



CLASS OF 2028

Countdown to Senior Year!!!

May 2028



Who is my Student's School Counselor?

26-27 Caseloads

- Mrs. Yolandria Wyche – A –CLE
- Ms. Melanie Smith – Clo-Jack
- Mr. Mark Ellis – Jaco-Pri
- Mrs. Chanell Shabazz – Pry-Z





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



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
- 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 high school final grades are included
- 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

High school courses taken in middle school appear on the high school transcript for graduation credit, **they are not included** in the high school GPA calculations, nor are they used for Georgia HOPE Scholarship calculations.

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.



What should Juniors be doing now?



1

Preparing for the **SAT/ACT/PSAT**; scores can be found in your student's account on www.collegeboard.org or <https://www.act.org/>
PSAT 10/15/26

2

Researching Colleges & Careers

3

College Visits at North Springs



What should Juniors be doing now?



1

- 11th grade course requirements

2

Build your College list using google, specific college websites, or bigfuture.collegeboard.org

3

Research **Spring Open Houses** and plan **Visits**. Colleges are focused on actively recruiting for the Class of 2028.



What should Juniors be doing now?



1

Networking with Teachers, School Counselors, Internship Supervisors, etc. (letters of recommendation)

2

Junior Meeting

3

Scholarship Search

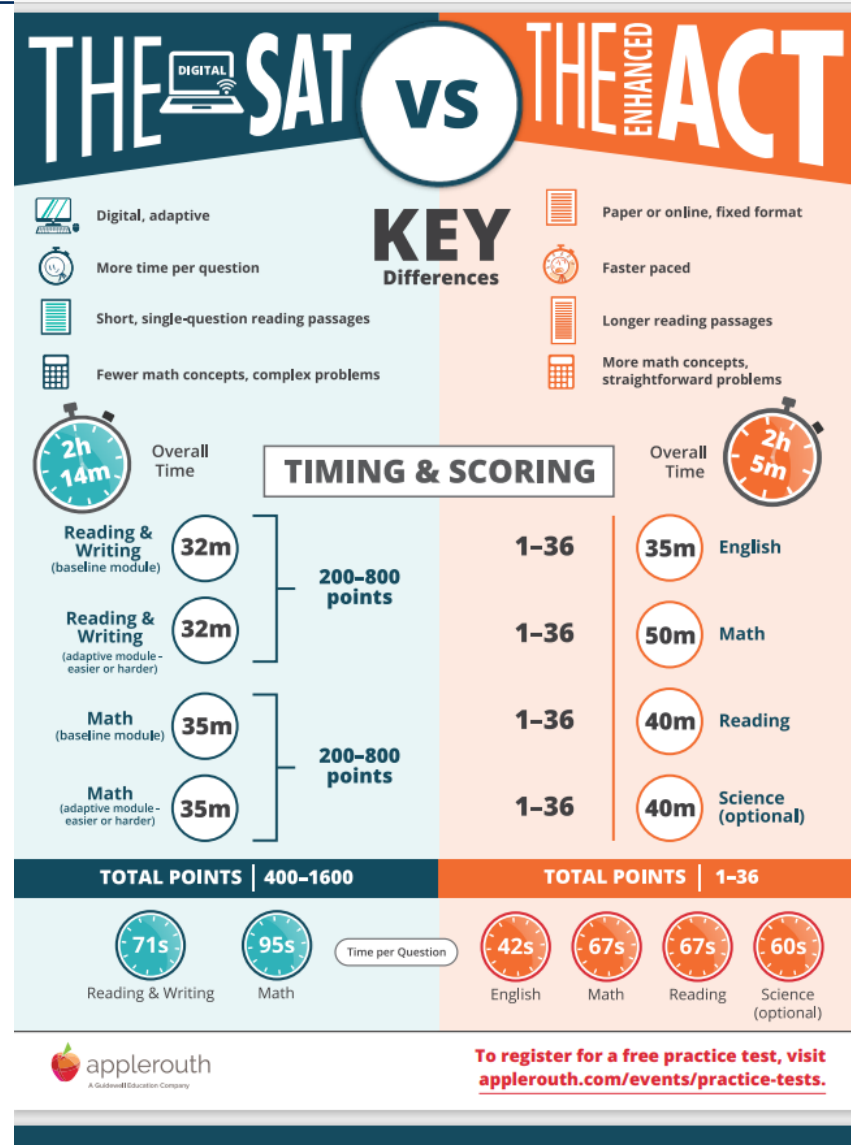


What NSHS is doing with your Junior

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 11			
Grade	Activity	Resources/Materials	Completion Requirements
11	Ga Workforce Development	Onboarding* (Includes Find Your Path Assessment, Set up Career Goal, & Set up Major Goal)*	100% of students will receive a lesson on the local workforce development initiatives.
	Explore 5 College Search/Add 3 Colleges, Set-Up/Update Career/Post-Secondary Goal and Major/Training	Set up/Update Goal Career* Explore Colleges (5)* Favorite Colleges (3)* Set/update Goal College* Set or update goal major or training program* "Jobs and Internships" Learning Unit	100% of students will complete a college search and will identify and save 3 colleges of interest.
	My Post-Secondary Options Lesson	- Workforce Development Slide Deck* - My Post-Secondary Options Lesson* - Grade Level Survey in Schoolinks*	100% of students will receive a lesson reviewing the various ways to get to the career of their choice and will complete the Options After High School survey.
	Junior Conference	Junior Conference Checklist & College/Career Resources developed by school.*	100% of students will take part in an 1:1 Junior Conference to plan for post-secondary life.
	Preparing for Senior Year	Preparing for Senior Year Powerpoint developed by school. Post-Secondary Plan Survey**(Schools can administer survey at the end of Junior year or top of Senior year.)	100% of students will receive information on preparing for senior year.
	Course Selection/Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)-4yr Plan (to include DE)	- Course Selection-School Specific - Resources/Materials IGP-4yr Course Plan- Infinite Campus *	100% of students will revisit and adjust their IGP-4yr Plan and will learn about taking courses through dual enrollment.
	Supplemental Activities	Create SMART Goals "Employability Skills" Learning Unit Complete the "Would You Rather" Assessment Update Profile/Resume Create a Balanced Final List	Completion Goal Set by School

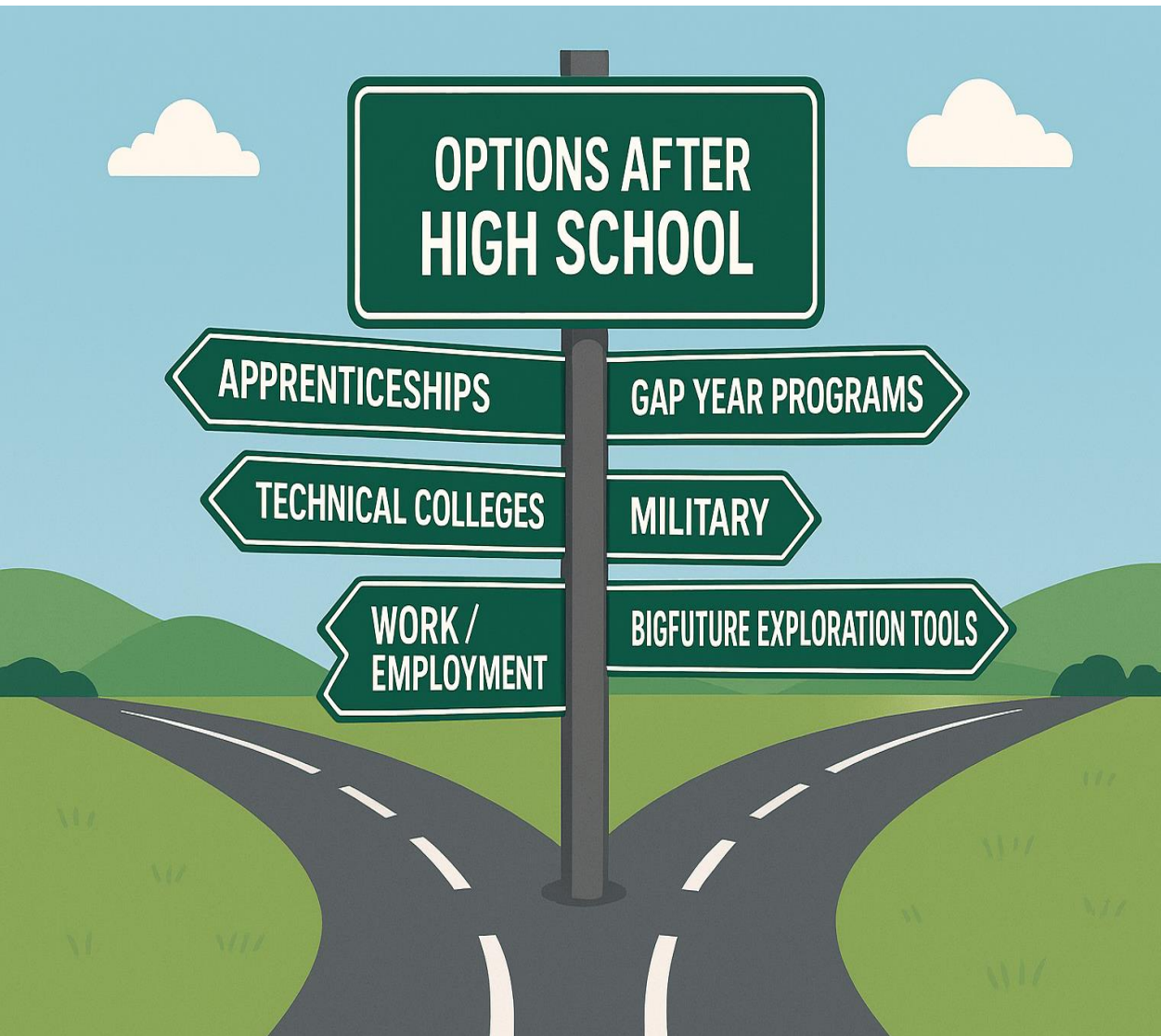


SAT AND ACT





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 is up to you. It is never too early for you to start 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
- TECHNICAL COLLEGE
- MILITARY
- APPRENTICESHIP
- GAP YEAR

4-YR COLLEGE UNIVERSITY

Students interested in attending 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 upon their graduation. Students who receive their Bachelor's degree can go on to become graduates 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 (C) and SAT/ACT test score requirement set by college/university.
Degree Earned: Bachelor's Degree

STUDENT ACTIVITY
Log into SpartanLink to find out and research college/universities from the below links and send your way to college to complete.

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-year college, has historically served the purpose of providing education for students who are preparing to eventually attend a traditional four-year college. Community colleges generally do not provide on-campus housing, thus they only have separate dorms for students to participate in. Students who complete two years of Community College can be eligible to transfer to a four-year college.

Requirements: Placement Testing
Degree Earned: 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 four years to complete. Students who attend technical college can gain the specific skills needed to go into the workforce sooner. Students interested in attending technical college can earn an associate degree (A.S.), complete a diploma (D), or earn a certificate program (C.E.C.).

Requirements: Placement Testing
Degree Earned: Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree
Find a Technical College by visiting: GaTechnicalColleges.com/GaTechnicalColleges

STUDENT ACTIVITY
Scan QR code: Visit a website of two student visitors. There is something of the student's story and something you learned about technical school with your class, teacher, and/or parent.

Scan the QR code and research topics, College, 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 communicate with the types of assistance financial aid. Students 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's family.

Types of aid consist of:

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work-Study Jobs
- Loans

More Information: GaCollegeCosts.com/GaCollegeCosts and GaCollegeCosts.com/GaCollegeCosts
For More Information: admission@spartanlink.org
For High School Counselor: spartanlink@spartanlink.org



Road Map to Success



1

- Apprenticeships

2

- Technical Colleges

3

- Gap Year Programs



1

- Work/Employment

2

- Military Options

3

- Two and Four Yr Colleges



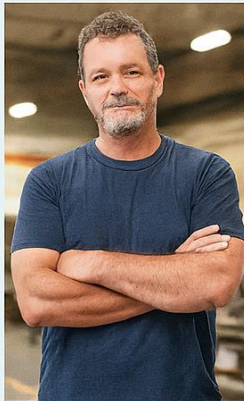
Workforce Wednesdays– Coming Soon

TRADE TALKS

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



MILITARY
Speaker



APPRENTICESHIPS
Speaker



WORKFORCE
Speaker



**TRADES & TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**
Speaker

- Will be Held monthly
- Date TBD 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***



ASVAB TEST



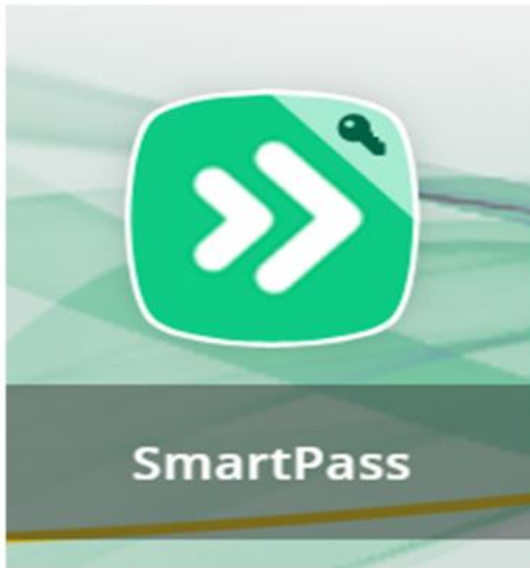
- The ASVAB is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.
- It is a free 3 hour standardized test. It measures a person's aptitude in four domains –Verbal, Math, Science & Technical, and Spatial.
- It has two main purposes –
 - Identifies students who are interested in joining the military,
 - Allows 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.



College Visit Sign-up



SchoolLinks



SmartPass

To Do List Events 16 Reminders My Team Survey/Forms Shared No

Search for an event by name

16 Unregistered events

September, 2025

COLLEGE VISITS AT NORTH SPRINGS

- All college visit lists are posted (updated weekly) on 10th-12th **grade level Canvas** page
- College visits are now on **School Links** located in **Class Links**
- Complete the onboarding questions and then click on events at the top to see visits.



College Visits

There are many options!

- In Person Campus Visit
- Open House
- Virtual Tour
- Self Guided Tour
- Information Sessions
 - It's very easy to sign up for college visits: Go to school webpage → Admissions → Visit School
 - Pick what dates work for your family



Things to know when starting the college admissions process:

- Organization is key- plan out visits and tours with schedules
- Make time during the week
- Think about your needs/wants. What is a must for a campus to be considered vs. that would be nice if it had...
- Note all deadlines!
- Create a spreadsheet to track colleges, requirements, deadlines, tuition, etc.



Things to Consider; College Comparison and Research

- Geographic location and size
 - Cost and financial aid
 - Average GPA, SAT, and ACT Score
 - Admission policy
 - Majors and educational programs
 - Personal factors
 - Campus environment
 - Campus activities
 - Support services
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College Applications

- *Most of you will use the Common Application*
 - *<https://www.commonapp.org/apply>*
- Recommendation letters are confidential
- Remember - deadlines shown are for the student's applications
- Teachers and School Counselors paperwork are not due at the same time
 - That is, if the Letters of Recommendation are not in, students should still submit their applications (Don't wait!) Teachers and counselors have different deadlines for their paperwork.



Letters of Recommendation



➤ What is it?

- A letter of recommendation for college admission is a short document typically written by a teacher, counselor, or mentor/coach/employer highlighting your strengths and potential contributions to a school.
- You must carefully choose who will write your letters of recommendation and be thoughtful and responsible when asking for them.
- Senior brag sheets will be accessible through School Links



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



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



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



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



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](#)



Georgia Futures



- <https://www.gafutures.org/>

GSFC | Georgia Student
Finance Commission

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Student ?



HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

- 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 (1200 SAT min or 26 ACT)



Transcripts are uploaded to Ga Futures in mid-September.



YOU MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE SOCIAL TO CREATE YOUR ACCT



Available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement.

Must meet US citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements



Please note that only Georgia Student Finance Commission can calculate HOPE or ZELL GPA, NOT NORTH SPRINGS HS.



HOPE AND ZELL SCHOLARSHIPS

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HOPE & ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

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.



HOPE AND ZELL MILLER GRANTS

• HOPE Grant

- Full-time enrollment in a certificate or diploma program is not required
- Students are not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA
- A Cumulative 2.0 GPA at the college checkpoints is required to maintain eligibility. The HOPE Grant award amount will cover a portion of a student's tuition.

• Zell Miller Grant

- Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at a Technical College or University in Georgia
- The Zell Miller Grant award amount is the standard undergraduate tuition rate based on the school the student attends and the number of hours enrolled.



Big Futures Scholarship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNIORS: PSAT AND BIGFUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship options and guidance
for high school juniors





WHY JUNIORS SHOULD TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT



Scholarship Qualification

The PSAT/NMSQT is the only qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program for juniors, opening scholarship opportunities.

Skill Assessment

The test evaluates reading, writing, and math skills, providing valuable insights into students' academic strengths and weaknesses.

Personalized SAT Preparation

PSAT results enable tailored SAT study plans through partnerships like Khan Academy, improving test readiness.

College and Career Planning

Access to My College QuickStart helps students explore majors and career paths based on their PSAT results.



ENCOURAGING JUNIORS TO COMPLETE BIGFUTURE ACTIVITIES



BigFuture Scholarship Program

Students can win scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$40,000 by completing college planning activities each month.

Inclusive and Accessible

The program has no GPA, essay, or income requirements, allowing all students equal opportunity to participate.

Personalized College Planning

BigFuture offers tailored resources and guidance to help students stay organized and proactive in their college search.

Simple Getting Started Steps

Juniors can easily begin by logging in at bigfuture.org and completing activities to increase scholarship chances.



<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>



Sign In



Search



Explore Careers ▾

Plan for College ▾

Pay for College ▾

Community ▾

My BigFuture ▾

NO ESSAY REQUIRED

\$40K Scholarships for Seniors and Juniors

Qualify by completing steps on your dashboard by logging in or creating an account today.

Sign In

Create an Account



✦ Increase Your Chances to Win if Your Family Earns Less Than \$60K Per Year ✦



NCAA Eligibility

- Division I and Division II Athletes (does not apply to Division III)
- Any student wishing to compete in collegiate sports at the DI or DII level, **MUST** create an athlete account to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- There is a \$70 fee.
- Students should register before the start of their Senior year.
- Register here: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Keith Thomas, Athletic Director will be able to assist DI and DII Athletes



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.



Save the Date – IC Grade Posting

■ Semester 1

- 4.5 Weeks – Progress Report – September 10th
- 9 weeks – Progress Report - October 16th
- 13.5 weeks – Progress Report – November 20st
- Final S1 – January 13th, 2026

■ Semester 2

- 4.5 Weeks – Progress Report – February 13th
- 9 weeks – Progress Report - March 25th
- 13.5 weeks – Progress Report – April 30th
- Final S2 – June 1st, 2027



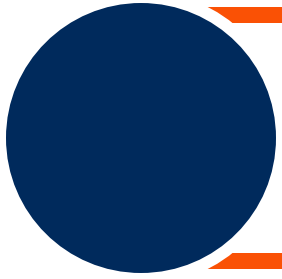


UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES

- 8/27 – 10th Grade Parent Night (Teams)
- 9/2 – 12th Grade Parent Informational (Teams)
- 9/21 – 9/25 – Fall Break
- 9/30- College Fair @ Riverwood 6PM - 8PM
- Junior Conferences – October
- 10/15 - PSAT
- Dual Enrollment Night – 1/13/2027 (Teams)



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



Connect with Us

1

- Social media – X - @counselorsNSHS
- IG – northspringshighschoolcounseling



2

Book an appointment or send an email

3

We look forward to connecting with you.





Thank you for attending our Grade-Level Parent Night. Information from the presentation will be uploaded to the North Springs website in the coming days. Counselors will also create a Q&A document addressing the questions asked in the chat and post it on the website for families to access.