

Cambridge High School

Information for Juniors A Guide to the Next Step

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GRADUATION STATUS REPORT
23 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION
CLASS OF 2025

NAME: Bear, Joe

CREDITS EARNED: 9th _____ 10th _____
11th 16 12th _____

ENGLISH 4 CREDITS		MATHEMATICS 4 CREDITS		SCIENCE 4 CREDITS		SOCIAL STUDIES 3 CREDITS		HEALTH/PERSONAL FITNESS 1 CREDIT		ELECTIVES 4 CREDITS or 4.5 if PF Waiver used	
☒	English 9 A	☒	<u>Algebra</u> A	☒	Biology A	☐	<u>American Government</u>	☒	General Health	☒	<u>N. Eng.</u>
☒	English 9 B*	☒	" B	☒	Biology B*	☒	World History A	☒	Personal Fitness	☒	<u>Intro Art</u>
☒	English 10 A	☒	<u>Geometry</u> A	☒	<u>Physical Science/Physics A</u>	☒	World History B	☒	World Language/Fine Arts/CTAE 3 units	☒	<u>Ceramics</u>
☒	English 10 B	☒	" B	☒	<u>Physical Science/Physics B</u>	☒	US History A	☒	<u>Spanish I</u>	☒	<u>wt. Eng.</u>
☒	Amer Lit English 11 A	☒	<u>Adv. Alg.</u> A	☐	#Chem, Earth Sys., Env. Sci or AP Env. Sci. A	☐	US History B*	☒	"	☒	"
☐	Amer Lit* English 11 B*	☐	" B	☐	#Chem, Earth Sys., Env. Sci or AP Env. Sci. B	☐	<u>Pers Fin. & Economics</u>	☒	<u>Spanish II</u>	☒	<u>Current Issues</u>
☐	<u>English 12 A</u>	☐	<u> </u> A	☒	<u>Astronomy</u> A	☐ #3 rd Science Req. Met ☐ HOPE Rigor Met		☒	"	☐	<u>Sociology</u>
☐	<u>English 12 B</u>	☐	<u> </u> B	☐	" B			☒	<u>Basic Alg.</u>	☐	<u>Photo I</u>
								☒	"	☐	If Personal Fitness Waiver used

10th Grade Courses
Fall/Spring

- 10th Grade Literature
- Math
- World History
- Physical Science or Chemistry
- _____ / _____
- _____ / _____

Student Initials: _____ Date: _____

11th Grade Courses
Fall/Spring

- 11th Grade Literature
- Math
- US History
- Science
- _____ / _____
- _____ / _____

Student Initials: _____ Date: _____

12th Grade Courses
Fall/Spring

- 12th Grade Literature
- Math
- Science
- Pers Finance & Economics / Amer. Govt
- _____ / _____
- _____ / _____

Student Initials: _____ Date: _____

Recovery/Make-Up Courses

Course	Method/Semester
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

By initialing, I am stating that it is my responsibility to register for the correct courses for graduation.

Credits and Promotion

Credits

How many credits are needed to be in 11th Grade?

11 credits at the start of the 2026/27 school year

- No mid year promotion
- If less than 11 credits, the student is classified as a 10th grader

How many credits are required to be in the 12th grade?

17 credits earned by the start of the 2027/2028 school year

- If a student does not have 17 credits, the student will be classified as an 11th grader
- If a student gains 20 credits by end of first semester, the student will be promoted to 12th grade for the second semester



Credit Recovery Options

- Students can make up failed credits in different ways:
 - **Credit Recovery:** Students can be assigned to the Credit Recovery Lab to make up failed courses. Not every course is available as a Credit Recovery course
 - **Summer School:** Students can make up courses via Summer School. This may be required if the course is not available as a Credit Recovery course
 - **Retake Course:** Students can re-take the failed course in its entirety to make up the course

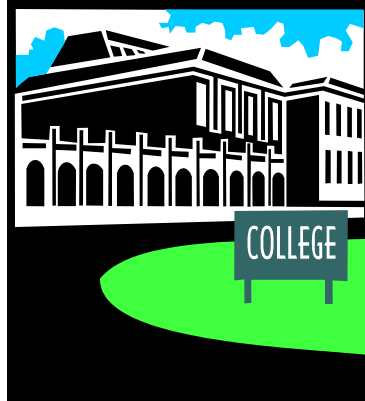


NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse



- If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution, you must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse .
 - **Access the registration materials by visiting the NCAA website www.ncaaclearinghouse.net**
 - When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA
 - Students and parents are responsible for determining NCAA eligibility to Division I and Division II schools
- At the end of the junior year, request a transcript to be sent to NCAA
 - Counselors are neither responsible nor allowed to determine eligibility

- ▶ Be aware that the NCAA may or may not approve courses taken through a non-traditional format such as online, test-out, distance learning, correspondence, credit recovery, etc.
- ▶ Counselors are not responsible for researching or advising NCAA policies. It is up to the student and family to investigate NCAA regulations as they pertain to non-traditional courses



Exploring Post Secondary Options



Planning for Life After High School – Options!

4 YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

- Bachelor degree
 - Public
 - University of Georgia
 - Kennesaw
 - University of Colorado
 - Private
 - Berry College
 - Furman University

* HOPE Scholarship for in-state schools!

2 YEAR COLLEGES/TECH SCHOOL

- Associate Degree
- Diploma
- Certificate
 - Gwinnett Tech
 - Georgia Highlands
 - Embry-Riddle
 - Art Institute of Atlanta
 - Paul Mitchell School

*HOPE Grant for certain programs!



Planning for Life After High School – More Options!

- Military
 - Marines, Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard
 - Must take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)
 - **Offered 1/28/2027 -sign up available via Cambridge Headlines and Newsletter**
 - Recruiting process – recruiter will assist with all required steps
- Careers/Apprenticeship/Gap Year
 - Work/build income and develop certainty with future goals
 - Airline
 - Police
 - Fitness/Personal Trainer
 - Real Estate



Junior Meetings

All Juniors and their parents/guardians are invited to make an appointment with their assigned counselor to go over senior year classes and answer questions.

- Use link on next slide specific to your assigned counselor to schedule the meeting. Each counselor will offer time slots for their caseload based on their availability before Spring Break. Scheduling links also available on CHS website.
- Each family get one appointment per student.



Calendly Links to make an Appointment by Counselor:

Ms. Rishel A-Ce:

<https://calendly.com/rishel-1/junior-advisement-meeting-class-of-2028>

Ms. Klingel Ch-G:

<https://calendly.com/klingelv-fultonschools/junior-advisement-meeting-class-of-2028>

Ms. Evans H-Ma:

<https://calendly.com/evansjl/junior-advisement-meeting-class-of-2028>

Ms. Meredith Mc-R:

<https://calendly.com/mrsmeredith/junior-advisement-meeting-class-2028>

Ms. Garcia S-Z:

<https://calendly.com/garcias/junior-meeting-class-of-2028>



Do your research. Knowledge is power!

- **Use the Internet** - www.collegeboard.org, www.gafutures.org, etc.
- **Academic Common Market**-multiple states offer in-state tuition for majors not offered in Georgia www.sreb.org
- **Visit college websites** to review services, requirements and deadlines
- **Attend Virtual College Visits at CHS** – Register online through Schoolinks
- **Visit college campuses** – Take advantage of long weekends, teacher workdays, summer
- **Attend college fairs and programs**

***Apply to Colleges Senior Year**



Becoming Strongest Applicant

- Show: Interests, Passions, & Values
- Explore summer programs and internships/shadowing opportunities
- Academic profile – Take advantage of high school curriculum. Work up to ability level. “rigor without grades”
- Upward transcript progression
- AP classes/Dual Enrollment
- Apply when strongest applicant – Early or Regular Decision
- Apply Senior year!
 - Will have class meetings at the beginning of senior school year to review application process and procedures



Focus Your List

Narrow your list of colleges – balance is key

View the school profiles and compare the admissions data to your own academic record and test scores.

- ▶ **Dream/Reach school (less than 30% chance of admission) – Pick 1 or 2**
 - Your Academic Record/Test scores are below average of Freshman Profile
 - Very competitive admissions; low acceptance rates

- ▶ **Good Fit/Target school (30%-60% chance of admission) – Pick 2 - 4**
 - Your Academic Record/Test Scores are in line with Freshman Profile

- ▶ **Safety school (greater than 60% chance of admission) – Pick 1 or 2**
 - Your Academic Record/Test Scores are above the average Freshman Profile

Apply to schools that are a good match for your personality, interests, financial situation and career goals



College Entrance Exams

SAT

College admission test which measures aptitude and skill in math, evidence-based reading and writing.

ACT

College admission test which measures aptitude and skill in Math, Reading, English, Science (optional), and writing (optional).

Test Registration

SAT

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

www.act.org

High School Code 112129

It is recommended students take the SAT and/or ACT twice during junior year and once at the beginning of their senior year



Getting Ready for the SAT/ACT

- PSAT/NMSQT: Testing in early October for all juniors. Score report available in the student's College Board account- typically in December
- Become familiar with the SAT/ACT question types, format, and directions (SAT Question of the Day)
- Sign up for a prep course
 - Khan Academy (free)
 - Watch Cambridge Headlines and newsletter for local prep course info

Option: when registering for SAT/ACT, select scores to be sent for FREE (4 colleges)- scores will be sent before you can review them



HOPE Academic Requirements

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- Earn a 3.0 GPA in high school (calculated by GA Student Finance Commission)
- Minimum of 4 courses of Rigor
- Recipients must have 3.0 GPA at checkpoints in college to maintain

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduate valedictorian or salutatorian
OR
- Earn a 3.7 GPA in high school AND earn a 1200 combined score of reading and math on a single administration of the SAT or a 25 composite score on a single administration of the ACT by your graduation date
- Minimum of 4 courses of Rigor
- Recipients must have 3.3 GPA at checkpoints in college to maintain



HOPE GPA Calculation

A 3.0 GPA is required by averaging core coursework, including failing grades, on a 4.0 scale

Core Courses

English

Math

Science

Social Science

World Language

Conversion

A	90 to 100	4.0 Points
B	80 to 89	3.0 Points
C	70 to 79	2.0 Points
F	0 to 69	0 Points

Honors points are removed and a 0.50 weighting is added back in for AP and College courses only, not to exceed 4.0

Middle school credit is not calculated in the HOPE GPA

All calculations are done by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

A 2.999 GPA does NOT qualify you for HOPE. GPA's are not rounded up.



HOPE Rigor Requirements

4 full credits of rigor *Full listing of rigor courses available on GaFutures; check for updates!

English/ELA

AP Lang
AP Lit
AP Research
AP Seminar

Math

AMDM
Algebra 2
Pre-Calculus
Calculus
AP Calculus
AP Statistics

Social Studies

AP Psychology
AP Government
AP Macro/Microeconomics
AP Human Geography
AP World History
AP US History
AP European History

Science

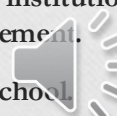
AP Computer Science (A and Principles)
AP Biology
AP Environmental Science
Human Anatomy/Physiology
Astronomy
Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Physics
AP Physics

World Languages (Level 2 and higher)

French II and higher
Spanish II and higher
Latin II and higher

*In addition, transcript credits earned by a high school student in any Dual Enrollment Science, Mathematics, English, Foreign Language or Social Studies Course, substantially similar to one in the list above and taken at an eligible postsecondary institution in Georgia, will be counted towards the Rigor requirement.

Classes listed are those taught at Cambridge High School.



HOPE Grant Academic Requirements

HOPE GRANT

- Available to students seeking a technical certification or diploma regardless of high school GPA or graduation date
- No course of Rigor requirement
- Covers a percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year. Subject to change annually.
- Must earn cumulative GPA of 2.0 at 30 semester hours/60 semester hours to maintain

ZELL MILLER GRANT

- Available to students seeking a technical certification or diploma regardless of high school GPA or graduation date
- No course of Rigor requirement
- Covers full standard rate of tuition
- Cumulative GPA of 3.5 each term to maintain



Scholarships/Financial Aid

- Research scholarships on the internet
www.scholarships.com
www.fastweb.com
www.gafutures.org
- Contact colleges directly about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Colleges award many renewable scholarships. Ask about criteria, procedures and deadlines.
- A great site to learn about types of Financial Aid, who is eligible, FAFSA and more is: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>



Georgia Futures: www.gafutures.org

Create an account to see HOPE GPA every semester (need to have SSN on file at school)

GAfutures

Explore. Plan. Succeed.

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Sign In

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loan to help you pay
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HOPE Programs

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Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Dual Enrollment

An opportunity for students to attend a postsecondary institution full-time or part-time during high school

Students will receive high school credit and college credit simultaneously while attending college classes on the college campus or virtually.

- Tuition is paid through local system funds (30 credit max.)
- Any student interested must notify their counselor and request a meeting prior to the stated FCS deadlines.

*The deadline for applications to be submitted to the college and paperwork to CHS counseling department is late March 2027, regardless of college application deadlines- exact deadline will be posted on DE paperwork when it becomes available



Cambridge HS Counseling – Stay Connected

- Counseling

Website: <https://cambridge.fultonschools.org/students-families/cambridge-counseling>

- Instagram

@cambridgeschoolcounseling

- Weekly CHS Newsletter sent to all families and posted on Cambridge website

- Cambridge Headlines- announcements sent to students daily through their FCS email



An important reminder...



SAVE a LIFE

SUICIDE
is preventable.
Awareness is
the first step
to saving lives.

ACT TODAY

ACKNOWLEDGE the signs that
someone may be struggling.

CARE by listening, supporting,
and checking in.

TELL a trusted adult, counselor,
or mental health professional.

If you or someone you know is thinking
about suicide, call or text 988
immediately. Help is available 24/7.
Check out the resources below.

SCAN HERE
FOR RESOURCES & HELP

HOTLINE
988-688-8888

TEXT HELP
988-688-8888

988 LIFELINE
24/7 CALL, TEXT, CHAT

**OFFICE OF
STUDENT SUPPORTS**

If you are ever concerned about yourself or a friend, please **ACT**.

Acknowledge the signs that someone may be struggling.

Care by listening, supporting, and checking in.

Tell a trusted adult like your school counselor.





Thank you for watching!

Please bring questions to your Junior Meeting with your CHS Counselor.

