

Welcome to the class of 2027!

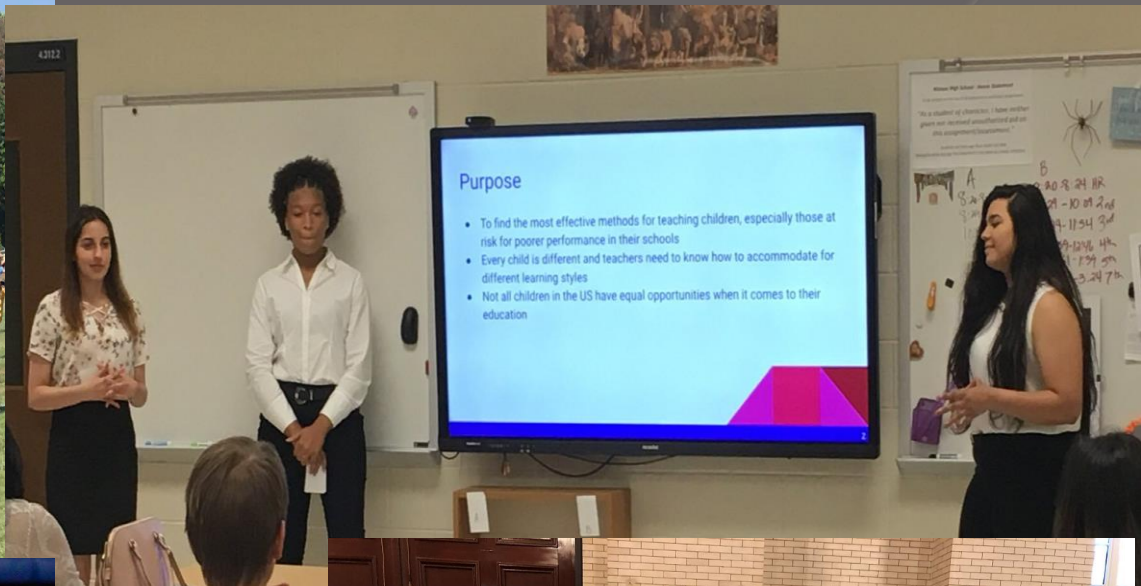


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High School: What you need to know now!





- Academics
 - Graduation Requirements
 - Course and Level of Courses
 - Electives and Opportunities
- Activities and Clubs
 - 77 Clubs: Interest & Community Service
 - Co-curriculars: Fine Arts
- Athletics
 - 25 Varsity Teams
 - 83 State Championships



October – General Overview

November 1- STEM Parent Night & Application Opens

November 17-ISA Information Night & Application Opens

March 3rd -High School registration materials go home with teacher recommendations

**March 7th - Parent/Guardian meeting about registration/9th grade courses -
Department Chairs available for questions**

March 19th – Registration deadline for students and online system turned off

April 1st deadline to submit waivers

July- Freshman Orientation – parent meeting about first weeks of school

September- Freshman Parent night- a walk through of the 4 years

Walton High School- Schedule

Current Courses

AB Day	Period	Course Name	Room	Teacher Name	Course Section
1	1	Health	351	Abney, Bo	17.0110098-590
1	2	H Algebra I A	337	Reagin, Kathryn	27.2990000-2216
1	3	Lunch	Dining Hal	Term, Short	00.0001000-110
1	4	AP Human Geography A	216	Staruch, Matthew	45.2770092-2246
1	5	H Biology I A	408	Howard, Laurie	26.2120000-2137
1	6	H 9th Lit/Comp A	323	Turnage, Catherine	23.2610004-2260
1	7	Spanish II A	214	Trenbeath, Ana	60.0720008-813
1	8	Homeroom/Advisement 9	233	Snoddy, Jennifer	00.0009000-933

- 2,644 students
- Fall, spring semester--classes meet every day
- Schedule will change second semester and will include different teachers & classmates.
- May change electives second semester (if not a year-long course)
 - NOTE: Fine Arts is a year-long commitment

8th Grade Academics Matter

- Promotion Requirements
- HS Courses taken in MS (Acc Alg/Geo A, Algebra 1, Spanish 1, Latin 1, Chinese 1, and/or Visual Arts Comp)
- Placement in courses is based on assessment grades earned in Middle School
- Students should work hard, so their grades are representative of their abilities

General Information About Placement

Current eighth-grade teachers will make course recommendations for core classes based on standards set by data on student success

- will depend on the student's assessment grades
- not teacher discretion - based on specific guidelines given by Walton
- may have different levels in core classes
- Possible to change level of study during high school—we encourage you to challenge yourself!

Waiver Process-Due April 1st and Nov 1st - Parents may submit to change course level. Consider overall load, interest, and life balance.

Support Programs

- Special Education
 - Case Manager will contact during pre-planning
 - Support is determined by IEP
 - Course level is determined using placement guide
- English Language Learners
 - Active students scheduled with dual certified teacher in English and select other core courses
 - WEB blocks extra support
- Gifted – Served through Honors and AP courses

Student Services Continue in High School

- RTI- Counseling
- 504- Counseling
- Health Plan- Nurse Sandy Evans

Graduation Requirements

- English
 - 4 units required must include 1 unit of 9th grade Literature and 1 unit of American Lit.
- Mathematics
 - 4 units required
- Science
 - 4 units required must include:
1 unit of Biology, 1 unit of Physical Science or Physics, 1 unit of Chemistry or Environmental Science, and 1 additional unit



Graduation Requirements

- Social Studies
 - 3 units required must include 1 unit of World History, 1 unit of US History, 1/2 unit of American Government, and 1/2 unit of Economics
- Health and Physical Education
 - 1/2 unit of Health and 1/2 unit of Personal Fitness required
- Career Technology and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts
 - 3 total units are required – Students planning on attending a University System of Georgia institution must take 2 units of the same world language

4 Levels of Study

Advanced Placement

- College Level Work
- National Curriculum determined by College Board
- Test taken in May determines college credit

Honors Classes

- Depth of Knowledge increased
- More critical thinking
- Leads to AP classes

College Preparatory

- Students will be prepared for college classes

Level Three

- Moves at a slower pace
- Allows for more embedded remediation

- Students need to be self-motivated and self-directed.
- Students need to have a high level of interest in the subject

English

- Ninth Lit/Comp
- World Lit/Comp or AP Language/World Lit
- American Literature or AP Language/American Lit
- British Lit/Comp or Dramatic Writing or AP Lit/Comp



New Math Curriculum

- State has released new courses and curriculum standards to be implemented in fall 2023.
- Working with county and feeder middle schools to determine course offerings best suited for our students.
- Middle school and high schools will collaborate to develop placement criteria

8 th Grade Course	9 th Grade Course
GSE Accel Algebra/Geometry A	GSE Accel Geometry B/Algebra 2
Algebra 1	Honors Geometry or Geometry
Advanced Math 8	Honors Algebra 1 or Algebra 1
Math 8	Algebra 1, Algebra 1 with Support, or Foundations of Algebra



Science

- Freshman - Physics I
- Biology
- Chemistry/Environmental Science
- Anatomy/Physiology
- Environmental Science
- Biotechnology
- AP Environmental Science
- Astronomy
- Forensics
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics II
- AP Physics C – Mechanics
- AP Physics C – E&M (Electricity & Magnetism)
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology

Social Studies



- World Geography
- AP Human Geography
- American Government
- AP Govt Politics & Comparative
- Economics
- AP Macro & Micro
- United States History
- World History
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Current Issues
- Ethnic Studies
- Technology and Society

World Language

- French
- Latin
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Four years of language available
- Opportunity for international travel
in AP Spanish and French



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AP Capstone Program

- Innovative Diploma Program
- Two Courses- AP Seminar and AP Research
- Analysis, research methodologies, argumentation
- 4 other AP Courses with a score of 3 or higher

International Spanish Academy - ISA

- Students in the Academy take 4 years of Spanish at Walton and a minimum of 4 additional content area classes (honors and AP level) that include a component of Spanish in the coursework.
- For full participation in the International Spanish Academy, students may earn double academic certification (receiving a diploma from the government of Spain and their Walton High School diploma.)
- Students should be recommended for Honors Ninth Lit and AP Human Geography
- November 17th- Informational night (lecture hall)



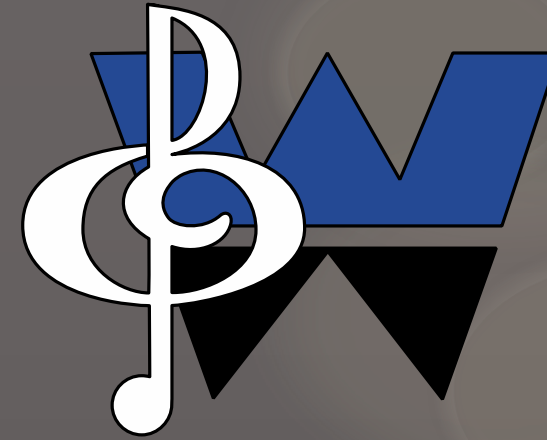
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Walton STEM Academy

- Passionate about area of study
- Three Options: Biomedical Science, Engineering, Advanced Math & Science
- Take 4 years of courses major area along with a minimum of 4 specific honors or AP level science courses
- Cumulative group research project senior year
- Extracurricular participation required
- STEM Academy distinction on diploma
- November 1- informational night (theater)



Band



- May audition for higher bands
- Most freshmen: Concert Band
- Four concert bands, jazz bands, percussion ensembles, and the Marching Raider Band
- Recognitions include: Georgia Music Educators Association in-service Conference Performance, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Rose Bowl Parade, Bands of America finalists, Waikiki Holiday Parade, & Music for All Southeastern Concert Band Festival
- Sudler Shield recipient by the John Phillip Sousa Foundation



Orchestra



- May audition for higher orchestras
- Most freshmen: on level orchestra
- Largest orchestra program in Cobb County-400 students in 6 orchestras
- Recognized nationally and internationally for excellence including winning the National Championship in the Mark of Excellence competition
- Eight times invited to play at the Midwest Clinic and have had performances abroad in Austria, Czech Republic, and Italy



Chorus



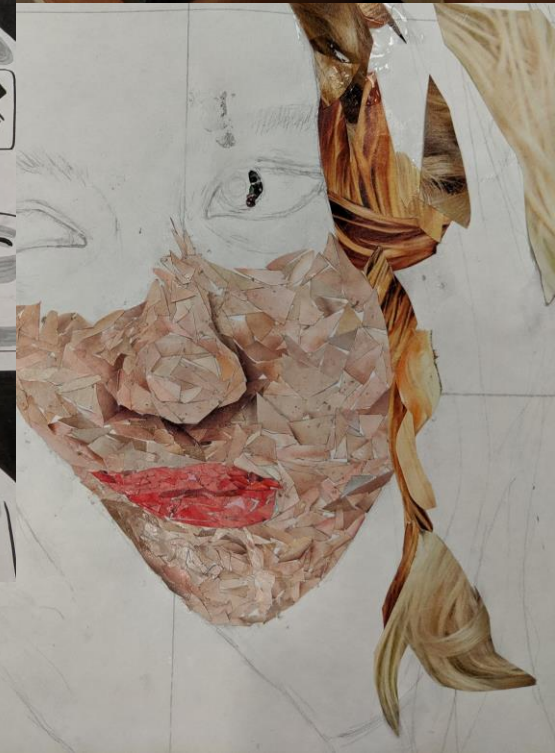
9th grade treble or Men's Ensemble

- Largest choral program in Cobb County with 400 members
- Performed with Atlanta Symphony
- Men's Ensemble only high school choir to ever perform at Spivey Hall
- Tour Choir Performances: Italy, Austria, Ireland, Scotland, & New York City



Visual Arts

- Comprehensive art or Drawing I
- Work displayed at US Capital, US Dept. of Treasury, High Museum, Dogwood Festival, Capitol Art Exhibit and All-State Art Symposium



Drama

- Technical theater & Acting introduction class for freshmen
- Drama Club produces 2 shows a year- musicals and plays
- Nominated for multiple Georgia High School Musical Theater Awards.
- Drama is a part of the International Thespian Society

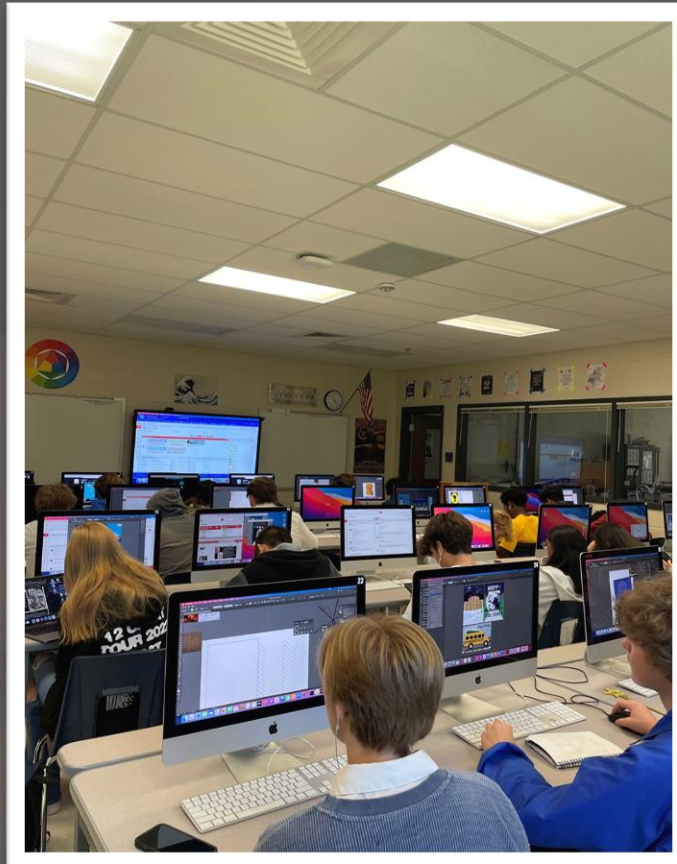


Career Technology Courses

- Business
 - Intro to Business & Technology
 - Financial Literacy
 - Banking, Investing, & Insurance
- Computer Science
 - AP Computer Science Principles
 - AP Computer Science
- And...

Career Technology Courses: Graphic Arts

- Intro to Graphic Arts
- Graphic Arts II
- Graphic Arts III
- Graphic Arts IV



Career Technology Courses: Engineering

- Intro to Engineering
- Principles of Engineering
- Digital Electronics
- Aerospace Engineering



Career Technology Courses: Broadcast

- Broadcast pathway
- School news broadcast
- Walton Sports Media club



Career Technology Courses: Healthcare Science

- Intro to Healthcare
- Essentials of Healthcare
- Sports Medicine



Athletics

- 25 varsity teams
- State All Sports Trophy- Walton has won the trophy nine of the 21 years in existence
- Walton has won 83 State Championships!



Academic Recognitions



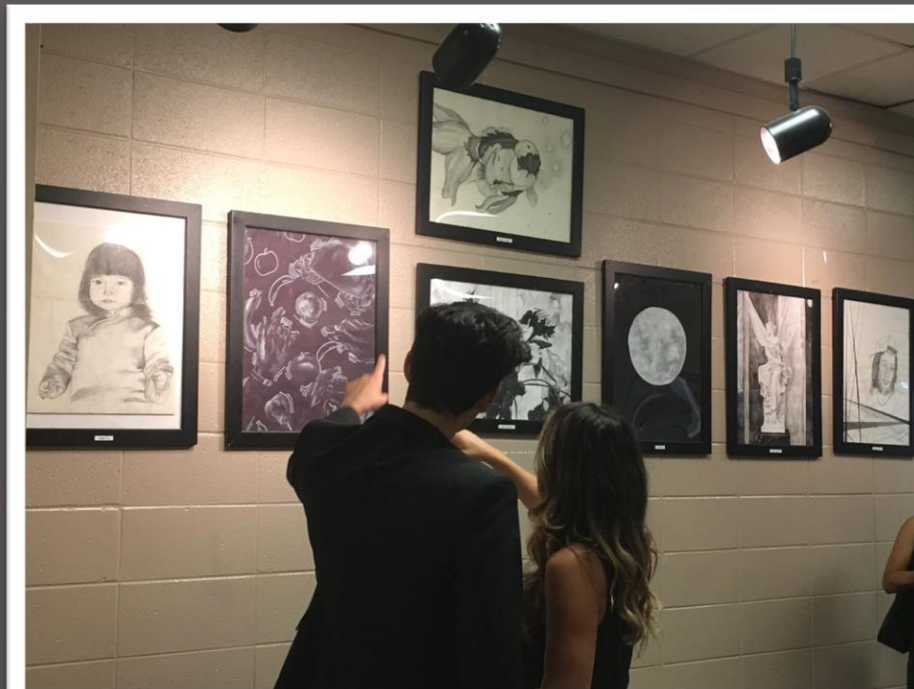
- Between 2009-2022, 370 National Merit Semi-finalists
- 2022- 19 from Walton!
- Highest SAT and ACT in Cobb
- 3rd Highest SAT in the state (really, 2nd!)
- Highest Milestones in Cobb

Other Opportunities at Walton

- Walton Enrichment Block (WEB) offers various opportunities for additional help
 - Classroom teachers
 - Writing lab
 - Media Center
- Zero Period
 - Morning Tuition Classes
- PTSA E-Blast



So much to offer! There is a place for **EVERYONE!**





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Walton is your school and you will continue the tradition of excellence!