

Yes, we still have a community service requirement where students from your graduating classes are required to complete 75 verifiable community service hours. Many have asked yes; these hours or experiences can be completed with outside agencies as there are tons of opportunities throughout the community.

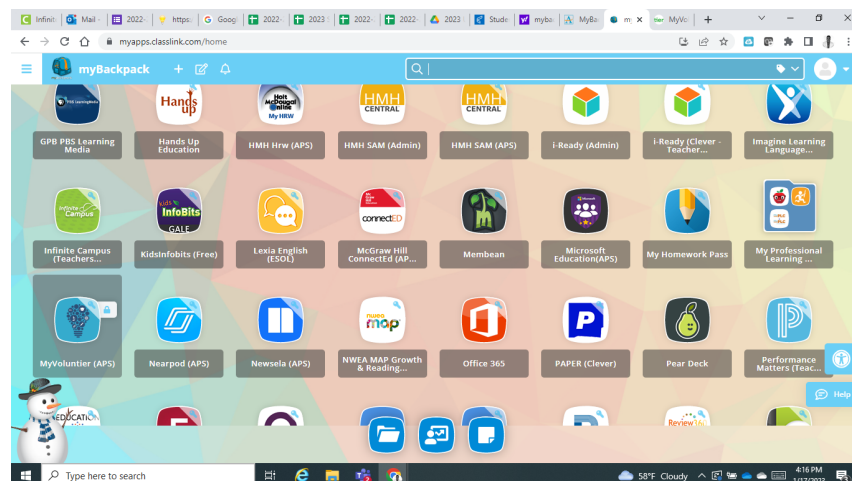
The preference and first line of research, however, should always be to find these experiences and log your hours within a system called MyVoluntier. The MyVoluntier platform is embedded in every student's MyBackpack portal which is in essence a "one-stop shop" for a student's apps and files within their APS account. Below is the screenshot of an example of where you are able to find the MyVoluntier app in your MyBackpack. It's the blue lightbulb icon usually embedded somewhere in the middle of all the apps found in Mybackpack. Here's the website to access your MyBackpack account: **MyBackpack**. Here is the direct website where you will access your MyVoluntier account: **MyVoluntier**.

You will use your same APS network login credentials to access both your MyBackpack and MyVountier accounts.

Next, here is a quick guide sheet for how you are to locate and/or upload your volunteer experiences within the MyVoluntier platform: **2023 MyVoluntier How To Guide for Students**

Lastly, for volunteer experiences outside of the MyVoluntier network, we housed them here: **2024 Events Upcoming Academic, Community-based, Employment**. And if you ever complete a volunteer experience with any of these events, then you must simply get the person who sponsored or supervised it to write you a letter **on the agency's or organization's official letterhead** that contains the following items bulleted below, and you must submit this letter to your Midtown HS counselor ~

- A description of what community service project you assisted with or completed.
- Your total number of hours
- The date(s) you served or volunteered
- Their full contact information



Juniors-

We are scheduled to attend the **NAHS College Fair** on **Friday August 25**.

Here's the list of colleges/universities who are slated to be in attendance: **2023 NAHS Colleges, Universities & Technical Institutions**

Here's the permission form: **2023-24 NAHS College Fair Permission Form**

Attendance/Transportation: We will only have **one APS school bus** as our form of transportation - subsequently, we are gearing to take only **<40** highly motivated, college prep, college bound 12th and 11th graders. Reservations are based on a first-come-first-serve structure, so once we (the counselors) have received **<40** permission forms completed correctly, the trip will be closed. Parents/guardians who seek to take their own children are free to do so, however, supervision will be the sole responsibility of that parent/guardian for their own children. For the students who'll be riding the APS bus, this is a district sponsored event and the periods for which these students miss - which we're estimating periods 2B and 3B, will be appropriately coded upon our arrival back to Midtown. For the students who attend with their parent, the parent is responsible for providing our attendance department with the appropriate documentation.

Preparation: It is strongly recommended for 12th graders to bring a copy of their transcript. How's that done? Please submit your request via your account in Midtown's Parchment platform. When doing so, make certain that you carefully identify your high school start/end years because if you get it wrong, you will sadly be charged every time you use the service. Parchment is a free service for our current students. Once you submit your request, your assigned counselor will upload and electronically send your transcript to whatever destination you've specified in your request. So, in this instance, you should indicate that you're the recipient or destination. Then you'll be able to print your transcript and have it with you at the fair for college admissions reps to review. Make sense? Here's the link: **2023-24 Midtown's Parchment Link and Instructions**.

Ready to go? Let's get it.

Here's the link again to the permission form: **2023-24 NAHS College Fair Permission Form** which should be delivered to us, whether it be a hard copy or electronically, no later than **Friday August 11 3:50pm**.

Senior Advisement: Be sure that you've scheduled your required senior advisement meeting with your assigned counselor. See our links below...

- If your last name falls between **A-G**, your counselor is **Ms. Rucker**, then to make your reservation with her, see link: **Mrs. Rucker's Senior Advisement Schedule for Last Names A-G**

- If your last name falls between **H-Pe**, your counselor is **Mr. Young**, and to schedule your senior meeting with him, see link: **Mr. Young's Senior Advisement Meeting for Students Last Names H-Pe**
- If your last name falls between **Ph-Z**, your counselor is **Ms. Falcone**, and for setting time aside for your required meeting, see link: **Ms. Falcone, Senior Advisements for Last Names Ph-Z**

It may be important for you to review the Atlanta Public Schools graduation requirements. See link: **2024 APS Graduation Requirements**. Once you go to the link, the requirements are explained in the chart found on pages 1 and 2. The requirements are also re-written below ~

- Year of 9th Literature Comp
- Year of American Lit Comp (typically in the 11th grade)
- Year of an English Lit in 10th grade
- Year of an English Lit in the 12th grade
- Year of Algebra 1
- Year of Geometry
- Year of Algebra II
- Year of an additional math higher than Algebra II (typically precalculus or higher)
- Year of Biology
- Year of either Environmental Science or Chemistry
- Year of Physics or Physical Science
- Year of a 12th level science (any science that you've not had. Midtown offers Oceanography, Forensic Science, Anatomy Physiology, or any AP level of science)
- Semester of American Government Civics
- Year of World History
- Year of US History
- 2 years of the same World Language
- Year of a course in the CTAE or fine arts area
- Year of PE (that year must comprise of a semester of personal fitness and semester of a PE elective such as rec games, lifetime sports, team sports, weight training, yoga, physical conditioning, etc.)
- Semester of general health
- Approximately 4 years of some thematic pathway or electives
- 40+ hours of verifiable community service for the 2024 graduating class. 75 hours for all other graduating classes.

***Special note:** For math, there are some students who began high school with a higher level than Algebra 1, for them they'll simply need to demonstrate that they've completed

Algebra 1 prior to coming to high school. There are some students who began high school with Foundations of Algebra, and for them their math track is as follows ~

- Foundations of Algebra
- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra II

Hope this helps. Tell your classmates who have not joined the guidance dept's email database to do so asap, by making one submission via this link: **2023-24 Student Parent Email Cell Contact Submission**

Hello Midtown Community ~

Registration for the 2023 fall session with **AVA (Atlanta Virtual Academy)** part-time program will begin today Monday July 24.

For the many students who are interested in taking one and/or possibly even two classes virtually through the AVA platform during this upcoming fall semester in addition to their Midtown HS schedule, then you may want to proceed with this registration process. **Carefully read instructions below.**

Why would or should you take a virtual course through AVA's part-time program?

- **Reason #1** - You failed a course or courses from the previous semester or previous year, and you did not re-enroll in the course, nor did you enroll in any credit recovery program, and so now you are in need to recover the credit and/or redo the course(s). - **This is called CR or Credit Recovery.**
- **Reason #2** - You're on-track for graduation and you are simply seeking to get ahead in your credits. You're interested in taking a course or courses that you'd ordinarily take in the next school year. Therefore, when you take a course in this manner it allows you to advance and possibly graduate early. - **This is called IC or Initial Credit.**

See this link to submit your application:

AVA's Part-Time Fall 2023 Semester Application

Once you are on the AVA application/registration website, the first page is general demographic information. Please appropriately complete this portion. Reach out to the counselors if you do not know your network ID or lunch number.

The second page is where you will select your course(s). You may select up to two. However, for students who need or are seeking to take only one course, you'll have to select the same course twice, otherwise the site will not allow you to move forward. The letters A and B are written next to each course. The letter "**A**" represents the course's 1st semester's portion, and "**B**" is the

2nd semester's portion. Then for the **CR** and **IC**, again remember the **CR** is **credit recovery**, while **IC** is **initial credit**.

The website's third page - this is where you must select your assigned counselor. See here for who your counselor is:

- If you are a 10-12th grader with last names **A-G**, your counselor is **Rucker, Katrina** and her email is **Katrina.rucker@atlanta.k12.ga.us**
- If you are a 10-12th grader with last names **H-Pe**, your counselor is **Young, Lamar** and his email is **Ljyoung@atlanta.k12.ga.us**
- If you are a 10-12th grader with last names **Ph-Z**, your counselor is **Falcone, Chelsea** and her email is **Chelsea.falcone@atlanta.k12.ga.us**
- All 9th graders, your counselor is **Blevins-Pellechia, Tina** and her email is **Tblevins2@atlanta.k12.ga.us**

Ready to apply? To access the application, here's the link:
AVA's Part-Time Fall 2023 Semester Application

Once your application has been successfully submitted, it will be reviewed by your counselor, and if approved your counselor will provide you with your course(s) details prior to **Friday August 4**. Please do not email requesting a rush for this information as the approval process takes time as your transcript must be reviewed prior to us enrolling you into any of these virtual courses. Moreover, no student will be granted access to any of these courses prior to **Tuesday August 1**. Please **carefully review** this AVA flyer/postcard pasted immediately below as it details important dates. These dates are hard deadlines and not negotiable. For example, **September 29** is the final day for dropping a course during fall semester, so if you are enrolled in a course on or after **September 29**, then whatever grade you earned will be posted to your transcript.



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Any Place,
Any Device.

2023 Fall Session Registration

Registration Dates: July 24th – September 1st
Classes Start: August 1st | **Classes End:** December 15th
Last Day to Drop: September 29th
75% Completion of Course 1; Course #2 Request by November 17th

It's requested that every student and parent update their contact information each school year, so that you're included in the **Guidance-Counseling-College Advising** email database. Please make one submission via one of the links below. Doing so, will fortunately, keep you and your family in the loop with vital bits of information on a variety of guidance-related topics, which include but certainly not limited to ~

- **Academic resources**
 - **ACT/SAT/PSAT/ASVAB test prep resources**
 - **Career and Employment guidance**
 - **College Admissions**
 - **Dual Enrollment**
 - **Financial Aid and Scholarships**
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- **HOPE/Zell Miller merit scholarship program**
 - **Mental health resources**
 - **And much more...**

Click here to submit your contact info:

2023-24 Student Parent Email Cell Contact Submission

OR

<https://forms.gle/8ycBvKKmhyWmhGKx6>