

Reduced Course Load Option for Seniors 2021-22

To allow limited flexibility while maintaining the curricular focus, *seniors will be allowed a "Reduced Course Load Option" while ensuring they have the courses and credits needed to graduate.*

Seniors who meet the following qualifications will be allowed to reduce their course load **by one class period per semester** during the 2021-2022 school year.

Eligibility:

- ☐ The senior is enrolled in the courses and credits needed to graduate on time.
- ☐ The senior has no classes with a semester grade of "I" (Incomplete) during the current 2020-2021 school year.
All incomplete courses must be made up by the end of this summer to be eligible.
- ☐ Both student and parent must complete this **Reduced Course Load Option Form** and turn it in by **August 12**.

As you consider whether you will continue as a full-time student or whether you will take advantage of the reduced course load option, the following points need to be considered:

1. **College Admissions:** Students considering admissions to competitive colleges **should not participate** in the **Reduced Course Load Option**. Before choosing to take a reduced course load, please check with specific colleges/universities about how this may impact your competitiveness with their school.
2. **HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship Eligibility:** Seniors wishing to raise their HOPE GPA may need additional core courses in their schedule to reach the desired GPA needed to secure the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship. Taking a reduced course load can impact a student's ability to improve their HOPE GPA. Students will also need a minimum of four HOPE rigor courses to be eligible for HOPE.
3. **Athletic Eligibility and Student-Athletes:** Student-athletes are strongly urged not to pursue a reduced course load. Per GHSA, to be eligible to participate, practice, and/or try out in interscholastic activities, a student must be academically eligible. Any student who wishes to play Winter or Spring sports must earn 2.5 credits (5 semester courses) each semester. Opting to take only 5 classes carries an inherent risk for eligibility, should the student fail a class the semester preceding their season.

Name of Course to be Dropped	Credit
Term 1	
Term 2	

If you agree and understand the impact of a reduced course load and would like to pursue this option, please sign and date below and send the letter to the student's counselor. Milton High School is not liable for any negative impact exercising this option may have on the factors listed above. See next page for FAQs, counselor caseloads, and contact information.

Student Full Name (please print) and Signature

Date

Parent Name (please print) and Signature

Date

Frequently Asked Questions

What forms do I need to complete to request a reduced course load? What is the deadline for submitting the Form?

Please return page 1 of this form to the counselor listed below by email. You can take a picture of the signed form or scan it and email it to the counselor as PDF attachment by NOON on Friday 6/4/2021.

How will my schedule look after the classes I want dropped are removed?

The class schedule may have a gap where the dropped class may fit. The school cannot guarantee a seamless class schedule. We are not able to move the schedule around to fill the gap left by the dropped class.

How do I look at my HOPE GPA and HOPE Rigor courses?

If you have not done so already, create a student account at www.gafutures.org and look up HOPE Progress Report. GPA is updated after each semester.

I have questions about the impact of a shortened class schedule on my college admissions? Who should I contact?

Students considering admissions to competitive colleges **should not participate** in the **Reduced Course Load Option**. Please contact the college or university admissions representative at each school that you are considering applying to discuss the impact.

Who is my counselor?

Counselors are assigned to students by student last names. The list below is through the **2020-21 school year**.

A-B	Ms. Foote	footed@fultonschools.org
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Ki-Nf	Ms. Popwell	popwellt@fultonschools.org
Ng-Sg	Ms. Rhodes	rhodesa2@fultonschools.org.
Sh-Z	Ms. Wilson	wilsonb@fultonschools.org