

**CLASS OF
2027
SENIOR
MEETING**



AGENDA

- **Introduction**
 - AHS School Counseling Department
- **Graduation**
 - Credits
 - Calculating GPA
- **Testing**
 - SAT
 - ACT
- **Apply to College**
 - SchoolLinks
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Transcript Requests
- **Financial Aid**
 - HOPE/Zell Miller
- **Other Options**



WHO IS MY COUNSELOR?



ALPHABET	COUNSELOR
A- COH	CLOE CROSBY
COI-HAQ	JAMI PROKSA
HAR-LO	AMY LONGSTRETH
LU-PEQ	LETITIA GRAHAM
PER-SHA	BRANDI TAYLOR
SHE-Z	KAREN BOLT



AHS Counseling

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Academic Advisement

Curriculum Resources & Guidance +

Counseling —

Book a Counselor Meeting

College & Career

Dual Enrollment

Enrollments & Withdrawals

Mental & Behavioral Health

On Campus College Rep Visits

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Transcripts & Records Requests

Senior Advisement

Junior Advisement

Sophomore Advisement

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Summer Learning

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Student & Academic Supports +

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Meet our AHS Counselors!



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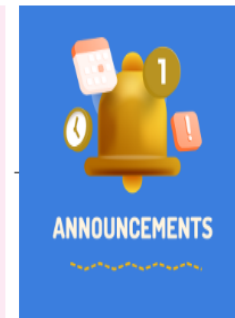
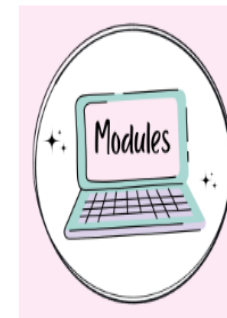
Modules

Grades

ClassLink

Recent Announcements

AHS Counselor's Corner



Senior Class “To Do” List

CLASS OF 2026



Visit the counseling website: <https://alpharettahs.fultonschools.org/academics/school-counseling>



View your transcript in Infinite Campus (Documents → Unofficial Transcript w/ In-Progress).

- Review transcript including current schedule.
- Let your counselor know of any errors.



Check your HOPE GPA: <https://www.gafutures.org/>

- The courses and grades on your HOPE and AHS transcripts should match.
- If you cannot see your HOPE GPA that means we do not have your social security number on file, and you **must provide us with a copy of your social security card so we can update your records.** Please see school Registrar Donna Byrd - byrdd@fultonschools.org



Complete the **required** Senior Brag Sheet in Canvas.



Schedule your senior check in meeting with your counselor beginning September 2026.



Be sure you are checking your school email and AHS Counselor Corner Canvas for updates.



CNA vs GPA



Understanding CNA



FCS reports Cumulative Numeric Average (CNA) on a 100-point scale rather than a 4.0 GPA scale.



Your counselor cannot convert CNA to GPA.



Students can view weighted and unweighted CNA in:

- Schoolinks
- Official transcripts



GPA Information



Student can view GPA on 4.0 scale in IC.

View your HOPE GPA:



www.gafutures.org



When formal applications request GPA:

- Use your CNA when applicable
- Colleges calculate GPAs using their own review methods



Weighted CNAs & Transcript Reporting



FCS reports both weighted and unweighted CNAs



Course grades appear on student transcripts



Students may report weighted and unweighted CNAs on college applications



STREAMLINED APPLICATIONS



Schoolinks is the new platform that will be available to students for college and career planning. **Students will apply to college using the following platforms:**

- **The Common Application:** www.commonapp.org
- **The Coalition Application:** <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- **Questbridge:** <https://www.questbridge.org>
- **College Beyond the States:** www.beyondthestates.com
- **Common Black College App** <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

Must use personal email address when creating accounts

Students will be required to link their CommonApp account to Schoolinks.
Directions and video tutorials will be linking in AHS Class of 2027 Canvas Module



Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Financial Aid

My Colleges

Georgia College ▲

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Writing Supplement

Recommenders and FERPA

Recommenders are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.

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FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

HOW TO INVITE RECOMMENDERS

1 FERPA Release Authorization

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Complete Release Authorization

2 Invite recommenders

Use this section to invite and the assign recommenders to this college. You'll need to assign recommenders for each college on your list.

Invite Recommenders

3 Counselor

You must invite a school Counselor who will complete the School Report and other forms for you.

4 Invite Counselor

Use the Counselor tab to invite.

5 Teacher

Please select and assign the teacher(s) below whose recommendation will be submitted to this college on your behalf. You must invite a teacher with the Invite Teacher button before you can assign them to this college.

Required: 0 Optional: 3

- [Common App First-Years Application Walkthrough](#)



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS MID-YEAR REPORTS

- Read the application carefully to determine what documents the college or scholarship organization requires.
 - Only send what they require or recommend.
- **Before you Request Letters of Recommendations**
 - Complete the Senior Brag Sheet in the Counselor Corner Canvas page
 - Check with individual teachers on their process for letters of recommendations.
 - Give teachers at least four weeks before the deadline to process.
 - Submit requests through Common App or Application Portal.
- AHS School **Counselors** require at least 15 School Days to complete letters of recommendations or forms of any kind.
 - *Requests will not be processed over weekends or school breaks.
- College bound athletes must register with the Eligibility Center
 - <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes>
- NCAA does not accept credit recovery classes taken through Fulton Virtual Credit Recovery (FVCR) or Georgia Virtual Credit Recovery (GVCR) programs.



All student transcript and letter of recommendation requests will be fulfilled through **Schoolinks**. Directions for students to link account will be published in Class of 2027 AHS School Counselor Canvas module.

Collapse All

▼ Class of 2027

Complete All Items



Senior Brag Sheet

Sep 30 0 pts Viewed



Senior Fly-In Opportunities



Preparing for Senior Year



Special College Enrichment Programs



The 11th Grade Advisement
Presentation.mp4



Junior Brochure 2025-2026_.pdf



Junior Advisement & Bridge Bill
Requirements

Nov 21, 2025 0 pts



DEADLINES, DEADLINES, DEADLINES

- There are deadlines for college applications and separate deadlines for scholarship applications.
 - Seniors must meet the deadlines – late applications are usually not accepted by colleges.
- Check with individual teachers on their process for letters of recommendations
- Give teachers at least four weeks before the deadline to process.
- The Counseling office requires At least 15 school days to complete letters of recommendations or forms of any kind.
 - Students must complete brag sheet on Canvas.
- Special winter deadline: request any documents at least 3 weeks before deadline.
(Not including holidays)
- The counseling office will not process applications or send transcripts on weekends or holidays.



AHS COUNSELING

Fee Waiver



SAT, ACT, and colleges want to make sure that testing and application fees do not pose a barrier for any student. If you meet certain qualifications, you can request a fee waiver for SAT, ACT, and college applications.



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.

* FRPL = Federal Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program



We're here to help!

See your school counselor for assistance with fee waiver requests.



HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Federal Student Aid

An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION



■ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – www.fafsa.gov

- Opens October 1st
- To qualify for federal student aid using the FAFSA, a student must be a U.S. citizen or national, a permanent resident, an eligible noncitizen, or a citizen of the Freely Associated States. A parent's or spouse's citizenship status does not affect a student's eligibility for federal aid.

■ CSS profile – <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

- The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. CSS Profile application no longer explicitly asks applicants about their citizenship status. Unlike the FAFSA, the CSS Profile has no strict citizenship or residency requirements, meaning U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and international or undocumented students can all complete it to be considered for institutional financial aid. For more information contact your college's financial aid office.

■ Schools may require other documents to be submitted.



Scholarships



- All scholarships are posted in Counselor's Corner Canvas and on the AHS School Counselor webpage.

COLLEGE Scholarship Matching

ELIGIBILITY ● INTERESTS ●

Answer the following questions to determine your scholarship eligibility.

What is your gender? ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-Binary

What is your zip code?

What is your race/ethnicity?

School Search

Favorites and Lists

Admission Stats

Final List

College Financing

Scholarship Matching

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HOPE Grant & HOPE Career Grant

ELIGIBILITY

- Must maintain a 2.0 GPA while in college
- Meet U.S. citizenship and GA residency

PROGRAM MAJORS

- Diploma or Certificate programs
- Can be full-time or part-time

AWARD AMOUNT

- Covers tuition at \$107/credit, up to 63 credits in a Diploma or Certificate program
- If also in a **HOPE Career Grant** program, then eligible to receive:
 - \$500/term is taking 9+ credits
 - \$250/term if taking 3-8 credits
 - \$125/term if taking 1-2 credits



HOPE Career Grant Programs

- **Computer Sciences (CIST) Division**
 - Computer Programming
 - Cybersecurity
 - Game Development
 - Network Specialist
 - Website Design
- **Engineering, Construction, Manufacturing, Design (ECMD) Division**
 - Air Conditioning (HVAC)
 - Automotive
 - Commercial Construction
 - Drafting
 - Engineering
 - Heavy Diesel
 - Mechatronics
 - Residential Construction
 - Welding
- **Business Sciences Division**
 - Georgia Film Academy (GFA)
- **Nursing Sciences Division**
 - Medical Front Office/Billing
- **Public and Professional (PPS) Services**
 - Early Childhood
- **Health Sciences Division**
 - Central Sterile Processing
 - Dental Assisting
 - EMS Professions
 - Endoscope Technician
 - MRI Specialist



HELPFUL LINKS

For more information on Hope Grant/Hope Career Grant:

<https://gwinnetttech.edu/admissions-financial-aid/hope-career-grant/>

GAFutures:

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-grant/eligibility/>



INITIAL HOPE ELIGIBILITY



Visit www.ga futures.org

- **Check your HOPE/Zell Miller eligibility** September, February, & June.
- Make sure your HOPE transcript matches AHS transcript.
 - Courses and grades should all be the same
 - Middle school classes should not be counting
 - Make sure noncore classes are not counting
- **Make sure you have 4 courses on the [academic rigor list](#).**
- Students have two options when applying for the HOPE Scholarship:
 - Complete the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Complete the Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPPS)
- Zell Miller eligible students need to be sure to submit eligible test scores to Georgia Finance Standards Commission.
- A minimum composite score of 24 is required for the ACT.
 - A minimum score of 1160 is required for the SAT.



***YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD ON FILE WITH AHS**
by Dec. 11, 2026. Check with Ms. Byrd byrdd@fultonschools.org



PRE-APPROVED ABSENCES & COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS



Participated Remote Days

Students may substitute up to **5 absences per semester** (maximum **10 per school year**) with a Participated Remote Day.



Prior Approval Required

- Parent/guardian must email all teachers and **Alina Johnson** (johnsona24@fultonschools.org) using the email address on file in Infinite Campus **before** the remote learning day.
- Students are responsible for completing all assigned coursework.



Restrictions

- Cannot be used on days when a test or major assessment is scheduled.
- Cannot be used while traveling outside the United States.
- Cannot be used on days when a student checks out early.



Important Note

- A pre-approved absence is **not necessarily an excused absence**.



Pre-Approved Absences for College Visits

- A signed parent/guardian note or email from the parent/guardian email address on file is required.
- Students must pick up a **Pre-Approved Absence Form** from the Front Office.
- Return the completed form to the Attendance Window **AT LEAST FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR** to the absence.
- Pre-approved absences cannot be granted after the absence date.
- Students are responsible for obtaining, completing, and submitting missed assignments upon their return.



AHS COUNSELOR CORNER



TUESDAY • WEDNESDAY • THURSDAY
DURING BOTH LUNCHES



Located in the Media Center



Get assistance with college applications, Post Secondary Plans, FAFSA, SAT & ACT registration.



Staffed by AHS Counselors



Monthly school guidance topics to help students navigate high school and post-secondary decisions.



YOUR ONE-ON-ONE MEETING MATTERS

- ✓ Every senior should plan to have a one-on-one meeting with your school counselor.
- ✓ Meetings can be via Teams or Face-to-Face.
- ✓ Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to:
 - Graduation Status Report
 - HOPE GPA
 - Post-secondary goals
 - Navigating College Applications



This is a student only appointment.





COLLEGES ARE COMING TO AHS!

EXPLORE YOUR
FUTURE.

ASK QUESTIONS.
GET ANSWERS.
DREAM BIG.

MEET COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES ON CAMPUS!



AUGUST

AUG
27

Johns Hopkins University

Thu, Aug 27 | 12:40–1:36 PM

AUG
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New York University

Fri, Aug 28 | 12:40–1:36 PM

AUG
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Northeastern University

Mon, Aug 31 | 11:12 AM–12:04 PM



SEPTEMBER

SEP
01

Indiana University–Bloomington

Tue, Sep 1 | 11:12 AM–12:04 PM

SEP
01

**The University of Tampa &
Wellesley College**

Tue, Sep 1 | 12:40–1:36 PM

SEP
03

Hamilton College

Thu, Sep 3 | 12:40–1:36 PM

SEP
04

Brown University

Fri, Sep 4 | 11:12 AM–12:04 PM

SEP
08

**Miami University (Oxford) &
University of Toronto**

Tue, Sep 8 | 11:12 AM–12:04 PM

SEP
08

Southeastern University

Tue, Sep 8 | 12:40–1:36 PM

SEP
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University of Florida

Wed, Sep 9 | 12:40–1:36 PM

SEP
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Washington University in St. Louis

Thu, Sep 10 | 11:12 AM–12:04 PM

SEP
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George Washington University

Mon, Sep 14 | 11:12 AM–12:04 PM

SEP
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NYU Shanghai

Thu, Sep 17 | 11:12 AM–12:04 PM



ALL VISITS WILL BE IN THE

CAFETERIA



FALL 2026 FULTON COLLEGE FAIR



More than
100
Colleges in
attendance!



September 15th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Alpharetta High School

3595 Webb Bridge Road

Alpharetta, GA 30005

Optional Workshops:

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Understanding the U.S. College
Application Process*

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

College & Scholarship Essay Writing



Register Today!

www.scholartrek.com/fulton

COLLEGE VISITS

UGA AND GEORGIA TECH ARE VISITING

ALPHARETTA HIGH SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (UGA)



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA



DATE: Thursday, September 3, 2026



TIME: 3:30 PM



LOCATION: AHS Media Center



GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



**GEORGIA
TECH**



DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2026



TIME: 11:00 AM



LOCATION: AHS Media Center



ATTENTION SENIORS!

*Don't miss this opportunity to learn more
about these amazing universities!*



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FOUR OF GEORGIA'S PREMIER UNIVERSITIES.

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SESSIONS
(HYBRID)



SCHOOL CLASSROOM
SESSIONS
(ON CAMPUS)



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- **Welcome Georgia High School Senior, Class of 2027!**
- Congratulations on your eligibility for admission into Georgia's public colleges and universities! We want you to continue your education and start your career in Georgia!
- GSFC/GAfutures will mail GEORGIA MATCH letters in October to the current seniors - Class of 2027! Seniors can also use this page to review FAQ's to answer questions and navigate to their GAfutures Student Dashboard to view a PDF of their letter and list of colleges that are on their letter.
- The colleges listed on your GEORGIA MATCH letter and your GAfutures [Student Dashboard](#) are an academic match based on your HOPE GPA and they are holding a spot for you in their Fall 2027 Class. We created a way for you to request information from your GEORGIA MATCH colleges and claim your spot for admission to the GEORGIA MATCH college of your choice.
- Did you know attending a Georgia college or university makes financial sense, and that some of the nation's best institutions are right here in the state?
- Please read the FAQs below and for High School Class of 2027 - Your GEORGIA MATCH letter will be mailed in October and will also be available in the GEORGIA MATCH section of your Student Dashboard.

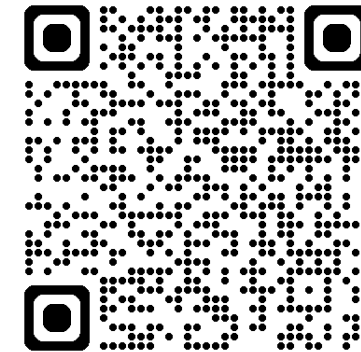


GRADUATION FEE - MANDATORY

The graduation fee is mandatory for seniors who plan to walk at the ceremony in May. The fee covers ALL costs associated with graduation including: cap & gown, tassel, diploma cover, the venue, programs, tickets, class pin, etc. The fee is paid online at www.3rdascent.com.

FEE SCHEDULE:

- Special Senior Meeting Price (**today only!**) -- \$190
- August 20 – September 30: \$195
- October 1 – November 30: \$215
- December 1 – March 19: \$235 (orders placed by March 19 will be available to pick up from school on March 23)
- March 20 – May 7: still \$235 but orders must be picked up from the 3rd Ascent office



Please note: the graduation fee is separate from the PTSA Senior Events dues that includes the yard sign and senior snacks.



Class of '27 SENIOR events dues



GET READY FOR A GREAT YEAR OF FUN EVENTS FOR THE AHS SENIORS!

SENIOR
Snack
DAYS



TAILGATE &
SENIOR MARCH ON
THE FIELD

SENIOR
LUNCHEON

Sr Breakfast



CURRENTLY AT **25%** PARTICIPATION

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANIZED BY SENIOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND ARE FULLY FUNDED THROUGH DUES. GO TO [AHSP TSA.ORG](https://ahsptsa.org) > SENIORS 2027 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

\$80

SENIOR EVENTS DUES

PAY BY OCTOBER 1, 2026



FOLLOW BOTH FOR IMPT SENIOR UPDATES: @ahsgraduation @alpharettaclassof2027

This is your last year at AHS! Get involved!

Senior SUNRISE!

 Friday, August 28th, 6:45am
 @AHS football field



dress code | tops:
white shirts/senior shirts
dress code | bottoms:
senior jeans/sweats/shorts

ALPHARETTA HIGH SCHOOL

HOMECOMING 2026

 PRIDE - SPIRIT - TRADITION 

OCTOBER 3RD

DANCE - AHS GYM

**HOMECOMING
Game and COURT
OCTOBER 2ND**

2026 Homecoming Court
Nominations



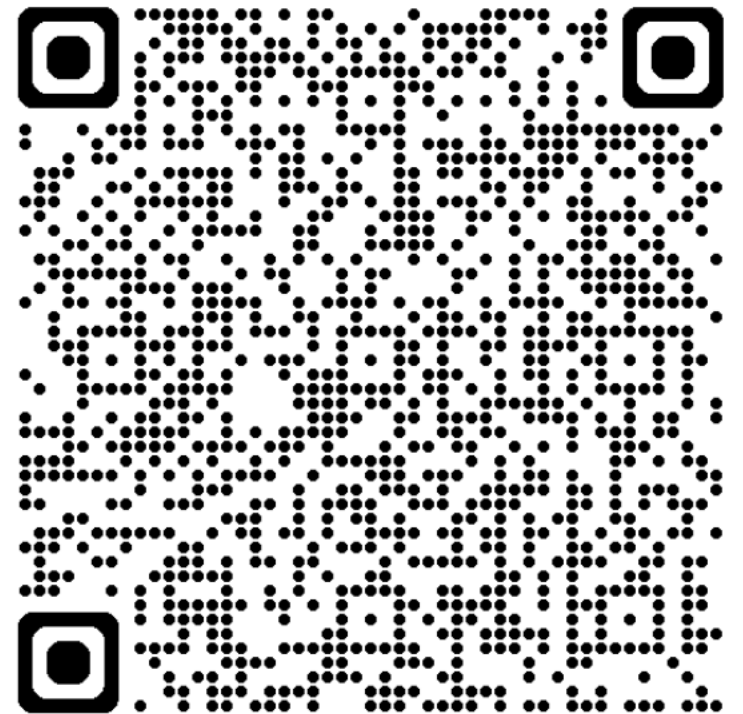


Alpharetta High School Graduation Cord For

Community Service



Register by Dec 31!



Questions? Contact Kelly Talele at talelek@fultonschools.org.

= School-Based =

MENTAL HEALTH

SUPPORT. STRENGTH. RELATIONSHIPS. HOPE.

We're here for you.



School-Based Mental Health

Our school-based mental health program offers a safe, confidential space where students find strength, relationships are supported, and hope is renewed.



Online Screening

Completing an online screening will help determine if recent thoughts or behaviors may be associated with a common, treatable mental health issue.



Our Therapists

Learn more about your school-based therapist by visiting their personal biography page that includes their licensure, education, areas of specialty, and professional background.



Schedule Now

To schedule an appointment, get more information, or simply ask a question, you can fill out a request online or contact our engagement specialists directly at 678-893-5300.



(678) 893-5300



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