



# WALTON 101

A Parent-to-Parent Conversation

# WALTON 101:

Presented by the Walton HS PTSA

Disclaimer: This parent-to-parent conversation shares the experiences and insights of PTSA Parent Volunteers as a service to welcome new parents into the Walton Community. These volunteers do not represent the Administration of Walton HS or the Cobb County School District.

The information shared in this presentation is not comprehensive.  
The policies and procedures discussed are subject to change.  
Parents should rely on official communications from the WHS Administration and the CCSD for current information and guidance.





# Facilities

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1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta, GA 30062



# Facilities

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New Classroom  
Building completed  
in summer 2017

New Fine Arts  
Auditorium and  
Gym completed in  
2019

Parking, Bus Lanes,  
Raider Walk

Coming Soon:  
Robotics Build Site

Approved in  
SPLOST: New  
Athletic Facilities





# Facilities

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**No lockers!**

Online  
textbook  
codes  
provided

Class sets of  
textbooks  
remain in  
classrooms

Textbooks for  
use at home  
are available  
for some  
classes.





# Facilities

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3 Lunch Periods: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup>

No assigned seating: Students eat in Cafeteria, Outside, Library

Many food options- fixed price and a la carte items

Pre-pay online preferred at  
[www.MealpayPlus.com](http://www.MealpayPlus.com)





# Facilities

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## Attendance Office & Procedures

[Link to Attendance](#)

Located to the left  
of the main  
entrance

Students who are  
tardy scan a QR  
code and proceed  
to class.

Parent emails staff  
if student must  
miss class.

## Library/Media

## Center/Information Center

[Link to Media Center](#)

Study, Research, Book  
Clubs and Swaps, Copy,  
Print, & more!

Come before/after  
school, During lunch,  
WEB, or during class  
with a pass from a  
teacher.



# Governance Model

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## A Conversion Charter School

**Walton's charter status allows flexibility in creating an environment that optimizes achievement for all students, including but not limited to:**

**Morning  
Tuition School  
(Zero Period)**

**Walton  
Enrichment  
Block (WEB)**

**International  
Studies (ISA)**

**STEM  
Academy**

**Naviance**

**Scheduling  
Systems**

**Walton  
Governance  
Board**





# Academics

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## Course Levels and Quality Points

### College Prep (On level)

A 4.0

B 3.0

C 2.0

D 1.0

### Honors

A 4.5

B 3.5

C 2.5

D. 1.5

### AP/FLIV Advanced Placement

### Foreign Language Level 4

A 5.0

B 4.0

C 3.0

D. 2.0

Students are expected to follow the Honor Code, maintaining academic integrity on all assignments.

Student tutors are available to assist anyone needing additional help. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.



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## Advanced Placement (AP)

[Link to AP information](#)

Classes available at  
every grade level

35 different AP  
courses available

Almost 65% of  
teachers have a Gifted  
Endorsement to teach  
Honors and AP classes.

2020-2021 AP Program  
Statistics:

1,289 Candidates

2,728 Exams

84% scored 3 or higher



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## International Spanish Academy (ISA)

[Link to ISA](#)

ISA is a rigorous Humanities program of study for Spanish Language learners with approximately 30% of courses delivered in Spanish plus 4 yrs. of Spanish Language classes.

Applications to ISA accepted during 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

ISA graduates will earn a diploma from WHS and a diploma from Spain's Ministry of Education.





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## STEM Academy

[Link to STEM Academy](#)

Offers 3 Pathways:  
Biomedical Science,  
Advanced Math and  
Science, and  
Engineering

Applications accepted  
during 8<sup>th</sup> grade year

Capstone Research  
Project during the  
Senior year

Exposure to STEM  
careers through lunch  
and learns, guest  
speakers, international  
travel, and field trips

Cohort model: students  
take 2 classes together  
each year, fostering  
friendships and  
cooperation.

Students participate in  
extracurricular  
activities: club,  
competitions,  
internships, camps, etc.



# Academics

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## Pathways: Opportunities for Exploration

**Students are encouraged to complete 3 years in any chosen pathway.**

World Language Pathways:  
French, Spanish, Chinese,  
Latin

Career, Technical, Agricultural Pathways  
(CTAE): Engineering and Technology,  
Therapeutics/Physical Medicine, JROTC,  
Financial Marketing, Computer Science,  
Graphic Design, Broadcast-Video  
Technology

Fine Arts Pathways: Visual  
Art, Band, Chorus,  
Orchestra,  
Journalism/Yearbook

Advanced Academics Pathways:  
Complete required courses in English,  
Math, Science, & Social Studies,  
including one AP, IB, or Dual  
Enrollment course plus 2 years of a  
world language

Mentorships, Apprenticeships,  
Work-Based Learning are  
encouraged to enhance the  
pathway experience.



# Academics

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## Academic Planning

[Link to Academic Planner](#)

Students register for the upcoming school year in the spring

Current teachers make recommendations regarding course placement or level of course

Students/parents may waive up or down one level

Reach for the level of coursework that is APPROPRIATE (based on teacher recommendation, student ability and student motivation) with the goal of achieving BALANCE!





# Academics

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## Academic Planning- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

[Link to Academic Planner](#)

Students drop, change, or add  
electives at the end of October.

For core classes - change of  
level based on teacher  
recommendations- November

Freshman  
Advisement/Registration for  
sophomore classes – Early  
March

Deadline for waivers is  
first of May; Summer  
changes cannot be  
accommodated



# Academics

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## Academic Planning & Family Discussions

During registration, take the time to sit down with your child to discuss recommended classes.

A registration for coursework is a commitment to take the class. The master schedule and hiring decisions are based on student registration.

Honors and AP courses place more emphasis on critical thinking, reading, and writing.



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## Academic Incentive for Final Exams

Students who have an A average in a class prior to final exams may exempt a maximum of 2 final exams each semester.





# Bell Schedule

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A regular school day is from 8:20 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. with 54-minute classes.

Zero period, a tuition-based class, is offered and starts at 7:10 a.m. Zero period meets Monday through Thursday.

Homeroom Is an advisement period between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods and lasting for 9 minutes. Students are assigned to homerooms based on alphabetical order and will most likely have the same homeroom teacher all 4 years.

WEB dismissal is at 12:42, with 30-minute classes in the morning.



# Walton Enrichment Block

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## What is this WEB thing anyway?

On WEB days, each of the regular seven periods is shortened to 30 minutes to free up the afternoon for club meetings, tutoring, research, study groups, make-up tests/quizzes, etc. On most five-day weeks, students are dismissed for WEB at 12:42 p.m. From 12:42 to 1:10, students and teachers eat lunch. After lunch, students determine how to utilize the remainder of the day. WEB days are on the Walton Calendar. Dates and details of the WEB program are in the Student Agenda as well. Cobb County Buses will run on their normal schedule on WEB days. Students leaving early must arrange their own transportation.



# Walton Enrichment Block

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## Do I have to stay for WEB?

Parents complete a WEB form, designating whether a student “Must Stay” or “May Stay or Leave.”

Freshmen are required to stay for the first WEB day.

Additionally, freshmen who are failing one or more classes are required to stay for WEB.

### **Option 1: Must Stay**

Verification Form Required—  
Accountability process in place and required tutoring will be documented.

### **Option 2: May Stay or Leave**

No Verification Form required –  
Students with parental permission may leave campus at WEB dismissal.





# Fine Arts

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Visual Arts Program



Marching & Concert Band



Orchestra



Chorus





# Athletics

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## 24 Varsity Sports

Basketball

Baseball

Cheerleading

Cross  
Country

Football

Golf

Gymnastics

Lacrosse

Riflery

Soccer

Softball

Swimming

Tennis

Track & Field

Volleyball

Wrestling



# Athletics

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8 Georgia Athletic  
Director's Cup (most  
outstanding athletic  
program in the state)

77 State  
Championships

277 Regional  
Championships

29 Class of 2021  
athletes signed to  
play at college level





# Extracurricular Activities

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## Clubs and Organizations

[Link to Clubs & Organizations](#)

What's your jam? The Club Fair in the fall will connect you to the perfect club or organization!

**60+ Clubs=Something for Everyone**





# Extracurricular Activities

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## Community Service

**[Link to Volunteer Service Recognition Program](#)**

The Walton Volunteer Service Recognition Program is an optional program. While students are not required to participate in volunteer service activities, it is strongly encouraged to participate in some form of extracurricular activity. Colleges like to see how students spend their time outside of the classroom. Participation in athletics, clubs, music, drama, taking care of siblings or helping at home, work, or volunteer service are some of the ways that students can demonstrate community involvement, leadership, and contribution to family, school, or the community.

Several clubs, organizations, and honor societies at Walton require service hours.

Walton students interested in performing volunteer service use x2Vol (an online tracking system) to track service hours for both scholarship and college applications, as well as the Volunteer Service Recognition Program. Completion of 180 service hours earns a service honor cord to wear at graduation.

More details about the Volunteer Service Recognition Program are on the link above.



# Raider Joe's

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**Raider Joe's Coffee Shop**

Need a caffeine fix? There's only one place to go: Raider Joe's. Located behind the front office, Raider Joe's is open before school until the end of second period. Raider Joe's sells coffee (iced and hot), hot chocolate, hot tea, apple cider, cappuccino, and ***smiles***, courtesy of a dedicated and conscientious group of Special Education students. While greeting customers, fulfilling orders, making change, and making special deliveries, the students develop critical life skills and work ethic. Make Raider Joe's a part of your morning routine!

**REOPENING FALL 2021!**



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Welcome to Walton High School

**NEWS**

- 2021 Summer School! Summer School Information
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- Bus Drivers Needed
- Update Student and/or Family Information Electronically



Key to icons:



→ Naviance- a college and career tool



→ Grades



→ Cobb County School District



→ CTLS Tech Support



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR



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Month

Day

List

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... JV Girls Tennis vs. Etowah ... JV Boys Tennis @ Etowah: ... Girls Lacrosse vs Wheeler... Walton Junior Varsity Soc...	1 Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... Basketball-both gyms: 5:0... Junior Varsity Lacrosse Ga... Walton Junior Varsity Bas... Walton Varsity Soccer vs. ... + 1 More	2 East Cobb College Insider... Sophomore FAMILY Prese... Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... JV Boys Tennis @ Cheroke... JV Girls Tennis vs. Cherok... + 1 More	3 Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... V Girls Tennis vs Hillgrove... V Boys Tennis @ Hillgrove... Rifle Team @ Sprayberry: ... JV Girls Lacrosse vs Milton... + 1 More	4 Walton Varsity Baseball @... Track at Milton Showcase: ... Junior Varsity Lacrosse Ga... Walton Varsity Baseball @... Varsity Boys Lacrosse Ga...	5 Track at Milton Showcase Band Recycling Event-D L... Boys Golf Ryder Cup at W... Girls Lacrosse vs Alpharet... Girls Lacrosse vs Marietta... + 2 More	6 Track at Milton Showcase Band Recycling Event-D L... Boys Golf Ryder Cup at W... Girls Lacrosse vs Alpharet... Girls Lacrosse vs Marietta... + 2 More
7 Storm LAX Practice: 9:00 ... Walton Jr Lacrosse: Noon ... Jr. Basketball Banquet-Ma... Walton Youth Track and Fl...	8 PTSA Exec & BOD Mtgs. A... Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... V Girls Tennis @ North Co... JV Girls Tennis @ North Al... Boys Golf County Invitatio... JV Boys Tennis @ Fullers P... + 1 More	9 Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... V Girls Tennis @ North Co... V Boys Tennis vs North Co... Boys Golf County Invitatio... Walton Junior Varsity Bas... + 5 More	10 Area 9 Championship for ... East Cobb College Insider... Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... Track @ Marietta: 4:00 PM JV Girls Tennis @ Woodst... + 4 More	11 Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... V Girls Tennis Vs Marietta: ... V Boys Tennis @ Marietta: ... Walton Junior varsity Bas... Walton Varsity Baseball @... + 1 More	12 Gymnastics Meet- 9 team... Walton Varsity Soccer @ ... Junior Varsity Lacrosse Ga... Walton junior Varsity Bas... STEM information and Q ... + 2 More	13 Basketball-Main: 8:00 AM Walton Track JV Relays in ... Adult Soccer: 4:00 PM
14 Storm LAX Practice: 10:00... Walton Jr Lacrosse: Noon ... Walton Youth Track and Fl...	15 Girls Golf at Cobb County ... Boys Golf at Atlanta CC: 2:... Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria...	16 Raider Pride Awards Rece... Girls Golf at Cobb County ... Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria...	17 East Cobb College Insider... Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... Boys Golf vs Pope @ India...	18 Air Rifle Practice Cafeteria... V Boys Tennis vs Harrison... V Girls Tennis @ Harrison;	19 Gymnastics Meet- 4 team... Walton Varsity Soccer vs. ... Walton Varsity Baseball v...	20 Track @ Pope: 8:00 AM Girls Golf at Lady Ramble... Varsity Boys Lacrosse Ga...

The Walton  
calendar  
includes all  
school,  
athletic, and  
PTSA events.





# Resources: waltonhigh.org

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The General Information dropdown contains information about the Attendance Office, Bell Schedule, Student Agenda, Spirit Shop, and more.

## General Information Directory

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## ACADEMICS

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Academy

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STEM Academy

Summer Assignment Lists

## Academic Links:

The Academic Planning Guide details all the classes that are offered at Walton, as well as requirements for graduation. Note that Health and Personal Fitness are required courses for graduation.

Summer assignments are also listed on this dropdown list.



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- JROTC
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- World Language

Faculty and Staff emails can be found on the Departments dropdown list.



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## STUDENTS

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## STUDENTS

This section includes information related to student activities.

Please look to the left for topics of interest...

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Certificate of Enrollment, Clubs, Community Service, Meal Pay, Bus Stops, Parking, & much more...  
The Students dropdown contains great info for parents too!





# Resources: [Link to School Counseling Website](#)

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## Walton High School Counseling Department

1590 Bill Murdock Road • Marietta, GA 30062

Tel: 770.578.3225 • Fax: 770-578-3227

Course registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin this spring. Click the button below for more information including the updated Academic Planning Guides.

[Registration Information for 2021-2022](#)

Counselors are assigned alphabetically by students' last names. Missed a parent night? Find the info posted here. The College Corner is a great resource for all grade levels, but especially for seniors seeking college guidance and scholarship opportunities. Details on course registration, logging community service hours, SAT and ACT testing, and social emotional resources are on this website.




# Other Resources

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## Student Agenda

The PTSA provides a student agenda for each student at the beginning of the school year. This academic planner includes QR codes to Walton and Cobb County rules and policies, monthly calendars, and daily homework and project planning pages. All students are encouraged to utilize this organizational tool.

September 6-12			
MONDAY, 9/6/2021		Labor Day - no school	
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
4th			
5th			
6th			
7th			
TUESDAY, 9/7/2021			
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
4th			
5th			
6th			
7th			
WEDNESDAY, 9/8/2021		WEB	
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
4th			

## Walton A-Z ([Link](#))

**GEORGE  
WALTON  
COMPREHENSIVE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
FROM  
A TO Z**



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Found on the PTSA homepage, as well as on the Walton High website, this publication is exactly what the title states: your guide to all things Walton!



# Notes from Our Nurse

## Link to Clinic

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**Prescription Drugs:** Students can not carry prescription drugs on their person. (Exceptions: See nurse if your student has epi-pen, diabetic or asthma meds.) Parents must deliver prescription drugs, **in original container**, directly to the Clinic. Front office parent volunteers can not accept prescription drug drop off. Nurse Sandy will contact parents during preplanning regarding any medication drop offs



**Over the Counter Medication:** Students are allowed to carry a small, personal supply of OTC medications, in the **original container**. DO NOT BRING A ZIPLOCK BAG OF PILLS TO SCHOOL! Students are not allowed to share their OTC medication with other students. The Clinic does not have a supply of OTC medications...all OTC medications must be supplied by the parent.



**Hydrate and fuel for Success:** Send a refillable water bottle and healthy snack to school so your student can stay hydrated and fueled for optimal learning. There are hydration refill stations available and 6 minutes between classes.





# Parent Engagement: PTSA

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Visit the [PTSA website](#) to learn about the multitude of programs and events that benefit Walton's students, staff, and families.

Join the PTSA, sign up to volunteer, and to receive E-Blasts and other communications from PTSA.

E-Blasts are sent on Sunday evenings. E-Connections, the PTSA newsletter that applauds and celebrates our school, is emailed each month.





# Parent Engagement: PTSA

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## Why should I join Walton's PTSA?

### Advocacy

Stay informed on legislation that affects students and public education. We advocate and support our students through Raider Pride awards and scholarships, the Reflections contest, Self Defense classes, and many Health & Wellness initiatives.

### Engagement

We engage our students by partnering with the Community Outreach Club. This PTSA-sponsored program assists at nursing homes, tutors at elementary schools, cooks for MUST Ministries, and more. We engage our new families, providing a friendly face and the information necessary to navigate a large school.

### Involvement

Volunteer opportunities abound! Work a few hours each month in the front office, provide cookies for Teacher Appreciation Week, or share your expertise at the Career Fair. We appreciate our volunteers!

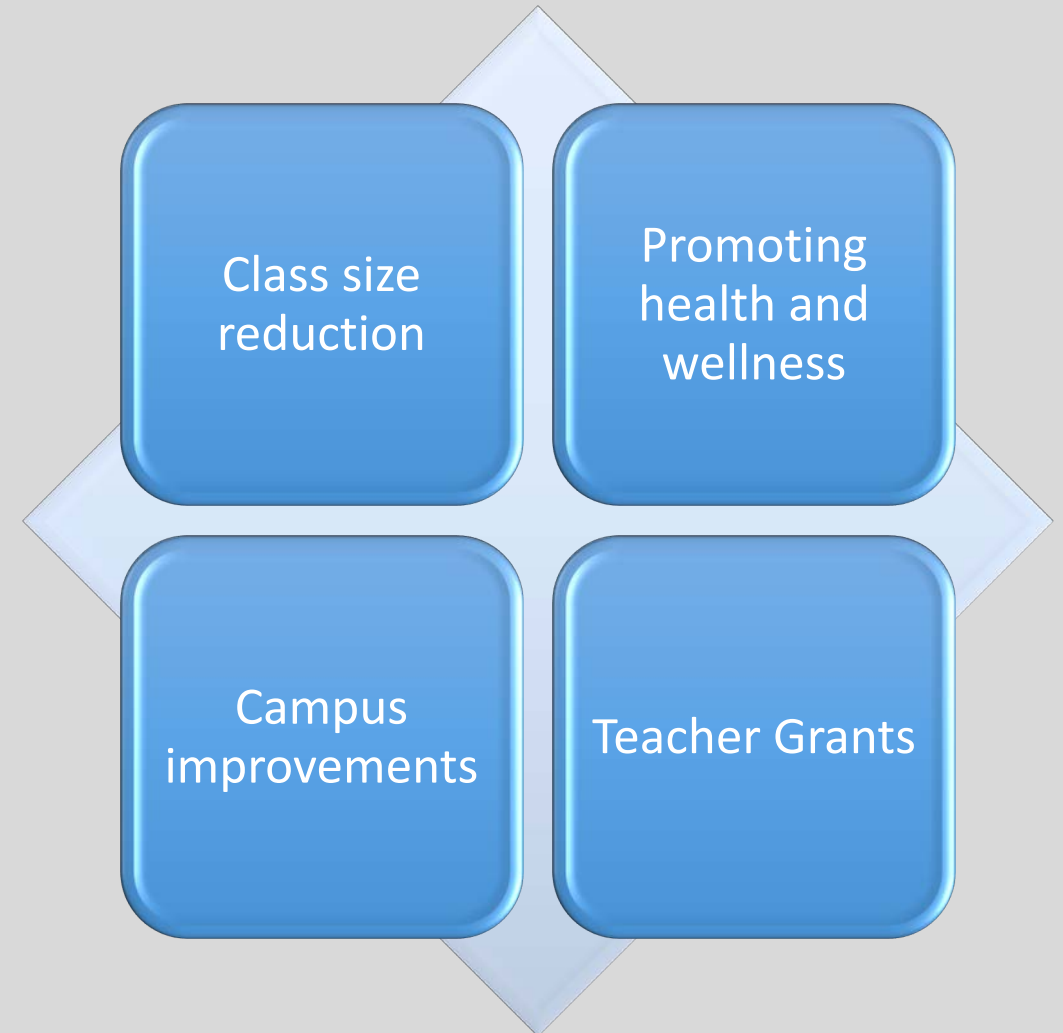


# Parent Engagement: Foundation

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The Walton Foundation raises funds to enrich and support the students and staff of Walton High School. The Walton High School Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Walton High School in many ways. Visit the [Foundation website](#) to learn more, donate, and get involved!





# Parent Engagement: Booster Clubs

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Band

Orchestra

Chorus

Competition  
Teams

Sports  
Teams

Clubs



# Upcoming Events

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**Dates and Times will be communicated through the PTSA E-Blast and on the Walton High Calendar.**

Orientation for  
freshmen and  
parents

Self-guided  
walking tour for  
new students

Open House

PSAT



# Sign up for Communications!



QR Code for  
PTSA E-Blast  
sign up



QR Code for  
“Foundation 411”  
sign up