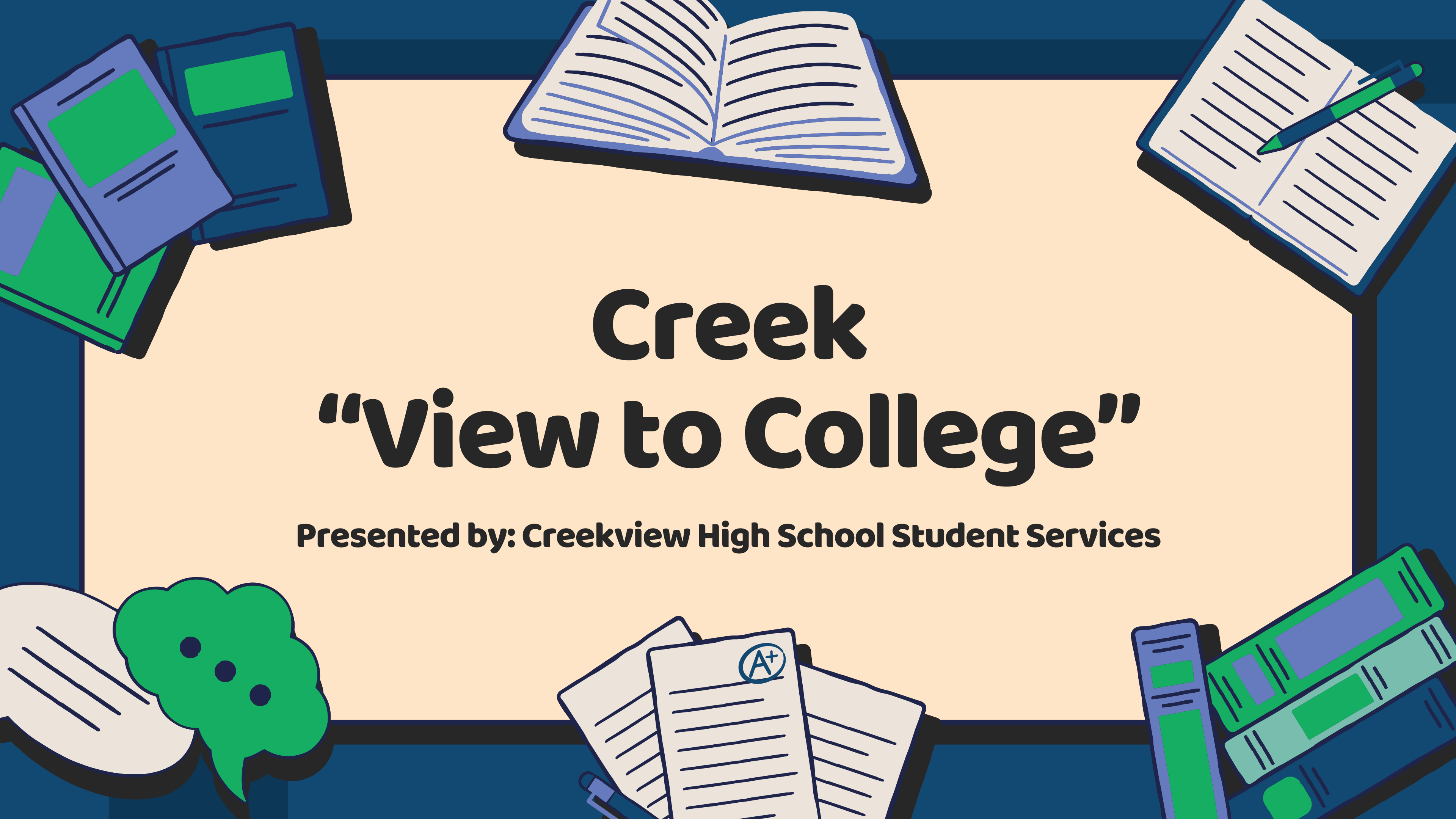


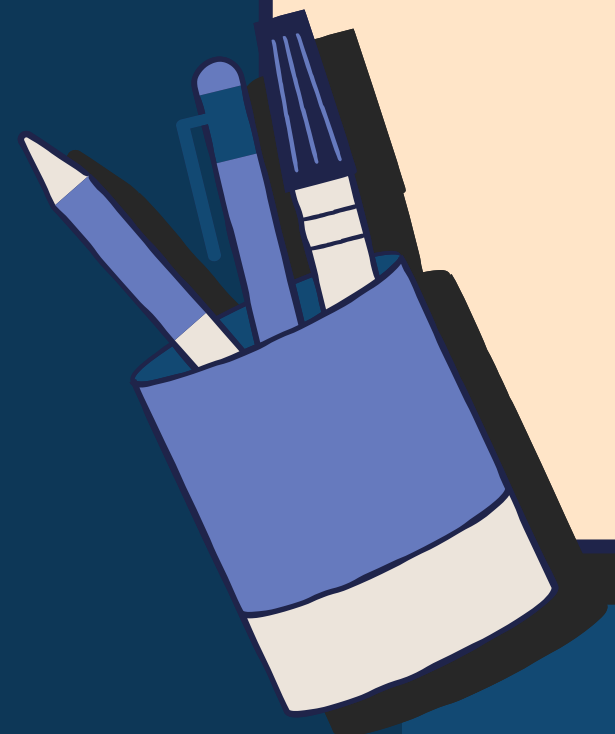
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Creek “View to College”

Presented by: Creekview High School Student Services

What do Juniors need to know?

- 1** ACT/SAT - Which one is best for me?
- 2** Explanation of HOPE & 4 year plan
- 3** Explanation of GPA's - keep in mind that you are applying to college with your final GPA at the end of Junior Year
- 4** Creating a GA Futures account, sending transcripts, checking your Hope GPA
- 5** How to fill out applications
- 6** Resources - using the Student Services website



ACT

Five Subtests given:

English

Math

Reading

Science (optional)

Essay (optional)

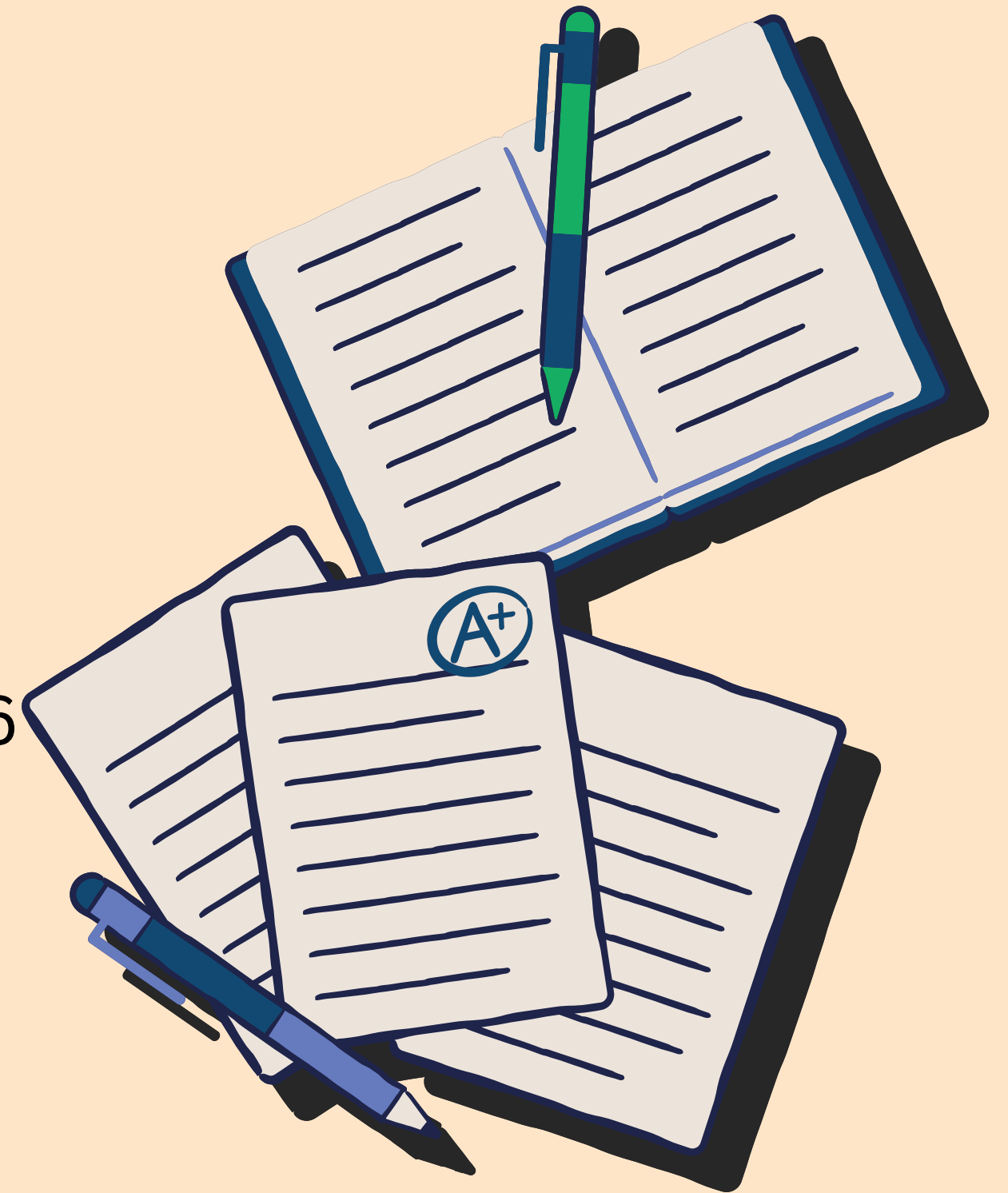
Subtest and composite scores range from 1 - 36

Paper and digital options available

Always select scores to be sent when you register--it's free!

Upcoming Dates: Oct. 17th, Dec 12th, & Feb. 27th

Go to actstudent.org to register!



SAT

Subtests given:
Math
Reading & Writing

Scores range from 200 - 800 (for each sub test)
Total score: 400 - 1600
Digital only
No penalty for wrong answers

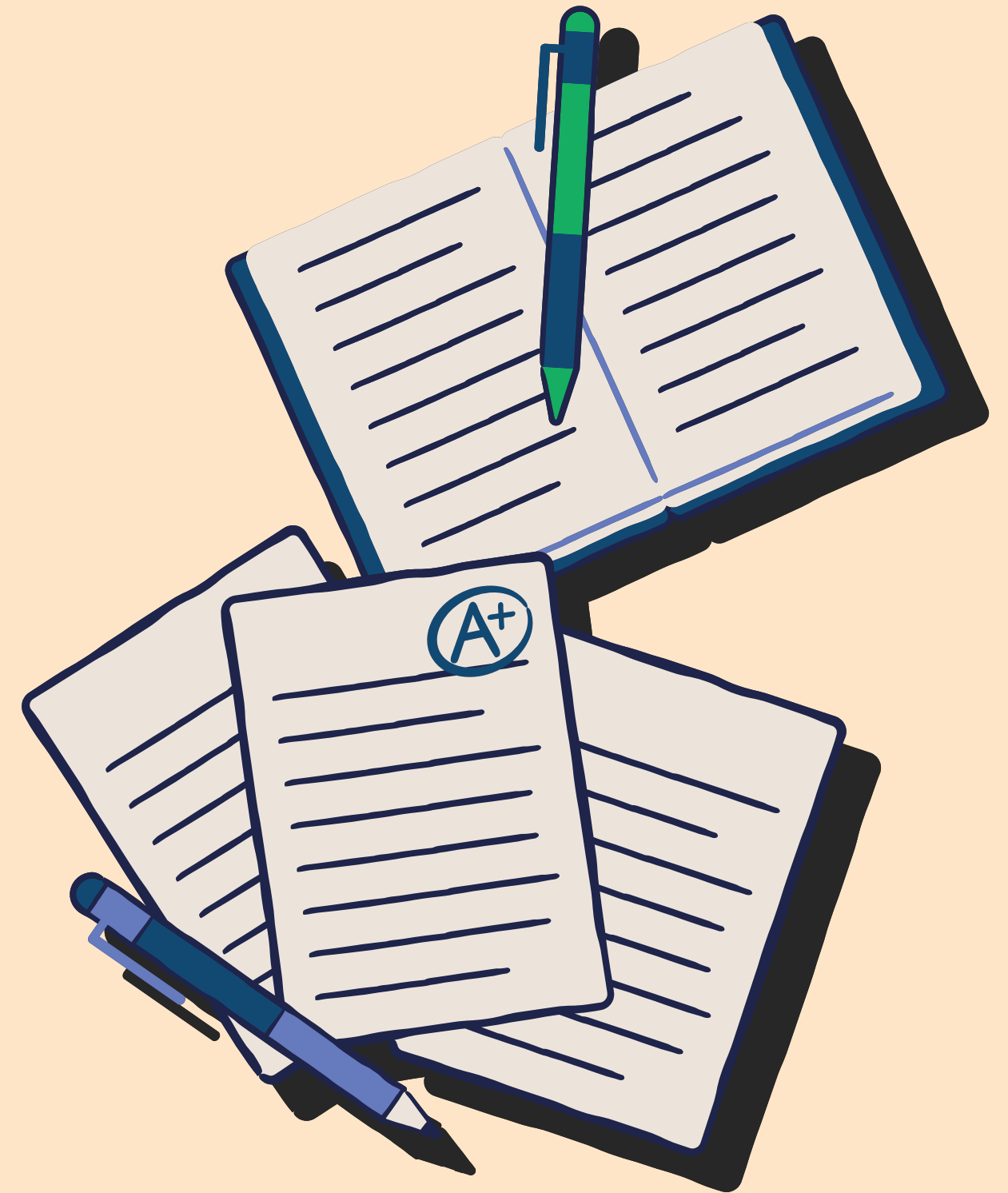
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Resources for ACT/SAT Preparation

- Khan Academy is the recommended resource for the SAT----
khanacademy.org/sat
- Practicing for the ACT– actstudent.org
and scroll down to Test Prep and click
“Start Practicing”
- Workbooks/other online programs and
local centers



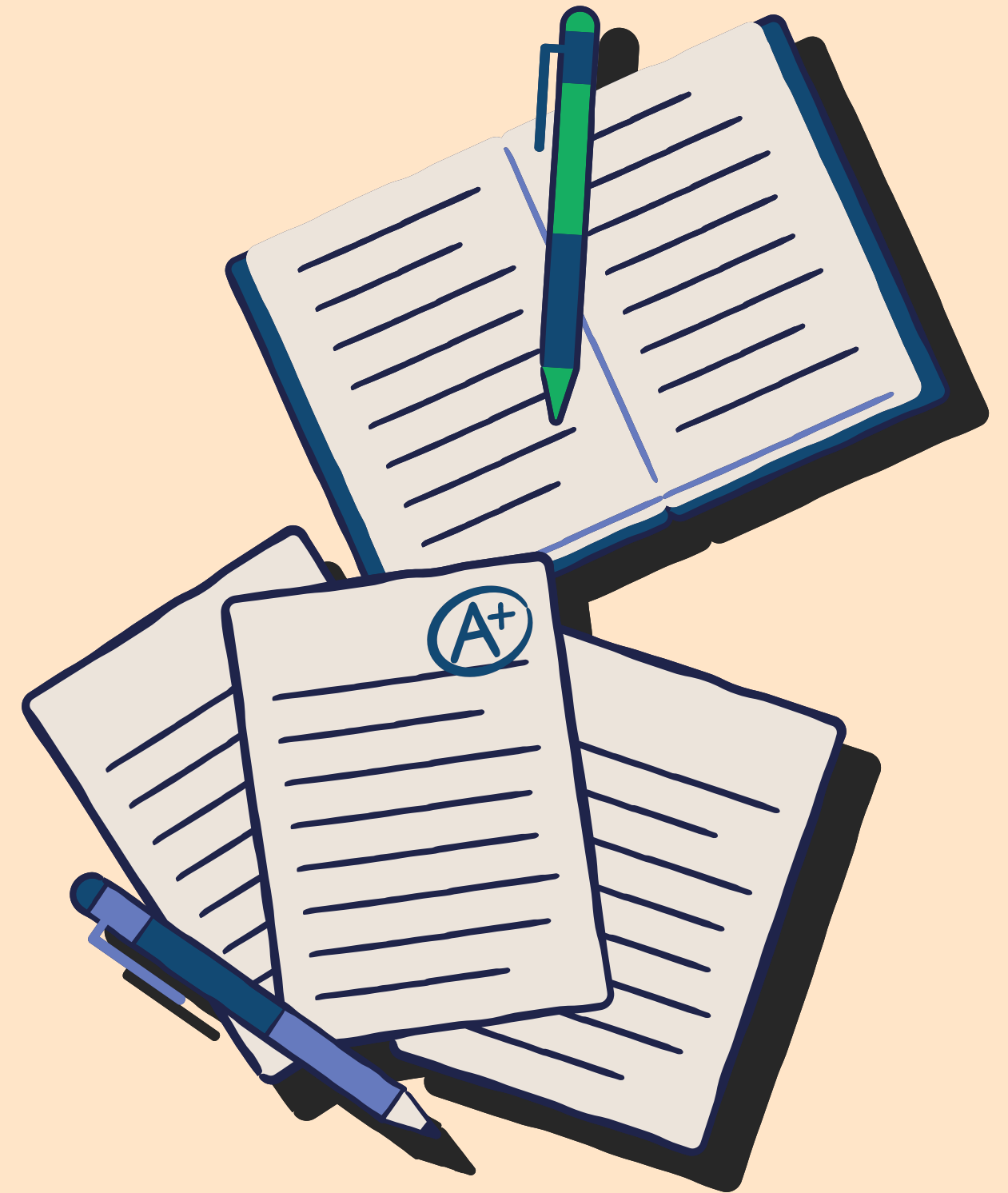
Special Testing & Accommodations

PSAT/SAT/AP/ACT

- Consent form must be filled out and signed by the student/parent and given to the school to request accommodations
- All accommodations must be approved and in place within the classroom/school for a student to be eligible for national testing accommodations

**Only for students with IEP's or 504's*

**Please note that testing accommodations are reviewed and decided by the College Board and/or ACT Student. Schools do not make those decisions.*



Dual Enrollment

If your student is interested in dual enrollment, please have him/her reach out to their counselor.

- Requirements are different at each college and are available on each college's website.
- Most students dual enroll at KSU, UNG, or CT
- Funding is capped at 30 hours; full-time or part-time options
- DE Mini Sessions during lunch & KSU—Dec. 3rd



Are you hoping for HOPE?

HOPE Scholarship

- Must graduate with a 3.0 **HOPE** GPA
- Must have four HOPE rigor courses

*Covers 100% of the **previous** year's tuition

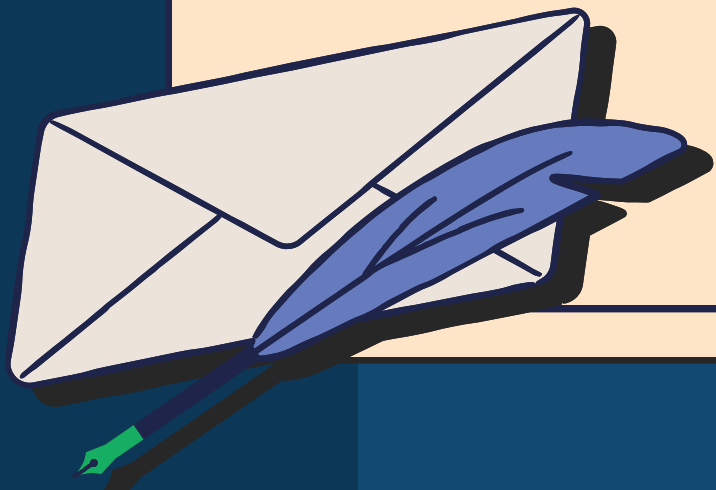
Zell Miller Scholarship

- Must graduate with a 3.7 **HOPE** GPA
- Must have four HOPE rigor courses
- Score at least a 25 composite on the ACT or a 1200 on the SAT

*Covers 100% of the **current** year's tuition

Visit gafutures.org for more information

***See handout regarding HOPE rigor requirements**

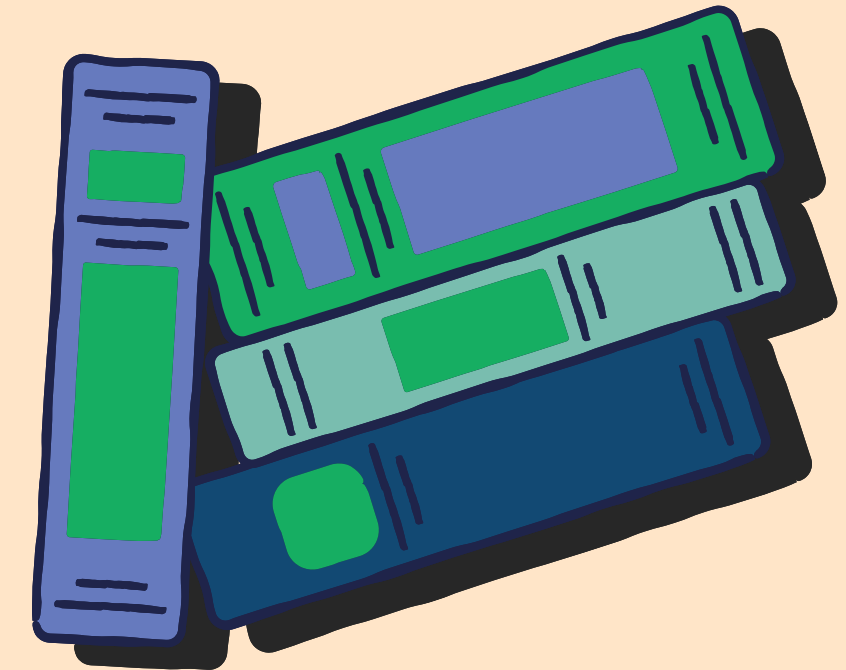


Why is GA Futures important?

www.gafutures.org

- View college facts/majors offered (in and out of state)
- See HOPE GPA
- Send transcripts to IN-STATE schools only
- If considering dual enrollment, all students must have a GA Futures account for funding purposes

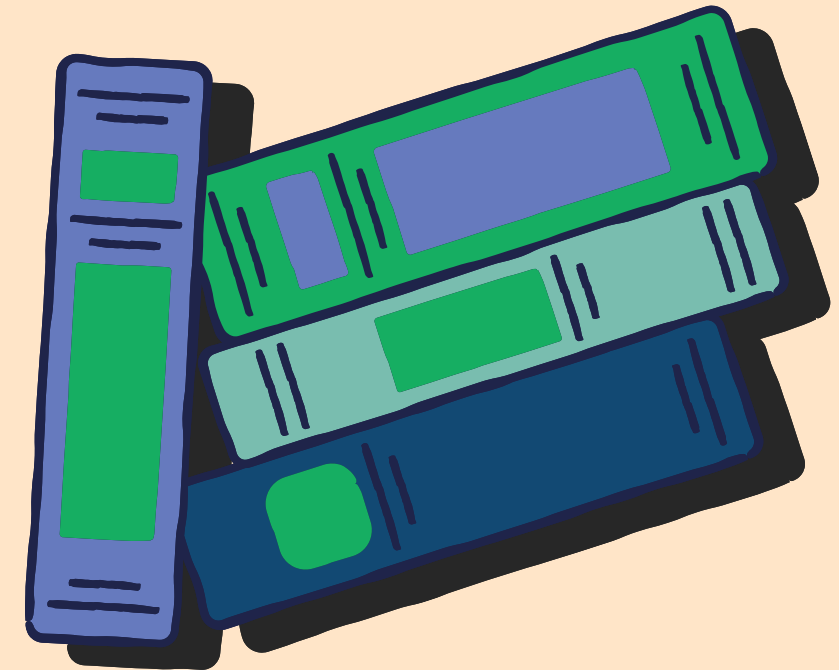
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What is the Common Application?

www.commonapp.org

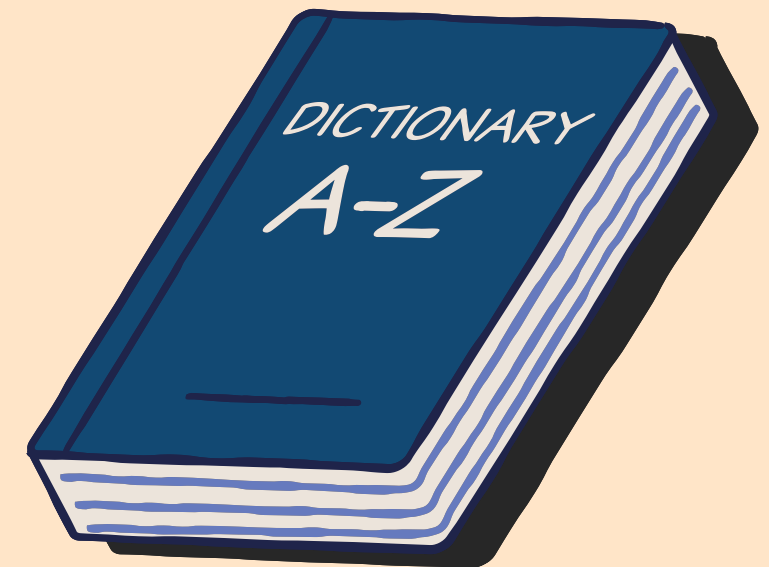
- One location to apply to over 1,000 colleges
- Counselor & Teacher recommendations sent
- School Report sent by counselor
- Transcript & current schedule sent by counselor
- Essay questions usually released in the spring
- Keep a list or resume of all accomplishments/activities/service hours/work experience



Sending Out of State Transcripts

www.parchment.com

- Create an account using a personal email address
- There is NOT a registration code
- Fee: \$8.45



The Counselor's Role in the application process

- Conduct beginning of the year Senior meetings
- Post college visits (website and sent in weekly email blast) and encourage participation
- Help your family make the application process manageable
- Help create a realistic and comfortable list of schools
- Write letters of recommendations



College Search Overview

- Finding a good match
- Decide on criteria - size, location, cost, major
- Attend college representative visits at Creekview or virtually
- Campus visits in-person
- College probe fairs
- GA Futures - college search/comparisons



College Search Overview (cont.)

Understanding the entrance requirements

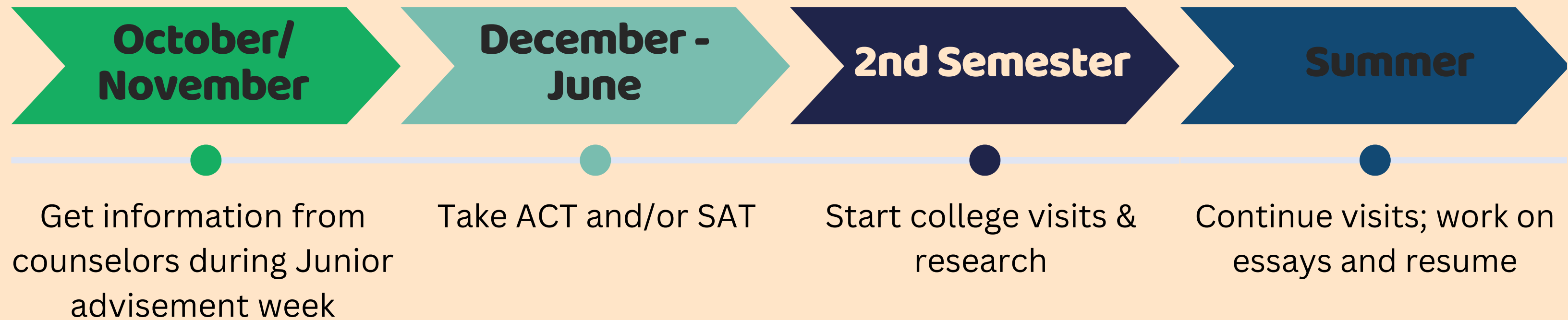
- Course rigor
- GPA & Class rank
- Test scores*
- Applications & Essays
- Activities/Community Service
- Recommendations
- Auditions & Portfolios

**Students must request test scores to be sent directly from ACT & College Board (SAT & AP)*



College Search Timeline

Junior Year



College Search Timeline

Senior Year



Organizing Applications



Stretch

Schools one would like to attend but *may not fully meet* admissions criteria

Within Reach

Schools where GPA, Test scores, and Activities are *very similar* to published guidelines

Safe

Schools that have open admission or where GPA and Test scores *exceed* guidelines



Community College vs. Technical College

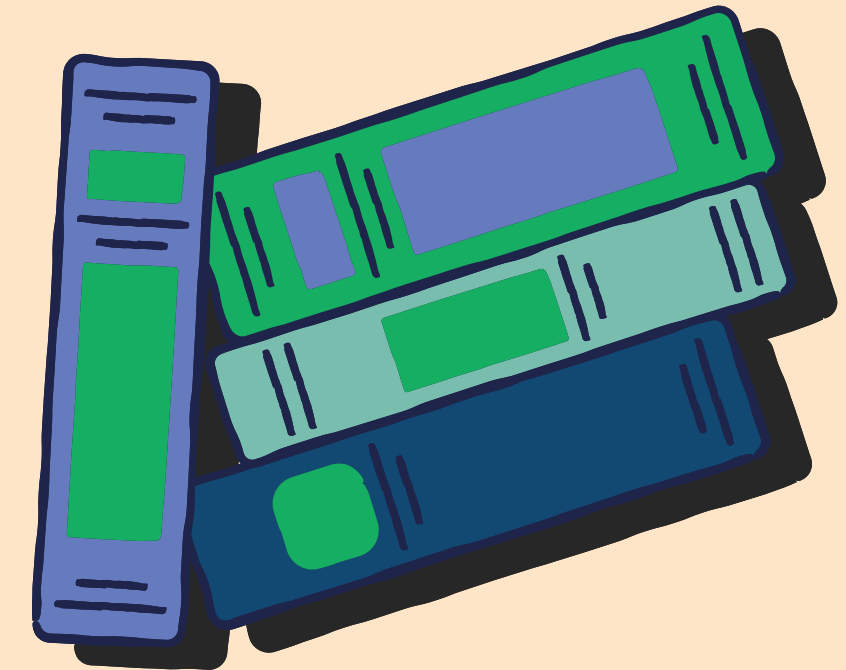


Community/Two-Year College

- For students seeking a 2 year Associate's degree
- Credits transfer to a 4 year college
- Local examples: GA Perimeter (now combined with GA State) & Georgia Highlands College

Technical College

- For students seeking certification in a technical field
- Chattahoochee Technical College (some courses transfer to 4 year colleges within the University System of Georgia)





Regional Colleges & Universities



- Some are smaller in size
- Entrance criteria is less competitive
- Many students from Atlanta Metro area



UNIVERSITY OF
WEST GEORGIA



Small Private Colleges/Universities

- Cost range – \$30,000 - \$75,000 a year
 - Chance for financial assistance
- Admissions criteria:
 - High school coursework
 - Grades in courses
 - Involvement/Activities or Job/Work
 - Test scores
 - Essay/Personal Statement

Upward trend in coursework important...

Most schools evaluate based on the “whole” person



EMORY
UNIVERSITY



BERRY
COLLEGE



SHORTER
UNIVERSITY
Transforming Lives through Christ

Research Universities/ Admission Stats



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA

- Applicants Received: **51,600**
 - **(15,400 admitted)**
- Freshmen Enrolled: **6,250**
- Mid 50% GPA: **4.13 - 4.40**
- Mid 50% SAT: **1360 - 1500**
 - Last year 1300 - 1470
- Mid 50% ACT Composite: **31 - 34**
 - Last year: 30 - 34



- Applicants Received: **67,985**
 - **(8,715 admitted)**
- Freshmen Enrolled: **4,100**
- Mid 50% GPA: **4.17**
- Mid 50% SAT: **1370 - 1530**
 - Last year 1370 - 1530
- Mid 50% ACT Composite: **31 - 35**
 - Last year: 31 - 35

*based on Fall 2025 data

Out of State - State Schools

- Selectivity differs from state to state, with the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Virginia, Texas, North Carolina, and Florida among the most competitive for out-of-state students
- Be aware of specific program requirements
- School environment varies greatly from campus to campus
- Cost range \$30,000 - \$61,000 per year
- Some out of state fees waived

THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA

 THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE



TEXAS
The University of Texas at Austin

UF
UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA



The University
of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

FAFSA

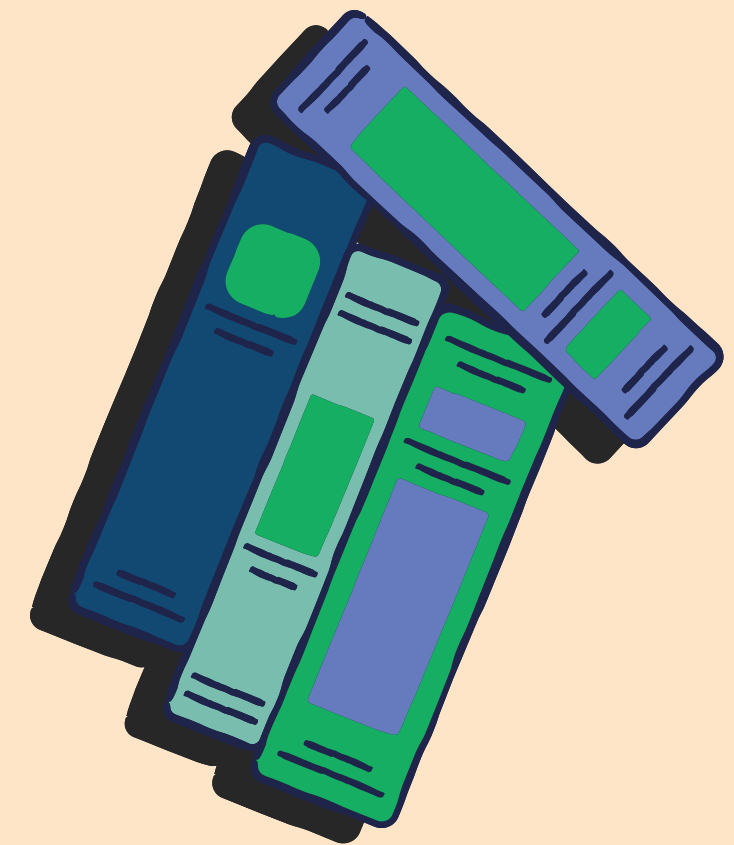
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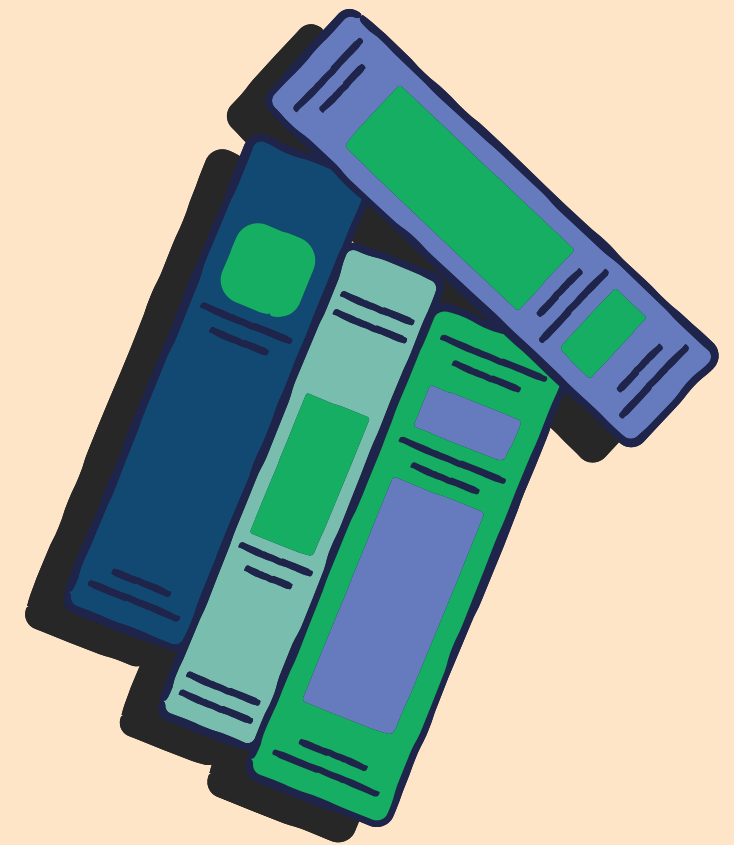
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FAFSA & The Process

- The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.gov
- Before starting the FAFSA, register for a PIN on the same website (**Student & Parent both will do this**)
- FAFSA on the web worksheet



Aid Sequence



Helpful Financial Aid Websites

Georgia Student Finance Commission

gsfc.georgia.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.gov

Reputable scholarship search sites

collegescholarships.com

fastweb.com

scholarshipowl.com

sallie.com

**Check the Student Services
website and weekly email!**

****Any agency that charges a
fee to help students find
scholarships is suspicious
and possibly a SCAM!**



NCAA & NAIA

- Review requirements for eligibility at:
 - NCAA - ncaa.org/eligibility-center/
 - NAIA - play.mynaiia.org
- After Junior year, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and/or NAIA if you are being recruited (For Division I & Division II schools only)
- Student services will upload your transcript at the end of Junior year
- Communicate with coach, counselor, and college's admissions office



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Questions?

Contact your student's counselor!

Last Names: A-Co

Sydney Vander Lyke

Last Names: Cr-Hi

Kristie Sikes

Last Names: Ho-Me

Kimberly Oertley

Last Names: Mi-Sc

Michele Dowd

Last Names Se-Z

Danielle Jensen

Thank you for attending! Have a good evening!