

ACADEMICS	
GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your MHS GPA is a cumulative weighted numerical average out of 100 points. 7 points are added for AP, Honors and Dual Enrollment courses when you pass with a 70% or higher. Your GPA is always available unofficially on your Infinite Campus. Under Menu → “Documents” → “Unofficial Transcript.” Counselors cannot recalculate your GPA out of a 4.0 scale.
POST-SECONDARY PLANNING	
SchoolLinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career & College Exploration platform. Students access through Classlink.
University System of Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.usg.edu/institutions/ Learn about Georgia’s public colleges and universities.
Georgia Degrees Pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.usg.edu/georgia-degrees-pay Research academic programs, compare college costs, explore student outcomes and find the perfect fit at a USG school.
Technical Colleges in Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.tcsg.edu/ Explore programs and two-year colleges in Georgia.
Military	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.careersinthemilitary.com
Gap Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://efgapyear.com/
Academic Common Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.sreb.org/AcademicCommonMarket Explore programs at out-of-state colleges that allow you to get in-state tuition.
College Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go during a regular school day to get most of the experience. Take a guided tour by a student/college employee. They know the school best! Send attendance clerk confirmation of Campus tour for attendance excusal AndertonJ@fultonschools.org Don’t know what to ask? Check out https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/questions-to-ask-on-a-college-tour
TESTING	
Register for ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.act.org
Register for SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.collegeboard.org/
ACT vs SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applerouth Guide on Counseling Website → College and Career → ACT/SAT
Test Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counseling Website → College and Career → ACT/SAT
FINANCIAL AID	
HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOPE: 3.0 HOPE GPA + 4 Credits HOPE Rigor, covers partial tuition at in-state schools. Zell Miller: 3.7 HOPE GPA + 4 Credits HOPE Rigor + 25 ACT/1200 SAT, covers 100% tuition at in-state public schools. Create an account with GaFutures.org to monitor GPA and learn more.
HOPE/Zell Miller Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/ No required GPA by graduation, but must meet minimum college GPA at checkpoints. Covers different tuition amounts for diploma and certificate programs at two-year schools.
FAFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Used to determine eligibility for aid at Federal, State, Institutional levels, and Private Scholarships. How you apply for HOPE/Zell. Opens October 1st of Senior year.
Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counseling Website → College and Career → Financial Aid

APPLICATION TERMS

Early Decision: Allows a student to apply in the Fall for an early determination of admission. IT IS BINDING.

Early Action: Invites early applications but DOES NOT require the student to attend if accepted.

Deferred Decision: Determination of the college or university that more information is needed to make a final decision about a candidate's application.

Regular Decision: Common, non-binding college application plan with later application deadline.

Rolling Admissions: Applications and decisions are released continuously, rather than on a single deadline.

Open Admissions: Students notified of acceptance upon application (typically community colleges).

Deferred Admissions: Permits the applicant, once accepted, to postpone matriculation for one year in order to pursue other plans.

Cumulative GPA: All grades on transcript are calculated.

Core GPA: Only English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language are calculated.

HOPE GPA: GPA calculated by GSFC, calculated from core classes taken in high school, weighted 0.5 for AP and DE classes up to 4.0.

HOPE Rigor: Rigor courses as defined by GSFC, see list of [HOPE Rigor courses at MHS on Counseling Website](#).

MORE RESOURCES

Check out the [Counseling Website](#) for additional resources, including:

- * NCAA Guide for Student Athletes
- * Personal Fitness Waiver
- * Dual Enrollment
- * Junior Year & Senior Year Checklists
- * Scholarships
- * List of MHS HOPE Rigor Courses
- * College Application FAQs

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Academic Environment:

- Admission Requirements
- Class Sizes
- Academic Support Services
- Study Abroad Programs
- Graduation Rate
- Internship Opportunities

Majors:

- Do they offer what you're interested in?
- Strength of the program

Geographic Location:

- Distance from Home
- Weather
- School setting/Surrounding area (e.g., small town, big city, rural, etc.)

Affordability:

- Total cost (tuition, room and board, dining, fees, etc.)
- Cost of travel to/from home

Housing & Dining Options:

- Will you be required to live on campus?
- Dining Plans and Options

Health & Other Services:

- Medical & Psychological Services
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Career Centers

Student Life:

- Sports
- Greek Life
- Campus Facilities
- Student Organizations
- Liberal, conservative, homogeneous, diverse
- Attitude of students



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