

FAVE

Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence

Senior Parent Night
Class of 2024

Agenda

- Welcome Class of 2024
- FAVE Counseling Department
- Graduation Requirements Review
- SAT/ACT and Fee Waivers
- Financial Aid Basics
- FAVE Procedures & Staying Connected
- Senior Stuff

FAVE Counseling Department

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CORE AREAS	UNITS OF CREDIT	COURSES
Language Arts	**4**	1 unit of 9th grade Literature and Composition 1 unit of American Literature and Composition 2 additional units
Science	**4**	1 unit of Biology 1 unit of Physical Science or Physics 1 unit of Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science, or AP Science 1 unit of an approved 4th science, including any AP, academic science
Mathematics	**4**	1 unit of GSE Algebra or GSE Accelerated Algebra Honors 1 unit of GSE Geometry or GSE Accelerated Geometry Honors 1 unit of GSE Algebra 2 or Accelerated GSE Pre-Calculus Honors 1 additional math unit (GSE Pre-Calculus or any higher-level mathematics course, including AP)
Social Studies	**3**	1 unit of World History 1 unit of United States History ½ unit of Economics ½ unit of American Government/Civics *(excludes AP Comparative Government)*
World Language* AND/OR CTAE (Career, Technical and Agricultural Education) AND/OR Fine Arts**	**3**	World Language CTAE Fine Arts
Health/Physical Education	**1**	½ unit of Health ½ unit of Personal Fitness
Electives	**4**	4 additional elective courses
TOTAL UNITS (Minimum):	**23**	

*Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution or other post-secondary institution must take two units of the same world language.
**Students wishing to receive industry certification in certain areas under Career, Technical and Agricultural Education programs must follow specific pathways.

Let's Review – Graduation Requirements

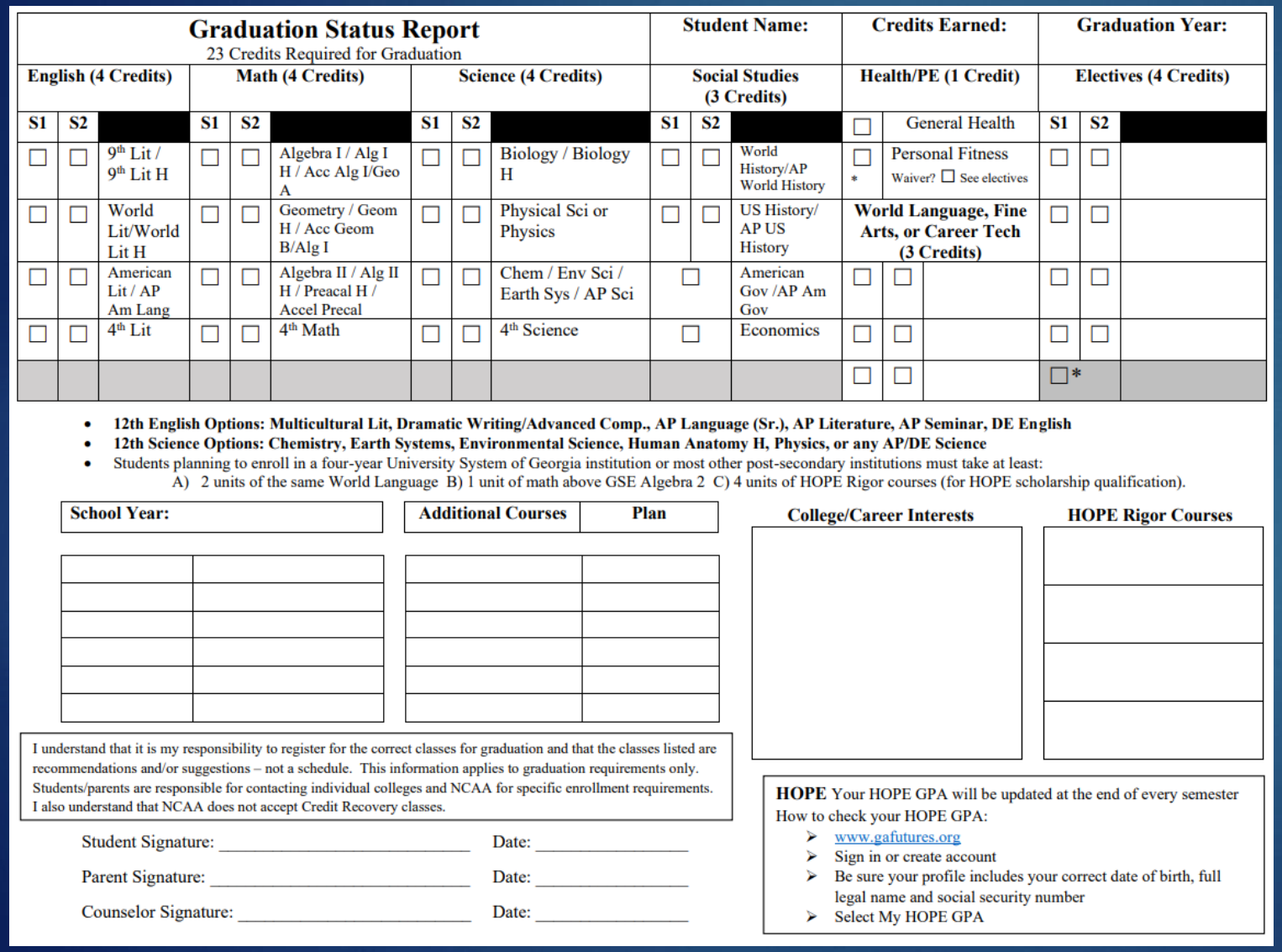
Promotion Requirements:

Promotion from 9th to 10th Grade
= 5 Credits
Promotion from 10th to 11th Grade
= 11 Credits
Promotion from 11th to 12th Grade
= 17 Credits

Courses with an EOC:
11th American Lit/Comp
Biology
Algebra I
US History

EOC's are worth 20% of the final course grade.

Four Year Plan – Grad Status Sheet



Graduation Status Report
23 Credits Required for Graduation

Student Name: | **Credits Earned:** | **Graduation Year:**

English (4 Credits)			Math (4 Credits)			Science (4 Credits)			Social Studies (3 Credits)			Health/PE (1 Credit)			Electives (4 Credits)		
S1	S2		S1	S2		S1	S2		S1	S2		☐	General Health		S1	S2	
☐	☐	9th Lit / 9th Lit H	☐	☐	Algebra I / Alg I H / Acc Alg I/Geo A	☐	☐	Biology / Biology H	☐	☐	World History/AP World History	☐ *	Personal Fitness Waiver? ☐ See electives		☐	☐	
☐	☐	World Lit/World Lit H	☐	☐	Geometry / Geom H / Acc Geom B/Alg I	☐	☐	Physical Sci or Physics	☐	☐	US History/ AP US History	**World Language, Fine Arts, or Career Tech (3 Credits)**			☐	☐	
☐	☐	American Lit / AP Am Lang	☐	☐	Algebra II / Alg II H / Preacal H / Accel Precal	☐	☐	Chem / Env Sci / Earth Sys / AP Sci	☐		American Gov /AP Am Gov	☐	☐		☐	☐	
☐	☐	4th Lit	☐	☐	4th Math	☐	☐	4th Science	☐		Economics	☐	☐		☐	☐	
												☐	☐		☐*		

- **12th English Options: Multicultural Lit, Dramatic Writing/Advanced Comp., AP Language (Sr.), AP Literature, AP Seminar, DE English**
- **12th Science Options: Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science, Human Anatomy H, Physics, or any AP/DE Science**
- Students planning to enroll in a four-year University System of Georgia institution or most other post-secondary institutions must take at least:
  A) 2 units of the same World Language B) 1 unit of math above GSE Algebra 2 C) 4 units of HOPE Rigor courses (for HOPE scholarship qualification).

School Year:		Additional Courses	Plan

College/Career Interests

HOPE Rigor Courses

I understand that it is my responsibility to register for the correct classes for graduation and that the classes listed are recommendations and/or suggestions – not a schedule. This information applies to graduation requirements only. Students/parents are responsible for contacting individual colleges and NCAA for specific enrollment requirements. I also understand that NCAA does not accept Credit Recovery classes.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

HOPE Your HOPE GPA will be updated at the end of every semester
How to check your HOPE GPA:
- www.gafutures.org
- Sign in or create account
- Be sure your profile includes your correct date of birth, full legal name and social security number
- Select My HOPE GPA

Some courses count towards graduation requirements but may not be recognized as core credit by colleges. Verify by viewing **USG's Staying On Course** document.

Students have access to an unofficial transcript through their Infinite Campus account. If you would like to personally track your graduation status, download the Graduation Status Report below:

Printable Grad Status Sheet.pdf

Fulton County Credit Recovery - FCCR

- Recovery Program Offered During the School Year
  - Students Meet on Wednesdays
  - Not all classes are offered
  - Invitations & Contracts Sent This Week
  - Program Starts August 30

- NOT NCAA approved
  - Students wanting to play sports in college should not recover credits via FCCR.

Required Senior Meetings

Senior Meetings with Mrs. Gracey and Ms. Moore!

- Individual Review of Graduation Requirements
- Opportunity for Questions
- September 7 – October 6
- Counselors will work with Teachers to clear attendance – let them know your appointment date/time!

Sign-up below and a TEAMS Meeting Invite will automatically be sent. Links will also be posted in the Class of 2024 Team.

Last Names A-K: Select a Date & Time – Calendly

Last Names L-Z: Select a Date & Time - Calendly

After Graduation - You've Got Options!

- Gap Year
- Workforce
- Military
- Technical College
- Two Year College
- Four Year College

Check out the Senior Bootcamp Resource to jumpstart your post-secondary journey! Contains additional information for all options!

SAT/ACT

- To register and view upcoming test dates for the SAT visit www.collegeboard.org
- To register and view upcoming test dates for the ACT visit www.actstudent.org

Test Prep Resources

- •CollegeBoard and ACT Website
- •Counseling Website > FAVE High > College & Career
- •Applerouth
- •Khan Academy

***Many schools returned to SAT/ACT required for admission. Check the admissions page for your school of interest for information on whether they are test-optional.**

College and SAT/ACT Fee Waivers

- FAVE has SAT/ACT Fee Waivers
- Students using the Common Application and other select application portals can also apply for a fee waiver through that website/application portal.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in/eligible for the National School Lunch Program
- Annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.
- You are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students for low-income families.
- Your family receives public assistance.
- You live in federally subsidized housing, a foster home, or are homeless.
- You are a ward of the state or an orphan.

If you meet these requirements, please contact Mrs. Hoot at hootj@fultonschools.org for a waiver.

Accuplacer Exam

Exam that could replace the SAT/ACT for students applying to attend a Two-Year or Technical College.

Check your Colleges' Website for admissions requirements. Most colleges have their own testing centers and student can register for the Accuplacer via their website.

Visit the CollegeBoard website for more information:

- Find Testing Sites
- Study Materials
- Register

Visit the admissions website of the Two-Year or Technical College you would like to attend for their score requirements and deadlines.

FAFSA where to start…

- New this year! Set to open in December
- View Resources & Tips on the Federal Student Aid website
- While you wait, create your FSA IDs:
  - It is very important that students and all contributors/parents to the FAFSA have created an FSA ID days before they start the FAFSA
  - Watch this Video: Create your FSA ID - 2024-2025-M.mp4

FAFSA Demonstration Site The FAFSA testing and demonstration website will be available for counselors and financial aid administrators to show staff, students, and families how to access and navigate the 2024–25 FAFSA form.	December 2023
2024–25 FAFSA Available	December 2023

FAFSA Parent Night & Student Workshop

FAFSA Completion Information Night
Tuesday, January 9th
5:30 – 6:30
Click here to join the meeting

FAFSA Completion Student Workshop
Wednesday, February 21st
11:00-11:30
Click here to join the meeting

Additional GSFC Webinars – More to come in December 2023!
View & Register for additional Georgia Student Finance Commission Webinars.

Georgia's HOPE Programs

HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) is Georgia's unique scholarship and grant program that rewards students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges

Qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Georgia
- Be a graduate of an eligible high school and meet academic achievement standards
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements (male students)

Application:

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year

- Complete the Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPPS)
- NOTE: Additional college-specific application and deadline requirements may be required. Check with your postsecondary institution

Georgia's HOPE Programs

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- Earn a 3.0 High School GPA (as calculated by GA Student Finance Commission)
- Recipients must have a 3.0 GPA at checkpoints to maintain in college
- Meet the Rigor Requirement
- Public Institution: HOPE award amount, up to a maximum of 15 hours, based upon a per hour rate at the enrolled institution
- Private Institution: Pays stipend amount per semester

See award amounts for HOPE and Zell Scholarship Programs here on the GA Futures website.

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

- Earn a 3.7 High School GPA
- Earn a 1200 combined score of reading and math on a single administration of the SAT -OR- a 26 composite score on a single administration of the ACT by your graduation date
- Recipients must have 3.3 GPA at checkpoints to maintain in college
- Meet the Rigor Requirement
- Public Institution: Pays current academic year standard undergraduate tuition for number of hours enrolled
- Private Institution: Pays stipend amount per semester

Georgia's HOPE Programs

HOPE GRANT

- Not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA
- Must earn a 2.0 GPA at certain checkpoints to maintain in college/program
- Will cover a portion of a student's tuition

HOPE GRANTS are available to Georgia students seeking a technical certification or diploma at an eligible technical college or university in Georgia. See award amounts for both HOPE GRANTS here on the GA Futures website.

ZELL MILLER GRANT

- Not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA.
- Must earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, at the end of each term, in order to maintain in college/program.
- First term of enrollment is paid retroactively if the student has the required 3.5 GPA at the end of the term.
- Will cover the standard tuition rate based on the school the student attends and number of hours enrolled.

HOPE Program Rigor Requirements

Mathematics

Advanced Algebra/Algebra 2

Accelerated Geometry B/Algebra 2

Accelerated Pre-Calculus

AP Calculus

Algebra 2

Pre-Calculus

Advanced Math Decision Making

Social Studies

AP Human Geography

AP World History

AP US History

Science

Chemistry

Physics

Forensic Science

English/ELA

AP Lang American Lit/Comp

AP Lit/Comp

World Language

Spanish II, III, IV

CTAE

Web Development

AP Computer Science Pincipals

Dual Enrollment

Core Dual Enrollment Courses

This a list of HOPE Rigor classes offered at FAVE. **Please view the FULL list below from GA Futures.

State HOPE Rigor Requirement FULL List

Need 4 Full Credits. Middle School courses DO NOT count.

Visit www.gafutures.org for detailed information.

HOPE Program GPA Calculations

HOPE Scholarship & Zell Miller Scholarship

- Final calculations are conducted by GA Student Finance Commission after student graduates from high school
- ALL **core** classes are used for the calculation (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)
- Middle School courses are not used when calculating the HOPE/ZELL GPA
- 7 point weight for Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses is removed
- GPAs are not rounded (2.9999 is not a 3.0)
- Check Gafutures.org to view your Preliminary HOPE GPA and to see the rigor courses that are counting towards the 4 credit rigor requirement.

Scholarships

- Institutional Scholarships
  - Merit Aid offered by the school
  - WATCH the deadlines
  - Some are automatic consideration with application
  - Others can require a separate scholarship application
- Private Scholarships
  - Can be found anywhere
  - FastWeb
  - GAfutures
  - CollegeBoard Opportunity
  - Scholarships.com
  - GoingMerry
- Some schools will allow students to stack scholarships, while others will not. It is best to check the school's financial aid website for clarification.

College Application Process

- **Step 1-** Research colleges for academic, financial, and personality fit. Look for test requirements, course requirements, priority deadlines for scholarship consideration deadlines, etc. Naviance is a great tool inside of ClassLink.
- **Step 2** - Complete applications to the colleges of your choice and locate their admissions checklist. Note the deadlines imposed by the college, and plan ahead by two-four weeks. Start a calendar for deadlines.
- **Step 3** - Order your SAT/ACT scores to be sent to your colleges from the testing website.
- **Step 4** - Request Teacher & Counselor letters of recommendation (if required by the college) at least 10 school days ahead of deadlines.
- **Step 5 – We are no longer using Naviance to send transcripts or supplemental application materials for Seniors.** Students can request transcripts in their application platform and counselors can now send through there (CommonApp, Coalition, Common Black App, etc.)
- If you are applying Direct to Institution or need a transcript for any other reason, use ScribOrder to request a transcript: **https://fultonga.scriborder.com/**
- **Step 6 –** Request your Mid-Year Report (if required - mostly Common Application colleges) in January by emailing your Counselor.

Focus Your List

Narrow your list of colleges – balance is key
View the school profiles and compare the admissions data to your own academic record and test scores
▶Dream/Reach School (less than 30% chance of admission) – Pick 1 or 2
Your Academic Record/Test scores are below average of Freshman Profile
Very competitive admissions; low acceptance rates (example Ivy's and other competitive colleges)
▶Good Fit/Target School (30%-60% chance of admission) – Pick 2 - 4
Your Academic Record/Test Scores are in line with Freshman Profile
▶Safety School (greater than 60% chance of admission) – Pick 1 or 2
Your Academic Record/Test Scores are above the average Freshman Profile
***Apply to schools that are a good match for your personality, interests, and career goals and fit into your financial plan**

Types of Admission

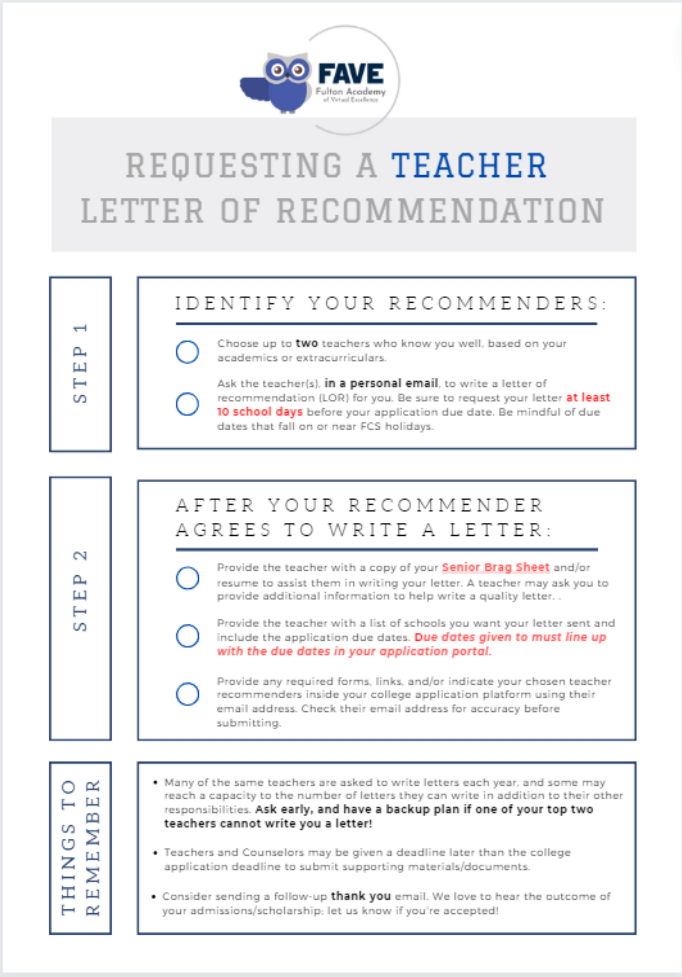
Rolling Admissions

Regular Decision

Early Action – Invites early applications and receives early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is not obligated to attend.**

Early Decision – Invites early applications and receives early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is obligated to attend and withdraw all other applications**. Binding contract signed by student, parent and counselor at time of application. CAN ONLY APPLY TO ONE COLLEGE EARLY DECISION.

Letters of Recommendation (LOR)



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REQUESTING A TEACHER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

STEP 1

IDENTIFY YOUR RECOMMENDERS:

- Choose up to **two** teachers who know you well, based on your academics or extracurriculars.
- Ask the teacher(s), **in a personal email**, to write a letter of recommendation (LOR) for you. Be sure to request your letter **at least 10 school days** before your application due date. Be mindful of due dates that fall on or near FCS holidays.

STEP 2

AFTER YOUR RECOMMENDER AGREES TO WRITE A LETTER:

- Provide the teacher with a copy of your Senior Brag Sheet and/or resume to assist them in writing your letter. A teacher may ask you to provide additional information to help write a quality letter. .
- Provide the teacher with a list of schools you want your letter sent and include the application due dates. ***Due dates given to must line up with the due dates in your application portal.***
- Provide any required forms, links, and/or indicate your chosen teacher recommenders inside your college application platform using their email address. Check their email address for accuracy before submitting.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

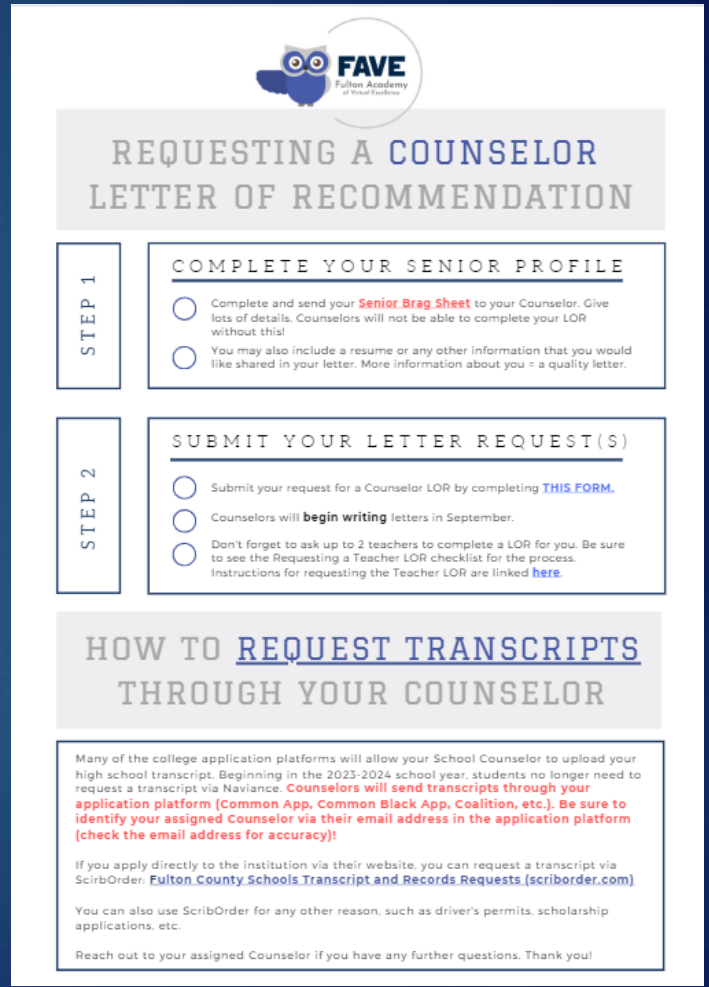
- Many of the same teachers are asked to write letters each year, and some may reach a capacity to the number of letters they can write in addition to their other responsibilities. **Ask early, and have a backup plan if one of your top two teachers cannot write you a letter!**
- Teachers and Counselors may be given a deadline later than the college application deadline to submit supporting materials/documents.
- Consider sending a follow-up **thank you** email. We love to hear the outcome of your admissions/scholarship; let us know if you're accepted!

The process to request a Teacher and Counselor LOR are different. Follow the directions carefully for each type of LOR

Counselor LOR Request

Teacher LOR Request

If an application requires an LOR, students must submit the Senior Brag Sheet to the Teacher and/or Counselor 10 school days before their first deadline. Be mindful of weekends and FCS Holidays.



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REQUESTING A COUNSELOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

STEP 1

COMPLETE YOUR SENIOR PROFILE

- Complete and send your Senior Brag Sheet to your Counselor. Give lots of details. Counselors will not be able to complete your LOR without this!
- You may also include a resume or any other information that you would like shared in your letter. More information about you = a quality letter.

STEP 2

SUBMIT YOUR LETTER REQUEST(S)

- Submit your request for a Counselor LOR by completing THIS FORM.
- Counselors will **begin writing** letters in September.
- Don't forget to ask up to 2 teachers to complete a LOR for you. Be sure to see the Requesting a Teacher LOR checklist for the process. Instructions for requesting the Teacher LOR are linked here.

HOW TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH YOUR COUNSELOR

Many of the college application platforms will allow your School Counselor to upload your high school transcript. Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, students no longer need to request a transcript via Naviance. **Counselors will send transcripts through your application platform (Common App, Common Black App, Coalition, etc.). Be sure to identify your assigned Counselor via their email address in the application platform (check the email address for accuracy)!**

If you apply directly to the institution via their website, you can request a transcript via ScribOrder. **Fulton County Schools Transcript and Records Requests (scriborder.com)**

You can also use ScribOrder for any other reason, such as driver's permits, scholarship applications, etc.

Reach out to your assigned Counselor if you have any further questions. Thank you!

How do I report my GPA?

- The GPA used for college admission is calculated by the postsecondary institution, NOT by FAVE or Fulton County
- By default, FAVE Counselors report the Weighted GPA to colleges when submitting forms/transcripts. Students can elect to send their unweighted GPA to all or some colleges by completing this form - Firm Deadline of 9/22. Please let your counselor if you are choosing this option ASAP.
- Make sure you report the weighted numeric average listed on your transcript for all college and scholarship applications.
- DO NOT RECALCULATE TO A 4.0 GPA Scale!
- Fulton County Schools uses a 100 point weighted GPA scale.

** Research college websites and/or contact the college see how they recalculate GPAs when determining if students are a fit for admissions. FAVE Counselors cannot comment on advise on different colleges policies with GPA calculation or weighted vs unweighted GPA. Please contact EACH college with questions.**

Applying to College

Helpful Application Information

Fast Facts for FAVE Seniors Sheet Includes:

- Senior Class Size
- CEEB Code
- GPA Information
- Class Rank Information
- How to pull your Unofficial Transcript
- How to report SAT/ACT/PSAT
- LOR Information

What Completes A College Application?

- Application
  - -The Common App/Coalition Application/Colleges own/Gafutures
- High School Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Letters of Recommendation and/or School Form (if required by college)
- Test Scores (if needed)
- Essays (if needed)
- Resume (if needed)
- Any other document needed by the college

College Campus Visits/Tours

- Campus Tours
  - Schedule a campus tour on the college website
  - See more of the campus
  - Understand Special Programs
    - Study Abroad
    - Internships
  - Ask Questions
  - Try to go when school is in full session
  - Utilize Wednesdays – 3 Excused Absences
    - Send Mrs. Hoot your tour registration email with date for a "school activity" excused absence. Hootj@fultonschools.org

College Campus Visits/Tours

- Georgia PROBE Fairs
  - Locations all over Georgia
  - Event Finder and Registration - Student Fair Registration | Probe (gaprobe.org)
- Peach State Tours
  - Home - Peach State Tour
- Virtual College Tours: College Board College Search – Top Colleges in the USA | TheCollegeTour.com

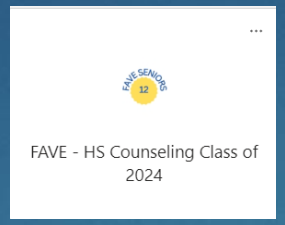
Senior Stuff – Coming Soon!



- Grade Level Meeting – Wed, September 13th
  - Meeting Invite/Time - Coming Soon!
- Senior Cap/Gown Package
- Senior Picture Information
  - Student's appointments will be at either Crabapple Center or Global Impact Academy based on their address.

Stay Connected

Class of 2024 Senior TEAM



- Announcements
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Email hootj@fultonschools.org if your Senior is missing this TEAM.

FAVE Counseling Website

- Counselor Contact Information
- Counselor Student Meeting Request Links
- And MORE!

https://graceyj9.wixsite.com/fave-counseling

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Thank You for Attending!