

Junior Workshop

March 11, 2026

Virtual

6pm-8pm

Agenda

Managing Senior Year

Preparing for Application Season

GaFutures.org 101

Breakout Sessions

Princeton Review- Alex Ring

Jason Lampert-IA Alumni-Yale University Sophmore

Gwinnett Technical College- Alisa Miller

Schedule

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College & Career Decisions

Financial Concerns

Academic Pressure

Social & Emotional Changes



Class of 2027

College Application Timeline

June-2026:

- Schedule or Take College Entrance Exams- ACT/SAT
- Create a GaFutures.org Account/Know Your HOPE GPA
- Finalize your College List/Check out the Common Data Set
- Utilize the Net Price Calculator for Individual Colleges
- Schedule or Take College Visit/Tour
- Begin Working on Brag Sheets in Schoolinks

July-2026:

- Set-up Your Common App Portal-www.commonapp.org
- Create and Draft Essays
- Finalize Your Brag Sheets
- Begin External and University Scholarship Searches

Class of 2027

College Application Timeline

August 2026

- Teacher Letter of Recommendation Requests by email or in person - 8/28
- Upload Your Brag Sheet in Schoolinks by 8/21
- Add Counselors to Common App by 8/21
    - Find my counselor's email
    - Counselors are automatically notified when you add them to your common app dashboard

September 2026

- Create a FAFSA account
- Attend College Fair @ IA
- Verify gafutures.org account
- Sign up for College Visits@ IA

Class of 2027

College Application Timeline

October 2026

- Virtual FAFSA Night -10/6
- Georgia Match letters mailed mid October 2026
- Review your Georgia Match Letter at gafutures.org

May 2027

- Request Dual Enrollment Transcript
- Request AP Scores from collegeboard.org
- Senior Clearance with your Counselor

Navigating the Counseling Website

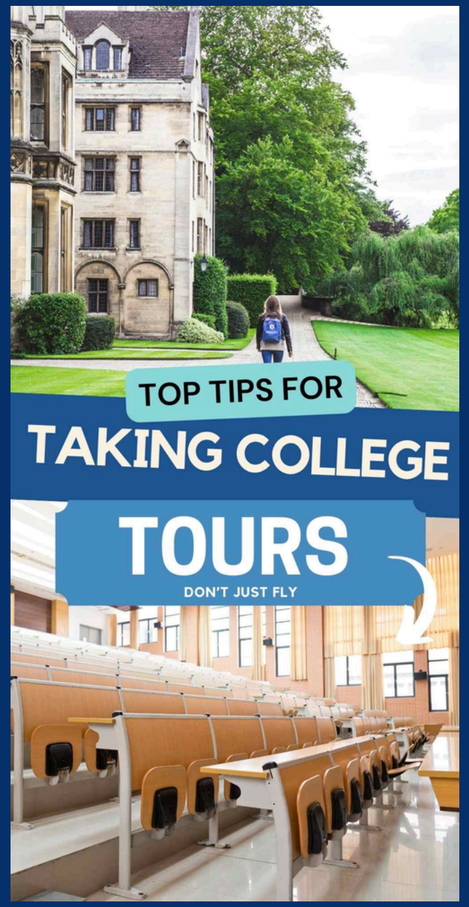
- IA Beacon
- Academics
- Counseling
- College and Career Information
- Grade Level Resources
- Colleges IA Graduates Attend
- Records and Transcript Requests

Become Familiar with the Website...Awesome Resources!!



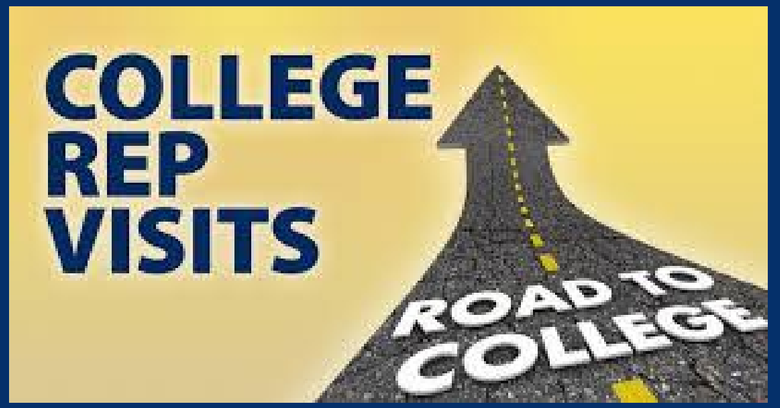
Counseling Website

Preparing for Application Season



common app





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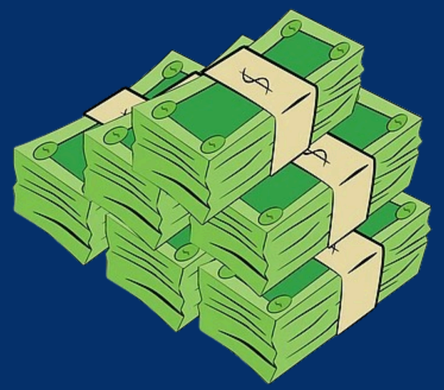
What is Common App?

- Go to Commonapp.org to create an account
- Personal Essay viewed by ALL colleges and universities
- Uploaded brag sheets used to write letters of recommendation
- Recommendations uploaded directly by teachers and counselors
- Fee Waivers are offered for eligible students
- College application fees vary







Schoolinks

- Naviance no longer a FCS tool for college and career planning
- New resource for students to use for college and career planning
- Valuable resource for all students and parents
- Sign up and view college visits at IA
- Create a parent account
- Comparison of academic stats- high school vs. college



Georgia Futures

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Explore. Plan. Succeed.

- Calculating your GPA
- Common Data Set
- How to find your current HOPE GPA?

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- Georgiafutures.org Basics
- Georgia Match Program-Letters mailed October 2026
- Understanding the Hope/Zell Scholarship

Military Options/Career Exploration

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Let’s talk about the ASVAB !

- Standardized test
- Offered the ASVAB in fall and spring
- Explores career options in both civilian and military sectors
- Determine position and rank if you decide to enlist
- Free test and minimal preparation is required
- Spring Test will be 4/2 @ Centennial High School- Student responsible for transportation



ASVAB @ Centennial High School- 4/2

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