



North Springs HS

Senior Success: Graduation and Beyond



Ask Questions

- Please use this QR Code to list any questions you may have
- A FAQ will be created from all collected questions





Meet Your School Counselors and Support Staff

25-26 Caseloads

- Mrs. Yolandria Wyche – A –CLE
- Ms. Melanie Smith – Clo-Jack
- Mr. Mark Ellis – Jaco-Pri
- Mrs. Chanell Shabazz – Pry-Z
- *Support Staff*
- Ms. Hazel Morris – School Social Worker
- Dr. Tameka Osebutey – Aguedje- 504/MTSS Coordinator
- Melanie Binder – School Psychologist
- Mrs. Mariam Palacios – Parent Liaison
- Ms. Lori Bryan – Registrar
- Mrs. Regina Nasz – Prof Assistant

Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Wyche, Ms. Smith and Mrs. Shabazz





Meeting Objective



Graduation Requirements



Post Secondary Options including College Application Process



Mental Health and Wellness



Infinite Campus

- Access to all school information:
 - Grades
 - Attendance
 - Assignments (just list, not details)
 - School Announcements
 - **Unofficial Transcript**
 - Code of Conduct

Click on
Documents and
see your current
Transcript

Some colleges
may allow you to
self report and
this allows you to
submit the
transcript yourself



Save the Date – IC Grade Posting

■ Semester 1

- 4.5 Weeks – Progress Report – September 12th
- 9 weeks – Progress Report - October 10th
- 13.5 weeks – Progress Report – November 21st
- Final S1 – January 16th, 2026

■ Semester 2

- 4.5 Weeks – Progress Report – February 13th
- 9 weeks – Progress Report - March 20th
- 13.5 weeks – Progress Report – April 27th
- Final S2 – May 29, 2026





Aspire Tutoring

- Tutoring starts 9/9/25
- There will be sweep bus to assist students with getting home
- The bus will leave at 5:30 pm





Tutoring for ELL Students



Held on Monday and Wednesdays after school



Sandy Springs Mission provides transportation



Jessica Bryant is the contact person for the ELL program



FCS Graduation Requirements

English – 4 credits

Math – 4 credits

Science – 4 credits

Social Studies – 3 credits

CTAE / Fine Art / Language – 3 credits

Health (.5) & Personal Fitness (.5) – 1 credit

Additional Electives – 4 credits

23 TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED

- World Language is not a graduation requirement, but 2 or 3 years of the SAME world language may be required for college admission.
- * Electronic Personal Fitness Waiver – does not give credit only ensures the Personal Fitness requirement has been satisfied.
- Until it is listed on your transcript as waived, **do not consider yourself cleared of the requirement.**



Grade Point Average

Fulton County Cumulative Numeric Average

- 100-point scale
- All final grades are included (middle school, academic/core, electives, etc.)
- Weighted
 - (7pts added to final passing grade for each Honors, AP, and DE Courses)
- Calculated by Fulton County and posted on the high school transcript

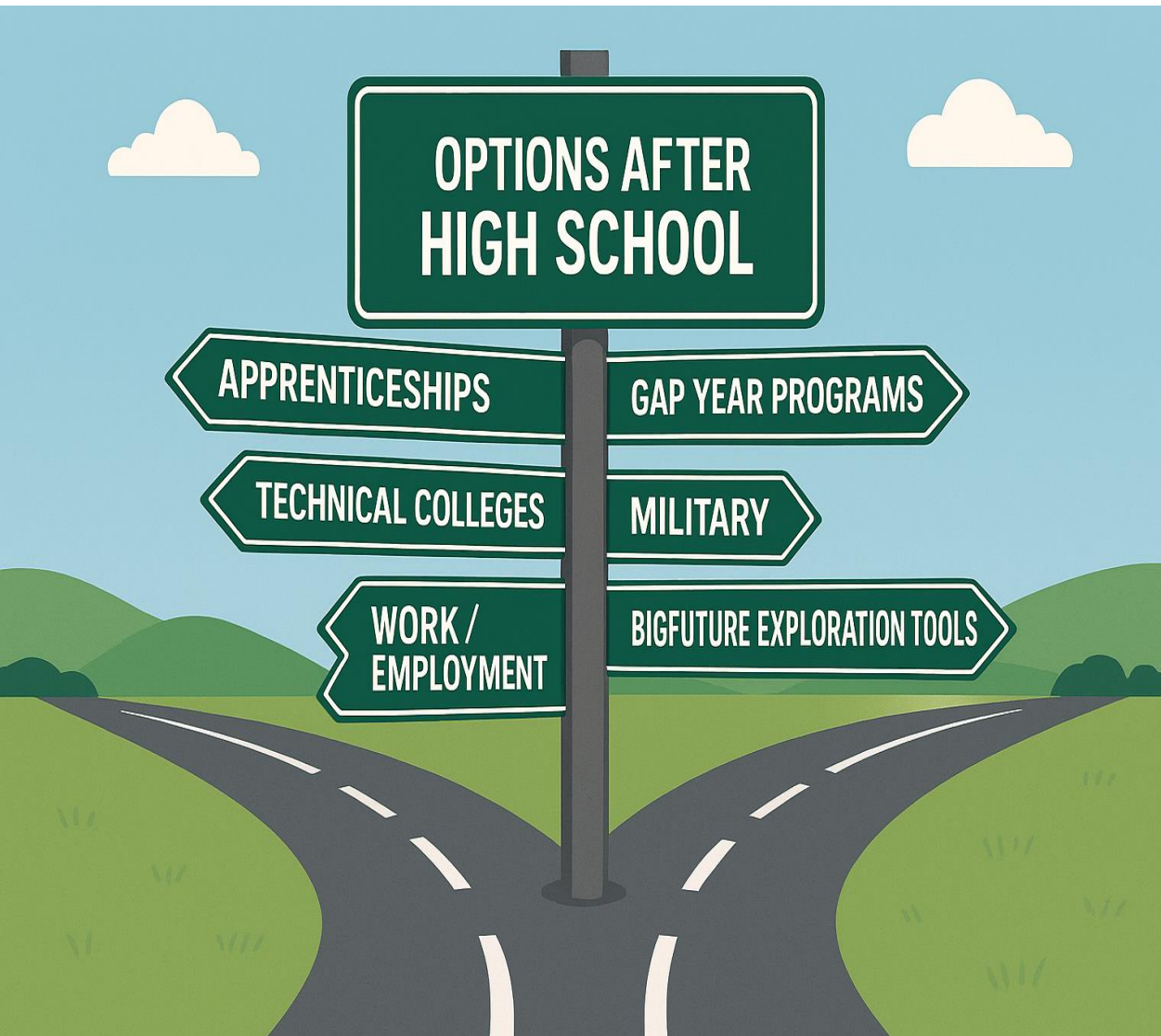
*Colleges do not necessarily remove Honors points from grades before calculating a student's GPA for admission. Each college has their own policy for how they calculate GPAs for admission.

HOPE GPA

- 4 – point scale
 - A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, F=0.0
- Academic/Core courses
 - (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language taken in high school and Academic Electives (Ex. Debate, Yearbook, Newspaper, Sociology and Math Support) and some Career Tech classes (Ex. Essentials of Healthcare, AP Comp Sci A, AP Comp Sci Principles)
- Unweighted
 - (7 honors points are removed before converted to the 4.0 scale, but additional 0.5 quality points added to the AP & DE courses, up to a 4.0)
- Calculated by the GA Student Finance Commission at the end of high school. www.gafutures.org must have at least four credits considered rigor courses as defined by GSFC.



Spartan Post Secondary Options – Pick your path



MOVING FORWARD

WITH COLLEGE • CAREER • LIFE

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

The path you take as students to get to the career and profession of your choice may be just as it seems, but every step you take planning knowing your options after high school is the first step to finding the path that is a perfect fit. So why wait to learn more? The time is now to "Move Forward" with planning for college, career, and life.

Students who graduate high school can pursue one or more of the following options:

- 4-YR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- 2-YR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- THE MILITARY
- APPRENTICESHIP
- GAP YEAR

4-YR COLLEGE UNIVERSITY

Students interested in obtaining a 4-year college and/or university will take part in a more traditional educational learning environment and can choose the major area of study of their choice which will qualify them to work in the profession and career field of their choice once they graduate. Students who receive their Bachelor's degree can go on to pursue graduate or postgraduate degrees. Students will also have the opportunity to live on campus, play sports, or even join a fraternity or sorority.

Requirements: Minimum GPA: 2.0 (2.5 for AP/IB) and SAT/ACT test score requirement set by college/university.
Degree Awarded: Bachelor's Degree

STUDENT ACTIVITY
Log into SpartanLink to research and research college/universities from the below links and send your top 3 colleges to campus.

[Public Colleges & Universities in Georgia](#) [Private Colleges & Universities in Georgia](#)

2-YR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Community college which is also known as junior college or two yr college, has historically served the purpose of providing education for students who are preparing to attend university. Community colleges generally do not provide on-campus housing, but do have many off-campus benefits for students to participate in. Students who complete two years of Community College can be eligible to transfer to a 4-year college.

Requirements: Placement Testing
Degree Awarded: Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Students interested in attending technical college can take advantage of shorter education and career training programs that do not require 4 yrs to complete. Students who attend technical college can gain the quality skills needed to go into the workforce sooner. Students interested in attending technical college can earn an associate degree (2 yrs), complete a diploma (18-24 mos) or certificate program (6-18 months).

Requirements: Placement Testing
Degree Awarded: Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree
Find a Technical College by visiting: [Ga Technical College System](#) [Ga Colleges](#)

STUDENT ACTIVITY
Scan QR code: Submit a screenshot of how students utilize their learning of the student's day and something you learned about technical school with your class, teacher, and/or parents.

Scan the QR code and research types, careers, degree and one of the career programs with available free tuition.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Thinking of how to pay for college can be overwhelming. It is important that families work closely with the types of financial resources that families planning to attend college will be required to complete the Free Application for Student Aid which opens October 1. This application collects financial information that is required to determine the amount of college costs that will be covered by grants and scholarships and how much will need to be covered by the student/family.

Types of aid consist of:

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work-Study Jobs
- Loans

More Information: [College Board](#), [Ga Technical College System](#), and [Ga College System](#)
For Hope Scholarship: [schoollife.com](#)
For Hope Center Grant: [http://www.collegeboard.com](#)



Road Map to Success



1

- Apprenticeships

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- Technical Colleges

3

- Gap Year Programs



Road Map to Success



1

- Work/Employment

2

- Military Options

3

- Two and Four Yr Colleges

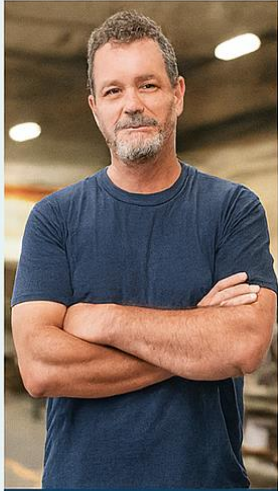
Trade Talks Tuesday – Coming Soon

TRADE TALKS

FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN MILITARY, APPRENTICESHIPS,
WORKFORCE, AND TRADES & TECHNICAL COLLEGE OPTIONS



MILITARY
Speaker



APPRENTICESHIPS
Speaker



WORKFORCE
Speaker



TRADES & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Speaker

- Held monthly beginning on
- 9-22-25 during **3rd period**
- Sign up – must have a pass to attend
- Fill out the MS Form to get a pass
- The student must complete the form using their school account
- This is specifically for students who are interested in a ***nontraditional college option***

Trade Talk Tuesdays Sign Up and Dates

3rd Period – 9/22/25 rm E107

3RD Period – 10/27/25 rm E107

3rd Period – 11/18/25 rm E107

3rd Period – 1/26/26 rm E107

3rd Period – 2/23/26 rm E107

3rd Period – 3/23/26 rm E107





ASVAB TEST



- The ASVAB is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.
- It is a free 3 hour standardized test. It measures a person's aptitude in four domains –Verbal, Math, Science & Technical, and Spatial.
- It has two main purposes –
 - Identifies students who are interested in joining the military,
 - Allows any student to receive career exploration tools.
- The career planning tools and resources are available to students after taking the ASVAB. This is the true advantage of program participation.
- The ASVAB **does NOT** mean you have to join the military. You can opt out of recruiter contact when you are given the test.

ASVAB DATES AND SIGN UP

November 18,
2025 @ 8:30 in
cafeteria

March 10, 2026 @
8:30 in cafeteria





Most Commonly Used College Application Sites



Common Application – Free online platform that allows students to apply to colleges and universities worldwide. Over 1,000 colleges use Common Application as their application portal. Students can apply to up to 20 schools in Common Application.

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



Ga Futures – Many features, but one part of the website is being able to apply to colleges through their website. They have up to 75 colleges in Georgia as part of their portal. Sometimes redirected to Common App. <https://www.gafutures.org/>

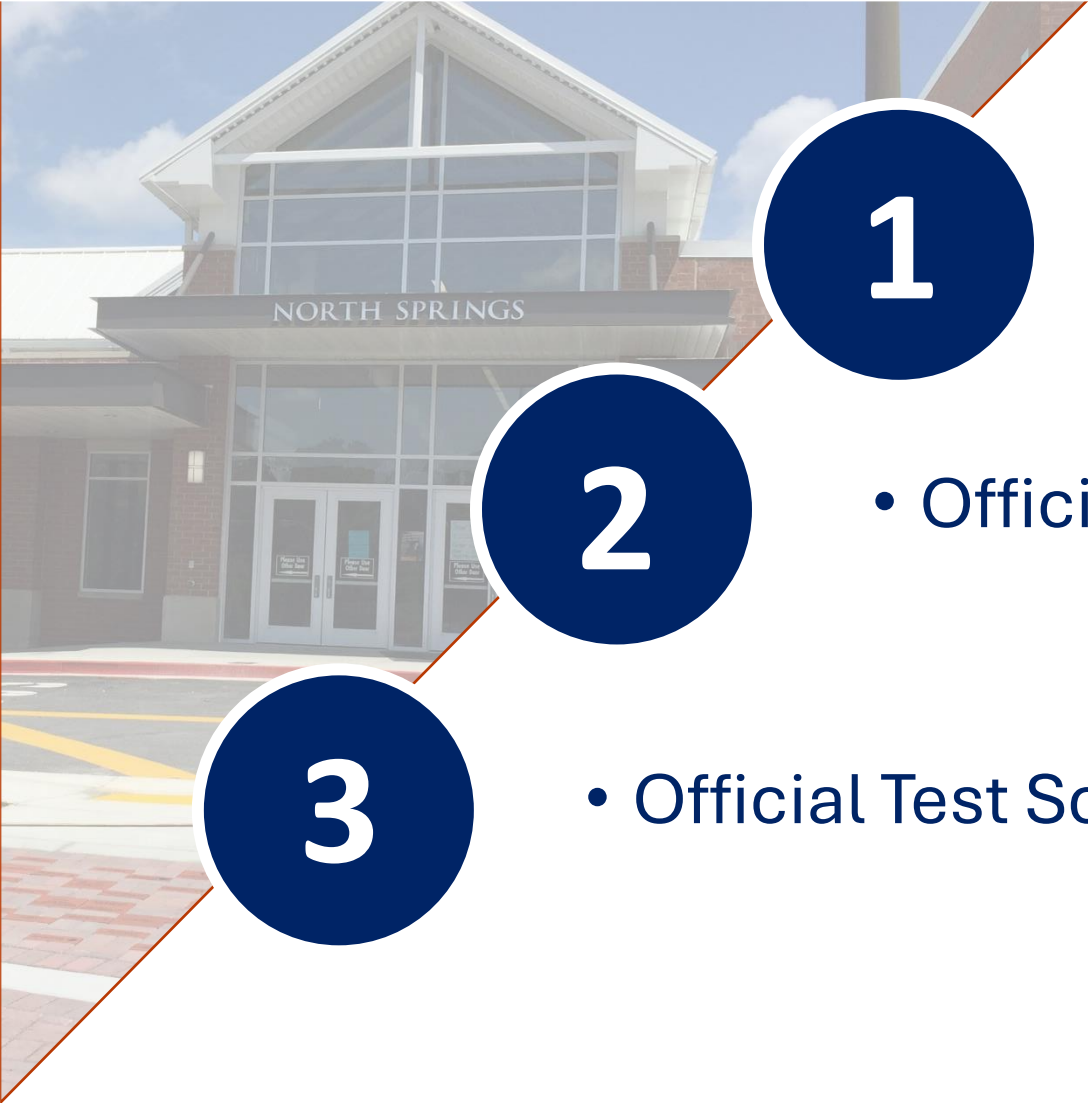


Common Black College Application – Unique to Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs). \$20 to apply to multiple HBCUs at one time. Student list the top four choices but your application goes to over 50 member institutions. Many of the “big names” are not part of this application – such as Morehouse, Spelman, and Howard – those use Common App. Direct to Institution College Portal – go directly to the college admission page and find the way the college prefers you apply. Look at their admission webpage, specifically – Freshman Admissions – for directions and a step by step guide. <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>





College Application Components



1

- Completed College Application

2

- Official High School Transcript

3

- Official Test Scores if Required



College Application Components



1

- School Report – If Required

2

- Counselor/Teacher Recommendation

3

- Application Fee/Fee Waiver



Test Scores/Test Optional



[College Board.org](https://collegeboard.org) Used for PSAT, SAT and AP Test Scores. All scores must be requested to colleges, if necessary. There is a fee assessed for each score report sent to a school. Students have “score choice” where the student decides what scores to send and where . SAT Superscore FAQ



[ACT](https://act.org)

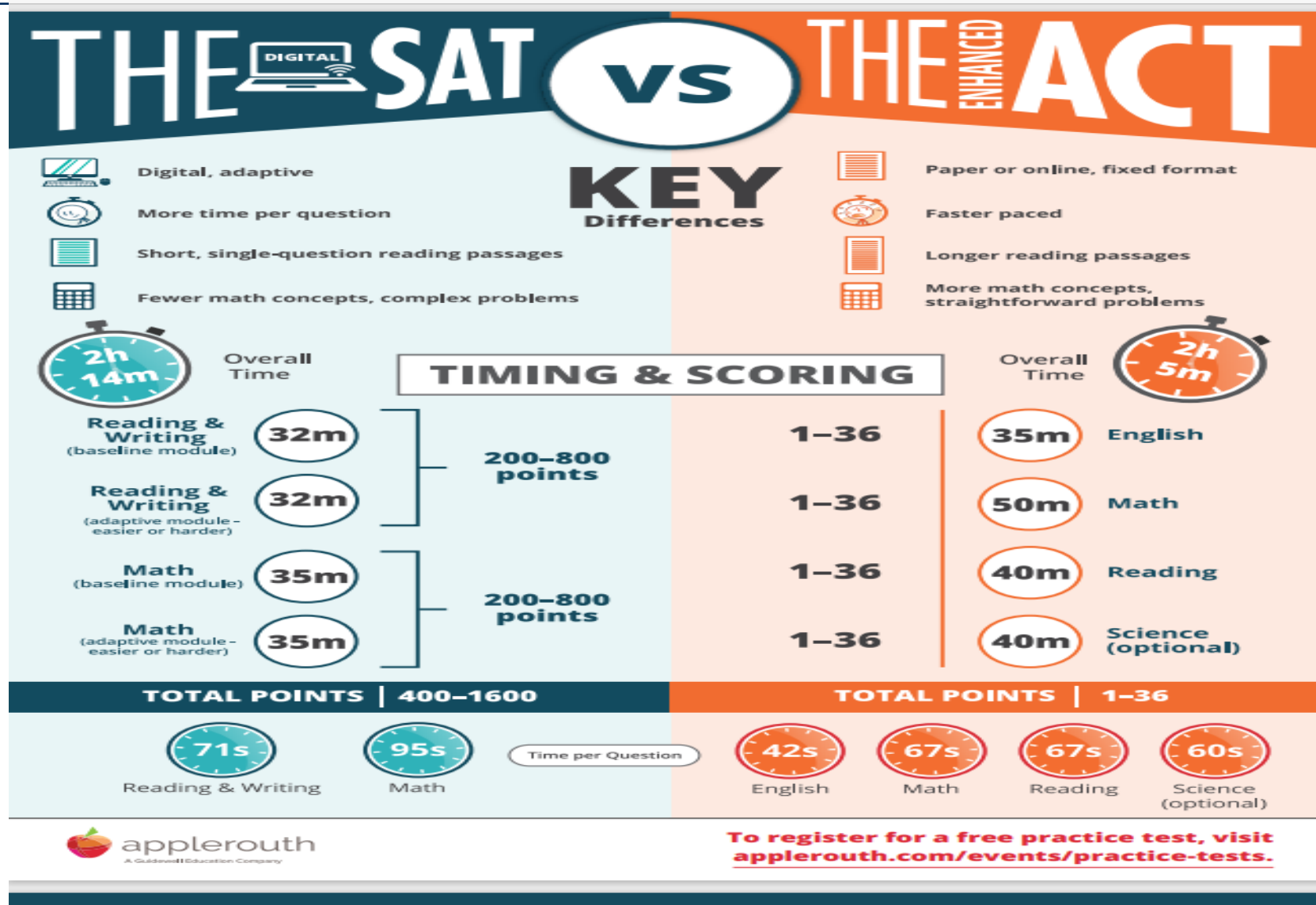
Students must officially request these documents to be sent to colleges, if required. There is a fee assessed for each report sent to a school. You cannot send only one section of your ACT score report to colleges. However, some colleges may Superscore – which lets you choose your best section scores from multiple test dates. ACT Superscore FAQ Login to your MyACT account and select the “send your scores” option from the dashboard.



Test Optional – This is the best site for the list of schools who may exempt students from sending ACT/SAT test scores- www.fairtest.org



SAT AND ACT Comparison





SAT - Collegeboard

SAT TEST/REGISTRATION DATES

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug. 23, 2025	Aug. 8, 2025 Register	Aug. 12, 2025
Sept. 13, 2025	Aug. 29, 2025 Register	Sept. 2, 2025
Oct. 4, 2025	Sept. 19, 2025 Register	Sept. 23, 2025
Nov. 8, 2025	Oct. 24, 2025 Register	Oct. 28, 2025
Dec. 6, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025 Register	Nov. 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026	March 3, 2026



ACT

ACT Test/Registration Dates

2026 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 11, 2026*	June 5	June 24



What is Dual Enrollment?



Georgia's Dual Enrollment Program provides students enrolled at an eligible public or private high school or home study program in Georgia the opportunity to earn high school and college credit at a participating eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia.



Georgia's Dual Enrollment Program offers students the opportunity to experience college courses and begin their college academic career while still in high school and provides for standard tuition, mandatory fees and required books.



Dual Enrollment



Review Dual Enrollment Presentation



Fall Deadline for Application and Requirements is November 1, 2025



[NSHS Dual Enrollment PPT 2 2025](#)



College Planning Tips for Seniors & Parents

- Summer and Early Fall

- Visit Colleges Together: Tour campuses and use a checklist to evaluate each visit.
- Finalize the College List: Help your student compare schools based on fit, cost, and programs.
- Estimate Costs: Use the Net Price Calculator to understand real college costs.
- Start Applications Early: Encourage your student to begin filling out applications now.
- Discuss Early Decision/Early Action: Weigh the pros and cons of applying early.

- Fall

- Meet with the School Counselor: Ensure your student is on track with applications and deadlines.
- Create a College Calendar: Track deadlines for applications, tests, and financial aid.
- Prepare for Admission Tests: Many students retake the SAT or ACT in the fall.
- Search for Scholarships: Work with your counselor to find and apply for scholarships.
- Review Applications: Offer to proofread, but let your student's voice shine through.



College Planning Tips for Seniors & Parents

- Winter

- Complete the FAFSA: Opens in December. Use IRS data retrieval for faster processing.
- Apply for Financial Aid: Contact colleges to confirm required forms and deadlines.
- Understand Loan Options: Learn about federal loans and your role in the process.

- Spring

- Review College Offers: Help your student compare admission and financial aid packages.
- Accept an Offer: Submit deposits and paperwork by the deadline.
- Prepare for AP Exams: Encourage your student to register and study for AP tests.



College Application Tools and Tips



Be	Look	Send	Use	Use	WRITE
Be sure to select “UNDERGRADUATE” application and follow steps for Freshman applicants.	Look for the college’s application checklist for easy reference.	Send official test scores directly from the testing agency, if required.	Never use your school email when creating accounts & be sure to use an appropriate email address 😊	Use the numeric GPA that is shown on your transcript in IC to enter into applications.	When making accounts or setting up various portals, WRITE EVERYTHING DOWN! • Email used • Usernames/Pass words • PIN assigned • Store this info in your phone in your notes section

Spartan College Bound Athletes

NCAA Eligibility Center -
<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

NAIA – National Association of
Intercollegiate Athletics -
<https://www.naia.org/landing/index>

Prospective Student Athletes *should*:

Access registration materials by visiting the NCAA or NAIA website for initial information.

Submit the Request to Mr. Mark Ellis at
Ellisg@fultonschools.org prior to requesting your transcript.

When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA Eligibility Center.

Review the NCAA requirements as they might differ from graduation requirements.

Direct questions to Coach Thomas, Athletic Director



College Application Fee Waivers



Fee Waivers – NEED BASED

If applying Direct to the Institution, then student would need to inquire about the process from the college. The school counselor can sign off on the documents needed or assist the student in obtaining a code. The process for each college may be different, so please inquire if there is a need.

If using Common Application, students can apply directly using that portal. There is a specific question within the profile section of the Common App where a student can check a box that they need a fee waiver. Sometimes students check this box on accident which is why the counselor typically will verify the request.

Students must meet minimum qualifications –

You are enrolled in or eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced-price lunch program (FRPL).* • You have received or are eligible to receive an SAT or ACT fee waiver.

Your annual family income falls within the income eligibility guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

Your family receives public assistance.

You are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., GEAR UP, TRIO such as Upward Bound or others).

You live in a federally subsidized public housing, a foster home or are homeless.

You are a ward of the state or an orphan.

You have received or are eligible to receive a Pell Grant.

You can provide a supporting statement from a school official, college access counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader



Online Lunch Application

<https://nutrition.fultonschools.org/FreeAndReducedInfo>



Free Application Months and Codes

This is different than a Fee Waiver due to financial need, these are open to anyone!

Ga Futures will typically host a month of free applications for in-state college during NOVEMBER and MARCH.

Most colleges in Georgia participate in these free application periods. Students use the code provided and follow the directions posted on the GA Futures website.

Additionally, many colleges give out free waiver codes to use at different times of the year. These are done by individual institutions and as we find out about these opportunities.

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/colleges-without-application-fees/>



COLLEGE DEADLINES AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



IMPORTANT: The Counseling Office requires at least 10 school days to process Transcript/School Reports/ Recommendation requests.

- **Reminder of popular application deadlines for colleges:**
- **October 15th deadline** – students must submit requests no later than September 26th
- **November 1st deadline** – students must submit requests no later than October 17th
- **December 1st deadline** – students must submit requests no later than November 7th
- **Deadline in the First week of January** – students must submit requests no later than December 5th



UGA's regular admission deadline is January 1st



Georgia Tech's regular admission deadline is January 6th



Please Note: student holidays/teacher workdays, and holiday breaks do not count as school days. Counselors will not process or submit college application materials during those times. Remember, major deadlines is a high-volume time. **Get organized and plan ahead!**



REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Official Initial Transcript Request

Once you add your school counselor in Common Application, the counselor will automatically send.

All other transcript requests must be made through Scrib Order.

<https://fultonga.scriborder.com/>

- If a student is under 18, a parent will need to upload a copy of their identification to the portal.
- If over 18, the student will need to upload a copy of their identification to the portal.
- This is a free service to current students.
- If you do not have a Social Security Number, then enter 0000.

Weighted vs Unweighted Transcript

If you want the UNWEIGHTED transcript sent, PLEASE NOTE**UGA requires students to upload an unofficial unweighted transcript that you send on your own after applying.

Common Application Mid Year Report

If your college requires a mid year report, counselors will automatically send as soon as we have first semester grades. These are usually completed in mid-January.

End of Year Final Transcript

All students will request their final official high school transcript in MAY (not before then) using the Scrib Order process above.



OBTAINING COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS



Counselor School Report / Counselor Recommendation

Students must add their school counselor to their Common App AND submit their completed Senior Brag Sheet at least 10 business days (not including holidays/weekends) before the application deadline. Senior Brag Sheet is available in School Links and 12th Grade Canvas Page.

Almost all School Reports are completed through Common Application. Very few are done in other portals.

- On the Common App college dashboard, choose one of the colleges that has been added.
- Complete the FERPA waiver. It is best to select "waive rights".
- Then, add your school counselor to your portal.
- This step is done one time and then automatically gets added for the other colleges.
- Please be sure to REMOVE colleges if you decide not to apply.

Counselors will only be writing letters of recommendation if it is required by the college. Letters usually do not start until November 1st deadlines.

For reference, there are no public colleges in Georgia that require a counselor letter of recommendation.

If using a different application portal, please add the counselor email into the website. Keep in mind that if you enter it incorrectly, we will not receive it. Sometimes it goes to our SPAM mail, so please follow up that we have received it.

No letters are given directly to students INCLUDING VIA EMAIL.

ALL Recommendations and Common App requests will begin processing AFTER Labor Day.



ADMISSIONS FACTORS

■ OBJECTIVE FACTORS

- Grade Point Average
- Test Scores
- Rigor of Courses

• Common Data Set

- Provides data and metrics in a common format to allow for easy comparison across institutions

• Subjective Factors

- College Application Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extracurricular Activities
- Leadership Roles
- Resumes/interviews/Portfolios
- Demonstrated Interest and More Holistic



USG – University System of GA Info

- https://www.usg.edu/announcements/usg_to_extend_temporary_test_optional_admission_for_academic_year_2025_2026
- For Academic Year 2025-2026, the 23 remaining institutions will have two options for making admissions decisions:
- 1. Freshman index: Schools can use a formula that includes the student's high school grade point average and test scores for either the SAT or ACT.
- 2. Test-optional: Schools can use the student's grade point average on the required high school curriculum without a standardized test score at the following minimum grade point averages (GPA):
- 3.4 GPA for research universities: Augusta University and Georgia State University.
- 3.2 GPA for comprehensive universities: Kennesaw State University, Georgia Southern University, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University
- 3.0 GPA for state universities: Albany State University, Clayton State University, Columbus State University, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Southwestern State University, Middle Georgia State University, Savannah State University and the University of North Georgia.
- State colleges: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, College of Coastal Georgia, Dalton State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Highlands College, Gordon State College and South Georgia State College will continue to be test-optional in accordance with Board of Regents policy.
- Test-optional admission was additionally extended to the Dual Enrollment Program through Academic Year 2025-2026. This program provides Georgia high school students the opportunity to earn college credit alongside their high school diploma.
- Test scores will continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships in accordance with state of Georgia requirements.



GA Degrees Pay

- <https://www.usg.edu/georgia-degrees-pay>





VARIOUS ADMISSIONS OPTIONS

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive 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:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

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

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

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

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

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

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

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

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:

NON-BINDING

Early Decision - BINDING

examples:

Brown
Cornell
Dartmouth
Duke
U Penn
Vanderbilt

Restrictive Early Action (REA) – NON-BINDING

examples:

Princeton
Harvard
Yale
Stanford

****You cannot apply REA to one school and Early Decision to another school – and you cannot apply REA to one school and Early Action to a private school.
Read the rules carefully!****

GEORGIA MATCH – GA FUTURES

What is Georgia Match?

GSFC/GAfutures will mail GEORGIA
MATCH letters in

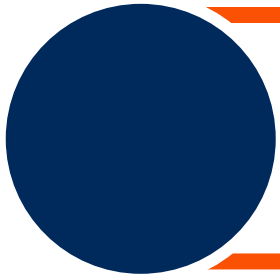
October to the current seniors – Class of
2026!

Review the FAQ's to answer questions and
navigate to the GAfutures Student
Dashboard to view a PDF of their letter and
list of colleges that are on their letter.





College Questions Info Needed for Common App



- Total Students in Class of 2026 = 274
- Fulton County Schools does NOT report Rank, give percentile, or decile to students, parents or colleges. Choose N/A if asked.
- Your Numeric Average is weighted and on a 100-point scale. DO NOT REPORT your GPA to colleges using a 4.0 scale. USE the numeric average listed on your transcript.
- We offer 19 Advanced Placement courses and 16 Honors Courses
- Only Valedictorian and Salutatorian are reported ***after 1st semester grades are posted.***



College Freshman Class Profile Ex.

Admitted Class of 2029: A Competitive Class

98%

took at least one course at an advanced level
such as AP, IB or Dual Enrollment.

14,795

have a core high school GPA of 4.00 or higher.

610

graduated first or second in their class.

2024 ENROLLMENT

Overall Enrollment: 43,146

Undergraduate Enrollment: 32,399

Graduate Enrollment: 10,747

FIRST-YEAR APPLICATIONS

Applications Received: 47,860+

STANDARDIZED TESTS

SAT Middle-50% of Admitted First-Year Students: 1300-1470

SAT Middle-50% of Admitted Honors Students: 1500-1510

ACT Middle-50% of Admitted First-Year Students: 30-34

ACT Middle-50% of Admitted Honors Students: 34-35

AP, IB AND DUAL-ENROLLMENT



Postsecondary: Colleges Average GPAs for Admissions



College or University	Average GPA & Test Scores
	GPA: 3.4 SAT: 1060–1250 ACT: 20–26
	GPA: 4.0+ SAT: 1410–1570 ACT: 32–35
	GPA: 3.6 SAT: 1080–1340 ACT: 23–31



Postsecondary: Colleges Average GPAs for Admissions

College or University	Average GPA & Test Scores
	GPA: 3.2 SAT: 1030–1200 ACT: 19–25
	GPA: 4.0+ SAT: 1410–1570 ACT: 32–35
	GPA: 3.2 SAT: 900–1050 ACT: 17–20
	No GPA for Admissions Requirement 2.0 GPA *Test Optional Below 2.0 Placement Scores SAT/ACT or Accuplacer



College and Career Center – E107

WELCOME BACK, SPARTANS!

- As your **College & Career Advisors**, please email us if you need to sit down and get some help with college and career plans-

pritchettam@fultonschools.org davisrr@fultonschools.org

- The College & Career Center (CCC) also has a plethora of handouts and brochures over colleges and armed forces.
- Check your grade level Canvas page and email for a monthly PowerPoint with upcoming college visits, scholarships, college & job fairs, and summer camps & internships.





College Visits at North Springs



All college visit lists are posted on 10th-12th **grade level Canvas** page



Signups for college visits are on **School Links app** located in ClassLink



Be sure to sign up at **least one day before** the college visit.



Must schedule a **SMART Pass** in advance to attend



All college visits are located in the **College & Career Center (CCC)** located in Room E107



College and Career Center Services

One-on-one college &
career counseling
meetings

College visits

College application
assistance

Job application
assistance SAT and ACT
testing information
and resources

Explore college options

Scholarship assistance

Informational
workshops

SAT/ACT Fee Waiver
distribution

NCAA Eligibility Center



College and Career Center

Monthly PowerPoint

[College and Career Center Information September_2025.pptx](#)



College Fair Preparation Tips



Before the Fair

Research attending colleges and make a list of interests

Prepare questions about majors, campus life, scholarships, etc.

Bring a resume or profile sheet with GPA, test scores, and activities

Register in advance if required (e.g., StriveScan)

Create a professional email address for college communications



During the Fair

Use a map or agenda to prioritize visits

Take notes on impressions and answers

Be open-minded and explore new schools

Ask about financial aid options

Scan QR codes or fill out interest cards



College Fair Preparation Tips



- After the Fair
 - Organize materials and sort by interest level
 - Follow up with admissions reps via email
 - Update your college list based on insights
 - Start applications using what you learned



UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

FALL 2025

NACAC Virtual College Fair – September

September 14, 2025

1 p.m. – 6 p.m. ET

NACAC
National
College Fairs

Learn more at:
nacacattend.org/fairs

SAVE
THE
DATE!



PEACH STATE TOUR

Admission Information Sessions

PRESENTED BY:
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY Georgia State University Georgia Tech UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



▪ Peach State Tour information sessions will be offered in-person and via Zoom Webinars.

▪ At these sessions, learn more about Augusta University, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech, & the University of Georgia.

▪ Register at
PEACHSTATETOUR.ORG

In-person sessions:

▪ [Peach State Tour – Atlanta, GA](#)
09/05/2024 06:00 PM

Georgia Virtual Sessions

▪ [Virtual Peach State Tour](#)
09/11/2024 06:00 PM
Online Event

North Springs & Riverwood Int'l High Schools

C  L L E G E N I  H T

Where: Riverwood High School



GA Probe Fair



Georgia Probe College Tour

August 19, 2025 –
November 19, 2025



Connect with college
representatives. Ask
questions about your
major, admissions,
scholarships, and more!

RegisterProbe.com



On campus college visits

Attendance Reminder:

-  Campus visit absences are excused!
-  Pick up the College Visit Form from Ms. Vega in the Front Office.
-  Provide documentation from the college (e.g., signed letter or itinerary).

Schedule visits during school breaks when possible.



Attend campus tours, info sessions, and meet with admissions.



Take notes and photos to compare schools later.



Prepare questions about academics, housing, and student life.



On campus visit – Parent Checklist



Parent Checklist:



✓ Confirm visit date and time with the college.



✓ Arrange transportation and accommodations if needed.



✓ Ensure your student collects the College Visit Form.



✓ Submit documentation to the school after the visit.



✓ Discuss impressions and next steps with your student.



Senior Year Prep Tips from GAfutures

Fall Semester

- Create a GAfutures Account: Use it to track HOPE/Zell Miller eligibility, send transcripts, and apply to Georgia colleges.
- Check HOPE GPA: Log in to GAfutures.org to monitor your HOPE GPA and ensure you're on track for scholarship eligibility.
- Finalize College List: Include in-state and out-of-state options. Use GAfutures' College Search tool to explore.
- Register for SAT/ACT: If not already done, register for fall test dates. Fee waivers may be available.
- Request Transcripts: Use GAfutures to send transcripts to Georgia colleges electronically.

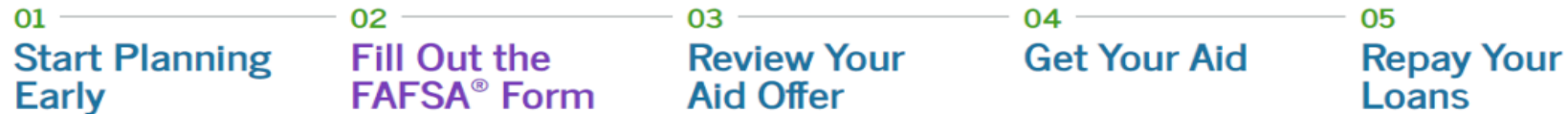
Fall Semester

- Financial Aid & Scholarships
 - Complete the FAFSA: Opens in December. Required for HOPE, Zell Miller, and federal aid.
 - Apply for Scholarships: Use GAfutures and local scholarship databases. Check with your school counselor for community-based awards.
 - HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships: Understand eligibility requirements and maintain GPA standards.



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

How Financial Aid Works



- First Step is to create an account on studentaid.gov for the 2026 -2027 form.
- Anyone who is required to provide info on the FAFSA form needs their own account before accessing
- and completing their section of the online form. Best to do this before starting the FAFSA form.
- Students are allowed to list up to 20 colleges to receive your information. The order of schools does not matter.
- Always check the college Financial Aid webpage for specific guidance for their processes. Some schools require the CSS profile in addition to the FAFSA.
- Utilize the net price calculator to get a more accurate calculation of what you may owe in order to attend.
- **Save the date** – North Springs will host a Financial Aid Night on November 5th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the auditorium.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA will open on December 1st this year. This is a FREE form. This is the application students complete to be considered for federal financial aid. Filling out the FAFSA is the only way to apply for federal financial aid.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

Gathering Needed Documents

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Your parents' SSNs if they have SSNs and you're a [dependent student](#)
- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

Keep these records! You may need them again. **Do not mail these supporting records to us unless otherwise instructed to do so.**



SCHOLARSHIPS

1

Institutional Scholarships -
The college may offer scholarships to incoming freshmen based on a given criteria. These can generally be found on the financial aid website for the college/university.

2

Local Scholarships -
Provided by local organizations such as employer sponsored scholarships, banks, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, service organizations, etc.

3

National Scholarships -
Nation-wide scholarship programs often offer large awards, but they may elicit large numbers of students applying such as Coca Cola, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Quest Bridge, Gates Foundation, etc.

4

Academic Common Market -
Southern Regional Education Board's (SREB) Academic Common Market has enabled students to pursue out-of-state college degrees at in-state tuition rates, through agreements among the states and colleges and universities. Please click this link for further details on: [Academic Common Market Place](#)



HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

Transcripts are uploaded to Ga Futures in mid-September.

YOU MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE SOCIAL TO CREATE YOUR ACCT

- If you do not see yours, **please check your SSN in your profile.**
- Please note that only Georgia Student Finance Commission can calculate HOPE or ZELL GPA, NOT NORTH SPRINGS HS.
- HOPE = Minimum 3.0 GPA + 4 Rigor Course for HOPE – can be earned once in college as well as right out of HS
- ZELL = Minimum 3.7 GPA +4 Rigor + Test Scores (HS 1200 SAT min or 26 ACT) submitted to GSFC
- Available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. Must meet US citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
- An application must be submitted prior to graduation. Either the FAFSA or the GSFAPP will enter a student into consideration.
- FINAL transcripts are uploaded the first week of June to GSFC

and the college handles it from there.





HOPE AND ZELL SCHOLARSHIPS

GSFC | Georgia Student
Finance Commission

Create an Account

Sign In

Help ?

ENHANCED BY Google



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HOPE Scholarship

Zell Miller Scholarship

How To Track Your HOPE Academic Eligibility

High School Seniors

Print

Basic Eligibility

Initial Academic Eligibility

Understanding the High School
HOPE GPA

Understanding the College HOPE
GPA (STEM Directory)

Student Document Upload

Award Amounts

HOPE Scholarship

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. The scholarship provides money to assist students with a portion of the tuition cost at a HOPE Scholarship eligible college or university.

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship has program eligibility requirements, academic requirements, and a length of eligibility. Use the menu to the left to view more information about the application, program information, and requirements.

Note: Georgia public and private high school students can track their HOPE Scholarship status from high school through their GAfutures account at [My High School HOPE GPA](#).

Note: Graduates of unaccredited home study programs or out-of-state high schools must submit an academic evaluation request and documents for an academic eligibility evaluation. Use the Student Document Upload feature to submit academic evaluation documents as one file.



Scholarship Sites

- BigFuture by College Board
- GAfutures
- Fastweb
- Scholarships.com
- Going Merry
- JLV College Counseling
- School Links
- Thurgood Marshall College Fund
- United Negro College Fund
- Bold.org
- HBCU Connect Scholarship Directory
- HBCU Buzz Scholarship Guide



HOPE RIGOR REQUIREMENTS

- To qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, students must complete at least four rigor-designated courses.
- Rigor courses include advanced math, science, foreign language, and AP/IB/Dual Enrollment courses.
- These courses are intended to ensure students are academically prepared for college-level work.
- Students and parents can view the full list of HOPE Rigor courses on GAFutures.
- View HOPE Rigor Course List: <https://www.gafutures.org/hope/state-scholarships-and-grants/hope-rigor-requirements/>



UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES

- Senior Status Check Meetings – begin 8/25 –check school email for invitations with your counselor
- 9/24 – Counselor Chat @ 12pm on Teams
- 10/7- Combined College Fair @ Riverwoods HS 10-7 @ 6-8PM
- 11/3 – 11/7 – Apply to College Week
- 11/5 – FAFSA Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Auditorium
- 11/6 – Apply to College Day Fair



Infinite Scholars College and Scholarship Fair

The Infinite Scholars Program & The Leadership Team USA is hosting a...



**FREE COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP
FAIR ATLANTA**
4 DAY



Don't miss this opportunity! Some colleges and universities will be granting admissions and awarding scholarships to eligible students on the spot.

**MONDAY
THURSDAY**
October 13-16, 2025

Students are encouraged to bring multiple copies of the following:

- Unofficial High School Transcripts
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Resume

Students with a 3.0+ GPA are encouraged to attend!

**NEW BIRTH MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
BISHOP LONG FAMILY LIFE
CENTER 6400 WOODROW
STONECREST GA, 30036**

9 AM - 2 PM

Register Now | infinitescholar.org

STUDENTS PLEASE PRE-REGISTER



Mental Health Supports

Calm Room – used for students who may need a short break

CHRIS 180 – school-based therapists – support students who may have social, emotional and or behavioral challenges

Students must be referred for therapy

Small Groups – based on specific topics

Wellness Events and Activities – sponsored by the Link

Classlink app:



AT NORTH SPRINGS HS...



YOUR MENTAL HEALTH
MATTERS



SCAN THE QR CODE IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW
NEEDS MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT.



The Link Needs Assessment Survey

Back-to-School Spartan Family
Needs Assessment SY25-26





Connect with Us



1

- Social media – X - @counselorsNSHS
- IG – northspringshighschoolcounseling
- Band – QR Code



2

Book an appointment or send an email

3

We look forward to connecting with you.