

Winder-Barrow High School



Class of 2020

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WBHS Website: <http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/wbhs/>

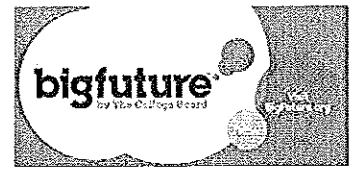
(can find teacher emails and websites here)

Facebook: [fb.me/wbhsdoggs](https://www.facebook.com/wbhsdoggs)

Twitter: [@TweetDoggs](https://twitter.com/TweetDoggs)

Parent Portal: <http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/parent-portal.html>

Notes:



Parent Action Plan: 9th Grade

The beginning of high school is an exciting time. Your child may be adjusting to a new school, making new friends and becoming more independent. But your child still needs your help and involvement. Here are some things you can do together to succeed this year.

Summer Before High School

- Visit a college campus together. It's a great way to get your child excited about college. Learn more about how you and your child can prepare for a campus visit.
- Get the facts about what college costs. You may be surprised at how affordable higher education can be. Start by reading Understanding College Costs.
- Show your child how to explore career ideas. He or she can make a list of interests, talents and favorite activities and start matching them with occupations. Learn more about how your child can complete a career worksheet.
- Come up with fun reading ideas. Look for magazines or newspapers your child may like and talk about the books you loved reading when you were your child's age. If your family makes reading enjoyable, it can become a daily habit.

Fall

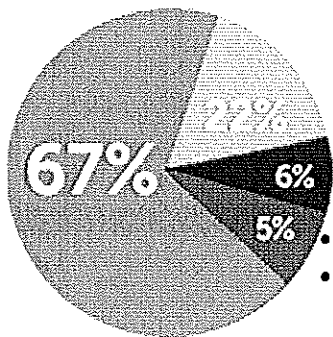
- Make sure your child meets with the school counselor. Your child should schedule a meeting to talk about college and career options and to choose the most-appropriate classes. Learn more about the high school counselor's role.
- Help your child set goals for the school year. Working toward specific goals helps your child stay motivated and focused.
- Make a plan to check in regularly about schoolwork. If you keep up with your child's tests, papers and homework assignments, you can celebrate successes and head off problems as a team. Get homework tips for your child.
- Talk about extracurricular activities. Getting involved in clubs and other groups is a great way for your child to identify interests and feel more engaged in school. Read more about the benefits of extracurriculars.

Winter

- Start thinking about financial aid. It's not too early to look into types of aid that could help you cover college costs. Start by reading 7 Things You Need to Know About Financial Aid.
- Discuss next year's classes. Make sure your child is challenging him- or herself — and taking the courses college admission officers expect to see. Learn more about the high school classes that colleges look for.

Spring

- Help your child start a college list. Visit College Search Step-by-Step together to get tips on starting a college search and figuring out what matters most to your child when choosing a college.
- See how much you need to save for college. Use the College Savings Calculator to get an idea of where you are compared with your savings goal.
- Help your child make summer plans. Summer is a great time to explore interests and learn new skills — and colleges look for students who pursue meaningful summer activities. Find out ways your child can stay motivated this summer.



DID YOU KNOW?

More than \$183.8 billion in financial aid was available to undergraduates in 2014-15.

Financial aid comes from many sources:

Federal government grants, loans and other aid: 67%

College grants/ scholarships: 22%

Private and employer grants/scholarships: 6%

State government grants/scholarships: 5%

Read Financial Aid Can Help You Afford College



BCSS Tiered Diploma Guidance

For students entering 9th grade in school year 2013-14 or thereafter:

Areas of Study		Standard Diploma	Diploma with Distinction	Diploma with Highest Distinction**
(I)	English/Language Arts*	4	4	4
(II)	Mathematics*	4	4	4
(III)	Science*	4	4	4
The 4th science unit may be used to meet both the science and pathway requirement but may only count for 1 unit of credit.				
(IV)	Social Studies*	4	4	4
(V)	CTAE or Modern Language/Latin or Fine Arts	3	3	3
(VI)	Health and Physical Education*	1	1	1
(VII)	Electives	4	8	12
TOTAL UNITS (MINIMUM)		24	28	32

*Required Courses and/or Core Courses

**Diploma with Highest Distinction will be awarded to any student who satisfactorily earns units of credit for every course attempted for credit since date of entry in ninth grade.

Our highest expectation is that all students will be successful in all courses and complete high school in four years earning credit for every course attempted. These students will be awarded a Diploma with Highest Distinction and will receive a diploma seal and a graduation cord.

Students completing high school in four years with at least 28 credits will be awarded a Diploma with Distinction and will receive a diploma seal.

We may have some students who, for various reasons, are unable to earn at least 28 credits in four years. These students will, through a careful identification and guidance process, be provided with a graduation plan that allows them to graduate with a minimum of 24 credits (as outlined above). For these students, the school's primary objective is to help the student get back on track for a 28-credit Diploma with Distinction.

The following questions shall be considered prior to creating a 24-credit graduation plan for a student:

- Has the student completed at least one year of high school? Students will not be considered for a 24-credit diploma plan until after the conclusion of the first year of high school.
- Did the student fail 5 or more classes in the 9th grade?
- Were Student Support Team (SST) services recommended as soon as learning and/or behavior problems were identified?
- Where is the student in the RTI process (if appropriate), and what types of support have been provided?
- Is the 24-credit diploma the recommendation of the SST, RTI, or IEP team? It is recommended that at least two SST/RTI/IEP meetings be held prior to placing a student on a 24-credit diploma plan.

HOPE RIGOR REQUIREMENTS

The following are courses that are offered at WBHS during the 2016-17 school year and meet the standard for a Hope Rigor Class.

Students graduating after May 1, 2017 must have **4 classes** in any area, in addition to fulfilling grade point average and other requirements.

Students may choose any of the following classes:

English

AP Language/Composition

AP Literature/Composition

Foreign Language

French II Spanish II

French III Spanish III/Hon.

French IV Spanish IV

French V AP Spanish

Science

Chemistry/Chemistry Honors

Physics/Physics Honors

Human Anatomy/Physiology

AP Biology

AP Computer Science A

AP Environmental Science

AP Physics 1

Math

GSE Algebra II

GSE Algebra II Honors

GSE Pre-Calculus

GSE Pre-Calculus Honors

Calculus

Statistical Reasoning

Advanced Math Decision Making

AP Calculus

Social Studies

AP Government/Politics: U.S.

AP Macroeconomics

AP U.S. History

AP World History

AP Psychology

Transcript credits earned by a high school student in any MOWR Science, Math, English, Social Studies, or Foreign Language course, substantially similar to one in the list above and taken at an eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia, will be counted towards the Rigor requirement.

Updated 9/13/16. Course list subject to change yearly based on course offerings and changes to HOPE Rigor Requirements.



PSAT 8/9 *and PSAT/NMSQT*

What? The Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Why? To practice for the SAT and/or qualify for scholarship money to use for higher education

When? Wednesday October 19, 2016

Where? Winder-Barrow High School

Cost? **Freshmen** (PSAT 8/9)- \$13.00

Sophomores— FREE!!

Juniors (PSAT/NMSQT)- \$18.00*

*limited fee waivers available. Waiver applied automatically at registration checkout for eligible students.

How to Register: Go to MySchoolBucks.com, select the “School Store” at the top right of the page, and select either PSAT 8/9 (freshmen) or PSAT/NMSQT (juniors)

Deadline to Register: 11:59 pm, Wednesday September 21, 2016

For more information, visit:

- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>
- [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9\](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9)



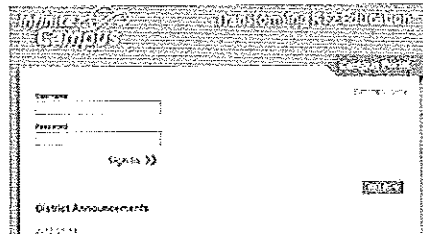
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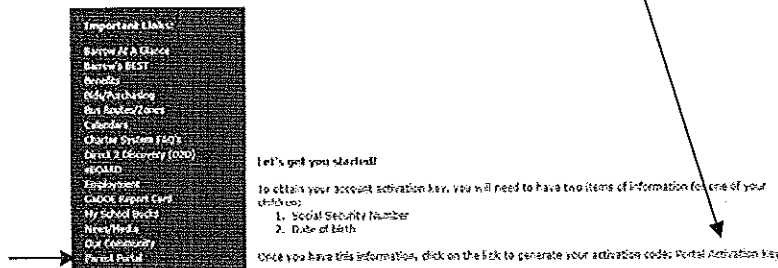
What is Parent Portal?

Creating a parent portal account will give you access to view your child's grades, attendance, schedules and assignment information. A link to email teachers is also available in the portal. Messages or Announcements from the district are posted on the log in screen, and you can update phone numbers and *request* address changes.



How do I set up an account?

Visit the Barrow County Schools main website (<http://www.barrow.k12.ga.us/parent-portal.html>) and select *Parent Portal*, under *Important Links*, then select *Portal Activation Key* under "*Let's get you started*".



Do I have to create an account every school year?

No. Once you have an account set up, that account will stay active as long as you have students enrolled in the Barrow County School System. Any additional children you register will automatically be added to the account.

I think I already have an account set up, but don't remember my log in information.

Please email iparent.help@barrow.k12.ga.us or call 770-867-4527 for assistance.

- At this time step-parents do not have access to portal accounts, only Biological parents or legal guardians.
- Each biological parent or legal guardian will have their own activation key to create their individual accounts.
- At this time daily assignments and grades are available for 4th and 5th grade only.
- A Mobile application is also available, search for Infinite Campus Mobile Portal. District code is **yprlkj**
- Once you receive your activation code, it's helpful to copy and paste the code into the corresponding fields, one section at a time to avoid mistakes. The code must be entered exactly as it appears.
- When you've set up the username and password, you no longer need your activation code.

WISE Study Tips

Top 10 Skills for High-School Students

Whether you're a freshman or a senior, developing the following ten skills will help you achieve success in school, in your chosen career, and in life.

1. Time Management

There are just 24 hours in each day. What you do with that time makes all the difference. While high-school students average 35 hours per week of class time, college students log an average of 15 to 18 hours per week.

Getting your "free" time under control now will help prepare you for managing that extra 20 hours a week come freshman year of college -- when you'll need to study and want to socialize more than ever.

If you don't already, start using a daily planner. This could be a datebook you keep in your bag, an online version you maintain at home, or both. It's easy to over-schedule or "double-book" if we aren't careful. Manage your time wisely and you'll get the maximum out of each day.

2. Good Study Habits

Good study habits include these basics:

- Always be prepared for class, and attend classes regularly. No cutting!
- Complete assignments thoroughly and in a timely manner.
- Review your notes daily rather than cram for tests the night before.
- Set aside quiet time each day for study -- even if you don't have homework or a test the next day!

3. The Ability to Set Attainable Goals

It's important to set goals, as long as they're attainable. Setting goals that are unreasonably high is a set-up -- you'll be doomed to frustration and disappointment.

4. Concentration

Listen to your teacher and stay focused. Be sure that you understand the lesson. If you don't understand something, *ask questions!* You've heard it before, but "the only dumb question is the one you don't ask" is absolutely true. If you've been paying attention, it definitely won't be a dumb question.

5. Good Note-Taking

You can't possibly write down everything the teacher says since we talk at a rate of about 225 words per minute. But, you do need to write down the important material.

Be sure to validate yourself after a test by going back over your notes to see if your notes contained the answers to questions asked on the test. If not, you need to ask to see a classmate's notes or check with the teacher for help on improving your note-taking.

Studying with a partner is also a good idea. Note-taking should be in a form that's most helpful to you. If you're more of a visual person, try writing notes on different colored index cards. Music can also be a good memory aid as long as you don't find it distracting. Re-writing your notes daily is another strategy. If you really have a problem with note-taking, you might ask your teacher if you can tape-record daily lessons. Do whatever it takes!

6. Completion of Assignments

Teachers assign homework for a reason. While it may seem like "busywork" at times, it definitely has a purpose. Put your homework to good use. Remember, you'll only get out of it what you put into it!

7. Review of Daily Notes

Don't wait until the night before the test to review your notes. Go over your notes each day while the lecture is still fresh in your mind. Add any missing pieces. Compare your notes with a classmate's notes. This isn't cheating -- it may even be mutually beneficial. Review your notes each day to reinforce your learning.

8. Organizational Skills

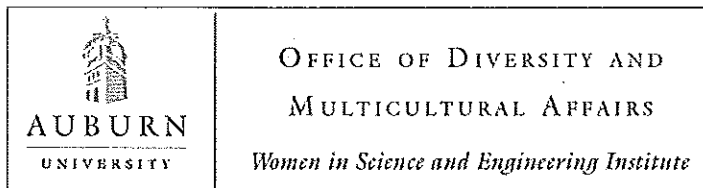
Keeping yourself organized will save you valuable time and allow you to do everything you need to do. Remember: "A place for everything and everything in its place." Keep all your study materials (calculator, planner, books, notebooks, laptop, etc.) in one convenient location.

9. Motivation

You need to be motivated to learn and work hard, whether or not you like a specific subject or teacher. Self-motivation can be extremely important when you aren't particularly excited about a class. If you must, view it as an obstacle you must overcome. Then, set your mind to it and do it -- no excuses. Success is up to you!

10. Commitment

You've started the course, now you need to complete it. Do the best -- and get the most out of it -- that you can! Your commitment will pay off in the end.



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