

**MOVING**  
**FORWARD**  
**WITH COLLEGE • CAREER • LIFE**

# Post-Secondary Options

The path you take, as students, to get to the career and profession of your choice is up to you! It is never too early for you to start planning! Knowing your options after high school is the first step to finding the path that is a perfect fit. So why wait to learn more? The time is now to "Move Forward" with planning for college, career, and life.

- 4yr College/University
- 2yr Community College
- Technical College Military
- Workforce Apprenticeship
- Gap Year



## 4-YR College & University

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Students interested in attending a 4-year college and/or university will take part in a more traditional educational learning environment and can choose the major (area of study) of their choice which will qualify them to work in the profession and career field of their choice once they graduate. Students who receive their Bachelor's degree can go on to pursue graduate or professional degrees. Students will also have the opportunity to live on campus, play sports, or even join a fraternity or sorority.

**Requirements:** Minimum GPA (GRADE POINT AVERAGE) and SAT/ACT test score requirement set by college/university.

**Degree Earned:** Bachelor's Degree

**REQUIRED STUDENT ACTIVITY:** Log into Naviance via ClassLink and research colleges/universities from the below links and save your top 3 colleges in Georgia.

[Public Colleges & Universities in Georgia](#)

[Private Colleges & Universities in Georgia](#)

## 2-YR Community College

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Community College which is also known as junior college or two yr college, has historically served the purpose of providing remediation for students who are preparing to eventually attend a traditional 4yr college. Community colleges generally do not provide on-campus housing (few do) but may have athletic teams for students to participate in. Students who complete two years of Community College can be eligible to transfer to a 4yr college.

**Requirements:** Placement Testing

**Degree Earned:** Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree

# Technical College



Students interested in attending technical college can take advantage of shorter vocational and career training programs that do not require 4yrs to complete. Students who attend technical college can gain the specific skills needed to go into the workforce sooner. Students interested in attending technical college can earn an associate degree (2yrs), complete a diploma (1-2yrs), or certificate program (6-15months).

**Requirements:** Placement Testing

**Degree Earned:** Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree Find a Technical College by visiting: Technical College System of Georgia

**STUDENT ACTIVITY:** Scan QR code or [click link](#). Watch a minimum of two student videos. Share a summary of the student's story and something you learned about technical school with your class, teacher, and/or parent. Scan the QR code or [click link](#) and research [Hope Career Grant](#) and one of the career programs with available free tuition.





# Military

The military offers access and training for hundreds of careers! By joining one of the US Armed Forces, students will not only earn a salary but benefits, money for college, and the opportunity to travel.

**Requirements:** Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores determine qualifying careers

## STUDENT ACTIVITY

Scan the QR code and research the different branches of the military. Even if you do not wish to go into the military, name one career choice in the branch that interests you most. Share with someone the branch and career option you are most interested in and why.



## More Information:

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com/ways-to-serve/service-branches>

<https://www.defense.gov/About/our-forces/>



# GAP Year

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A GAP Year is a period in which recent graduates take a yearlong break to engage in other educational and/or meaningful experiences or activities such as:

- Experiencing new cultures through travel.
- Joining the Peace Corps or other service/volunteer programs.
- Participating in a Gap Year Program such as college bridge year programs.

A Gap Year should not be seen as a period in which a student does nothing. Students should intentionally plan for their Gap Year and seek out opportunities that will add to their personal and or educational development and growth. Students who take a GAP year can still apply to college and defer their admissions.

# Workforce & Apprenticeships

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**Workforce-** Students considering going into the workforce immediately after high school should start now by preparing for the world of work. Students should consider the following:

- Take advantage of career courses and programs offered to students at your school. Taking a Work-Based Learning course in high school gives students the opportunity to gain work experience while earning high school credit.
- Log into Naviance and start drafting a resume. Starting the process of documenting extra-curricular activities and jobs worked while in high school can be helpful. Learn resume tips at <https://www.resume.com/>
- Explore careers that align with personal strengths, abilities, and aptitudes.
- Consider a trade program at a local technical college. These programs can give students the skills needed to enter the workforce earning a higher pay. Students can start taking these courses in high school through Dual Enrollment. See school counselor to learn more. Check out the Hope Career Grant for programs that offer free tuition. No GPA required.
- Research and consider companies that have the potential for career growth and access to training opportunities.
- Consider [public safety](#) and government jobs with benefits.
- Take advantage of the career readiness courses offered by [WorkSource Atlanta Work Readiness Course](#) or [WorkSource Fulton Course or Services](#).

**Apprenticeship-** An apprenticeship is a program offered by employers allowing participants the opportunity to receive paid on-the-job training under a certified expert.

**More Information:**

<https://www.tcsg.edu/for-students/apprenticeship-programs/>

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/career-seekers>

**Ga Hope Career Grant:** <https://www.tcsg.edu/free-tuition>



# Specialized Training Centers

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There are 6 specialized training centers in Georgia that are worth knowing about! If you need workforce training in a few key areas, good news: Georgia has specialty centers across the state. They are:

**Advanced manufacturing** <https://gptcportal.wixsite.com/adv-manf-ctr>

Not far from the Port of Savannah, Georgia Quick Start will deliver customized training in the new Georgia Advanced Manufacturing Center, covering mechatronics, control systems, automation and robots, software, equipment and operation controls, and industrial technologies and networked wireless systems of sensors. The 48,000-sq.-ft. center will be networked with five of the state's technical colleges in the region.

**Aviation** <https://www.savannahtech.edu/academics/aviation-technology/>

Gulfstream and Savannah Technical College partner to train avionics technicians, and airframe and power plant mechanics at an aviation training center on the college's campus. The 30,000-sq.-ft. center offers 4 labs and a 5,000-sq.-ft. hangar for hands-on learning.

**Bioscience** <https://www.aiaga.org/design-award/georgia-bioscience-training-center/>

Just east of Atlanta, in Stanton Springs, you'll find the Georgia BioScience Training Center, which offers state-of-the-art technology used in the life sciences industry. The 40,000-sq.-ft., state-owned facility opened in 2015 with a customized program to support pharmaceuticals giant Shire (formerly Baxalta), which had recently opened a plasma fractionation plant. The center's flexible design, however, can accommodate the bioscience manufacturing processes of other companies.

**Cybersecurity** <https://www.gacybercenter.org/>

Several levels of cyber education, from certificate through graduate school, are available in Augusta at the Georgia Cyber Center. The center — as of 2019, the single largest state investment in a cybersecurity facility in the nation — is a hub for research, training, partnerships and startups. The center's first building opened in July 2018.

**Film** <https://www.georgiafilmacademy.org/>

The highly acclaimed Georgia Film Academy supports the workforce needs of the state's film industry. Courses are offered across the state through the University System of Georgia colleges and universities and the Technical College System of Georgia. Students gain professional training in film production, with credits applying toward 2- and 4-year degrees. The program also helps students network, build resumes and market themselves to work in the industry.

**Fintech** <https://www.georgiafintechacademy.org/>

The University System of Georgia is launching an online academy developed in partnership with fintech employers. Students at Georgia's 26 public colleges and universities can take courses through the Georgia FinTech Academy through the system's eCampus and cloud-based programs. The Academy allows learners to access the specialized educational experiences necessary to enter the fintech sector regardless of where they live in the state.

# HOPE CAREER GRANT



HOPE Career Grant can be the start students need to **move forward towards a rewarding well-paying career and little student debt.**

Did you know you don't have to go into a low paying job after high school?

Did you know there are 17 career training programs with available FREE tuition?

Did you know there is no GPA requirement to apply?

Information provided by:

<https://www.tcsg.edu/free-tuition>

## Programs offered:

- [Automotive Technology](#)
- [Aviation Technology](#)
- [Certified Engineer Assistant](#)
- [Commercial Truck Driving](#)
- [Computer Programming](#)
- [Computer Technology](#)
- [Construction Technology](#)
- [Diesel Equipment Technology](#)
- [Early Childhood Care and Education](#)
- [Electrical Lineman Technology](#)
- [Health Science](#)
- [Industrial Maintenance](#)
- [Logistics/Transportation Technology](#)
- [Movie Production Set Design](#)
- [Practical Nursing](#)
- [Precision Manufacturing](#)
- [Welding and Joining Technology](#)



## Student Activity:

Scan the QR code and research Hope Career Grant and one of the career programs listed above.

Technical College System of Georgia:

<https://www.tcsg.edu/free-tuition>

# 4YR COLLEGE VS TECHNICAL COLLEGE >>>

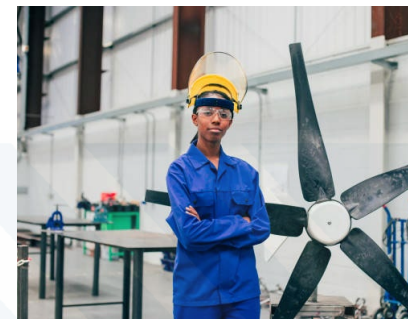
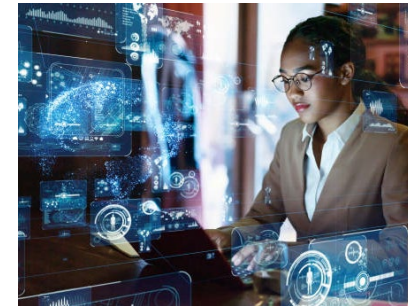


## 4yr College:

- Offers a traditional college experience.
- Generally, higher costs to attend and more debt.
- A longer time commitment(4yrs).
- Traditional learning environments.
- Students are educated on a wide range of subjects.
- Most professional careers requires a minimum of a 4yr college degree.
- Allows students to qualify for higher career advancement.

## Technical College:

- Cost less to attend which means less student loan debt.
- Provides shorter career focused programs (6mth- 2yrs).
- Allows students to enter their career of choice sooner.
- Gives students career specific hands-on training.
- Students can enter high demand jobs = higher salaries.



# Dual Enrollment

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## Who Can Participate?

- 10th Graders who meet conditional eligibility requirements
- 11th and 12th graders



## What is Dual Enrollment?

A program that allows high school students the opportunity to take college courses while in high school



## How many college course credit hours can you take for free?

30 credit hours or 45 quarter hours

# Dual Enrollment

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## Who Can Participate?



### **10th grade students who meet requirements:**

Must have 3.75 GPA

Must score on SAT at least a 600+ on  
BOTH reading and math

Or ACT composite of 26+



### **11th and 12th grade students:**

Must meet the requirements of the  
participating College/University



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## What will Dual Enrollment do for me?



Exposes students to college curriculum



Classes can count for high school credit



Approximately 10 college classes can be earned

# Dual Enrollment

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## What if I want to learn a TRADE?

### Examples of Careers

- Welding
- EMT
- Cybersecurity
- Graphic Design
- Radiology

Students who enroll in select majors specifically aligned with industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are skilled workers to fill them. These industries have been identified as strategically important to the state's economic growth.

### Technical Colleges do participate in dual enrollment!

Students can earn a certificate or diploma

# Next Steps for Dual Enrollment

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Schedule a meeting to discuss college classes with counselor

Complete Fulton County Dual Enrollment Contract

Find your college and apply

Create an account on [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) & complete the Dual Enrollment Funding Application

Deadline to complete all steps above is March 31<sup>st</sup> for summer and fall term & Nov 1st for spring

# REQUIRED STUDENT ACTIVITY

(To be  
completed  
before  
attending your  
junior meeting)

## Class of 2025 Required Tasks in Naviance

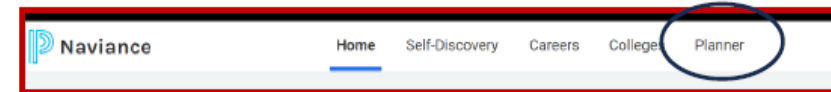
There are three required tasks every 11<sup>th</sup> grader must complete in Naviance:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridge Bill Survey
- Complete SuperMatch
- Save 3 colleges to Colleges I am Thinking About

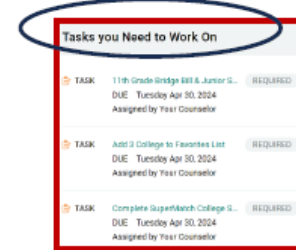
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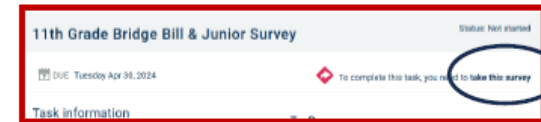
2. Click on Planner from the menu across the top of the homepage.



3. Scroll down to Tasks you Need to Work on



4. Survey – Click on “take this survey” in the right



5. Save three colleges – click on the heart next to the college's name after you complete the SuperMatch

