



CLASS OF 2026
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
FALL 2025

GIA OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

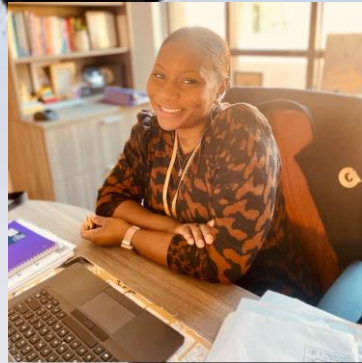
TEAMING UP FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

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IT'S SENIOR YEAR!



There are a lot of emotions that come with this year. Excitement, anxiety, sadness, happiness, joy, relief, and many more. Believe it or not, we have been exactly where you are right now.



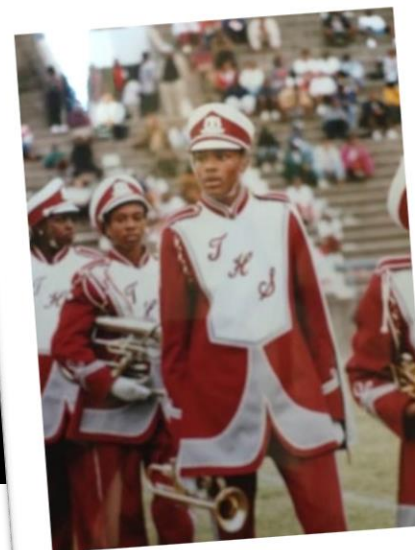
YOUR COUNSELORS IN HIGH SCHOOL



Mrs. Gibson



Mr. Grissom



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



- 4- Units of Literature
- 4- Units of Math
- 4- Units of Science
- 3- Units of Social Studies/Social Science
- 1- Unit of Health/Personal Fitness
- 3- Units in a CTAE(Pathway Completer)
- 2- Units World Language
- 2- Units of Electives

9 TH → 10TH : 5 CREDITS

10TH → 11TH : 11 CREDITS

11TH → 12TH : 17 CREDITS

12TH → GRAD: 23 CREDITS + Grad Requirements



KEEPING TRACK OF GRADUATION STATUS/RECOVERY

- Use Graduation Requirements webpage to determine if you are on track for graduation:
- Use Academic Plan in Infinite Campus to track your progress towards graduation:
<https://launchpad.classlink.com/fcs>
- In high school, you will need to recover any failed classes that are required for graduation. Each semester stands alone.
- Recover failed courses using credit recovery (FCCR, FVS), or grade recovery,

POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

4-year College or University

2-year College

Technical/Trade School

GAP Year Program (no just sitting at home)

Workforce

Military

Apprenticeship Programs



Students that are unsure about next steps, should meet with their counselor to start planning.

If you need help with a non-college option, the same applies. We can help you navigate the best way to achieve your goal!

- Students can register to attend the face-to-face session with college reps visiting GIA through Naviance.
- Pick up **GOLD** college visitation pass from the Counseling Center at least 1-day prior to the information session.
- Many sessions may last up to 45 minutes, and it is important for students to communicate with their teachers if a class will be missed to arrange for all work to be made up. **You cannot attend a session that will make you miss a major assignment unless you have planned with your teacher WELL in advance.**

- During junior and senior year, students can have three absences excused for college visits.
- Prior approval of teachers is required, and students may not excuse a day where a major assessment is being given.
- Must complete form below at least three days prior to college visit.
- Must provide an official letter on college letterhead upon return to have visit marked as excused.
- If student fails to complete all steps or if maximum days have been used, absence will be marked unexcused.

Request Off Campus Form: you can retrieve a copy of this form in the Office of Student Services

MEETING WITH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! YOU'VE GOT SCHOOLINKS TO HELP!

All Seniors have access to SchoolLinks, which can be accessed through your ClassLink account.

The SchoolLinks logo is displayed on a yellow rectangular background. It consists of the word "schoolinks" in a lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by a stylized icon of a dollar sign with a vertical line through it.

How to Use SchoolLinks

SchoolLinks is a comprehensive college and career readiness platform that helps students explore their future pathways and prepare for life after high school.

•Self-Discovery & Career Exploration

Students can take interest and personality assessments to better understand their strengths and preferences. SchoolLinks offers tools to explore career clusters, pathways, and real-world job profiles to help students align their interests with potential careers.

•College Research Tools

Students can search for colleges based on personalized criteria, compare schools side-by-side, and access virtual college tours. SchoolLinks also provides college match insights and allows students to track application progress and deadlines.

•Scholarship & Financial Aid Resources

SchoolLinks includes a scholarship matching tool that helps students find and apply for scholarships they qualify for. Financial aid resources and planning tools are also available to support students and families.

•Resume Builder

The built-in resume builder allows students to document their extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer hours, and achievements. This resume can be used for college applications, internships, and scholarship submissions.

•Enrichment Opportunities

Students can discover summer programs, internships, and other enrichment opportunities that align with their goals and interests.

WHAT'S NEW



- Create College Funding Plan
- Get 1-on-1 Support with Office Hours
- Craft Competitive Essays
- Research & Apply For Local 'Good Fit' Scholarships
- Manage Scholarship Portfolio

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Benedict College	Kentucky State University	Silliman College
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Bowie State University	Lincoln University (MO)	Tougaloo College
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<http://www>

Create your account using a personal, non-school email, to ensure that you can receive messages from the platform.

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Nonrestrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NONBINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NONBINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NONBINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NONBINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

BEWARE

- Dozens of fake college websites, which appear to be connected, are pushing scams. Many of the sites appear to be built with or supplemented by generative AI.
- Make sure the college sites you are visiting are legit. Most will end in **.edu**

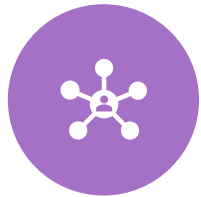




SENDING YOUR TRANSCRIPT

- If you apply to a college using Common App, Black Common App, , or any other mass application website, a link will be sent directly to your counselor to process your request.
- **DO NOT LIST ANYONE OTHER THAN YOUR ASSIGNED COUNSELOR ON THESE SITES.** The person that you list will be responsible for sending all of your required documents and that is the job of your assigned school counselor (not administration, teachers, college coach, mentor, etc).
- **Please list us as your assigned counselor and not advisor! Use correct counselor email**
- If your school is not on Common App, use Scriborder to request your transcript using: <https://fultonga.scriborder.com>
- Ignoring these steps will delay or prevent your assigned counselor from sending this information to those that need it.

REQUESTING RECOMMENDATIONS



If you request a letter of recommendation using Common App, Black Common App, or any other mass application website, a link will be sent directly to your teacher and/or counselor to process your request. You must sign your FERPA release



PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND AN EMAIL OR SPEAK WITH YOUR TEACHERS, PRIOR TO SENDING THEM A REQUEST FROM THESE PLATFORMS. Failing to make a request prior to sending the link, might result in your teacher declining the request afterwards. Select recommenders that can speak highly of your academic ability.



If the college has their own individual recommendation form, please follow instructions from the college and share the instructions with your recommenders (after requesting the recommendation).



Students should give recommenders a **minimum of 10 school days'** notice prior to their application deadline (**No later than September 30th for Early Action.**)



Send a thank you email to your recommender. It takes a lot of time to write recommendations.

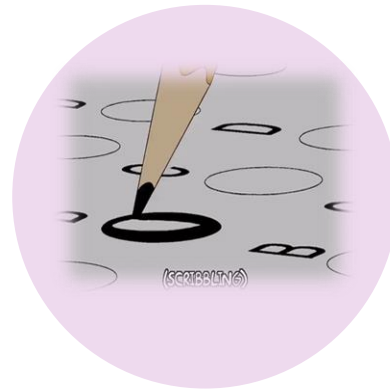


Transcript requests will be processed after Labor Day

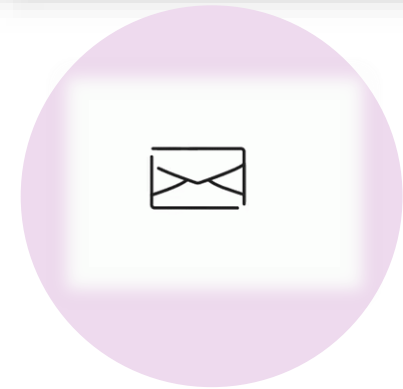
SENDING YOUR TEST SCORES



**STUDENTS MUST REQUEST SAT OR ACT
SCORES TO BE SENT THROUGH THE TESTING
AGENCY**



**IF A STUDENT WANTS TO TAKE THE 2-YEAR
OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE ROUTE, THEY CAN
TAKE THE ACCUPLACER, WHICH IS
ADMINISTERED ON THE COLLEGE'S CAMPUS**



**STUDENTS MAY SEND UP TO 4 FREE SCORE
REPORTS TO COLLEGES DURING THE
ADMISSION OF THE EXAM**

SAT AND ACT

- Free Individualized Test Prep through Khan Academy (visit [Collegeboard.com](https://collegeboard.com))
- Princeton Review and Applerouth are other options.
- Fee Waiver provided for qualifying students (2 test for the SAT and 4 for ACT in high school career)
- Please refer to the following websites for additional SAT/ACT information and test registration:
- SAT: www.collegeboard.org
- ACT: www.actstudent.org
- Global Impact Academy School CEEB Code: 110-398
- Fee waivers are available for students who receive free/reduced lunch. Contact Mrs. Turner in Student Services for additional information
- Please email freeandreduced@fultonschools.org or call 470 254 2204 to receive proof of free/reduced lunch eligibility for your student for current 2024-2025.

SAT® TEST DATES & DEADLINES 2025-2026

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Reg. Deadline
August 23, 2025	August 8, 2025	August 12, 2025
September 13, 2025	August 29, 2025	September 2, 2025
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	September 23, 2025
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026



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ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Reg. Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1, 2025	August 19, 2025
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025	September 30, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 7, 2026	January 21, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 27, 2026



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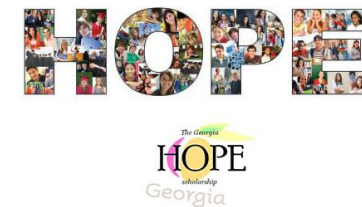
APPLY FOR FAFSA

- A new, simplified Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form was introduced this year. <https://studentaid.gov/>.
- Along with the easier-to-complete form, there'll be changes in how your aid is calculated.
- **It is highly recommended that all families complete and submit the FAFSA. FAFSA will open October 2025.**
- Many colleges and universities may require additional financial aid forms like the CSS Profile. Please check the requirements specific to the college you plan to attend after acceptance.

*Please note that students that are USA citizens born to immigrant parents or students with permanent USA VISAs can receive financial aid.



- **HOPE Grant** is available at select two year and technical colleges—**no minimum GPA is required.**
- **HOPE Scholarship** is for eligible GA high school graduates that have a 3.0 core HOPE GPA and earn credits in four rigor classes, that plan to attend a college or university in the state of Georgia. The HOPE Scholarship will cover part of the tuition cost of college.
- **Zell Miller Scholarship** is for eligible GA high school graduates that have a 3.7 core HOPE GPA, a score of 1200 on the SAT or a 26 composite score on the ACT, and that earn credit in four rigor classes, who plan to attend a college or university in the state of Georgia. The Zell Miller Scholarship will cover all the tuition cost of college and can only be earned at the time of high school graduation.
- **Access your HOPE GPA and review HOPE rigor, residency, and citizenship requirements (your valid social security number must be on file, prior to final eligibility by visiting GA Futures website: www.gafutures.org.**



HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

GEORGIA MATCH is a simple way for you to know where you are eligible for admission (to be admitted to college), based on your high school calculated HOPE grade point average (GPA) through 11th grade. Letters will be mailed home early October



AP/DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDIT ACCEPTANCE

Dual Enrollment and AP Credit

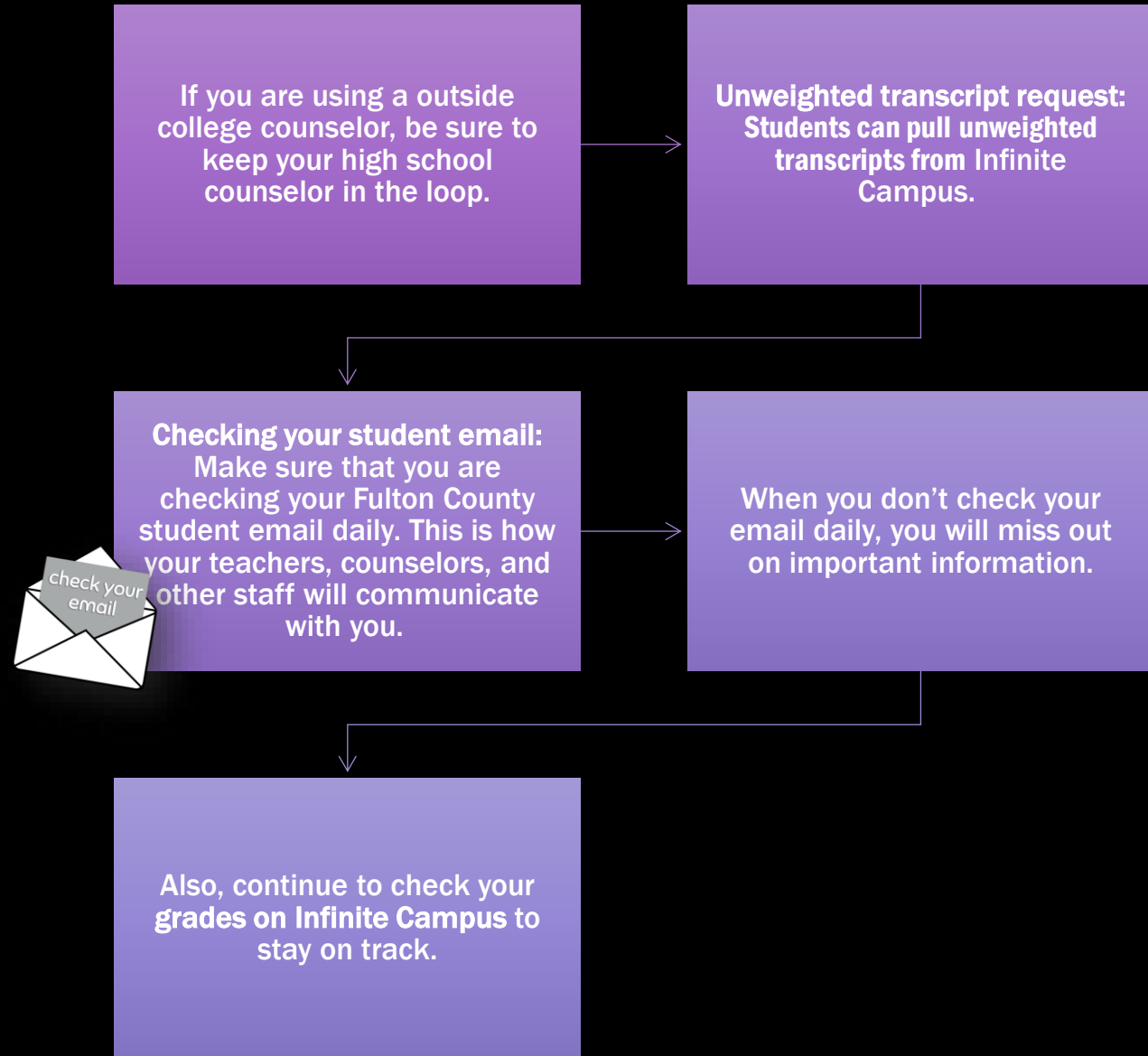
Georgia Schools only

<https://www.gatransfer.org/>

AP Credit Policy Search

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

JUST A LITTLE MORE INFO...



Participating Remotely

Students can substitute up to 5 absences per semester (a max of 10 per year) with a remote learning day by meeting the remote learning participation benchmarks listed in policy. This would result in the student being counted as present for the day(s) they participate remotely.

- To be marked present, work must be submitted within 2 days of absence.
- Students may not use a remote learning day on a test day.
- Parent/guardian or student must notify teacher in advance to the start of the instructional day to utilize the participation benchmark rule.
- Schools will make their best effort to provide instruction given early notice.
- For security reasons, students who are out of the country may not participate in remote learning.

For excused absences, submit excuses to Mrs. Turner/Ms. White in the Office of Student Services

Students need to meet the following guidelines to receive credit:

Elementary School (Daily Attendance):

Student participates in synchronous Reading/Language Arts and Math instruction remotely or participates asynchronously as defined by the teacher.

Middle & High School (Period Attendance)

Participates in at least 50% of the school day to be given credit for attendance. Participation may be synchronous instruction remotely or student may participate asynchronously as defined by the teacher.

ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

SENIORS HONORS

- Pathway Completers(all students)
- Passage of EOPA
- National Honor Society(invite only NGA 90+)
- BETA Club(invite only NGA 85+)
- Dual Enrollment Honors(3 courses--minimum B average in DE courses)
- World Language Pathway(3 Years)
- Honors Grad—NGA 88+
- Order of the Hive(Top 15%)



SENIOR NEWS

Dual Enrollment/WBL/Off Campus Virtual students MUST leave campus at their designated time. Too many students have been lingering in the lobby for extended periods of time when they should be off campus. This is a major safety concern. DE/WBL can be revoked and students placed in a GIA class

STAY IN THE LOOP



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Visit GIA's website for up-to-date information:
<https://globalimpactacademy.fultonschools.org/>
Visit the Counseling Department's Web Page.

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