

**2026-2027 School Year**

**DUAL  
ENROLLMENT  
INFORMATIONAL  
SESSION**

**Subject to Change Based on Legislative Action**





# What is Dual Enrollment?

The Dual Enrollment program is an opportunity for qualified high school students to earn college credits. The student is "dually" enrolled in high school and in college. The student can be a full time or part time college student.

The student earns college credits as well as high school credits needed for graduation including electives.

# What are the Benefits?

- 01** Free head start on college – Dual Enrollment covers tuition, books & mandatory fees
- 02** Provides flexibility with school scheduling
- 03** Helps some students with the transition to college from high school
- 04** Does not cut into credit hours for the HOPE Scholarship
- 05** Access to a variety of advanced curriculum
- 06** Opportunity to investigate and pursue career goals

# Things Current Students Like Most About Dual Enrollment...

- The independence & freedom
- Freedom to pick my schedule / Flexibility of classes
- Getting ahead with college credits
- The college experience
- Sleeping in
- Study the material in my own learning style and work at my own pace; ability to work ahead
- Don't have to go everyday

# Some Challenging Issues...

- Communication with professors; not always easy to reach
- Grade determined only by 3 tests or low amount of tests
- Time management, learning on my own, keeping up with the workload
- Breaks are not the same – went to school when friends were off for fall break; schedule doesn't line up
- Since it is at my own pace, I procrastinate too much
- Navigating different online platforms, course expectations, etc.
- Some professors aren't as understanding as teachers at Mill Creek
- Classes move quickly; I have to study more
- Professors don't tell you exactly what to study for a test – must self study a bunch
- Having to take classes at night

# Dual Enrollment Information

- 11th & 12th graders have a larger selection of colleges
- 10th graders can attend technical schools but can only take technical electives. To take core credits at a non-technical college, student must meet higher admission requirements. Most colleges do not accept 10th graders.
- Students can only earn 30 hours through dual enrollment throughout all of high school. Families can pay for courses if student exceeds 30 hours.
- Students can't retake failed/dropped courses.
- If student drops 2 classes, student become ineligible to participate in the dual enrollment program.

# A Few Dual Enrollment Details



- No residency or citizenship requirement
- Must meet postsecondary institution's admission requirements
- Cannot have already met graduation requirements at the beginning of the school year
- Eligible for summer study
- Student must maintain "Satisfactory Academic Progress" at the college – can be withdrawn from college if not meeting academic progress.

# PHASES OF THE PROGRAM

## Part Time

- Combination of classes at Mill Creek and the college of your choice
- Six classes are taken between college and Mill Creek (ex. 2 at college & 4 at MC) both semesters
- Plan college classes and class times around the courses student selected to take at Mill Creek

## Full Time

- Attend class at the college full-time
- No classes at MCHS – minimum of 4 classes at the college both semesters
- Still considered a Mill Creek student
- Up to 15 semester hours
- Must earn 2.5 credits per semester in order to be eligible for participation in athletics at Mill Creek

# Is Dual Enrollment The Right Choice?

## ARE YOU OR IS YOUR STUDENT ...

- Disorganized or Organized?
- Reactive or Proactive?
- Rigid or Flexible?
- Easily Overwhelmed or Able To Handle Stress?
- Unwilling/Unable to Ask for Help or Can/Able to Self-Advocate?
- A Procrastinator or "On Top" of Things?
- Highly Dependent on Parents or Independent?
- One Who Will Ignore Emails or Will Check & Respond Right Away?

# A Few Things To Consider ...

- Colleges communicate with the student – not the parent/guardian or with Mill Creek.
- Students must be able to handle all college responsibilities on their own.
- While participating in dual enrollment courses, students will be expected to follow the course syllabus – this includes navigating through different online platforms for their college classes, the course requirements and expectations will vary from course to course.
- Some course specific fees must be covered by the student.

# A Few More Things To Consider ...

- Final grades are sent at the end of the semester ... MC & parents may not know about a failing grade until the end.
- Mill Creek's & the college's calendars don't always align. Professors may not excuse absences due to family spring break plans, high school activities, etc.
- Competitive colleges may not consider dual enrollment courses as rigorous as Advanced Placement courses.
- Credit transferability is not guaranteed.
- Mill Creek announcements/information will be missed.
- Student may be in classes with adults & be the youngest in the room.

# Even More Things To Consider ...

- Parking is NOT guaranteed for Dual Enrollment students. Must have a back-up plan if you don't get a parking pass.
- Students are not allowed to be on Mill Creek's campus on days or periods they don't have their college classes.
  1. Students can't hang out in the media center, another classroom, or the commons.
  2. This includes students taking dual enrollment courses online.
  3. If you are unable to leave campus during your assigned dual enrollment courses, you will need to reconsider participating in the program.
- Students must factor in travel time, parking, traffic, bell schedules, etc. Students will be expected to comply with MC's bell schedule and with their college class times. The two don't always work together & students can't be tardy to either one.
- Students will plan their college classes around their Mill Creek classes. MC classes will not change 2nd semester.

# And Last But Not Least To Consider...

- Per the dual enrollment guidelines of GA & GCPS, it is against the rules to drop classes after the start of the semester – even if it is hard, making a C, will fail the class, etc. A letter grade of Z will be placed on the transcript if a student does drop a class.
- Dropping courses or failing courses would result in student being removed from the dual enrollment program.
- Colleges will dismiss students from the program due to unsatisfactory academic performance. (ex. at UNG semester GPA drops below a 2.5 ... made all Ds, C & D, etc.)
- Student services (504 Plans, IEP, etc.) must be arranged with the college by the student.
  1. Please speak to your case manager prior to enrolling in dual enrollment courses.
  2. Accommodations given at the college could be different than ones given at Mill Creek.

# Parking Passes

If a student fails a class ...  
they lose their  
parking pass.

Dual Enrollment classes are  
included in this rule.

# WHERE CAN I ATTEND?

Students should enroll at one of the five colleges with which Mill Creek maintains regular partnerships.

## COUNSELOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Make sure student meets requirements to graduate from HIGH SCHOOL.

## STUDENT'S/PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Research what will transfer to which college/major (the counselor can help direct but cannot speak for a college).

# University of North Georgia

- 11th & 12th Grade Levels Only; In-Person & Online
- GPA 3.25 Core (Academic GPA)

**Plus ONE of the following:**

- SAT: 530 EBRW & 480 Math OR
- ACT: 20 English or Reading and 18 Math OR
- ACCUPLACER: 243 Reading, 266 Math, & 4 Writeplacer OR
- PSAT: 480 EBRW & 440 Math (10th grade)

BTW...MATH 111 has an additional requirement: SAT Math 510 or ACT Math 20; MATH 113 requirement: SAT Math 570 or ACT Math 23

# Georgia Gwinnett College

- 11th & 12th Grade Levels Only; Must be at least 16 at start of term; In-Person & Some On-line
- GPA 3.25 Core (Academic GPA)
- Test Optional for Admission

**Plus ONE of the following:**

ENGL 1101

- SAT: 480 EBRW OR
- ACT: 17 English or Reading OR
- ACCUPLACER: 237 Reading & 4 WritePlacer

MATH 1111

- SAT: 510 Math OR
- ACT: 20 Math OR
- ACCUPLACER: 266 QAS

# Kennesaw State University

## 11th & 12th Graders

- GPA 3.20 Core (Academic GPA) - Test Optional
- GPA 3.00 Core (Academic GPA) - With These Test Scores:

All Courses are  
Mainly Taken  
Online

SAT or PSAT: 480 EBRW & 440 Math OR  
ACT: 17 English or Reading & 17 Math OR  
ACCUPLACER: 237 Reading & 4 WritePlacer & 258 QAS

## 10th Graders

GPA 3.00 Core (Academic GPA) PLUS One of these minimums: SAT:  
Total Score 1200 OR ACT: Composite 26 ... Neither are super scored.

# University of West Georgia



All Courses are Taken Online

## 11th & 12th Graders

- GPA 3.00 Core (Academic GPA)
- Test Optional for Admission

## 10th Graders

- GPA 3.00 Core (Academic GPA) PLUS One of the minimums below:

SAT: 480 EBRW & 440 Math - Total 1200 OR

ACT: 17 English or Reading and 17 Math - Composite 26

# Gwinnett Tech

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- 11th & 12th Grade Levels; In-Person & Online
- GPA 2.6 Core for Degree Level Courses PLUS
- SAT Scores or Sub-scores: Reading 340 or 17, Writing 340 or 17, & Math 420 or 21 OR
- ACT: English 14, Reading 16, & Math 17 OR
- ACCUPLACER: Reading 236, Writing 249, Math 229, & Quant. Reasoning 245 OR
- PSAT Sub-scores: Reading 17, Writing 17, & Math 21

10th Graders are Eligible for specific CTAE courses.  
See Website for Specific Admission Requirements.

# Accelerated Career Diploma

- A different route to a diploma ... Great option for students who want to enter the workforce as soon as possible. (Ex. Welding, Early Childhood Care & Education, Automotive, etc.)
- Accelerated Career students do not complete the required traditional 23 credits ... students take certain HS courses and then must complete 2 approved certificates, programs that lead to licensure, a diploma, or an Associate of Applied Science.
- Not a program for students planning to transition to a 4 year college.

# Accelerated Career Diploma



## Complete 9 High School Courses:

- 2 English - including EOC course
- 2 Math - including EOC course
- 2 Science - including EOC course
- 2 Social Studies
- 1 Health/Personal Fitness

## Technical College Requirements:

- 2 Technical Certificates OR
- Technical Diploma OR
- A Program Leading to Licensure OR
- Associates of Applied Science Degree

# Testing Dates

# SAT

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
12/6/2025	11/21/2025	11/25/2025
3/14/2026	2/27/2026	3/3/2026
5/2/2026	4/17/2026	4/21/2026
6/6/2026	5/22/2026	5/26/2026

# ACT

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
12/13/2025	11/7/2025	11/24/2025
2/14/2026	1/9/2026	1/23/2026
4/11/2026	3/6/2026	3/24/2026
6/13/2026	5/8/2026	5/29/2026
7/11/2026	6/5/2026	6/24/2026

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

# ACCUPLACER

FREE  
SAT  
Test  
Prep



SAT  
School Day  
mid March  
2026

FREE  
ACT  
Test  
Prep



FREE  
Test  
Prep



**REMEMBER: SEND YOUR SAT & ACT SCORES FOR FREE WHEN YOU REGISTER**

# DEADLINES...



Students must COMPLETE ALL PAPERWORK & APPLY to the college for Dual Enrollment by the following dates:

FALL 2026 or SUMMER 2026 DEADLINE:

**MARCH 13, 2026**

FINALIZE MILL CREEK COURSES (if part-time):

**MAY 8, 2026**

SPRING 2027 DEADLINE:

**NOVEMBER 2, 2026**

College deadlines could be earlier or later — but students must meet Mill Creek's deadline to participate.



# Dual Enrollment Policies and Procedures

## CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPATION

- Attend the Dual Enrollment (DE) Informational Meeting
- Complete the 2026-2027 Dual Enrollment Information Form – link at the end of presentation
- Complete and return the Mill Creek 2026-2027 Dual Enrollment Contract to Mrs. Griffin
- Take the SAT/ACT/ACCUPLACER before MC's &/or the college's admission deadline and have scores sent to colleges. Send AP scores to exempt intro level courses.
- Complete your college application before March 13, 2026
- You are responsible for following the college's application procedures and meeting all deadlines.

Remember Mill Creek's Deadlines:

Fall 2026 or Summer 2026 Deadline- March 13, 2026 & Finalize Mill Creek Schedule- May 8, 2026 if part-time DE; Spring 2027 Deadline- November 2, 2026

# Dual Enrollment Policies and Procedures

## CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPATION

- Submit the DE Funding Application on [www.GAfutures.org](http://www.GAfutures.org) -- this is done once a year. Both student & parent must complete their individual portions. Application is supposed to open February 1st.
- After receiving your college acceptance, set up an advisement appointment with Mrs. Griffin to plan your Mill Creek & college classes.
- Part-time Dual Enrollment students will need to plan all college classes around their Mill Creek schedule. Mill Creek schedule (courses selected and periods to remain on campus) must be finalized by May 8, 2026.
- Part-time DE students will need to make transportation arrangements. Remember parking passes are not guaranteed.

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## CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPATION

- Register for college classes – follow college procedures for registration.
- Turn in a copy of your schedule to Mrs. Griffin – must do this every semester.
- Dual enrollment students must complete all high school graduation requirements to participate in the graduation ceremony. If your college semester ends after the GCPS calendar, your participation in the ceremony may be affected.

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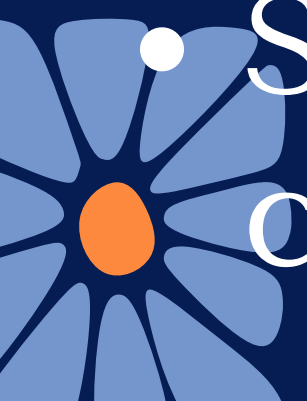



# How Does Grading Work?

- All Classes will earn 1.00 credit on the high school transcript; basically counting twice in the high school GPA on the transcript & for the HOPE Scholarship.
- Science labs do not earn high school credit.
- Letter grades from the college will be transcribed as:  
A = 95 B = 85 C = 75 D = 72\* F = 55
- Additional points are NOT added to the college grade on the high school transcript.
- Students receive a .5 GPA boost for DE courses on their HOPE transcript.
- All Dual Enrollment courses will be included on the high school transcript – including Fs.
- Failing a course or not taking a course required for graduation would result in the student not graduating.

# Dropping or Changing Courses



- Dropping classes is NOT an option – even if failing, struggling, etc.
  - Any course changes must be sent to Mrs. Griffin.
  - When colleges/professors advertise Drop/Add timeframes during the semester ... These are for current college students, not dual enrollment students. Remember – no dropping after the beginning of semester.
  - Student's graduation status could be impacted if courses are dropped or changed without approval.
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# Course Sequencing

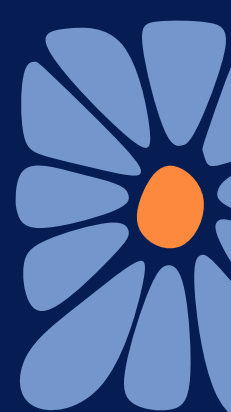
- History: U.S. History 2111 or US History 2112 meets graduation requirements
- Math: Course placement determined by SAT/ACT Scores. No Algebra II equivalent – must have high school credit.
- Science: College Pre-Calculus credit is a prerequisite before Physics can be taken at the college.
- Intro to Biology courses can not count as 4th science for graduation. If needed, best to get 4th science credit at MC.



# Transferring DE Credits

Students are responsible for checking with colleges to learn how transfer credits will be accepted and applied (as electives or toward major requirements).

Counselors will advise students on the courses needed to meet high school graduation requirements.



Students planning to attend private or out-of-state colleges should contact those schools directly to confirm which credits are accepted.



# GAFutures ... Tons of Info

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Dual Enrollment Funding Application

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# Under SHORTCUTS Select Dual Enrollment Funding Application

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## Application Procedure for Dual Enrollment

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### SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Dual Enrollment GCCG GTEG HERO IPSE Grant Public Safety Memorial Grant UNG ROTC Grant

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Apply Now

**Application Procedure for Dual Enrollment**  
Postsecondary Institution (college) Admissions Application

Students must apply for admission to the postsecondary institution before completing the Dual Enrollment funding application.

**Dual Enrollment Funding Application**

To apply for Georgia's Dual Enrollment funding program, after selecting "Apply Now," select the application based on the year you plan to participate:

Each academic year's application is valid Summer semester or quarter, Fall semester or quarter, Winter quarter and Spring semester or quarter.

Dual Enrollment Funding Application must be completed by the student & the parent once a year for each college attended.

Use 2026-2027 Application after 2/1/2026

# GAFutures ... Tons of Info

Visit [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

Select  
**COURSE  
DIRECTORY**  
to view the  
courses  
covered by  
Dual  
Enrollment  
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Eligibility

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Participating Colleges and Universities

Course Directory

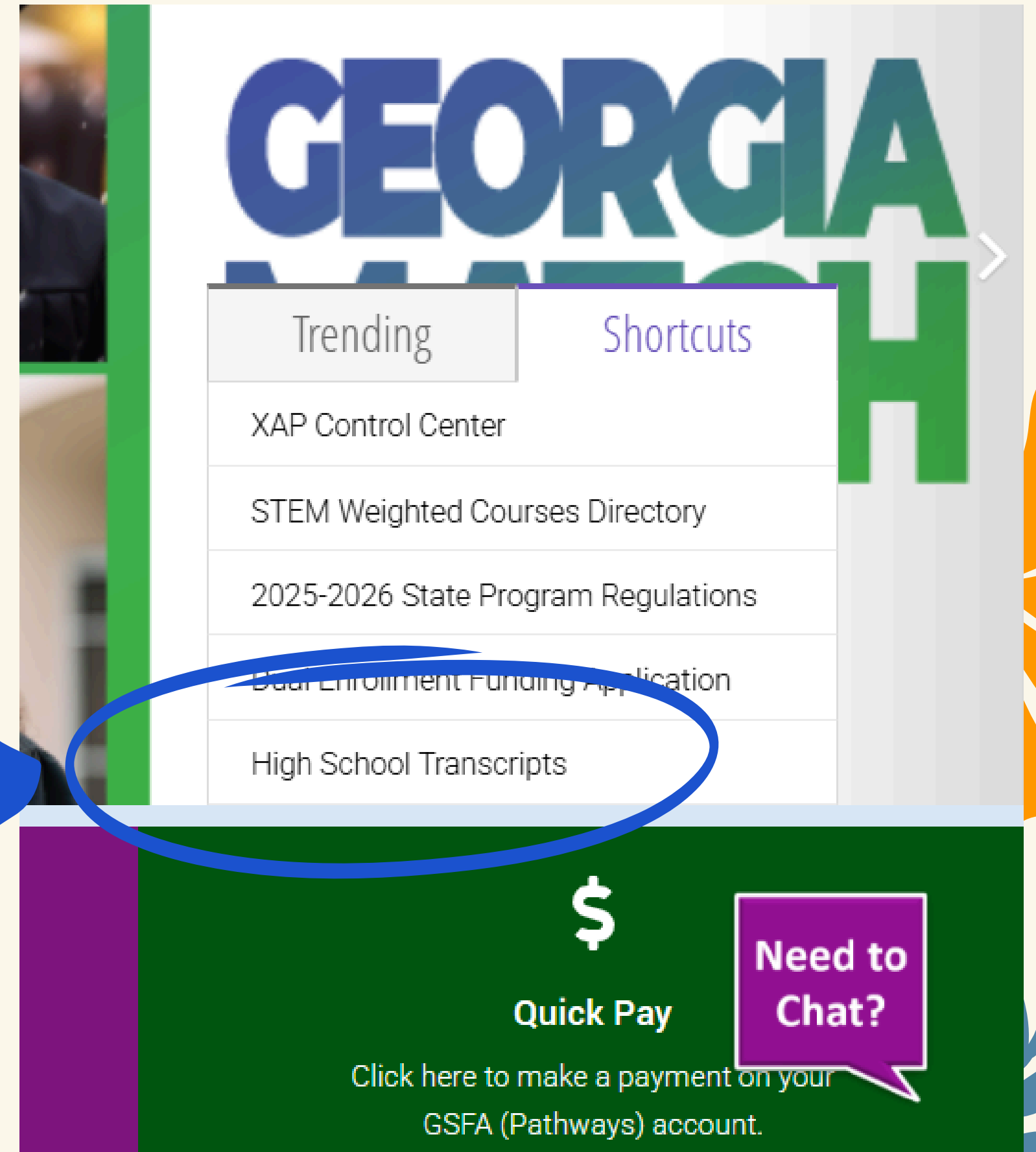
Application Procedure and Deadline

Home Study Programs

Visit [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

# Sending Your Transcript

Mill Creek must have your social security number on file to send transcripts through the GAfutures website.



The screenshot shows the GAfutures website interface. At the top, the word 'GEORGIA' is displayed in large, bold letters. Below it, there are two tabs: 'Trending' and 'Shortcuts'. Under the 'Shortcuts' tab, a list of links is visible: 'XAP Control Center', 'STEM Weighted Courses Directory', '2025-2026 State Program Regulations', 'Dear Enrollment Funding Application', and 'High School Transcripts'. The 'High School Transcripts' link is circled in blue. At the bottom of the page, there is a green banner with a white dollar sign icon, the text 'Quick Pay', and a purple speech bubble that says 'Need to Chat?'. Below the banner, there is a link that says 'Click here to make a payment on your GSFA (Pathways) account.'

# What Are My Next Steps?

- Refer to the Dual Enrollment Checklist Handout
- Return Dual Enrollment Contract signed by student and parent/guardian by March 13, 2026
- Complete the 2026-2027 Information Form (QR code on checklist)
- Register to take SAT/ACT/ACCUPLACER if needed – send scores
- Complete College Application – It's Free!
- Submit Transcript through [GAfutures.org](https://GAfutures.org)
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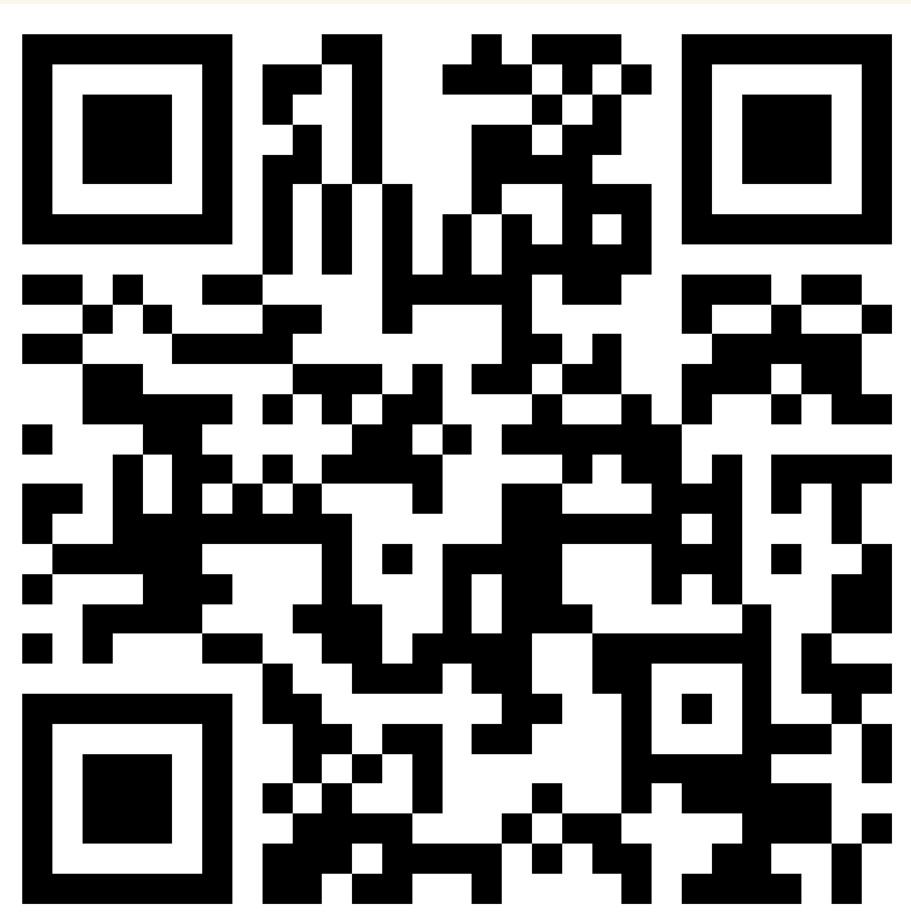
# What Are My Next Steps?

1. CONTRACT
2. APPLICATION
3. TRANSCRIPT
4. TEST SCORES
5. FUNDING

# After I Have Been Accepted ... What Are My Next Steps?

- Meet with Mrs. Griffin to confirm the courses needed for graduation.
- Make a registration appointment or orientation appointment at the college.
- Confirm your Mill Creek schedule with Mrs. Griffin by May 8, 2026 (if part-time).
- Submit a copy of your college schedule to Mrs. Griffin.

# Dual Enrollment Information Form



I look forward to  
working with you!!  
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