

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2010-2011

Who may apply to Maxwell?

- Rising Junior or Senior students who have completed 8 units of credit before applying to Maxwell. To attend students must have attained Junior status (11 units of credit) by the start of the school year.
- It is strongly recommended that students have completed 2 units of Language Arts and Algebra I (OR Concepts of Problem Solving AND Concepts of Algebra) prior to enrollment at Maxwell. ESOL students should have successfully completed at least ESOL LA III.

What credit will I earn at Maxwell?

- Students who entered high school *prior to 2008-2009* may earn the 3.0 units of “concentrated” credit required for a Technology/Career-Preparatory Seal on the Diploma or the Dual (Combination) Diploma. An additional related unit in technical classes beyond the “concentration” is required for the completion of both of these diplomas.
- Students who entered high school *2008-2009*, and subsequent years, are no longer required to earn 3.0 units of credit in a “concentrated” area, but are encouraged to complete a Georgia Career Pathway. All Maxwell programs offer Career Pathways that assist students as they specialize in a focused sequence of courses leading to work readiness and/or postsecondary education.

When and how do I apply for classes at Maxwell?

- Online registration begins in January and continues through August of the new school year.

What are my enrollment options and will my schedule be?

- Students attend Maxwell both first and second semesters for any combination of 3 class periods or 2 block classes.
 - a) 3 periods of a Maxwell course
 - b) 2 periods of a Maxwell course and JR Language Arts
 - c) 2 periods of a Maxwell course and any academic on-line class needed for graduation
- Students graduating 2010-2011, who need a technical concentration area, must register for 3 periods of a Maxwell course.
- Any student with three open class periods may register for 3 periods of a Maxwell course.

How do I get to Maxwell?

- Bus transportation is available to/from Maxwell for all high schools except Phoenix.
- Valid drivers (proof of license & insurance) may apply for a parking pass. Daily passes are available for emergencies.

What other opportunities are available at Maxwell?

- All Maxwell students participate in the *Rising Professionals* program where they learn skills in conflict resolution, business etiquette, business ethics, job applications, resume writing, and interviewing.
- Students may participate in *SkillsUSA* - a national, nonprofit organization, for students enrolled in programs preparing them for technical, skilled and service careers. *SkillsUSA* adds to students' technical training by teaching them leadership skills, teamwork and character development through school-wide community service projects and fundraisers throughout the school year. Many Maxwell students compete in regional, state and national competitions.
- Students enrolled in Healthcare Science have the opportunity to join *HOSA – Health Occupations Students of America*. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in Healthcare Science Technology Education programs.
- *Family, Career and Community Leaders of America* (FCCLA) is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. *FCCLA* members address personal, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.
- Maxwell has articulation agreements with Gwinnett Technical College (GTC), Universal Technical Institute and Lanier Technical College. Students successfully completing articulated programs, and who meet other criteria established by the college, may advance to a higher level course or exempt required internship hours. This saves the student time and money!
- *National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)* is a nonprofit, honor organization for outstanding students enrolled in technical programs. Maxwell students with an “A” average in their technical class, an overall “B” average, and who are recommended by their program area teacher, are eligible to participate.
- In cooperation with GTC, Maxwell students have the opportunity to take the *COMPASS* exam. This nationally recognized college admissions and placement exam is used by most two-year colleges and many four-year colleges. The exam measures a student’s performance in English, reading and math.
- GTC offers *Dual Enrollment* in the *CISCO Networking Academy Program*. Qualified students ride the bus from their home high school to Maxwell; then board a bus to GTC.
- Through GTC, Maxwell offers the *WorkKeys®* assessment -- Georgia’s Work Ready Certification Program. *WorkKeys®* is a national workforce development system that permits a direct comparison of the skills needed to perform a job with a student’s current skills.

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