# CLASS OF 2026

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# PLANNING INFORMATION

## Counseling Office information

- **Make sure you check the EHS Student Services Canvas announcements regularly.**

## Post-secondary planning

- Gain knowledge in next steps toward post-secondary plans:
  - Military service
  - Workforce
  - Apprenticeships
  - College Admissions
  - Other

# REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026 GRADUATES

## Core Course Requirements

## Elective Requirements

**4 Units of Literature**

**4 Units of Math**

**4 Units of Science**

Must include Biology, Physical Science or Physics, and Earth, Environmental, or Chemistry

**3 Units of Social Studies**

1 Unit of Health (.5) and Personal Fitness (.5)

3 Units of required electives
- World Language, Fine Arts and/or Career/Technical

4 Units of miscellaneous electives

TAA provides potential .5 credit Pass or Fail grade

*23 total units are required for graduation*
Honor Graduates: *cumulative weighted NGA of 90 or above*

# HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements

## Four of these courses required prior to graduation

| Requirement | Examples |
|---|---|
| Advanced Math | Advanced Algebra, Adv. Financial Algebra, Statistical Reasoning, Pre-Calc, Calculus, Honors Multi Variable Calculus |
| Advanced Science | Chemistry, Physics, Forensics, Anatomy, Astronomy, Zoology |
| AP Core Courses | AP English, AP Math, AP Science, AP Social Studies, AP Computer Science, AP Psychology |
| Dual Core Courses | Various Courses |
| Advanced World Lang | Spanish, French, German, (2,3,4 and AP) |

## YOUR POST-SECONDARY GOAL?

Military service

Workforce

Technical College

Two-year college

Four-year college

Other .....

Take the ASVAB- 2025 date TBD – A well respected aptitude test that measures a student's strengths and potential for success.

- Air Force
- Army
- Coast Guard
- Marine Corps
- Navy
- Space Force
- **Air National Guard & Army National Guard**

3/15/24 ASVAB Exam Registration

For specific requirements, see a recruiter from the branch of service in which you're interested.

# MILITARY SERVICE

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS BASICS

- SAT/ACT

- GA Futures & Hope Eligibility

- University System of Georgia (USG) Requirements

- Common App
  - Activities List
  - Essays
  - Recommendation Letters

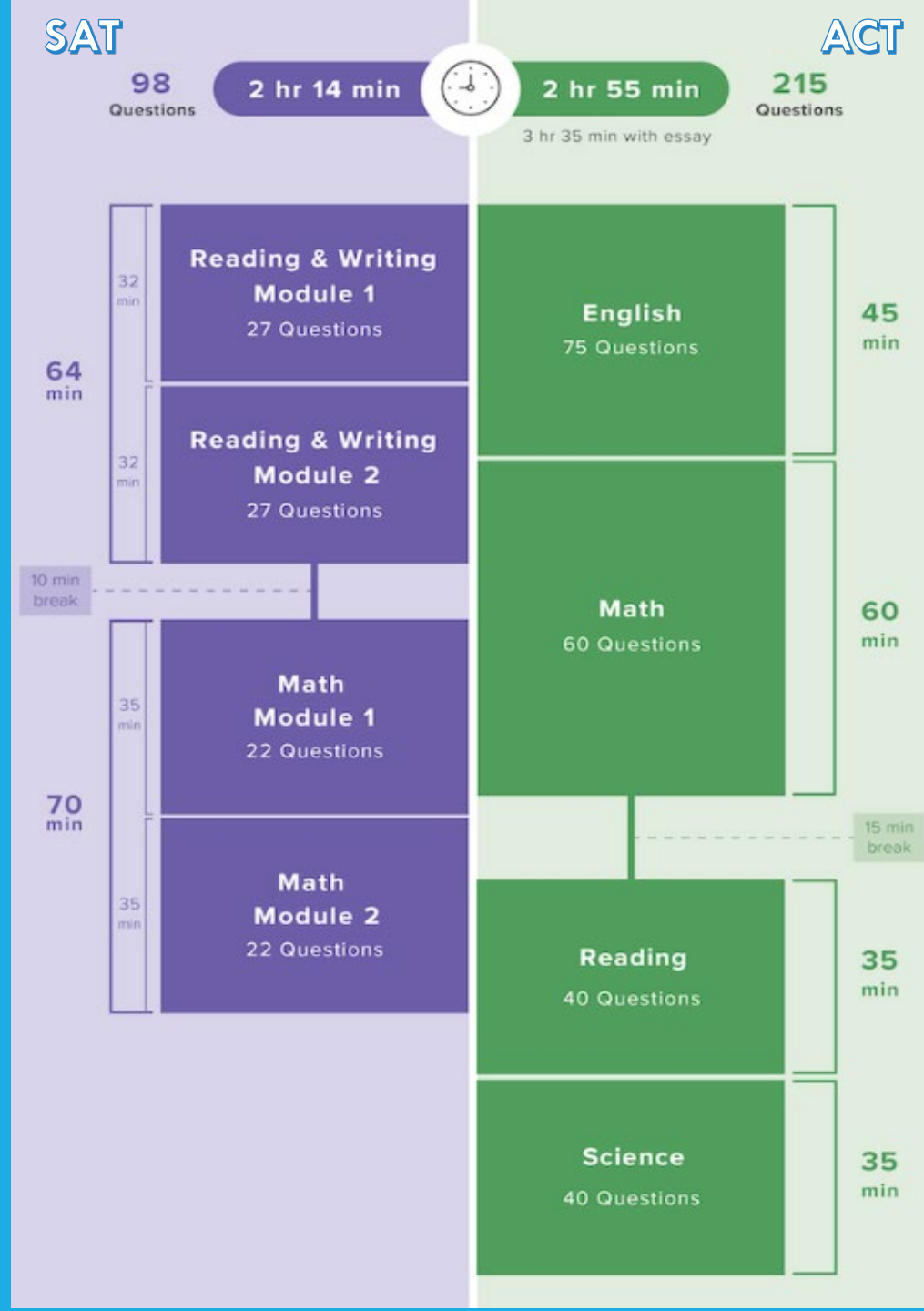- What else are colleges looking for?

# SAT AND ACT

## SAT
- Digital
- Scored on a scale of 400-1600
- Sign up at collegeboard.org

## ACT
- Paper/Pencil
- Scored on a scale of 1-36
- Sign up at act.org

Check the college's admissions requirements page to determine if they require SAT/ACT for admission.

Complete Free & Reduced lunch paperwork to see if you qualify for a **fee waiver**

# GA FUTURES & HOPE ELIGIBILITY

- Gafutures

- Check HOPE eligibility

- Send Transcripts

- View Georgia Match Letter, search for colleges

- Complete the GSFAPP

# HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

## SSN Verification:

- Social Security numbers are required to be in **Synergy** for a student to be HOPE eligible.

## Rigor Requirement

- 4 courses complete prior to graduation (examples: Algebra 2 or higher, Chemistry, Physics, 2nd year of Foreign Language or higher, AP Courses)

## HOPE Scholarship:

- 3.0 academic GPA
- This is the information that was shared with us:

- HOPE will cover the current year at 100% of the *prior year* tuition amount. Example: the 2024 year of college gets covered at 2023 tuition rate under HOPE, the 2025 year gets covered at the 2024 rate. If the rates are the same from one year to the next, HOPE funds at 100%; if the rates change from one year to the next then HOPE only covers the amount equal to the *prior* year.

## Zell Miller scholarship:

- 3.7 academic GPA— covers 100% of tuition
- SAT 1200 combined CR and Math or 25 ACT composite

# www.GAFutures.org

Diploma Type: C   Grade Level: 11   **Final GPA** 3.9347

| # | Courses Excluded from GPA Calculation | Year | Term | Course Number | Course Description | Rigor Course | Credits Attempted | Credit Qualifier | Grade Awarded | Weighting Indicator | Points Subtracted Due to Weighting Indicator | Unweighted Grade | Convert to 4.0 Scale | Re-Weight AP/IB | 4.0 Scale Weighted Grade | Grade Multipli |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ** | 2020 | Q2 | 60.0710001 | SPANISH 1A | | | MS | 77 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 2 | ** | 2021 | Q4 | 60.0710002 | SPANISH 1B | | | MS | 92 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 3 | ** | 2021 | SS | 17.0110070 | HEALTH | | | MS | 93 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 4 | ** | 2021 | SS | 36.0510070 | PERSONAL FITNESS | | | MS | 99 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 5 | | 2021 | Q2 | 23.0610041 | HON 9TH GRADE LIT/COMP A | | 0.5 | | 98 | | | 98.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 6 | | 2021 | Q2 | 26.0120001 | BIOLOGY 1A | | 0.5 | | 88 | | | 88.0000 | 3 | | | 3 |
| 7 | | 2021 | Q2 | 27.0990001 | GSE ALGEBRA I A | | 0.5 | | 100 | | | 100.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 8 | * | 2021 | Q2 | 43.450001 | INTRO TO LAW & SECURITY A | | | | 100 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 9 | * | 2021 | Q2 | 48.4410001 | INTRO DRAFTING/DESIGN A | | | | 97 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 10 | | 2021 | Q2 | 60.0720001 | SPANISH 2A | R | 0.5 | | 99 | | | 99.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 11 | | 2022 | Q4 | 23.0610042 | HON 9TH GRADE LIT/COMP B | | 0.5 | | 98 | | | 98.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 12 | | 2022 | Q4 | 26.0120002 | BIOLOGY 1B | | 0.5 | | 93 | | | 93.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 13 | | 2022 | Q4 | 27.0990002 | GSE ALGEBRA I B | | 0.5 | | 99 | | | 99.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 14 | * | 2022 | Q4 | 35.0670000 | TOOLS COLLEGE SUCCESS I | | | | P | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 15 | * | 2022 | Q4 | 43.4500002 | INTRO TO LAW & SECURITY B | | | | 100 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 16 | * | 2022 | Q4 | 48.4410002 | INTRO DRAFTING/DESIGN B | | | | 100 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 17 | | 2022 | Q4 | 60.0720002 | SPANISH 2B | R | 0.5 | | 99 | | | 99.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 18 | | 2022 | Q2 | 23.0670041 | HON MULTI LIT/COMP A | | 0.5 | | 94 | | | 94.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 19 | | 2022 | Q2 | 27.0991041 | HON GSE GEOMETRY A | | 0.5 | | 93 | | | 93.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |

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| 20 | | 2022 | Q2 | 40.0510041 | HON CHEMISTRY 1A | R | 0.5 | | 91 | | | 91.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 21 | | 2022 | Q2 | 45.0830041 | HON WORLD HISTORY A | | 0.5 | | 95 | | | 95.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 22 | * | 2022 | Q2 | 48.4450001 | ARCHIT DRAWING/DESIGN 1A | | | | 91 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 23 | | 2022 | Q2 | 60.0730041 | HON SPANISH 3A | R | 0.5 | | 100 | | | 100.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 24 | | 2023 | Q4 | 23.0670042 | HON MULTI LIT/COMP B | | 0.5 | | 96 | | | 96.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 25 | | 2023 | Q4 | 27.0991042 | HON GSE GEOMETRY B | | 0.5 | | 91 | | | 91.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 26 | * | 2023 | Q4 | 35.0671000 | TOOLS COLLEGE SUCCESS II | | | | P | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 27 | | 2023 | Q4 | 40.0510042 | HON CHEMISTRY 1B | R | 0.5 | | 92 | | | 92.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 28 | | 2023 | Q4 | 45.0830042 | HON WORLD HISTORY B | | 0.5 | | 95 | | | 95.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 29 | * | 2023 | Q4 | 48.4450002 | ARCHIT DRAWING/DESIGN 1B | | | | 100 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |
| 30 | | 2023 | Q4 | 60.0730042 | HON SPANISH 3B | R | 0.5 | | 98 | | | 98.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 31 | | 2023 | Q2 | 23.0530051 | AP ENG LANG/COMP/AM LIT A | R | 0.5 | | 90 | | | 90.0000 | 4 | 0.5 | | 4 |
| 32 | | 2023 | Q2 | 27.0831001 | ADVANCED ALGEBRA A | R | 0.5 | | 99 | | | 99.0000 | 4 | | | 4 |
| 33 | | 2023 | Q2 | 40.0831051 | AP PHYSICS 1: ALG - BASE A | R | 0.5 | | 90 | | | 90.0000 | 4 | 0.5 | | 4 |
| 34 | | 2023 | Q2 | 45.0183051 | AP SEMINAR SOC STUDIES A | R | 0.5 | | 95 | | | 95.0000 | 4 | 0.5 | | 4 |
| 35 | | 2023 | Q2 | 45.0820051 | AP U.S. HISTORY A | R | 0.5 | | 82 | | | 82.0000 | 3 | 0.5 | | 3.5 |
| 36 | * | 2023 | Q2 | 48.4460001 | ARCHIT DRAWING/DESIGN 2A | | | | 93 | | | 0.0000 | | | | |

**Total Credits Attempted:** 11.5
**Total Credits for Rigor:** 5.5
**Total Grade Multiplied by Credits Attempted:** 45.2500

Courses Excluded from GPA Calculation Key:

# GA FUTURES & HOPE ELIGIBILITY

# UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (USG) REQUIREMENTS

- Must have completed the 17 credits of Required High School Curriculum which includes **2 credits of world language.**

- Currently, UGA, Georgia College & State, and GA Tech require submission of SAT or ACT scores.

- Must meet the college's minimum freshman index and GPA.

FRESHMAN INDEX

The Freshman Index (FI) is calculated using an applicant's High School GPA (calculated on the USG's RHSC units) and SAT or ACT scores.

SAT FI Formula: $500 \times (HS\ GPA) + 1.06 \times (SAT\ ERW + Math) - 74$

*Example:* A student with a 2.9 HS GPA and 480 SAT Evidence-based Reading & Writing/440 SAT Math would use the following FI calculation:

$SAT\ FI = 500 \times (2.9) + 1.06 \times (480 + 440) - 74$

$SAT\ FI = 2351.2$

ACT FI Formula: $500 \times (HS\ GPA) + (ACT\ Composite \times 42) + 88$

*Example:* A student with a 2.7 HS GPA and 18 ACT Composite would use the following FI calculation:

$ACT\ FI = 500 \times (2.7) + (18 \times 42) + 88$

$ACT\ FI = 2194$
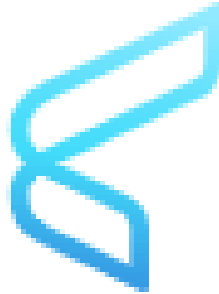
- Common App allows students to build a virtual college list, then apply to those multiple colleges using one application.

- You will have to write at least one essay for your application, but some colleges require additional essays.

- Not ALL colleges are on Common App. Some colleges require you to complete their institutional application available on the college's website.

- Common App Example
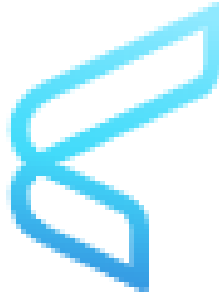
- THE ACTIVITIES LIST

  - Activities = How you spend your time outside the classroom.  Not limited to clubs/sports.

  - How have you made a meaningful impact through your commitments and involvements?

  - How have you contributed to your community?

  - How do you engage with an interest you are passionate about?

  - Be clear and specific.

  - **Good Example:** CLARINET: Played B-flat clarinet for EHS marching band and picked to be drum major my senior year.

  - **Better Example:** EHS MARCHING BAND DRUM MAJOR: Drum Major (12) for 80+ member band, charting halftime shows & conducting for games; Clarinet Section Leader, Drum Major Asst. (11); Clarinet (9-12)

- THE ESSAY
  - ALWAYS starts with self-reflection.  What do you want the college to know about you?
  - Your goal of your essay is to tell the college about your positive personal qualities, values, strengths, and character through an engaging story.
  - Getting Started:
    - Brainstorm a list of your personal values and positive qualities.
    - Ask yourself, what life experiences helped you develop these values and qualities?
    - How will these values and qualities help you impact your college, future profession, community or world?
  - Essay Prompts

- THE RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Recommendation letters provide the college with additional insight into the type of student you've been in high school.

  - **Teacher Recommendation Letter** –Highlights your work ethic, classroom contributions, intellectual promise.  Teachers can share specific examples of ways you've demonstrated the qualities of a great student.

    - Teacher Recommendation Request

  - **Counselor Recommendation Letter** – Highlights your growth over the course of high school, can give context to challenges you may have dealt with.

    - Counselor Recommendation Packet

# WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?

Excellent Grades

Rigorous Coursework

Contribution/Involvement

Leadership

Evidence of Character

Institutional Priorities …..

# 2023 FRESHMAN ADMITS

**UGA Calculated Grade Point Average mid-range/average**:  4.14 academic GPA, 81.8% of enrolled students had a GPA of 4.0+.

• *Please remember this is not the GPA students see on their high school transcript, but rather the GPA that UGA recalculates for everyone based on the core academic courses taken in high school and looking at the actual grades posted on the transcripts. Roughly 91% of the HS core grades were A's, and 8+% were B's, thus showing the academic strength of the accepted group.*

**AP/IB/Dual Enrollment course mid-range/average:** 8-13 courses, average of 10+

• *We determine academic rigor based on all core classes a student has taken (CP, Honors, Advanced, AP, IB, DE, etc.) as compared to what is offered in the school/community. This is not based simply on the number of AP/IB/DE courses, but instead we look at the overall coursework over four years in the core areas and the progression of rigor over the years. The AP/IB/DE information is the most specific data I can give on it, but the numbers do not cover all of our curriculum review.*

**SAT Total mid-range for students:** 1230-1410

• This data is based on admitted students where the SAT was the strongest score if both SAT and ACT were submitted or if the SAT was the only test taken and sent.

**ACT Composite mid-range for students**:  27-32

• *Remember, UGA focuses on ACT E and M. For reporting purposes, we give out the best score overall ACT score, but the ACT E and M are very similar to the overall score.*

• This data is based on admitted students where the ACT was the strongest score if both SAT and ACT were submitted or if the ACT was the only test taken and sent.

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**
Undergraduate Admissions

# 2023 FRESHMAN ADMITS

Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking general (not including programs with specific criteria) admissions decisions.

| | Very Important | Important | Considered | Not Considered |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Academic** | | | | |
| Rigor of secondary school record | X | | | |
| Class rank | | | | X |
| Academic GPA | X | | | |
| Standardized test scores | | | X | |
| Application Essay | | X | | |
| Recommendation(s) | | | X | |
| **Nonacademic** | | | | |
| Interview | | | | X |
| Extracurricular activities | | X | | |
| Talent/ability | | | X | |
| Character/personal qualities | X | | | |
| First generation | | | X | |
| Alumni/ae relation | | | | X |
| Geographical residence | | X | | |
| State residency | X | | | |
| Religious affiliation/commitment | | | | X |
| Racial/ethnic status | | | X | |
| Volunteer work | | | X | |
| Work experience | | | X | |
| Level of applicant's interest | | | | X |

| Score Range | SAT Composite |
|---|---|
| 1400-1600 | 70% |
| 1200-1399 | 26% |
| 1000-1199 | 4% |
| 800-999 | 0% |
| 600-799 | 0% |
| 400-599 | 0% |
| Total | 100% |

| Score Range | ACT Composite |
|---|---|
| 30 - 36 | 77% |
| 24 - 29 | 18% |
| 18 - 23 | 4% |
| 12 - 17 | 1% |
| 6 - 11 | 0% |
| Below 6 | 0% |
| Total | 100% |

**GT Georgia Tech.**

•*Data pulled from GA Tech's common data set freshman class who enrolled fall 2023.*

# MAKE YOUR COLLEGE LIST

## Self Reflection

- The 5 "P's"
  - Program – Does the college offer what I want to study?

  - Place- Consider college size, distance from home, opportunities for employment & recreation in surrounding area.

  - People – Who do I want to surround myself with?

  - Philosophy – Do the college's goals line up with mine?

  - Personal – What attributes does the college need to have for me to successfully graduate?

## Parental Input

- What do your parents think about the 5 "P's"?

- Discuss family finances and what is available for college.

- What areas of growth are needed for you to succeed as an independent adult?

## Research

- Visit College Websites

- Read the college's online student newspaper.

- Common Data Set.

- College Visits.

- Meet with admissions representatives at EHS and college fairs.

## Final List Includes

- Likely – The college has a higher admit rate and your profile is significantly stronger than the middle 50% of admitted students. You should like your likelies!

- Target – Your profile is similar to the middle 50% of admitted students.

- Reach – Your profile is below the middle 50% of admitted students, but you have non-academic factors that work in your favor.

- Being realistic now saves disappointment later!

# YOUR QUESTIONS?