CHATTAHOOCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR INFO NIGHT
CLASS OF 2027

August 19, 2026



- During the presentation, please use the chat feature to type in general questions about the **current** slide. Counselors are monitoring the chat and can answer your questions in real time! Keep in mind your questions will be viewable by other attendees.
- Questions that are student-specific should be asked in a Senior Check-In Meeting that your student can book next week with their counselor.
- We will continue the Q & A at the end of the presentation to allow participants to ask any final questions.
- This presentation is being recorded and will be posted on the Counseling website and the Senior Canvas within a few days.

VIRTUAL MEETING HELPFUL HINTS

CHATTAHOOCHEE HS COUNSELING STAFF

Counselors

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Ms. Tammy Jones – Last Names Sc - Z

Ms. Alicia McClung – **School Social Worker**

Ms. Amy Showfety – **MTSS Specialist**

Dr. Nate Kellis – **504 Coordinator**

Ms. Krista Gipson – **School Psychologist**

Parent Liaisons

Ms. MJ Kang – Korean Parent Liaison
Ms. Maria Navas – Spanish Parent Liaison

Additional Support Staff

Ms. Patricia Movilla-Leal – Registrar
Ms. Sherri Michaelis – Professional Assistant

Ms. Linh Nguyen – Clinic Assistant

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CANVAS / INFINITE CAMPUS

Canvas

Access your Parent Observer Account:

How Do I Access My Account?

Your Canvas parent/observer account is automatically connected to the email address you have on file in Infinite Campus. You can access Canvas by following the steps below. It is best to wait until the first day of school to access as all accounts will not be available until then.

1. Going to: **fultonschools.instructure.com** or click the *Canvas Parent* button from the school website or the main Fulton Schools website.
2. Select **Parent Login.**

If you have never used Canvas before you follow these steps to set a password for your account:

1. Follow steps 1 and 2 above.
2. Select **Forgot Password**.
3. Enter your email once again in the Login field and click **Request Password**.

Once you have set up your new password, you can return to fultonschools.instructure.com, select **Parent Login**, and login using your email and the new password you created.

Infinite Campus

- Access to all information for all enrolled students in your household
- Grades
- Attendance
- Assignments
- Unofficial Transcript
  *Unofficial copy is accepted by GA DDS for student to obtain driver's license – no separate form needed. Also accepted by auto insurance companies if you want to apply for a "good student discount."

REMINDER OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- English – 4.0 credits
- Math – 4.0 credits
- Science – 4.0 credits
- Social Studies – 3.0 credits
- CTAE / Fine Art / World Language* – 3.0 credits
- Health (0.5) & Personal Fitness** (0.5) – 1.0 credit
- Additional Electives – 4.0 credits



23 TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED

*__World Language__ is not a high school graduation requirement; however, 2.0 credits of the __same__ World Language are required for most 4-year colleges, and some competitive colleges prefer to see 3.0+ credits.

**__Electronic Personal Fitness Waiver__ – does not give credit, but indicates the Personal Fitness requirement has been satisfied. Counseling Office does not process or approve waivers. Until it is listed on your transcript as waived, Personal Fitness will stay in your Senior schedule!

GRADUATING WITH HONORS

- Cumulative Numeric Averages for Honor Graduates are finalized at the END of 1st semester Senior year – 2nd semester is not included.
- Honor cords are purchased in May in the front office. The Counseling Office does not handle honor cords.
- Numeric Averages do NOT round up. *Example - 87.9999 will not earn you Cum Laude designation at graduation or an honor cord.*

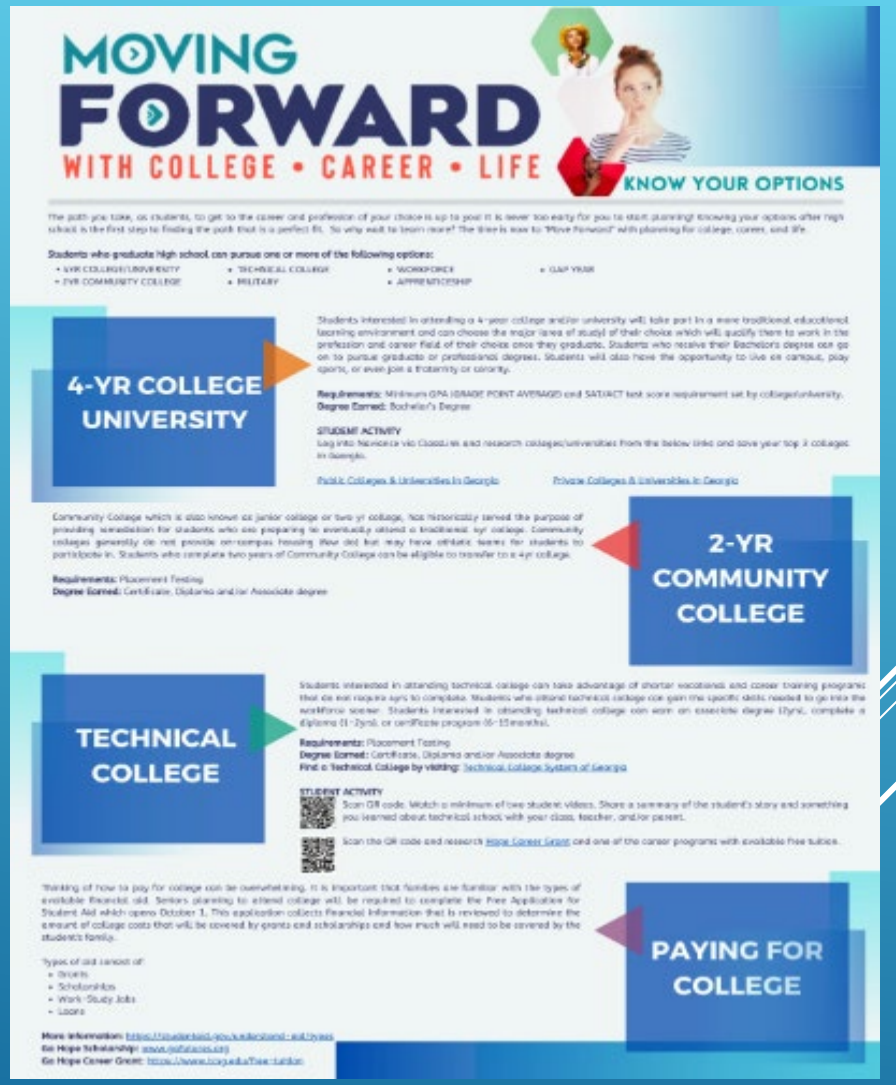
SUMMA CUM LAUDE – 96.00+

MAGNA CUM LAUDE – 92.00 - 95.99

CUM LAUDE – 88.0 - 91.99

ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS

- Apprenticeships
- Technical Colleges
- Gap Year Programs
- Work / Employment
- Military Options
- Four Year & Two Year Colleges
- Big Future Exploration Tool
- Additional Career Exploration Tools



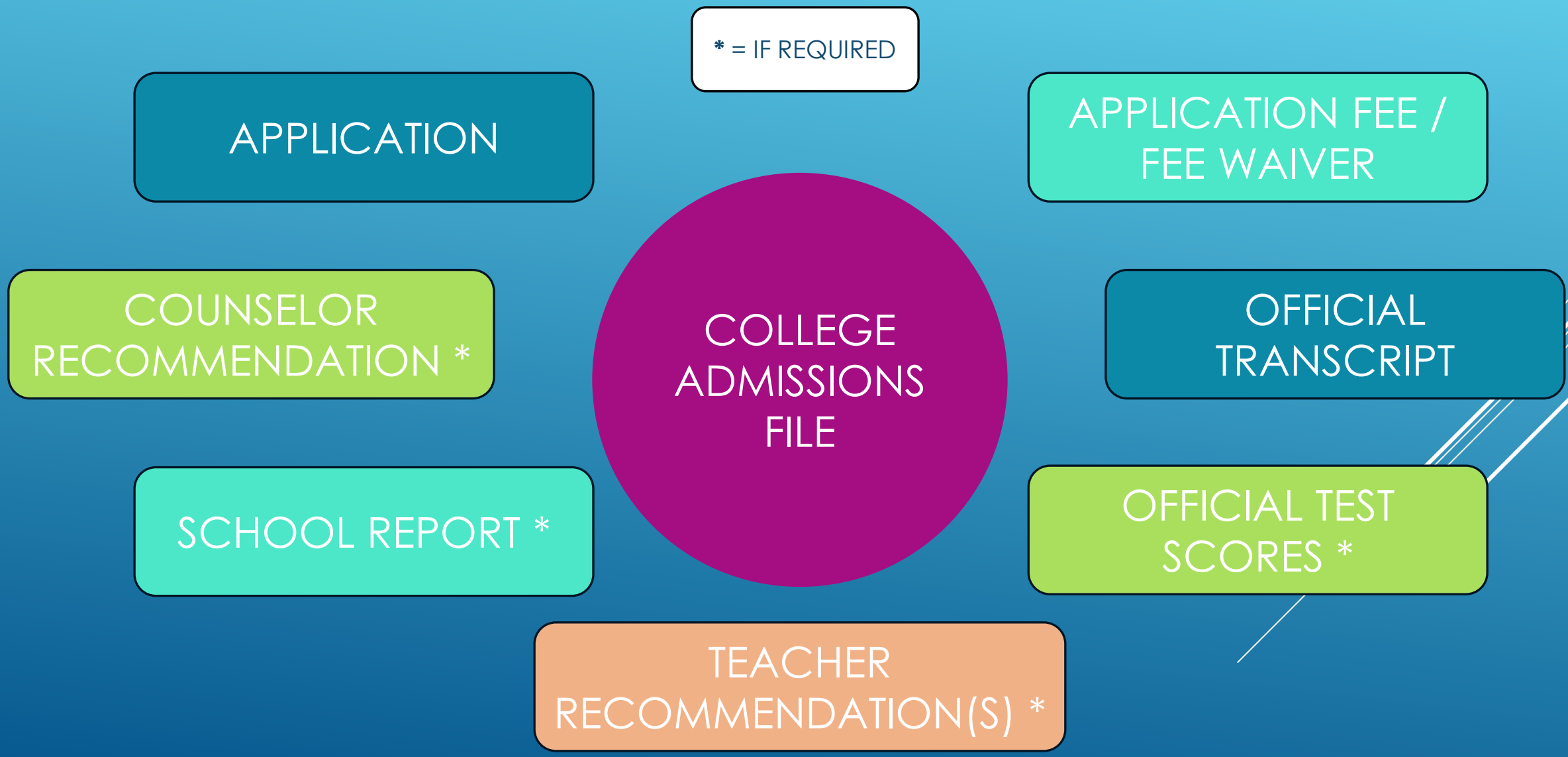
MAPPING OUT A PLAN

- Do you fit in one of these categories?
  - Military
  - Work Force
  - Apprenticeship
  - Gap Year
  - Completely undecided about what you should do for next year but know you do not want to attend college

Your student's school counselor can help! Be sure your student books a Senior Check-In Meeting with them (links available on the Senior Canvas starting tomorrow morning).

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

WHAT MAKES A COMPLETE FILE?



OBTAINING INITIAL DOCUMENTS

Application Platforms

- Common Application
- GAFutures
- Common Black College Application
- Direct to Institution
  *Application is submitted through the college website – not through an outside source.

Test Scores

- College Board
- ACT

*Must be requested by the student – counselors do not have access to send for you!

Prospective College Athletes

- NCAA Eligibility Center
- NAIA – National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES



- **Prospective College Athletes should:**
  - Access registration materials by visiting the NCAA or NAIA websites for initial information.
  - Reach out to Ms. Hagan in the Main Office at **HaganK1@fultonschools.org** prior to requesting your transcript in the portals.
  - When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA Eligibility Center.
  - Review the NCAA requirements as they might differ from graduation requirements. It is the student's responsibility to ensure you are meeting NCAA requirements.
  - Direct questions to Coach Short, Athletic Director - **ShortC@fultonschools.org**

TIPS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Be sure to select UNDERGRADUATE application and follow steps for Freshman applicants.
- Look for the application checklists for easy reference.
- Send official test scores directly from the testing agency, if required.
- Only use a personal email address (NOT your FCSTU email) when creating accounts – and be sure to use an appropriate email address ☺
- When making accounts or setting up various portals, WRITE EVERYTHING DOWN or save it in your phone/notes app!
  - Email used
  - Usernames/Passwords
  - PIN assigned



PARENT TIPS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Parents/guardians – we strongly encourage you to have **your student** take all action on their applications!
- Feel free to sit with them as they work through their applications in case they have questions, have a shared tracking system/chart showing what items the student has completed for each college application, etc.
- But…**please do not DO the application for them**! Your students will be fully on their own in less than 1 year, and they need to figure out how to navigate college systems beforehand.
- Keep in mind not all colleges offer or use a blanket FERPA waiver that students can sign allowing parents/guardians ongoing access to their information! This is why students need to learn to manage college applications and systems on their own ☺

COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED ON APPLICATIONS

Total students in Class of 2027 = **422**

Chattahoochee High School **DOES NOT** report class rank or percentile/decile to students, parents, or colleges. Choose N/A if asked.

Only Valedictorian & Salutatorian are reported after 1st semester Senior grades are posted.

Your numeric average is **weighted** and on the **100-point scale**.
DO NOT report your GPA to colleges using the 4.0 scale. **Use the numeric average listed on your transcript in Infinite Campus.**

We offer 17 Honors courses and 33 Advanced Placement courses

APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS

- Application fee waivers are available for students who have financial need.
- If using Common Application, there is a question within the profile section where a student can request a fee waiver. Sometimes students check this box on accident which is why the counselor typically will verify the request.
- If applying direct to institution, check with the admissions office to find out their process for requesting an application fee waiver.
- Examples of qualifications (not exhaustive):
  - You are enrolled in or eligible to participate in the free or reduced-price lunch program.
  - You are eligible to receive an SAT or ACT fee waiver.
  - You are eligible to receive the Pell Grant.

FREE APPLICATION MONTHS / CODES

- Different than a Fee Waiver due to financial need - **<u>these are open to anyone</u>!**
- GAFutures will typically host a month of free applications for in-state college during November and March. Most colleges in Georgia participate in these free application periods. Students use the code provided and follow the directions posted on the GAFutures website.
- Additionally, many colleges give out free waiver codes to use at different times of the year. These are done by individual institutions, and as we find out about these opportunities, they will be posted to the Senior Canvas.



OBTAINING TRANSCRIPTS

Initial Transcript Request

- Once you add your school counselor in Common App, they will automatically send your initial transcript – no separate request needed.
- All other transcript requests must be made through **ScribOrder**.
  - For students under 18, a parent/guardian must upload a copy of their ID to the portal. For students over 18, the student must upload a copy of their ID.
  - If you do not have a Social Security Number, then enter 0000.
  - An email confirmation goes to the address that was entered in ScribOrder, so be sure you enter it correctly.

TRANSCRIPTS (CONT'D)

Note on Unweighted Transcripts

- UGA applicants must upload an unofficial unweighted transcript to their applicant portal after they apply via Common App. Download your unofficial unweighted transcript from the Documents tab in Infinite Campus.
  - UGA applicants who are able: please also send your transcript via GAFutures. See **https://www.gafutures.org/media/z2janyk1/requesting-your-transcript-2-0.pdf** for directions.
  - If you get an error message in GAFutures, it may be due to a mismatch or incorrect entry of your Social Security # - please bring your Social Security card to the Counseling Office so we can assist!
- If you want your unweighted transcript sent to any other colleges, please see Ms. Movilla-Leal in the Counseling Office. The unweighted transcript will be sent to EVERY college to which you apply, so be certain you want to choose this option!

Common Application Mid Year Report

- If your college requires a mid year report, counselors will automatically send it as soon as we have first semester grades. These are usually completed in mid-January.

OBTAINING COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Counselors will only write letters of recommendation if it is **required** by the college. Counselor rec letters usually do not start until November 1 deadlines.
- **NO** public colleges in Georgia require a counselor letter of recommendation.
- For schools that do require a counselor recommendation, students must add counselor to their Common App **AND** submit their completed Senior Brag Sheet in Canvas **at least 10 school days** (not including weekends/holidays) before the application deadline.
- Letters are never given directly to students or to parents/guardians.

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT'D)

- Almost all School Reports are completed through Common Application.
  - On the Common App college dashboard, add at least 1 college and click on it.
  - Complete the FERPA waiver. It is best to select "waive rights."
  - Then, go to the Recommenders tab and add your school counselor's email address (done one time – after that, the counselor is automatically linked to any other colleges you list).
  - Please be sure all colleges you intend to apply to have accurate deadlines listed and that the deadline is entered at least 10 school days ahead of time. If a college is listed without a deadline, we will assume you are still thinking about the college and will not proceed with submitting documents for that school.
- If using a different application portal (ex. Georgetown, MIT, some military institutions), add your counselor's email to the website. ***Keep in mind if you enter our email incorrectly, we will not receive the request! For schools that use their own portal, you should confirm with your counselor that they received the request.***

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT'D)

- To see which schools require counselor recommendation letters:
  - All schools on Common App require the School Report (which includes the transcript) – but not necessarily the Counselor Recommendation. Check the Common App grid of all the schools on their portal and the required documents **https://content.commonapp.org/Files/ReqGrid.pdf** as well as the college's admission checklist to confirm.

	Application fees and fee waiver			Common App		Supplements		Minimum standard test required			Recommendations			
College name ↑	US	Int'l	Common App fee waiver	PE	C&G	Portfolio	WS	Test policy	SAT/ACT tests used	English proficiency	TE	OE	MR	CR
University of Georgia	$70	$85	U.S. only	✓				Always required	SAT without essay or ACT without science or writing	IELTS or TOEFL	0	0		
University of Glasgow	$0	$0			✓			Flexible	See website	IELTS or TOEFL or PTE	1	0		
University of Guelph	$75	$75	Not accepted		✓			Sometimes required	See website	See website	0	0	✓	
University of Hartford	$0	$0				SR		Flexible	See website	Duolingo or IELTS or TOEFL or PTE	0	0		✓

  - For direct to institution applications, review the application checklists available on their Admissions websites.

OBTAINING TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- FIRST, find out if it is even required by your college(s).
- Then, ask nicely and with plenty of advance notice ☺
  Great Resource for HOW TO ASK here.
- If the teacher has already committed to several students, they may ask you to find another teacher.
- Most are completed electronically through Common Application.
- Colleges typically want letters from an academic subject area teacher.
- Each college will tell the student how many are required, optional, or none. If a college does not accept recommendations, you cannot send them.
- For **every** college in Common App that requires a teacher recommendation, the student will need to assign teachers in their recommender tab.
- Best practice to ask 1 or 2 teachers and assign them to all of your colleges.
- Teachers may ask for a copy of the student's Senior Brag Sheet.
- Counselors do not manage this process.



COLLEGE DEADLINES & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

IMPORTANT: The Counseling Office requires <u>at least 10 school days</u> to process transcripts / school reports/ recommendation letter requests.

Reminder of popular application deadlines for colleges:

- October 15th deadline – submit requests no later than September 29th
- November 1st deadline – submit requests no later than October 16th
- December 1st deadline – submit requests no later than November 9th
- Deadline in early January – submit requests no later than December 4th

UGA's regular admission deadline is January 1st (documents: Jan 15th)
Georgia Tech's regular admission deadline is January 6th (documents: Jan 22nd)

*****Please Note: teacher workdays, weekends, and holidays/holiday breaks <u>do not</u> count as school days! Counselors do not process or submit college application materials during those times. Remember, major deadlines are a high-volume time in the Counseling Office. Get organized and plan ahead!*****

CONSIDERATION FACTORS FOR ADMISSIONS

OBJECTIVE FACTORS

- GRADE POINT AVERAGE
- TEST SCORES
- RIGOR OF COURSES

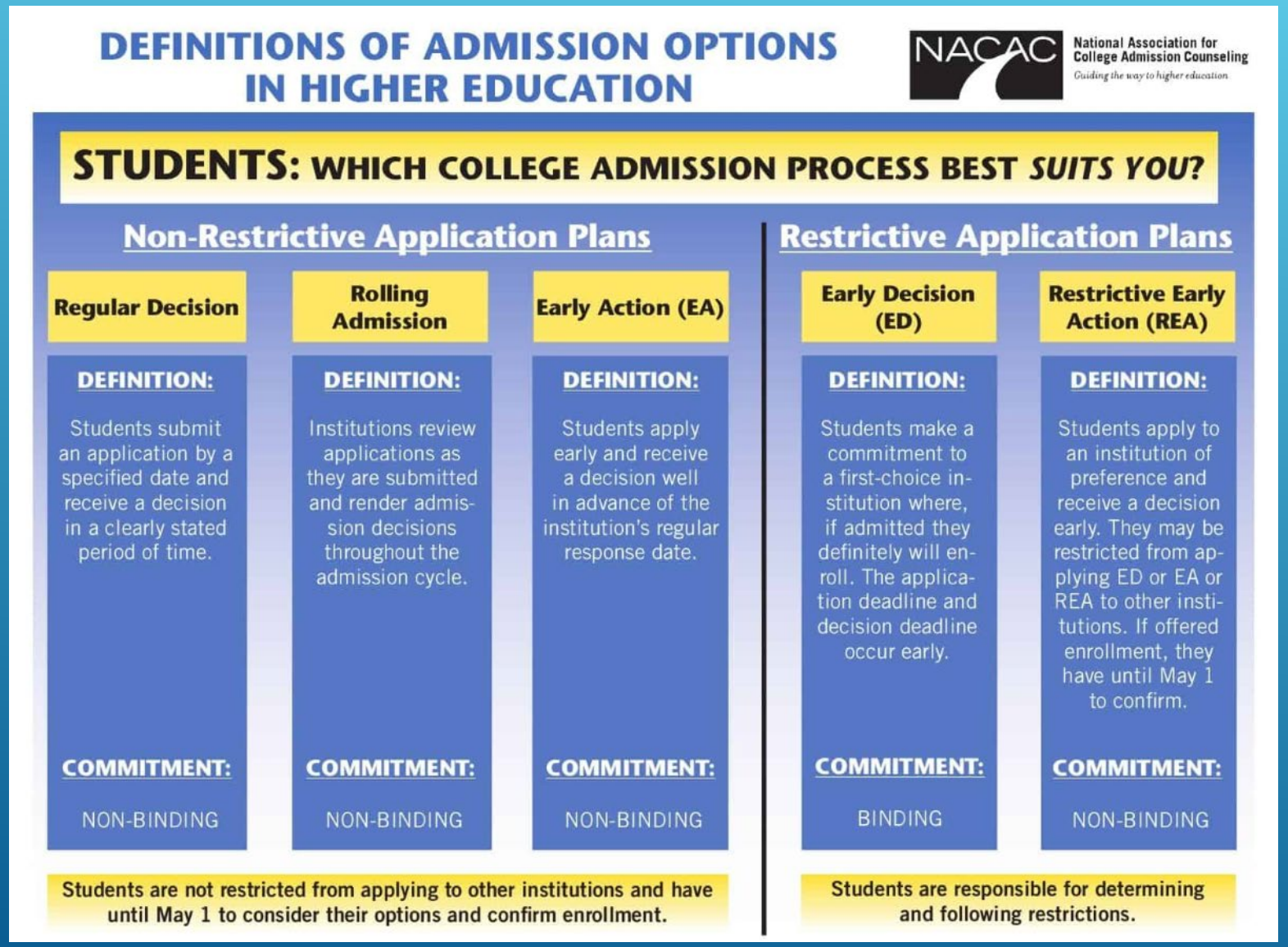
COMMON DATA SET – provides data and metrics in a common format to allow for easy comparison across institutions.



SUBJECTIVE FACTORS

- COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- LEADERSHIP ROLES
- RESUMES / INTERVIEWS / PORTFOLIOS
- DEMONSTRATED INTEREST
- MORE HOLISTIC

ADMISSION OPTIONS



DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

NACAC National Association for College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST *SUITS YOU?*

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)
DEFINITION: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	**DEFINITION:** Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	**DEFINITION:** Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.
COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	**COMMITMENT:** NON-BINDING	**COMMITMENT:** NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
DEFINITION: Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.	**DEFINITION:** Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.
COMMITMENT: BINDING	**COMMITMENT:** NON-BINDING

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Early Decision (ED)
BINDING - examples:
Brown
Cornell
Dartmouth
Duke
U Penn
Vanderbilt

Restrictive Early Action (REA)
NON-BINDING - examples:
Boston College
Princeton
Harvard
Yale
Stanford

***You may only apply to **one** ED school **or one** REA school.*

***Under REA, you cannot apply Early Action to any other private schools.*

GEORGIA MATCH

- GSFC/GAfutures will mail GEORGIA MATCH letters in October to current Seniors.
- Also can access them via your GAfutures account.
- Colleges listed on your GEORGIA MATCH letter are an initial academic match based on your HOPE GPA. There may be other requirements you must meet in order to be eligible for admission (ex. test scores).
- Review the FAQs to answer questions and navigate to the GAfutures Student Dashboard to view a PDF of their letter and list of colleges that are on their letter.



GRADE POINT AVERAGE

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- Many forms of GPA exist:
  - Cumulative = all classes attempted for high school credit
  - Academic/core = only certain subject areas (typically English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and some Career Tech) and might include HS classes taken in MS
  - Weighted = includes Honors points earned in Honors, AP, & DE courses
  - Unweighted = excludes Honors points
  - HOPE/Zell Miller GPA = includes only academic classes (plus certain Career Tech) taken in high school and is re-weighted – see next slide
- There is **not** a universal way that colleges calculate GPAs for admission! We strongly suggest students find out what is included in the GPA calculated by the Admissions Office at each of the colleges they are applying to.
- Cannot convert your Fulton County GPA (100 point scale) directly to the 4.0 scale – you must convert every individual grade on your transcript to the 4.0 scale, then calculate the average of those grades.

Fulton County Cumulative Numeric Average	HOPE/Zell Miller GPA
100-point scale	4-point scale A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, F=0.0
All grades on high school transcript are included, including failed classes that have been retaken. Includes high school classes taken in middle school, academic/core, electives, etc.	All academic/core courses taken in high school (English, Math, Science, Social Studies & World Lang), including failed classes that have been retaken. Includes academic electives (ex: Yearbook, Newspaper, Math Support, Sports in American Society, Sociology) and some Career Tech classes (ex: Essentials of Healthcare, AP Comp Sci Principles / A)
Weighted (includes the additional 7 points added to final passing grade for each Honors, AP, & DE course)	Reweighted (7 honors points are removed before converting to the 4.0 scale, and then additional 0.5 quality points are added to AP & DE courses, up to a max of 4.0)
Calculated by Fulton County and posted on high school transcript	Calculated by Georgia Student Finance Commission after graduating. Students must have at least 4.0 **rigor credits** as defined by GSFC.

Students should monitor their HOPE progress GPA via their GAFutures account at **www.GAfutures.org**

COLLEGE VISITS AT HOOCH AND ON-CAMPUS

College visits at Chattahoochee:

- Students can register for a maximum of **7 college visits at Chattahoochee per school year**. These are not for parents to attend.
- Please talk with your teacher prior to signing up to ensure you do not miss important material or a quiz/test day.
- Students should **research the colleges** prior to the visits and **come prepared with questions** for the representative
- College visit dates will be posted in SchooLinks and are often on the white board in front of the Counseling Office.

Off campus college visits:

- Students are allowed to take up to 5 remote participation days per semester and up to 6 pre-approved absence days per school year. **Students are highly encouraged to use remote participation days first, as those mark you as present for the day.**
- Parents/guardians should complete the **remote participation/pre-approved absence request form** at least 5 days prior to the planned absence.

COLLEGE FAIRS

Georgia Probe College Tour
Various high schools in metro Atlanta are hosting the Probe College Tour including the following:
https://www.gaprobe.org/student-fair-registration/

- Peachtree Ridge HS
  August 20th at 6:00 pm
- Duluth High School
  September 2nd at 6:30 pm
- North Gwinnett HS
  September 14th at 6:00 pm
- Northview High School
  October 5th at 6:00 pm

NACAC (National Assoc. for College Admission Counseling) National College Fair
Register Here

NACAC

In-Person	Virtual	
Sunday, September 20, 2026	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	2026 NACAC Virtual College Fair - September
Sunday, October 18, 2026	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	2026 NACAC Virtual College Fair - October
Sunday, November 8, 2026	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	2026 NACAC Virtual College Fair - November

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- The FAFSA for 2027-2028 (current Seniors' first year of college) is scheduled to open on October 1st this year. This is a FREE application that students complete to be considered for federal financial aid. Filling out the FAFSA is the only way to apply for federal financial aid.
- https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out

Gathering Needed Documents

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Your parents' SSNs if they have SSNs and you're a dependent student
- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

Keep these records! You may need them again. **Do not mail these supporting records to us unless otherwise instructed to do so.**

How Financial Aid Works

01	02	03	04	05
Start Planning Early	Fill Out the FAFSA® Form	Review Your Aid Offer	Get Your Aid	Repay Your Loans

- First step is to create a StudentAid.gov Account for the 2027-2028 Form.
- Anyone who is required to provide info on the FAFSA form needs their own account before accessing and completing their section of the online form. Best to do this before starting the FAFSA form.
- Students are allowed to list up to 20 colleges to receive your information. The order of schools does not matter.
- Always check the college Financial Aid webpage for each college for specific info for their processes. Some schools require the CSS profile in addition to the FAFSA.
- Utilize the net price calculator to get a more accurate calculation of what you may owe in order to attend.
- **Chattahoochee High School will host a Financial Aid Night later this semester. Date is TBD.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 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.
- Local Scholarships - Provided by local organizations such as employer sponsored scholarships, banks, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, service organizations, etc.
- 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.
- Academic Common Market - Southern Regional Education Board's (SREB) Academic Common Market is an agreement between ~14 states that allows students to attend other state's schools for in-state tuition, if a public school in your home state doesn't offer the degree you wish to pursue. Certain steps, including documentation, must be followed.
  Academic Common Market
- Scholarships that the Counseling Office is notified about will be posted in the Senior Canvas.

HOPE & ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

- Transcripts are uploaded to GAFutures in early to mid-September. If you do not see yours, please double-check your SS# is entered correctly in your profile.
- Only Georgia Student Finance Commission can calculate the HOPE or Zell Miller GPA.
- Available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. Must meet US citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements.
- An application must be submitted prior to graduation. Either the FAFSA or the GSFAPP will serve as the application.
- To qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, must graduate from high school with a 3.0 GPA calculated by GSFC and earn 4.0 **rigor credits**.
- To qualify for the Zell Miller Scholarship, must graduate from high school with a 3.7 GPA calculated by GSFC, earn 4.0 **rigor credits**, and earn a 1200 on the SAT or 25 composite* on the ACT in 1 sitting and before graduating.
  *Per the concordance guide published each year
- Beginning with the class of 2027, Georgia Department of Education has added **Approved Advanced Fine Arts courses** to the list of rigor credits.
- Students cannot earn both HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships – only 1 can be earned at the end of high school.

HOPE & ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

Print

Basic Eligibility
Initial Academic Eligibility
Understanding the High School HOPE GPA
Understanding the College HOPE GPA
Student Document Upload
Eligible Colleges and Universities
Application and Deadline
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.

**Students must meet all eligibility requirements to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship.*

HOPE & ZELL MILLER GRANTS

- Available to GA residents working toward a certificate or diploma at eligible colleges.
- Full-time enrollment is not required for either option.
- HOPE Grant
  - Students are not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA. But, a cumulative 2.0 GPA at the college at certain checkpoints is required to maintain eligibility.
  - The HOPE Grant award amount will cover a portion of a student's tuition.
- Zell Miller Grant
  - Students are not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA, but a cumulative 3.5 GPA at the college at certain checkpoints is required to maintain eligibility. The first term of enrollment will be paid retroactively if the student has the required 3.5 GPA at the end of the term.



HELPFUL RESOURCES & DATES

COLLEGE APPLICATION HELP SESSIONS

Students can get questions answered by counselors, or just use the space to work on applications!

Media Center – All Lunch Periods

October 2nd
October 21st

Early March – we are aiming to host an instant decision day for a few local colleges – ex. GSU/Alpharetta campus, Gwinnett Tech, and GA Gwinnett College

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Senior Canvas is active! Seniors will need to accept the invitation in their Canvas account.
- Senior Brag Sheet will be posted in Canvas by end of the week (Friday, August 21st).
- The Counseling Office will begin processing transcript / recommendation requests after Labor Day.
- Triple-check the email addresses you add to Common App for your counselor (remember, we have 2 Turners ☺) and for your teachers – you want the correct person to receive the invite.
- Students are responsible for keeping up with information posted in the Senior Canvas, so be sure your notifications are set up!

SENIOR CHECK-INS (OPTIONAL)

Students who want to speak with their counselor about their post-secondary plans may book a 10-minute Senior Check-In meeting – use the links shared in the Senior Canvas. Be sure to book with the correct counselor based on your last name!

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