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Senior Advisement FAQs

Transcript

1. Where will the transcripts be sent (to the student, university, or Common Application)?
    a. The counselors upload the transcripts to the student's Common App portal, if applying using the Common App.
2. Do first semester grades get sent for regular decision?
    a. First semester grades will be sent to regular decision schools by the end of January.
3. Will Early Action/Early Decision schools see the first semester grades?
    a. Early Action/Decision schools will not see first semester, senior grades.
4. Will Counselors send mid-quarter grades to the colleges?
    a. Counselors send mid-quarter grades to colleges that require them.
5. When will transcripts reflect in-progress/scheduled courses?
    a. Typically, in-progress schedules and official transcripts are ready for submission by the end of September.
6. Does the transcript also include unweighted grades?
    a. Official transcripts include weighted. Unweighted transcripts can be seen via Infinite Campus.
7. When will 1st semester grades be available?
    a. 1st semester senior grades are available by the end of January or mid-February.
8. When do counselors send transcripts?
    a. Official transcripts are sent by the admission deadline based on whether a student is applying early, regular, or rolling admissions.
9. Is ScribOrder Free?
    a. Yes, for our current students, ScribOrder requests are free.

Letters of Recommendation

1. Will the teacher letter of recommendation be sent to the student, university, or Common Application?
    a. The letter of recommendation will be uploaded to the application platform. In a few rare occasions, the letter of recommendation would be sent via regular mail directly to the college/university.
2. When will teachers and counselors send the letter of recommendation?
    a. This will vary, as letters of recommendation will be completed based on the student's first deadline that requires a letter of recommendation.
3. Can people outside of NHS send recommendations letter?
    a. Yes, outside recommendation letters are permitted if the college/university allows students to submit one.
4. How much time should we provide teachers/counselors/supplemental recommenders for recommendation letters?
    a. Counselors require a minimum of 15 school days prior to the deadline.
5. How do you input the "waive to view" in Common App?
    a. From the My Colleges tab select a college and open their "Recommenders and FERPA" section. From there students select, "Release Authorization" and complete the required steps.
6. Is the Counselor Letter of Recommendation the same as the Counselor Evaluation?
    a. No. These are two separate documents. Most colleges/universities require the Counselor Evaluation, however, not all require the counselor letter of recommendation.
7. How many recommendation letters can we include?
    a. The number of recommendation letters will depend on the college/university a student is applying to.
8. Will all colleges on Common App receive the same rec letter?
    a. Yes, the recommendation letter can only be uploaded one time.
9. How do students request letters of recommendation from counselors?
    a. If a student is applying using the Common Application, they will add their counselor under the "FERPA and Recommenders" tab and counselors will have the ability to send letters of

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recommendation, if needed. If using another application portal, students must enter their counselor's email address where indicated.

10. Do colleges view highly of the teacher rec or counselor rec?
    a. Each college is different with their Letters of Recommendation requirements. If the LOR is required, they will view highly of the recommendations.
    b. Teacher recommendation letters highlight the student in the classroom.
11. Can we add a counselor or teacher from a previous high school to complete the Common App?
    a. Yes, students may add a teacher from a previous high school as a recommender. Colleges will require the student's current counselor, however, to complete the counselor portion of the student's application.
12. Do we need to email teachers before adding them to Common App?
    a. It is recommended that students reach out to their teachers prior to adding them to their Common App account. This will allow teachers to be aware of the request.
13. How do we know a teacher has completed their recommendation letter?
    a. Students can view the progress of a teacher recommendation through their Common App.

Application

1. Does every university offer Early Decision?
    a. No. Universities will have their admission types and deadlines listed on their undergraduate admissions page.
    b. You can only apply to ONE Early Decision but may still apply to as many Early Action schools.
2. If you submit an application, does it automatically go to all colleges?
    a. No. While students using the Common Application complete most of the application one time, they must submit and pay for each school they are applying to separately. The same goes for Coalition, GAFutures, and any other application portal.
3. Do we need to link Common App to Naviance?
    a. Students will not link their Common App to Naviance this year.
    b. Fulton County is not longer utilizing Naviance. We have now transitioned to Schoolinks.
4. Do we make sure all supplemental items are turned in by the deadline as well?
    a. All parts of the application must be submitted by the deadline. The only exception could be transcripts and letters of recommendation submitted by the counselor and/or teachers and standardized test scores. This varies based on the school however, so students must do their research to ensure they do not miss a deadline.
5. Where can students select their deadline date?
    a. When completing the application, students will have the option to select their application deadline based on the college's admission type deadlines.
6. How can we best track the Applications deadlines?
    a. Please consider reviewing the colleges that your student is applying to and add a deadline on your calendar/agenda.
7. Are parents able to have an account linked to their Common App?
    a. Parents/Guardians can create a practice account to view the application portal can do so by clicking on the following link: https://apply.commonapp.org/createaccount and would select the "Parent or Other Adult" option.
8. What is the difference between the college deadline and the Common App deadline?
    a. There is not a Common App deadline, only the individual college deadline. The Common App is a platform used to apply and does not have a specific deadline.
9. If you are deferred during early action, are you automatically considered for regular decision?
    a. This will depend on the college/university. If deferred, they will provide the student with information on next steps if interested in being considered for regular decision.
10. What are the benefits of applying Early Action versus Regular Decision?
    a. Most institutions review applications the same whether a student applies early or regular decision. The major difference is the time in which a student receives the college/university's decision.

HOPE/Zell Miller Questions

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1. How do we know if we have a Temporary Social Security Number?
    a. Once you create your account through GAFutures and click "My HOPE GPA". If a blurb pops up to provide additional information, then you might have a Temp SSN on file.
2. Can students earn HOPE in college?
    a. Yes, students have the opportunity to earn HOPE again 1 time in college after they meet the requirements.
3. Is there a deadline to apply for HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship?
    a. Before the end of 2nd semester to ensure that the information gets sent to the colleges on time.
4. Is Zell Miller unweighted?
    a. Yes. Zell Miller requirements are unweighted.
5. What courses are considered HOPE rigor?
    a. https://www.gafutures.org/media/hvnjflju/rigor-list-january-2023-print-ready.pdf
6. SAT vs ACT?
    a. Colleges will accept both test scores. It is recommended to review the college website to determine if thye prefer one over the other.
7. How do you apply for HOPE/Zell Miller if you are not complete the FAFSA?
    a. You can apply for HOPE/Zell Miller two ways:
        i. By completing the FAFSA
        ii. Applying directly through GAFutures: https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/application-and-deadline/

FAFSA/Financial Aid Questions

1. Can students earn both Federal Aid along with state scholarships?
    a. Yes.
2. How has the FAFSA changed?
    a. For all FAFSA related questions, please visit https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
3. How is Financial Aid decided?
    a. Financial aid depends on your Expected Family Contribution, your year in school, your enrollment status, and the cost of attendance at the school you will be attending.
4. When can my student start the FAFSA?
    a. For our seniors, they will start the FAFSA after October 1 of their senior year. If you do the application earlier, you have done it too early.
5. What year of the FAFSA form does my student need to complete?
    a. Students will complete the 2027-2028 FAFSA Form.
6. Do you need to complete FAFSA to be admitted?
    a. No. FAFSA is financial aid and not required for admission.
7. When do I need to complete the FAFSA?
    a. Completing the FAFSA at your earliest convenience is best to ensure all documents and materials are submitted in time for their first term. Most colleges recommend having the FAFSA in no later than February.

Others

1. Will students get one-on-one help for early admission?
    a. Students are welcome to make an appointment to see their counselor to discuss any questions
    b. they may have as they begin applying to colleges or planning for after high school.
2. If my student missed the presentation, where can they find it?
    a. We have the FAQ and presentation posted on our counseling website.
3. Do parents need to meet with counselors or just students?
    a. Parents/Guardians are not required to meet, however, if questions arise, they are welcome to email, call, or schedule an appointment.
4. Where can we see GPA on 4.0 scale that the college will see?
    a. Students must report their weighted numeric average when applying, as Fulton County does not calculate GPA on a 4.0 scale. To get an estimate, students can log into GAFutures to view their tentative HOPE GPA.
5. Can we see student percentile rank?

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    a. We do not rank.
6. Where can we access the Post Secondary Senior Survey?
    a. The post-secondary survery will be in Schoolinks once operational. We will send out communication to families and students.
7. Do students with accommodations in high school get accommodations in college?
    a. Students will need to schedule an appointment with the college's student support office (name may vary) to review protentional accommodations. The college would review the documentation provided and let the student know what accommodations would be available to them at their college.
8. Can students take a GAP year before college?
    a. Yes, students are able to take a GAP year. Please see the slide in the Class of 2025 presentation that provides more information on taking a GAP year.
9. How long must a student be a resident of GA to be considered in-state?
    a. Students must be a resident of GA at least 12 months immediately preceding the beginning of classes for the semester in which they were admitted.
10. Where can we find Scholarship information?
    a. We send out scholarship information to the students via the announcements, add them to our Northview Counseling website at Northviewcouneling.com, and include information on our Instagram page @northviewcounseling.
11. How often do colleges visit Northview?
    a. Please visit SchooLinks for all college rep visits.
12. What are the top schools NHS graduate attend?
    a. The #1 school Northview graduates attend is Georgia State University. The other top attended school is Kennesaw State University.
13. If you pay out of pocket for dual enrollment, can the grade be posted on the transcript?
    a. If you pay out of pocket for a dual enrollment course, the grade will be posted on the transcript under the semester they took the course.
14. When is it recommended to take the SAT/ACT?
    a. Typically, at least once before their senior year. Please visit Collegeboard.org or ACT.org to review tests dates and deadlines.
15. UGA does not participate in the GAMatch program but why do we need to submit the transcript via GAFutures?
    a. Transcript requests progress through GAFutures is different from the GAMatch program.
        i. For more infomration on the GAMatch program, you may visit this link: https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/georgia-match/georgia-match/