

# **Heritage High School**

## **Sophomore and Junior Parent Night**

### **August 29, 2024**



Welcome

Dr. Joshua Pittman, Principal

Testing and Academic Expectations

Ms. Morton, Assistant Principal of Instruction

AP Curriculum

Dr. Washington, Assistant Principal

Heritage High School Athletics

Dr. Dorian Powell-Harris, Athletic Director

Sophomore and Junior

High School Guidance Information

Ms. LaToya Wright and Ms. Nyesha Bowens,  
Counselors

#### **Topics of Discussion**

Sophomore and Junior Checklists  
Graduation Requirements/Accelerated Career  
HOPE/HOPE Rigor Requirements

Dual Enrollment  
GA Futures  
PreACT/PSAT  
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*We encourage our parents/guardians to sign up for Infinite Campus. This allows parents/guardians to check your student's grades, attendance, etc. If you need assistance with accessing Infinite Campus, contact our DLS, Ms. Tiffany McLymore.*

**JOIN REMIND (text the code below to 81010):**

**Class of 2026: @pats2026**

**Class of 2027: @hhspats27**

# College Prep Checklist

## 10th Grade

Don't let planning for college get you stressed. Checklists are great tools to keep you organized, focused and connected with everything that needs to be done.

### Student's 10th Grade Checklist

- Research careers that fit your interests and match them up with college majors.
- Use the **GAfutures** *College Search* tool to start researching colleges and create a list of top choices.
- Attend PROBE College Fairs or other college prep events at your school or in your area.
- Discuss your classes and review graduation, college entrance and academic rigor requirements with your school counselor and parents.
- Check your HOPE GPA to see if you're on track to be eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT to help you prepare for the real thing.
- Look into skilled trade careers and the HOPE Career Grant.
- Think about how to spend your summer: work, volunteer or take a college-level course through dual enrollment.
- Update your high school portfolio with all your achievements and activities.

### Parent's 10th Grade Checklist

- Attend a PROBE College Fair or a GSFC Outreach event like a financial aid night with your child.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility by balancing homework and other activities or a part-time job.
- Learn about the different options for your child's standardized tests.

Visit the College Planning section of **GAfutures** for additional information on preparing for college.

# College Prep Vocabulary

When it comes to financial aid and planning for college, there are some key terms you should know to help you understand the process and make informed decisions.

**529 Plan:** Tax-advantaged savings plan designed to encourage saving for future college expenses. Path2College is Georgia's 529 plan.

**COA (Cost of Attendance):** Total cost of attending a college or university, including tuition, room and board, books, lab fees, transportation and basic living expenses.

**EFC (Expected Family Contribution):** Number used to determine your eligibility for federal student financial aid. EFC is determined by the financial information you provide on your FAFSA, the application for federal student aid. Your EFC is reported to you on your Student Aid Report (SAR).

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):** Filling out a FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process. To be eligible to receive federal financial aid, a student must complete a FAFSA.

**FSA ID:** Provides access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature. You must have an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.

**Grant:** Money given to students for their education that does not have to be repaid. Often based on need, grants may come from federal or state programs, or sometimes from private charitable organizations.

**HOPE GPA:** Your HOPE GPA determines if you are academically eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship. It includes only grades earned in core subjects – English, math, science, social studies and foreign language. You can check your HOPE GPA beginning in 10th grade through your *My GAFutures* account.

**Merit-based:** Financial aid based on academic, athletic or some other type of achievement.

**Need-based:** Need-based financial aid is reserved for low-income students.

**Pell Grant:** Federal program that provides need-based educational grants for low-income students. Pell Grants do not have to be repaid.

**SAR (Student Aid Report):** Your SAR summarizes the information entered on your FAFSA form and shows the amount of your EFC.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Traditional

|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| English/<br>Language Arts                   | 4 Units<br>(must include 9th Grade Literature & Composition and <b>American Literature and Composition</b> )                                                                                                              |
| Mathematics                                 | 4 Units (must include <b>Algebra Concepts/Conn</b> , Geometry Concepts/Conn, & Advanced Algebra Concepts/Conn)                                                                                                            |
| Science                                     | 4 Units<br>(must include <b>Biology</b> , either Physical Science, Physics, or Conceptual Physics, and either Chemistry, Environmental Science or Earth Systems)                                                          |
| Social Studies                              | 4 Units<br>(must include World History, <b>US History</b> , Government and Personal Finance & Economics)                                                                                                                  |
| Health and<br>Personal Fitness              | 1 semester of each<br>(2 years successful completion of ROTC will satisfy Health requirement)                                                                                                                             |
| *CTAE/Fine Arts/<br>World Language          | 3 Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathway completion is encouraged at HHS and RCA</li> <li>• World Language is not required for graduation; however, 2 years are required for 4-year university</li> </ul> |
| Elective Credits                            | 4 Units                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Minimum Units<br>Required for<br>Graduation | 24 Units                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Bold print indicates courses requiring a **Milestone**. The Milestone will represent 10% of the final grade in the course.

### Grade Level Promotion Minimum Requirements:

To be a Sophomore – 5 Units  
 To be a Junior – 11 Units  
 To be a Senior – 16 Units

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Accelerated Career

**High School Graduation Accelerated Career offers qualified students a unique path to high school graduation. Students choose to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and 2 Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC's) in a specific career pathway.**

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| English/<br>Language Arts                                                                  | 2 Units<br>(one unit must be <b>American Literature and Composition</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mathematics                                                                                | 2 Units (one unit must be <b>Algebra Concepts/Conn</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Science                                                                                    | 2 Units<br>(one unit must be <b>Biology</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Social Studies                                                                             | 2 Units<br>(Government and Personal Finance & Economics)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Health and<br>Personal Fitness                                                             | One semester of each<br>(2 years of successful completion of ROTC will satisfy Health requirements)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Technical College<br>Certificates<br><br>1 year program<br><br>2.0 entrance<br>requirement | 2 Approved Technical College Certificates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet minimum requirements for Dual Enrollment at Georgia Piedmont Technical College</li> <li>• Must complete Dual Enrollment Application</li> <li>• Approved programs: Welding, Manufacturing, HVAC, and Early Childhood Care &amp; Education</li> </ul> |

**Bold** print indicates courses requiring a Milestone. The Milestone will represent 10% of the final grade in the course.

\*This option is not recommended for students wanting to attend a 4-year college/university immediately after high school.

# HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships

## Academic Eligibility from High School

### HOPE Scholarship

- Minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science)
- \*Rigor requirements

### Zell Miller Scholarship

\*Rigor requirements and one of the following:

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| Designated valedictorian or salutatorian | OR | Minimum 3.7 HOPE GPA as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum courses<br><b>AND</b><br>total test score of 1200 SAT on a single national administration or composite test score of 26 ACT on a single national or state/district administration earned by graduation date |
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\*Academic Rigor courses are determined by the course number. Refer to the full Academic Rigor Course List on [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org).

## Award Amounts 2023-24 Academic School Year

|                                      | HOPE Scholarship*                                                                                 | Zell Miller Scholarship*                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Public Institution</b>            | Full standard tuition <sup>†</sup>                                                                | Full standard tuition <sup>†</sup>                                                                |
| <b>Private Institution Full-time</b> | \$2,496 per semester (fall, spring, summer)<br>\$1,664 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer) | \$2,985 per semester (fall, spring, summer)<br>\$2,034 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer) |
| <b>Private Institution Half-time</b> | \$1,248 per semester (fall, spring, summer)<br>\$832 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)   | \$1,493 per semester (fall, spring, summer)<br>\$1,017 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer) |

\*Complete award amounts available on [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org). <sup>†</sup>Up to 15 credit hours.

## Maintaining

### HOPE Scholarship

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA\* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's calculated HOPE GPA falls below a 3.0, they will lose the HOPE Scholarship and will only be eligible to regain it once.

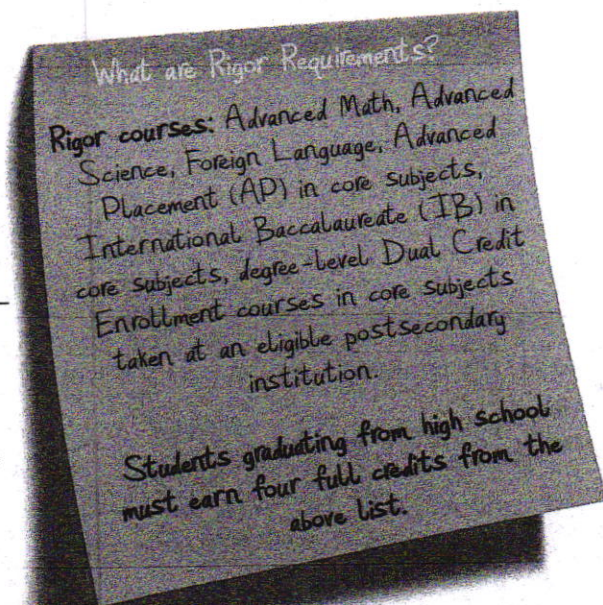
### Zell Miller Scholarship

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.3 calculated HOPE GPA\* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's calculated HOPE GPA falls below a 3.3, they will lose the Zell Miller Scholarship but may still be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. Students can regain the Zell Miller Scholarship only once.

\*Calculated HOPE GPA refers to all attempted hours after high school graduation. Approved postsecondary STEM courses taken fall 2018 and later receive .5 weight to grade B, C or D. Approved courses can be found at [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org). STEM courses taken during high school are not given the STEM weight for postsecondary GPA calculation.

## Losing Eligibility

- A student will lose eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship due to one of the following:
- Calculated HOPE GPA requirement not met
  - Maximum attempted and/or paid hours reached (127 semester/190 quarter)
  - Funds not used within ten years of high school graduation or equivalent
  - Bachelor's degree received
  - On the second loss, a student becomes permanently ineligible



# HOPE Grant

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## **Academic Eligibility**

- No high school graduation requirement
- Must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program at a participating University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school

## **Award Amount**

- Full Standard Tuition, up to 15 credit hours (per semester); award amounts available at **GAfutures.org**
- Paid hours received while in high school count towards the HOPE Grant paid hours limit of 63 and towards the 127 paid hours cap for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship

## **Maintaining**

- Minimum 2.0 calculated HOPE Grant GPA or higher at designated checkpoints (30/60 paid semester hours)
- Only eligible to regain the HOPE Grant once

## **Losing Eligibility**

- Calculated HOPE GPA requirement not met
- Maximum paid hours reached (63 semester)
- Bachelor's degree received

# Zell Miller Grant

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## **Academic Eligibility**

- No high school graduation requirement
- Must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program at a participating University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school
- First term awarded retroactively after earning a minimum 3.5 or higher calculated HOPE Grant GPA

## **Award Amount**

- Full Standard Tuition, up to 15 credit hours (per semester); award amounts available at **GAfutures.org**
- Paid hours received while in high school count towards the Zell Miller Grant paid hours limit of 63 and towards the 127 paid hours cap for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship

## **Maintaining**

- Minimum 3.5 calculated HOPE Grant GPA required at the end of every semester/quarter
- Eligible to regain Zell Miller Grant if minimum 3.5 calculated HOPE Grant GPA earned at the end of the next term

## **Losing Eligibility**

- Calculated HOPE GPA requirement not met
- Maximum paid hours reached (63 semester)
- Bachelor's degree received

# HOPE Career Grant

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## **Academic Eligibility**

- Enrolled in specific high-demand certificate and diploma programs at a participating University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school
- HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant eligibility requirements apply

## **Award Amount**

- Awards are a fixed amount per term based on the program and number of hours enrolled
- Approved programs and award amounts available on **GAfutures.org**

*For more information on the HOPE Programs, visit **GAfutures.org**.*

# **Courses offered at HHS Meeting the HOPE Academic Rigor Requirements**

**\*4 Courses Required**

## **English:**

AP Language/Composition  
AP Literature/Composition  
AP Seminar

## **Math**

Advanced Algebra  
College Readiness Math  
Pre-Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Statistics  
Statistical Reasoning

## **Science:**

Physics or Conceptual Physics  
Human Anatomy/Physiology  
Chemistry  
Forensic Science  
AP Physics  
AP Chemistry  
AP Biology  
AP Environmental Science

## **Social Studies:**

AP Government  
AP World History  
AP US History  
AP Economics  
AP Human Geography  
AP Psychology

## **World/Foreign Language:**

Spanish II  
Spanish III  
Spanish IV  
AP Spanish Language  
Spanish Native Speakers II  
French II  
French III  
French IV  
Italian II  
Italian III  
AP Italian

In addition, transcript credits earned by a high school student in any Dual Enrollment Science, Math, English, World Language, or Social Studies course at an eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia, will count towards the rigor requirements.

## **HOPE REQUIREMENTS:**

**HOPE Scholarship** (Partial Tuition): HOPE generated GPA of 3.0

**Zell Miller Scholarship** (Full Tuition): HOPE generated GPA of 3.7 or above AND combined SAT score of 1200 or above OR a composite ACT score of 26 or above in a single test administration (no superscores)

\*Must meet minimum rigor requirement for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships

For additional details regarding your current HOPE eligible GPA, login to your **GAfutures.org** account



## Heritage High School

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*10<sup>th</sup> grade Quick Tips & Fun Facts*



college and career readiness digital platform that helps students and their families prepare for post-secondary planning:

- Career Survey & Explorations
- College Fitness (narrow down College/University preferences)
- Learn Resume building techniques
- Apply for scholarships
- Options for Military Branches (Army, Navy, etc.)

**HHS Fun Fact:** Grade Level School Counselors will visit your student's classroom environment to help students navigate Naviance platform and explore activities.



preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

(standardized test administered through College Board:

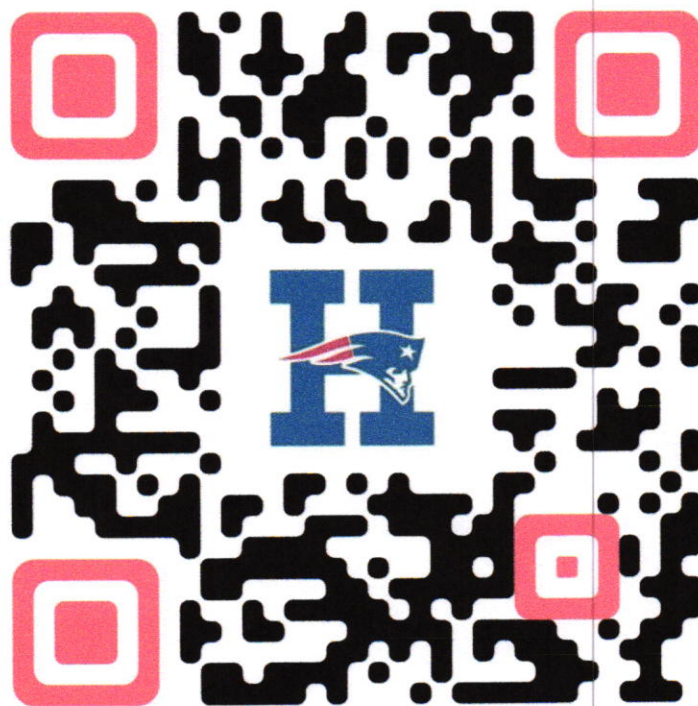
- provides Reading & Mathematics skills for students to test their knowledge
- Preparation for SAT testing platform to achieve their best scores for College/University admissions and Scholarship qualifications (two sections added up- **max score 1520**)
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are generally the test takers for PSAT (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade for some schools) 11<sup>th</sup> grade students can qualify for National Merit Scholarship by using highly achieved scores on the PSAT/NMSQT.

**HHS Fun Fact:** PSAT/NMSQT is set to be administered on October 22, 2024.



**HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2027**

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