

# George Walton Comprehensive High School

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## 2023-2024 School Profile

### About Walton

- Nationally recognized School of Excellence serving approximately 2,700 students
- Public, four-year, comprehensive high school
- Strong college-preparatory program offering a variety of programs, courses, and educational experiences designed to meet the needs of all students
- Georgia Conversion Charter School
- Accredited by Cognia
- Located in eastern Cobb County, a suburban middle-class residential community within the greater metropolitan Atlanta area.

**Total Enrollment: 2,745**

**Ethnicity/Race:** 60% White, 22% Asian, 6% African American, 8% Hispanic, 4% Multiracial

**Other Subgroups:** 48% Gifted, 7% Free and Reduced Lunch, 1% English Language Learners

### Class of 2023 Profile

#### Post High School Plans:

Four Year College 93%

Two Year College 2%

#### SAT (Mean):

Evidence Based Reading & Writing: **626**

Math: **630**

**TOTAL 1255**

#### ACT (Composite): 27

#### National Merit Scholarship:

2023 National Merit Semifinalists: **19**

2023 National Merit Finalists: **19**

### Advanced Placement Program

**AP students: 1274**

**AP exams taken: 2595**

**AP exams scoring 3 or higher: 2553**

Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to take the corresponding exam. AP coursework is available in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, with limited offerings to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Special Programs

#### STEM Programs

The Walton High School Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy offers students a rigorous curriculum driven by problem solving and discovery in a student-centered environment and is designed for students who have a desire and passion to pursue one of three majors: Advanced Mathematics and Science, Engineering, or Biomedical Science. Students must apply and be accepted into this program. More information can be found at <https://www.waltonstem.com/>

#### International Spanish Academy (ISA)

The International Spanish Academy (ISA) at Walton High School is a very rigorous educational program in Spanish and English offered through the collaboration of Walton High School with the Ministry of Education of Spain. Students must apply and be accepted into this program.

Graduating ISA students have taken four years of intensive Spanish at Walton and four Honors or AP content area courses that included a delivery component in Spanish.

Approximately 30% of an ISA student's overall coursework is conducted in Spanish. ISA students take an AP exam at the end of each AP course in the program. More information can be found at

<https://www.waltonhigh.org/domain/44>

#### Pathway Programs

Walton High School offers complete pathways in the following areas: Financial Marketing Services Career Pathway, Computing Career Pathway, Therapeutic Services-Physical Medicine Career Pathway, Graphic Design Career Pathway, Broadcast/Video Production Career Pathway, and Engineering and Technology Concentration Pathway (based on the national curriculum of Project Lead the Way).

### Grading, Ranking, and Ethics

Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed on a 4.0 scale, with extra quality points given for honors courses, AP courses, courses beyond AP, and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year of a world language. GPA calculation includes all courses on the transcript except for credits earned prior to entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Numeric grades on the transcript are the actual grades a student has earned. Extra quality points are only added to the overall weighted GPA on the transcript. **Walton High School does not rank.**

#### Grading Scale:

A=90-100

B=80-89

C=74-70

D=70-73

F=69 & below

#### Transcript Legend:

(Non-Walton courses)

CVA – Cobb Virtual Academy

GV – Georgia Virtual

DE – Dual Enrollment

### Cobb County School District Response to the Impact of COVID-19

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Cobb County School District ran as normal; however, for the 2020-21 school year the following COVID-19 procedures were in place:

- The start date for students was moved from August 3, 2020 to August 17, 2020 and the school year ended as planned on May 26, 2021.
- All students began the school year in a virtual learning environment. High School students had the option to return to face-to-face or remain virtual beginning November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - Some schools may have limited their course offerings based on beginning the year virtually.
  - Students and families again had an option of returning face-to-face or remaining virtual to begin the second semester and a final option offered mid-February to begin after Spring Break
  - All students had an asynchronous learning day each week on Wednesday as a virtual remediation day
- EOC testing was changed in the state of Georgia to only require Algebra I, Biology, American Lit, and US History and all EOC test scores would be weighted 0.01% of the course's final grade.
- All grades assigned were as earned – there was no Pass/Fail grades given and the grading scale/graduation requirements were not changed.

**Curriculum**

Walton High School is on a traditional semester schedule where students take six classes each day. Students can choose to take one additional course online per semester through Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA), Georgia Virtual School (GAVS) or morning tuition school.

**Advanced Curriculum**

**Advanced Placement Program** – 1.0 bonus quality point awarded

- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Chinese Language & Culture
- AP Computer Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP French Language & Culture
- AP Government/Politics US
- AP Government: Comparative
- AP Human Geography
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Latin
- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics C: Mechanics and Electricity Magnetism
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics II
- AP Psychology
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Research
- AP Seminar
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Literature and Culture
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art: 2D, 3D and Drawing
- AP United States History
- AP World History

**Honors Courses (H) and Math Accelerated Courses (Acc)** -- .5 bonus quality point awarded

- Accelerated Geometry/Algebra II
- Accelerated Precalculus
- Honors 3rd year of a World Language (French, Chinese, Spanish, and Latin)
- Honors 4th year of a World Language (French, Chinese, Spanish) \*
- Honors 5th year of a World Language (Chinese, Spanish, and Latin) \*
- Honors Advanced Scientific Research (Post AP Computer Science) \*
- Honors Aerospace Engineering
- Honors Algebra I
- Honors Algebra II
- Honors American Lit/Comp
- Honors Biology
- Honors Biomedical Interventions
- Honors Biotechnology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Chinese VI \*
- Honors Digital Electronics
- Honors Economics
- Honors Engineering Design and Development
- Honors British Lit/Comp
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Government
- Honors Human Anatomy/Physiology
- Honors Human Body Systems
- Honors Intro to Engineering Design
- Honors Medical Interventions
- Honors Multivariable Calculus (Post AP) \*
- Honors Mythology
- Honors Ninth Lit/Comp
- Honors Physics I
- Honors Physics II
- Honors Principles of Biomedical Science
- Honors Principles of Engineering
- Honors Psychology
- Honors US History
- Honors World History
- Honors World Lit/Comp

\* One bonus quality point awarded

**Graduation Requirements**

Subjects	Required Credits	Special requirements
English	4	Must include 9 <sup>th</sup> Literature and American Literature
Mathematics	4	Must include Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2
Science	4	Must include Physical Science or Physics; Biology; Chemistry or Environmental Science or an AP Science; and 1 additional unit of science
Social Studies	3	Must include World History, United States History, American Government, and Economics
Health & Physical Education	1	Health and Personal Fitness (.5 credits each)
Required Electives	3	From Career Technical Education, World Language, and/or Fine Arts
Additional Electives	4	
Total	23	Minimum required

**Walton Counseling Staff**

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For more information on Walton student accomplishments in academics, Advanced Placement, fine arts, clubs, and athletics, go to: <https://www.waltonhigh.org/domain/10>

Interscholastic Sports	Clubs & Organizations	Colleges Attended
<p>Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, eSports, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track &amp; Field, Volleyball, Wrestling.</p> <p>Walton has won the Georgia Athletic Director’s Association (GADA) Director’s Cup nine times.</p>	<p>Walton offers a wide variety of interest clubs, community service groups, and honor societies. Club activity was limited in the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID restrictions. For an updated list:</p> <p><a href="http://www.waltonhigh.org/domain/58">www.waltonhigh.org/domain/58</a></p>	<p>The Class of 2023 enrolled in 126 colleges and universities in 31 states (including the District of Columbia) and 4 countries. A full list of colleges attended by the Class of 2023 is available at:</p> <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3OMnc4p">https://bit.ly/3OMnc4p</a></p>