPA of one "A" and two "B's" is 3.33  $(4+3+3=10/3=3.33)$
- The weighted GPA of an "A" earned in an AP class and two "B's" in regular classes is 3.67  $(5+3+3=11/3=3.67)$
- Grading Scale: A=90-100%; B=80-89%; C=74-79%; D=70-73%; F=below 70%.

Be aware that most colleges recalculate GPA based only on academic classes. Check with the individual school for weights given to honors and/or AP classes. Unofficial transcript information is available to students and parents at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Quick Links »Grades.



The GPA for the HOPE scholarship is calculated using only core courses. This calculation changes and the most updated information is available at [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org).

Those students who wish to participate in athletics in college will need to be declared eligible through the NCAA. Information can be obtained at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org).

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## Grades Online

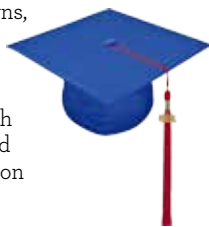
Grades can be accessed at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Quick Links »Grades after a student has been registered through the Internet Website PIN Registration. Individual privacy is protected through ID and PIN numbers. Look for Internet Website PIN Registration forms to set up access to your individual grades. These forms will be sent home for 9th grade students on the first day of school and are printed on bright blue paper. They are also available in the Guidance Center or at the Front Office desk. Online grade reporting is usually available after the first month of school.

 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Quick Links »Grades

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## Graduation Ceremony

Seniors order caps, gowns, announcements, etc. in the fall. They should receive an information packet in the spring with details as to the required rehearsals and graduation ceremony itself.



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## Graduation

Students must receive credit for all required courses as well as pass the Georgia High School Writing Test. Students graduating in 2015 and subsequent years will only be required to take the writing test.

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## Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirement information is outlined at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Academics »Academic Planning Guide

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## Graduation Unit

This is equivalent to one year's course work. For example, one year of English equals one unit. Each semester course is equal to .5 units.

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## Guidance

*See section on School Counseling.*

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## H


### Halloween

Many students choose to dress in costume on Halloween day. Announcements will be made in homeroom regarding policies on costumes.

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### Hall Pass

Any student who is out of his/her classroom during a class period must carry a hall pass/agenda issued by a school official.


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### Hats

Hats are not allowed except on special "hat days." Refer to the AGENDA.

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### Health

Health and Personal Fitness classes are required for graduation. If you have taken Health out of state, have your previous school send your counselor a course description if the course will fulfill this requirement. This should be discussed at registration.

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### Homecoming

Homecoming is in the fall; see calendar for exact dates. Activities include a football game, parade, pep rally and an election of a court.






## Homeroom

This is an advisement period between first and second periods. Homerooms are assigned alphabetically by grade. Homeroom teachers are also referred to as advisors. Students receive important notices during this time and watch Walton's news station for announcements. Students will likely have the same homeroom teacher every year.

## Homework Policy

Refer to the AGENDA for the most current policy in regards to homework missed due to absence.

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 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »General Info »Student Agenda

Students who miss three or more days of school may request homework by calling the Records Room, 770- 578-3225, ext. 236.

## Honors Classes

These are more academically rigorous than regular (on level) classes. Course numbers end in 1, for example, *American Gov't 121* is 12th grade honors.

## Honor Roll & Academic Recognition

Students who earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher and have no grades lower than a 74 will be placed on the Honor Roll. Students who earn a semester GPA of 4.0 or higher and have no grades lower than an 80 will be placed on the Principal's Honor Roll.

All students with a 4.0 or greater during a semester will receive a 4.0 pass that allows them access to non-playoff sporting events and special performances at no charge.

Students who earn a 4.0 or higher for an entire academic school year will be awarded an Academic Letter. Students who do so in a subsequent year will be awarded an academic bar.

## Hours

The main office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Because the school building is often open for extra-curricular activities beyond these hours it is often possible to pick up forgotten books,


homework assignments, etc. from lockers (just don't count on it).

The Records Room and Guidance Center have very limited summer hours (check recorded message).

## I

### Incentive


Students who meet incentive requirements may choose to exempt up to two final exams. Incentive requirements are listed in the AGENDA.

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 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »General Info »Student Agenda

## ISS/In-School Suspension

Refer to the AGENDA.

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## J

### Joint Dual Enrollment/Post Secondary Options

This is an arrangement between the Cobb County School District and a regionally accredited post secondary public or private institution allowing a student to enroll in post secondary classes and earn Carnegie units of credit that count toward high school graduation requirements and hours for post secondary credit.

## Junior/Senior Dues

Class dues are paid once during either junior or senior year. Class dues are used to cover class activities, prom and graduation. If class dues are paid junior year it gives students the privilege to attend the prom their junior and senior years. Dues also cover senior activities such as senior breakfast, senior picnic, prom, graduation expenses, and the class gift to the school.

## Juniors

Eleventh grade students are juniors if ten graduation units have been earned, including two full units each of English, Mathematics and Science.



## L

### Late Arrival/Tardies

Accumulated tardies may result in the loss of incentive. Refer to the AGENDA.

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### Leaving Campus

Students who must leave campus must either check out through PPO or have permission from an administrator. Students who do not follow this procedure will have disciplinary consequences including the loss of parking privileges. See the AGENDA.

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### Letter Jackets

Letter Jackets are available for sale in the fall of the school year through an outside vendor. Order information will be provided to students during announcements.

Letters are awarded for achievements in sports, fine arts and academics.



### Library/Media Center

The Media Center houses books and on-line resources. Additional information about the Media Center can be found at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

🌐 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Media Center

### Minimum Day

Seniors with sufficient credits for graduation may apply for a shortened day. Ask your counselor for more information.

### Morning Tuition School

Students who wish to take an additional 7th class may do so during zero period which starts before the regular school day. Course offerings are based on demand. Tuition is charged. Check with your counselor.

## O

### Open House

Near the beginning of each semester, parents are invited to an evening program which allows them to follow their student's schedule and hear a short summary from each teacher. Go to [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Quick Links »Calendar of Events or the PTSA calendar for exact dates.

🌐 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Quick Links »Calendar

📅 PTSA Calendar



### Orientation – Freshmen

The week before schools starts, ninth grade students and their parents will attend a Freshman Orientation at school. Parents will meet with Administrators and Guidance Counselors. Students will go to their homeroom to get their class schedules.



### Orientation – New Student

This is held before school starts. It is geared towards students new to the Cobb County Public School system. New students and their parents attend this orientation in addition to the regular orientation where students pick up their schedules from their homeroom.

### Outdoor Classroom

This is an area with benches located between the visitor parking area and Bill Murdock Road. Students can only be in the area during the school day when supervised by a teacher.





## P

### Parking - Student

A limited number of student parking spaces are available and senior students have priority. Students who wish to park at school are required to purchase a student parking permit which is good for one semester. Go to [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Students »Parking for details regarding when and how to apply for a parking space.

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Students »Parking

### Parking - Visitor

A limited number of visitor parking spaces are available in the main lot in front of the school in spaces A-59 thru A-68. All other numbered spaces are reserved for staff and students. If these spaces are taken and it is between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., please park in the bus lanes (large parking lot next to the tennis courts). These spaces are not numbered so parking is in any open, marked space. Vehicles must be moved by 2:30 p.m. as buses start arriving and will need to be able to park. The sidewalk comes around the side of the building right up to the front door.

The only other area for visitor parking is behind the softball field. The driveway is next to the main drive coming off Bill Murdock Road. Remember to sign the visitor's log in the front office upon entering the building.



### Personal Fitness

Personal Fitness and Health (see "Health" in this handbook) are required classes for graduation. If you have taken a Personal Fitness class out of state, have your previous school send your counselor a course description to determine if the course will fulfill this requirement. This should be discussed at registration.

### Powder Puff Football

This is a springtime girls' flag football game. Class teams are chosen by lottery. Boys are the cheerleaders.

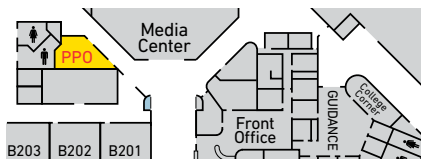


### PPO/Pupil Personnel Office

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### Prom

This is a school sanctioned formal dance for juniors, seniors and their dates.

### Prom Promise

This is a PTSA sponsored program held at school the week before prom. Students are encouraged to give their commitment to maintaining safe behavior before, during and after the prom.

### Promotion/Graduation

Promotion to each grade is based on units of credit earned. Five units, including one full unit credit in English, Math and Science are needed to be promoted to 10th grade; 10 units, including two full units of English, Math and Science, are needed to be promoted to 11th grade; 16 units of credit are needed to be promoted to 12th grade; and a minimum of 23 units are needed to graduate (24 to graduate with honors).

### PSAT/NMSQT Tests

The Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a co-sponsored program by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

The PSAT/NMSQT measures the critical reading, math, problem-solving, and writing skills that students have developed throughout their studies. It does not measure things like creativity and motivation, and does not recognize special talents that may be important to colleges.



These tests are given nationwide once a year in October. Freshman, sophomores and juniors take this exam as practice for the SAT. Juniors who take it may qualify for scholarships. At Walton this exam is given to all sophomores at no cost. Freshman and juniors may choose to take it for a nominal fee.

For more information see your Guidance Counselor.

## PTSA

The Parent Teacher Student Association



is an organization whose mission is to connect parents, students and teachers to promote the welfare of students. The Walton PTSA promotes parent involvement in the school, provides parenting programs and serves as an advocate for students. One of the best ways for learning about Walton is to volunteer for one of the many PTSA committees.

PTSA membership information is sent to each student's home in July. Parents are encouraged to become involved by volunteering on PTSA committees. Additional information, including PTSA newsletters, forms and legislative updates, can be found at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »PTSA

## R

### Raider Review

This is the PTSA newsletter which is available online during the school year.

 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »PTSA»Raider Reviews




### Records Room

This is located in the Guidance Center. Transcripts, work permits, etc. can be ordered here. The Records room is open for limited hours during the summer (check recorded message for current hours).

### Required Classes for Graduation

See a counselor or check [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) for a written list of courses.

 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Academics »Academic Planning Guide

## S

### SAT

The *Scholastic Aptitude Test* is a nationally administered college entrance exam taken in the Junior and/or Senior year. This is a reasoning test said to measure verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities important to successful performance in college. SAT scores are considered a factor in almost every college's admission process, but to a varying degree of importance. Check the PTSA calendar for test dates. Walton is usually a testing center.

For strategy in taking this exam multiple times and details regarding test preparation classes, pick up and carefully read the information booklets available in the Guidance Center. If you are unfamiliar with this exam, ask your counselor for more information. Information and online registration are available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).


### SAT II (Subject Tests)

Many colleges require or recommend one or more of the *SAT II Subject Tests* for admission. These tests measure a student's knowledge or skills in a particular area of study and the ability to apply that knowledge. A student should find out if a particular college has any specific testing requirements.

Depending on the college, *SAT II* scores may be a factor in admission decisions or used for placement purposes once a student is enrolled. Ask your counselor for more information. Information and online registration is available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

### Saturday School

Detention may be served during Saturday morning at school. Refer to the AGENDA.

 Section 3: Student Behavior

 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »General Info »Student Agenda

### Schedule Changes

Changes are only made based on teacher recommendation or when a student has been incorrectly scheduled. It is extremely important that students register carefully for class each March.



## School Counseling Blog

Juniors and Seniors should check the School Counseling Blog periodically for scholarship information.

## School Counseling Center

This is home to counselors, the records room and College Corner. It is located across from the Commons area. Check the School Counseling website periodically for information on college admissions, college admissions visits at Walton and scholarships.

## School Counselors

The mission of the school counselors is to facilitate the process by which students are prepared to meet the challenges of their post-secondary goals. Counselors are assigned alphabetically by student's last name. They are available for classroom guidance conferences and individual counseling. Check [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) and the PTSA calendar for counselor assignments.

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Departments »School Counseling

[PTSA Calendar](#)

## Semester Scramble

Each semester is like the start of a new year. Teachers and classes are reassigned to allow for flexibility in schedules.

## Senior Breakfast

This event is held at school in the fall school for seniors.

## Senior Evening of Inspiration

This is a PTSA sponsored non-denominational service for graduating seniors. The event is held off campus in May of each year.

## Senior Skip Day

Walton does not recognize and/or sanction a Senior Skip Day. Students who participate in such an event or activity will be credited with unexcused absences.

## Senior Picnic

This event is held at school in the spring for seniors.

## Seniors

Twelfth grade students are seniors if at least 16 graduation units have been earned.

## Senior Portraits

Look for a postcard in the mail near the end of 11th grade announcing times for scheduling a senior portrait in late summer. Some seniors prefer to choose their own photographer and must bring in their own picture for the yearbook. Deadlines are in August, so please schedule your picture early.



## SGA/Student Government Association

See club information listed at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org),

[WaltonHigh.org](#) »Students »Clubs

## Sophomores

Tenth grade students are sophomores if five graduation units are earned, including one full unit of English, Math and Science.

## Spirit Shop

This is open on Fridays during lunch periods for purchases of Spirit Wear and Walton memorabilia. Look for special hours in December. It is located at the entrance to the Commons.



## Sports Eligibility

Detailed information about sports eligibility can be found at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

[WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »Academics »Academic Planning Guide

## Student Directory

The directory is compiled and sold by the PTSA for a nominal cost. It contains students' addresses and phone numbers. Directory forms for listing are available at the beginning of the year. Directories are delivered in October.

## Student ID

This is a picture ID made through the school. Only students who have picture taken at school in the fall can receive an ID.



## Student Parking

See *Parking in this listing*.

## Summer Camps

Walton offers fine arts and sports summer camps. Check with department heads or coaches for information.

## Summer Assignments

All English and Social Studies classes have required summer reading assignments. These books are to be read so students are ready to be tested on them the following fall. The books have an accompanying written assignment which is due the first day of school or students will take a written test during the first week of school. Each student also has a mathematics packet to complete. Look for the complete list of Summer Assignments in the registration booklet or at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org).

🌐 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » Academics » Summer Assignment Lists

## Summer School

Information on summer school course offerings, associated costs and schedules may be obtained in the Guidance Center.

## T

### Tardies

Accumulated tardies may result in the loss of incentive. Refer to the AGENDA.

📖 Section 5: Attendance

🌐 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » General Info » Student Agenda

## Telephone Directory

See *Student Directory in this listing*.

## Threatening Behavior

All threatening behavior and threats must be treated seriously for the safety of others. Refer to the AGENDA.

📖 Zero Tolerance Policy

🌐 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » General Info » Student Agenda

## Transcripts

A student's cumulative academic record is listed on their transcript. You should check your own transcript to make sure that it is correct. This is especially important for students transferring grades from outside

of Cobb County. Official transcripts are required for all college applications. In order to be valid, transcripts must be sent directly to the school from Walton.

Walton transcripts are ordered from the Guidance Center Records Room. Each transcript is \$2.00. Unofficial transcript information is available to students and parents as part of the Walton website. Look for Internet Website PIN Registration forms to set up access to your individual grades. These forms are printed on bright blue paper and are available in the Guidance center or in the Main Office. Grades can also be accessed at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » Quick Links » Grades. Students transferring international records can get help in translating their overseas records at Cobb County's International Welcome Center.

## Tutors and Tutoring

Names of professional tutors are on file in the Guidance Center. Peer tutoring is available through the NHS (National Honor Society) and Foreign Language Honor Societies. Classroom teachers are available for tutoring during WEB days.

## V

### Volunteer Hours

Students are encouraged to perform community service and may record their volunteer hours on the Community Service Log which is turned into the Guidance Center. Students earning at least 180 hours of community service will be recognized at graduation with a service cord. Details of what types of activities are recognized and the online log sheet are available at [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) » Students » Community Service Log Sheet.

### Visitors

Visitors to the school must register in the school office and receive a visitor's pass. Students are not allowed to have students from other schools or out of town guests attend classes with them.

📖 Section 7: General Information






## W

### Weapons

Zero tolerance applies to weapons. Refer to the AGENDA.

 Zero Tolerance Policy

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### Weighted Courses

Students can earn additional quality points toward their Grade Point Averages (GPA) by enrolling in certain courses considered to be challenging and difficult. Typically, the higher level of some required courses, such as the honors, Advanced Placement and IB courses are weighted for extra credit.

Note: Weighting for advanced courses is used only by the high school in calculating GPA for determining Valedictorian, Salutatorian, class rank and honor graduates. Most colleges and universities re-calculate the GPA for admissions purposes.

### Walton Governance Council

The Walton Governance Council (WGC) is composed of parents, students and teachers. It provides input to the administration for school policies.

### WEB (Walton Enrichment Block)

Walton Enrichment Block is the period of time from 12:42 pm to dismissal at 3:30 pm on most Wednesdays, and occasionally on another day of the week. This block of time is devoted to academic enrichment.

On WEB days each of the regular seven periods is shortened to 30 minutes to free up the afternoon for labs, tutoring, research, study groups, ADAP classes, etc. WEB days are listed on the school calendar published by the PTSA. Details of this program are given in the AGENDA.

 Section 1: Walton Enrichment Block

 [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org) »General Info »Student Agenda

### Website – Cobb County

Cobb County Public School District's website address is: [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org).

### Website – Walton High School

Walton's website address is:

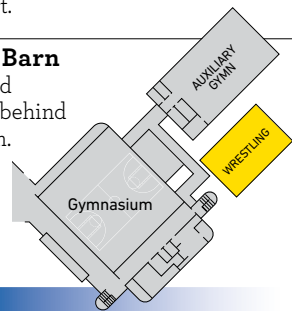
[www.WaltonHigh.org](http://www.WaltonHigh.org). It is the best way to keep up to date on grades, transcripts, calendar events, attendance and lots of information about Walton High School. Remember to complete and return an *Internet Website PIN Registration Form* to set up access to your individual grades. These forms are printed on bright blue paper and available in the Guidance Center or in the Main Office.

### Winterfest

Winterfest is the basketball homecoming held in January (check calendar for date). Festivities include a pep rally and an election of a court.

### Wrestling Barn

This is located immediately behind the main gym.



## Y

### Yearbook

Yearbooks may be ordered online. Yearbooks are delivered via homeroom near the end of the school year (usually on a WEB).

## Z

### Zero Period

There are two options for zero period:

- Morning tuition allows a student to pay for an additional class, giving them seven courses.
- Flex schedule allows students to begin their day during zero period and leave early after sixth period is completed.

 = The AGENDA

 = [WaltonHigh.org](http://WaltonHigh.org)

 = PTSA Calendar

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