

Westlake High School

A Legacy of Excellence

WESTLAKE
IB WORLD SCHOOL

Fulton County Schools
Where Students Come First

Legacy In Action

11th Grade Parent Night

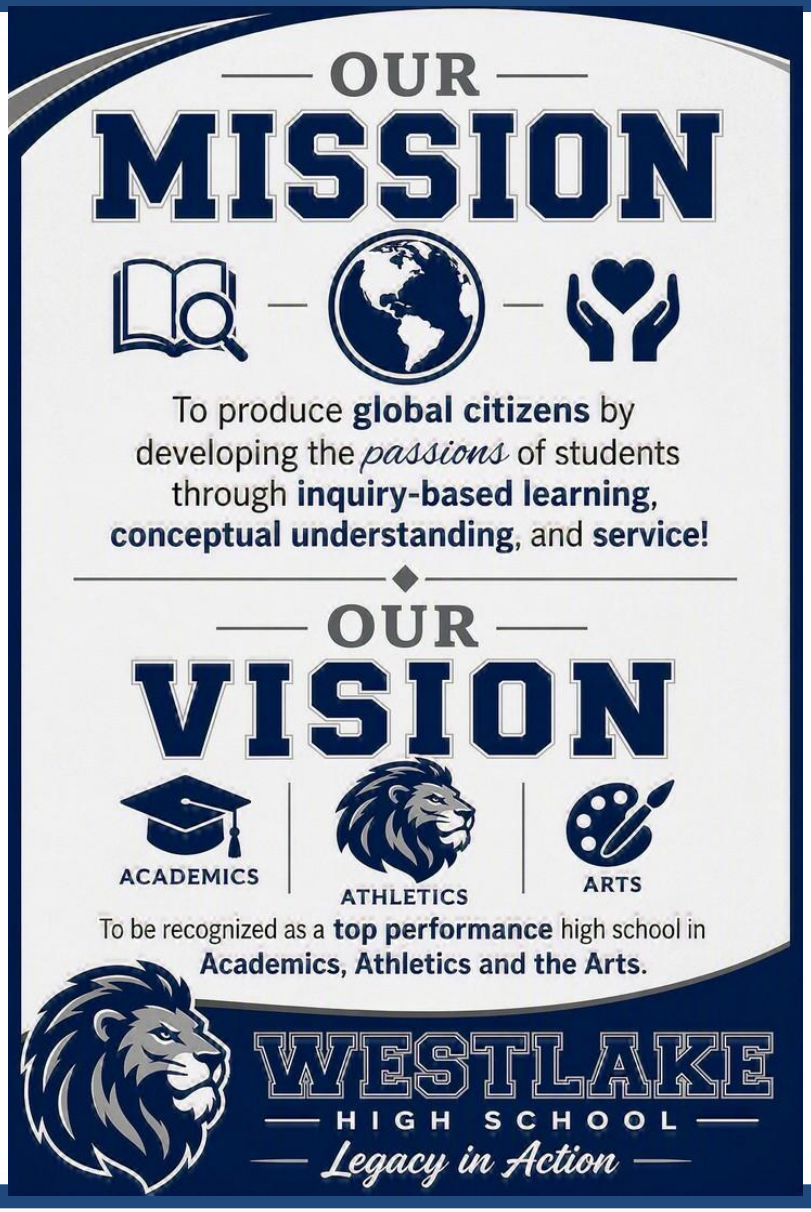
October 7, 2026

6pm

Auditorium

1st Students 1st

Westlake's Mission and Vision



What's coming up?
October 14th ALL 11th grade students…



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MAY 2028

DREAMS



MAY 2028

TOP STATE FOR TALENT

Georgia - Where Talent Meets Opportunity.

8	11-1	11th graders will save three possible choices of post-secondary options.	**GaDOE**
9	11-2	11th graders will review and revise their Individual College and Career Plan in consultation with parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to guide course registration and ensure post-secondary success.	**GaDOE**
10	11-3	11th graders will research at least one additional **state or local workforce development initiative**, such as "High Demand Careers Initiative," "HOPE Career Grant," "Specialized Training Centers" or any other Georgia workforce and education initiative.	**GaDOE**
11	11-4	11th graders will receive notification of the Georgia Dual Enrollment program information by **February 1st.**	**GaDOE**
12	11-5	11th graders will receive notification of the Georgia MATCH program.	**GSFC**
13	12-1	12th graders will receive notification of their Georgia MATCH letters no later than December 1st of their senior year.	**GSFC**
14	12-2	12th graders will complete "Next Step" information and save to their electronic career portfolio: 4-year institution, 2-year institution, apprenticeship, military, technical college, special purpose (vocational) school or workforce.	**GaDOE**

MAY 2028



CLASSLINK
SCHOOLINKS
ONBOARD 1ST
DUE BEFORE JUNIOR ADVISEMENT APPOINTMENT

CLASS OF 2028 JUNIOR MEETING

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



SYNOPSIS

- COUNSELING TEAM
- TOP STATE FOR TALENT ACT
  - 11TH GRADE ACTIVITY IN SCHOOLINKS
- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- GRADES
- SCHEDULING
- ACADEMIC RIGOR
- TESTING
- HOPE
- NCAA

WESTLAKE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Professional School Counselors	
Dr. Owens	A - Dau
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Ms. Graham	Mi - Sh, ISA
Dr. Edwards	Si - Z
Ms. Lawless -Head Counselor	9th Grade, A - Z

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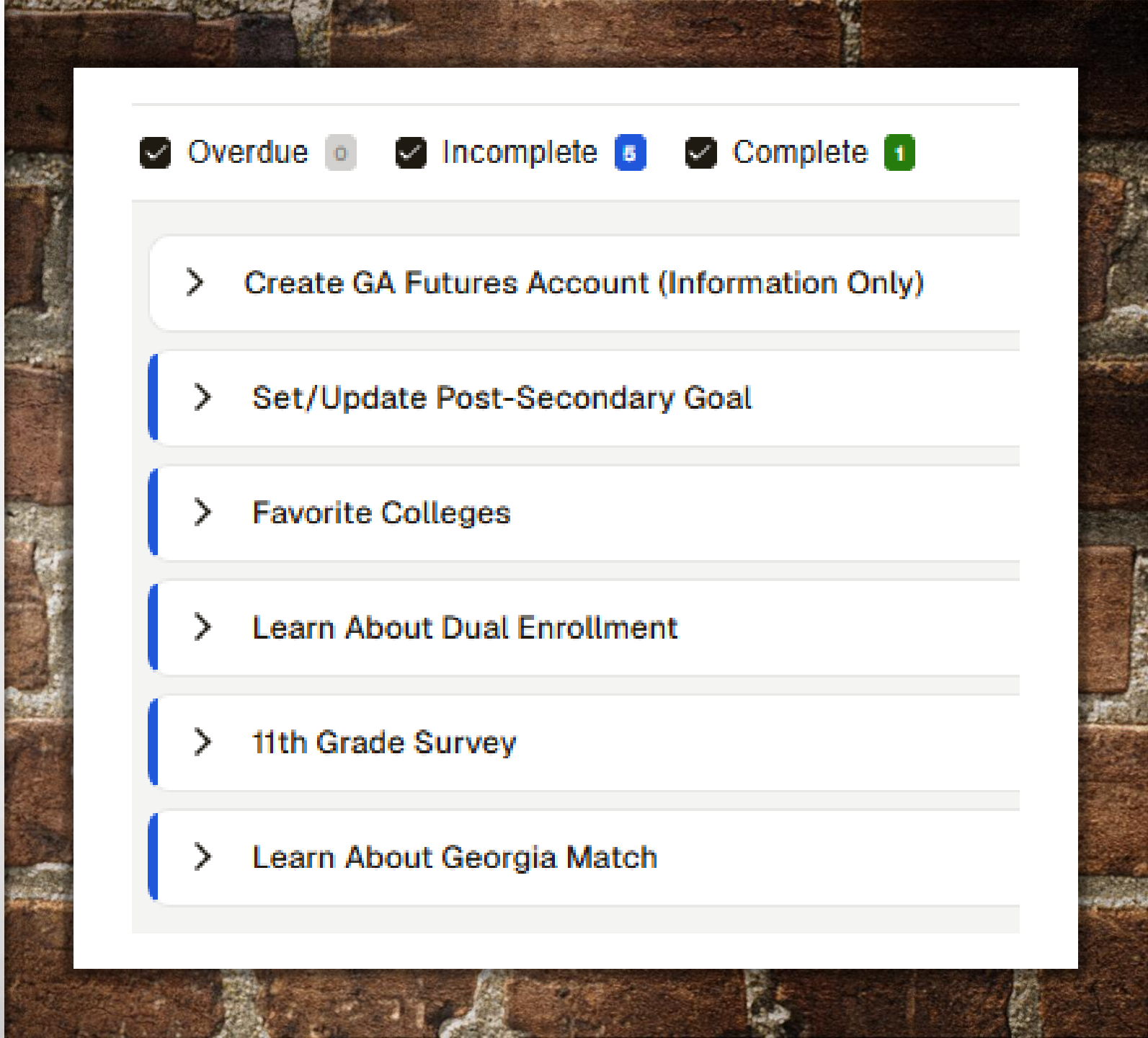
11TH GRADE ACTIVITIES—DUE NOW

11TH GRADE ACTIVITIES



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VISUAL


Overdue 0
Incomplete 5
Complete 1
Create GA Futures Account (Information Only)
Set/Update Post-Secondary Goal
Favorite Colleges
Learn About Dual Enrollment
11th Grade Survey
Learn About Georgia Match

TOP STATE FOR TALENT-HOUSE BILL 192

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11TH GRADE ACTIVITIES—DUE NOW

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS = 23 CREDITS

English/ Language Arts
4 credits

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Math
4 credits

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Science
4 credits

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Social Studies
3 credits

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Health and Personal Fitness
1 credit

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World Language, Career Tech, and/or Fine Arts
3 credits

→

Electives
4 credits

Students planning to enter a four-year college/university must take a minimum of two units of the same world language

PROMOTION TO NEXT GRADE LEVEL

How many credits are needed to be considered a 12th grader?

- **17** credits are needed at THE BEGINNING of the 2027/2028 school year
- Students earning 16.5 Credits or Less will BE CLASSIFIED IN THE GRADE LEVEL ACCORDING TO THE CREDITS EARNED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Class of 2028 students can be promoted to the 12th grade if 17 credits are earned at the beginning of 2nd semester (January 2028)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR NUMERIC GRADE AVERAGE (NGA)

Numeric Grade Average:

- 100-point scale
- All attempted grades will be listed on the transcript, including failing grades
- Failed courses remain on transcript even when credit is recovered
- 7 additional points are added to passing grades in Honors/AP/IB/DE courses

Fulton County Schools DOES NOT rank

NGA VS GPA

Most Colleges (and HOPE) use GPA ex. 3.5

Weighted vs. Unweighted

Weighted – NGA with the 7 honors points added

Unweighted – NGA without honors points added

Manually Calculating Your GPA

For each final grade on the transcript, assign the following point values:

- A = 4
- B = 3
- C = 2
- F = 0

Add up all the points and divide by the number of classes.

Do not round up (ex: 2.85 doesn't round to a 3.0)

ADDITIONAL CREDIT EARNING OPTIONS

- SUMMER LEARNING WWW.FULTONSCHOOLS.ORG
- EXTENDED DAY (60s CREDIT RECOVERY)
- FULTON CANVAS CREDIT RECOVERY (FCCR)
- FULTON VIRTUAL (FV)* FV LINK
- GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL (GAVS)* GAVS LINK

- ***FV AND GAVS ARE READILY AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY WITH THE COST OF TUITION**
- ***THERE MAY BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF VIRTUAL COURSES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DAY**

SENIOR SCHEDULING OPTIONS

- Dual Enrollment-requires 2 applications by deadlines (Westlake and College)
- Work-Based Learning-requires application in late Fall and early Spring
- College and Career Academy-requires application in late Fall and early Spring

EXAMPLE SENIOR SCHEDULE

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Personal Finance & Economics	Elective
World Language or Elective	World Language or Elective
Pathway or Elective	Pathway or Elective
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective

SENIOR ELECTIVES

ENGLISH ELECTIVES

SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

PE ELECTIVES

FINE ARTS ELECTIVES

ELECTIVES CAN ALSO INCLUDE DE, WBL AND CCA AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SCHEDULING TIPS

- Westlake students are required to have an 8-period schedule per semester
- Plan classes carefully by keeping in mind goals after high school
- Students are encouraged to continue and/or add academic rigor through AP, IB and DE classes next school year

DUAL ENROLLMENT

1) STEP BY STEP

2) CONTRACT





HONORS/AP/IB/DE POINTS

- HONORS/AP/DUAL ENROLLMENT POINTS
  - 7 ADDITIONAL POINTS ARE AWARDED TO A PASSING GRADE IN HONORS, AP, IB AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES
  - SEE HOPE SLIDES ON HOW ADDITIONAL POINTS ARE USED TO CALCULATE HOPE GPA

GEORGIA HOPE PROGRAM

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- 3.0 HOPE GPA AS CALCULATED BY THE GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE COMMISSION (GSFC) IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES (ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, FOREIGN LANGUAGE, SOCIAL SCIENCE) RIGOR REQUIREMENTS

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

- 3.7 HOPE GPA AS CALCULATED BY GSFC IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AND TEST COMPONENT: 1200 SAT COMBINED SCORE (CRITICAL READING AND MATH) OR 26 ACT COMPOSITE SCORE

HOPE GRANT

- NO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM AT A UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (USG) OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) SCHOOL

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HOPE GPA

A 3.0 GPA is calculated 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 courses/Dual Enrollment/IB courses only, not to exceed 4.0

Middle school credit is not calculated in the HOPE GPA

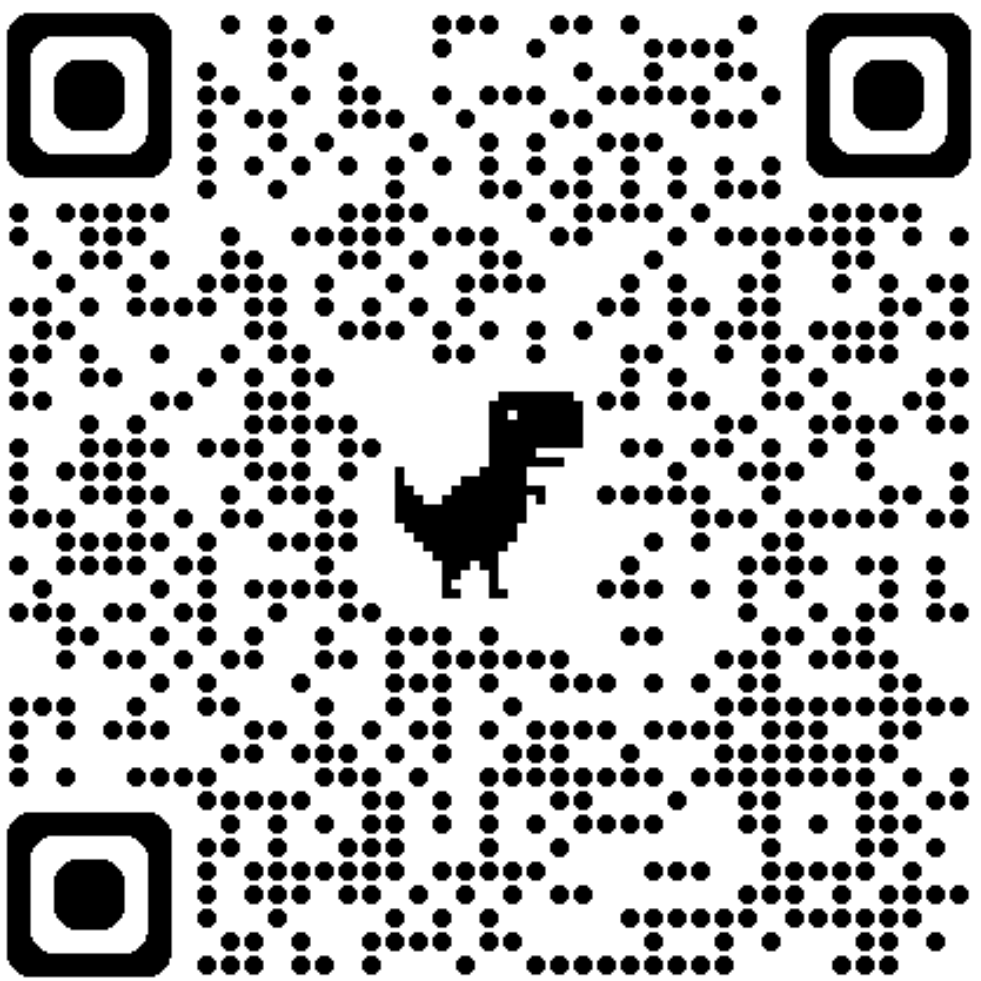
All calculations are determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

Counselors are not responsible for calculating the HOPE GPA
A 2.99 GPA does NOT qualify for HOPE

GEORGIA MILESTONES EOC COURSES 2026-27

- SBOE RULE 160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS-STUDENT ASSESSMENT REQUIRES THAT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AND COMPLETING COURSES ASSESSED BY A GEORGIA MILESTONES END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENT SHALL TAKE THE EOC AS A FINAL EXAM THAT SHALL COUNT AS A PORTION OF THE FINAL NUMERIC GRADE.

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End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments

- EOCs are administered in several high school level courses as designated by the State Board of Education (SBOE).
- EOCs serve as the final exam for a course, contributing 20% of the student's final course grade. (State Board Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score)

- ❑ Lit/Comp II or AP Lang/Comp as a substitute for Lit/Comp II
- ❑ Algebra
- ❑ Biology or Biology-AC is first Biology course
- ❑ US History only-No EOC testing for AC

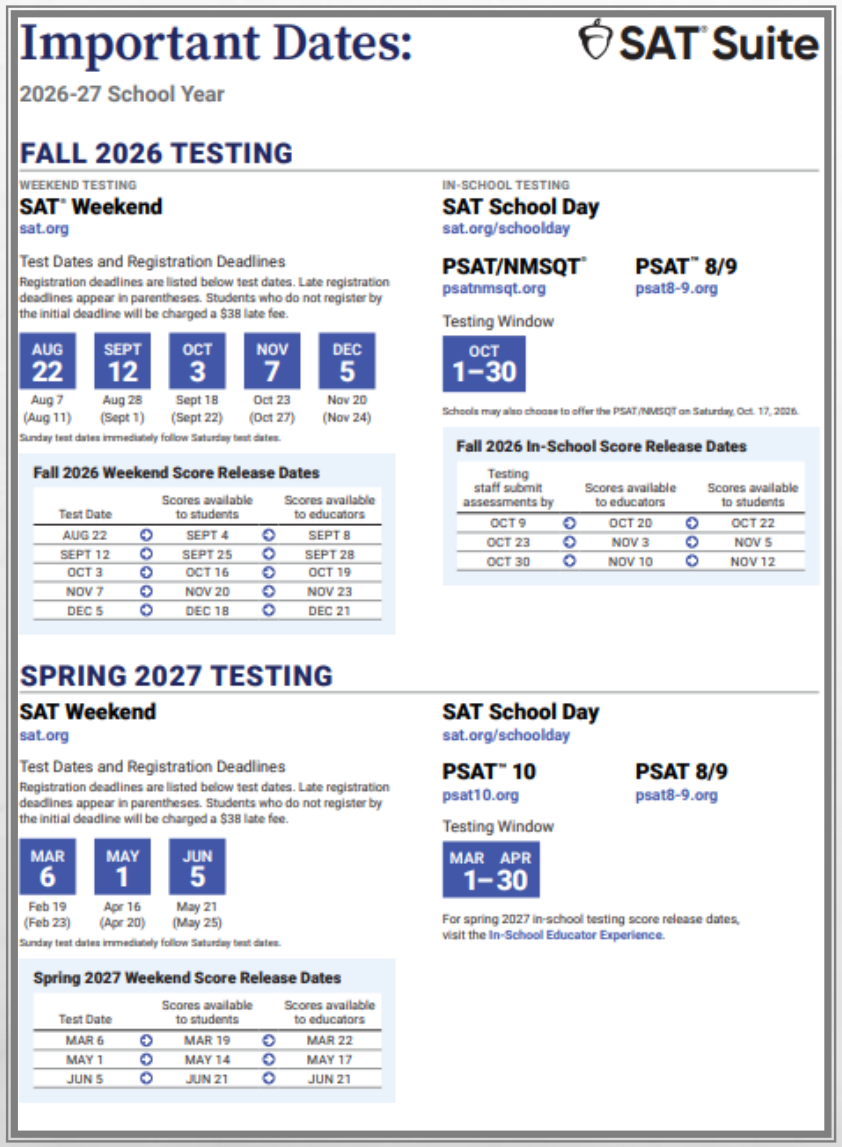
AC=Academic Rigor AP/IB/DE

DETAILS

11TH GRADE ACTIVITIES
DUE BEFORE OCTOBER 19TH

11TH GRADE SURVEY
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LEARN ABOUT GA MATCH





Important Dates:

SAT Suite

2026-27 School Year

FALL 2026 TESTING

WEEKEND TESTING

SAT® Weekend

sat.org

Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Registration deadlines are listed below test dates. Late registration deadlines appear in parentheses. Students who do not register by the initial deadline will be charged a $38 late fee.

AUG 22	SEPT 12	OCT 3	NOV 7	DEC 5
Aug 7 (Aug 11)	Aug 28 (Sept 1)	Sept 18 (Sept 22)	Oct 23 (Oct 27)	Nov 20 (Nov 24)

Sunday test dates immediately follow Saturday test dates.

IN-SCHOOL TESTING

SAT School Day

sat.org/schoolday

PSAT/NMSQT®

psatnmsqt.org

PSAT™ 8/9

psat8-9.org

Testing Window

OCT 1–30

Schools may also choose to offer the PSAT/NMSQT on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026.

Fall 2026 Weekend Score Release Dates

Test Date	Scores available to students	Scores available to educators
AUG 22	SEPT 4	SEPT 8
SEPT 12	SEPT 25	SEPT 28
OCT 3	OCT 16	OCT 19
NOV 7	NOV 20	NOV 23
DEC 5	DEC 18	DEC 21

Fall 2026 In-School Score Release Dates

Testing staff submit assessments by	Scores available to educators	Scores available to students
OCT 9	OCT 20	OCT 22
OCT 23	NOV 3	NOV 5
OCT 30	NOV 10	NOV 12

SPRING 2027 TESTING

SAT Weekend

sat.org

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MAR 6	MAY 1	JUN 5
Feb 19 (Feb 23)	Apr 16 (Apr 20)	May 21 (May 25)

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PSAT™ 10

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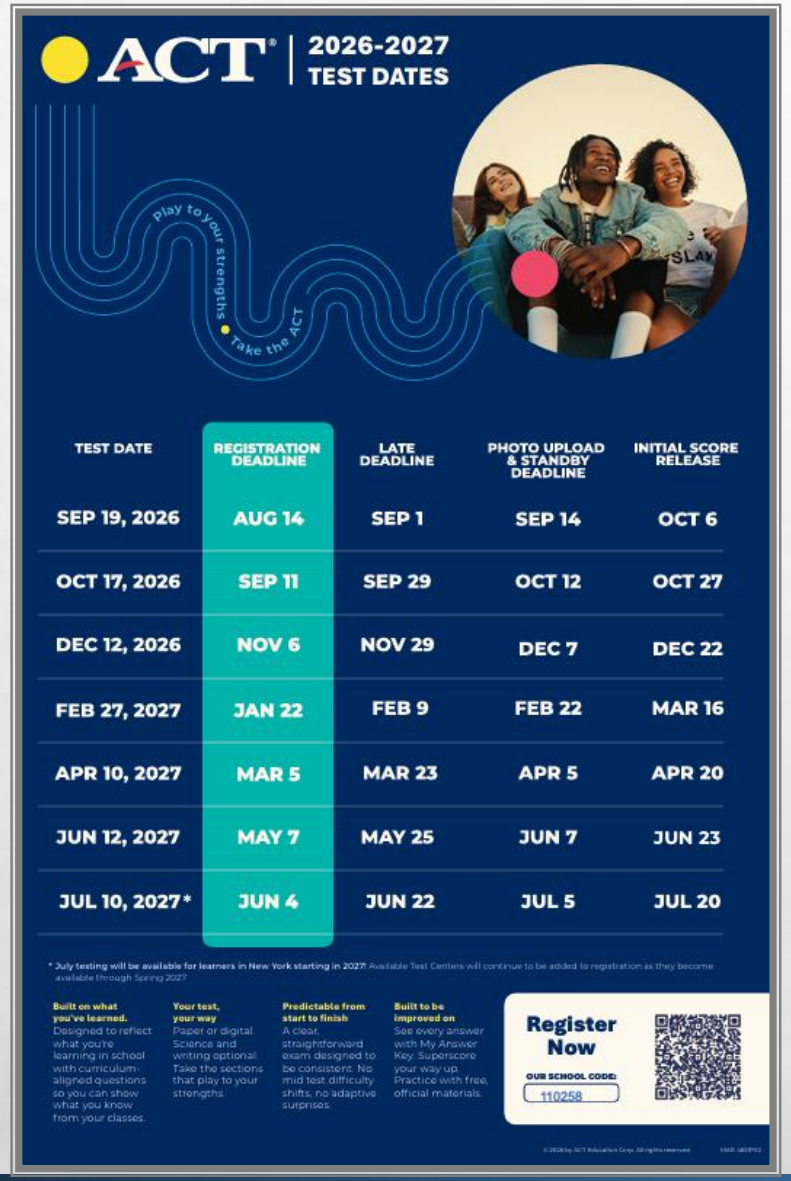
For spring 2027 in-school testing score release dates, visit the In-School Educator Experience.

Spring 2027 Weekend Score Release Dates

Test Date	Scores available to students	Scores available to educators
MAR 6	MAR 19	MAR 22
MAY 1	MAY 14	MAY 17
JUN 5	JUN 21	JUN 21

SAT

- **SAT SCORES ARE NOT SENT WITH THE TRANSCRIPT. STUDENTS MUST ACCESS THEIR COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT AND SEND THEIR SCORES DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND/OR SCHOLARSHIP.**
- **HTTPS://SATSUITE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/SAT/REGISTRATION**
- **HTTPS://SATSUITE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/SAT**



ACT

- **ACT SCORES ARE NOT SENT WITH THE TRANSCRIPT. STUDENTS MUST ACCESS THEIR ACT ACCOUNT AND SEND THEIR SCORES DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND/OR SCHOLARSHIP.**
- **WWW.ACT.ORG**

TYPES OF COLLEGES

Reach School

- Ambitious chance of admission
- Your academic record and test scores equal/or below average

This school may appear to be a long shot but could still be possible

Target School

- Higher chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are in line with average admission

This school is a good fit

Safety School

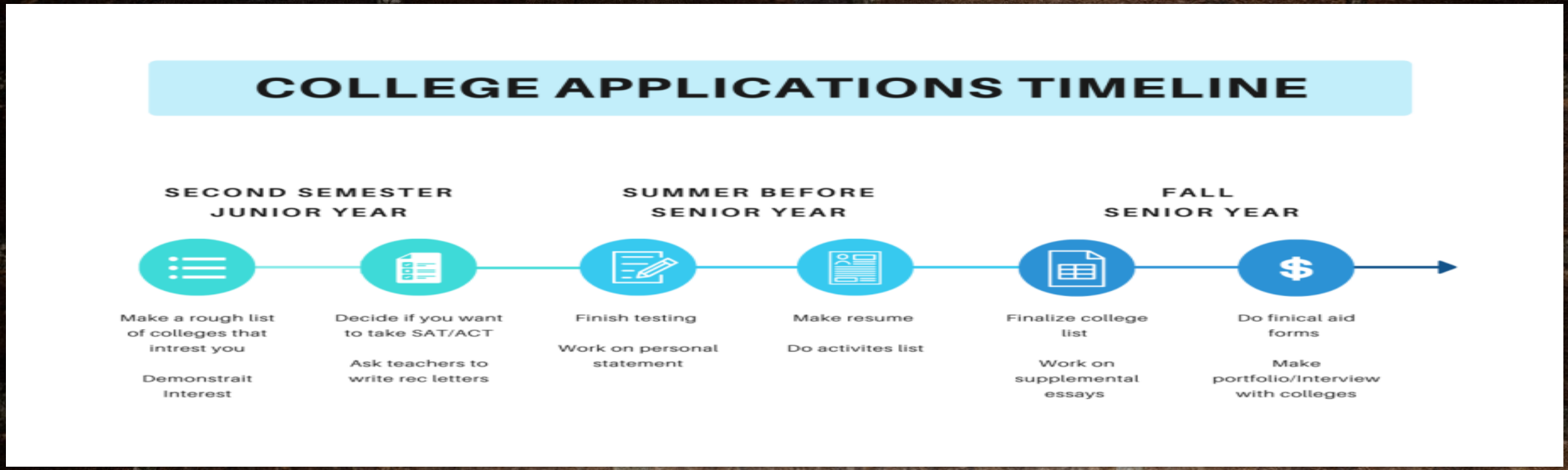
- Highest chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores exceed requirements
- You need at least <u>one</u> safety school

This school checks all of your boxes

DUE NOW

- ✓ 11TH GRADE SURVEY
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JUNIOR
COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

[11th Grade GA Futures Timeline]

COUNSELORS SUPPORTING YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS THROUGH PLATFORMS



OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT



SCHOOL PROFILE



THE SCHOOL REPORT / FORMS



THE MIDYEAR REPORT



THE FINAL REPORT



COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER



SHORT-RESPONSE QUESTIONS



CONTEXTUAL COMMENTS

*Individual Transcript requests, i.e., directly to the college, for scholarships, for businesses, etc. must be submitted using this link:
Transcripts - Westlake High School



HTTPS://WWW.GAFUTURES.ORG/COLLEGE-PLANNING/COLLEGE-DECISION-GUIDE/

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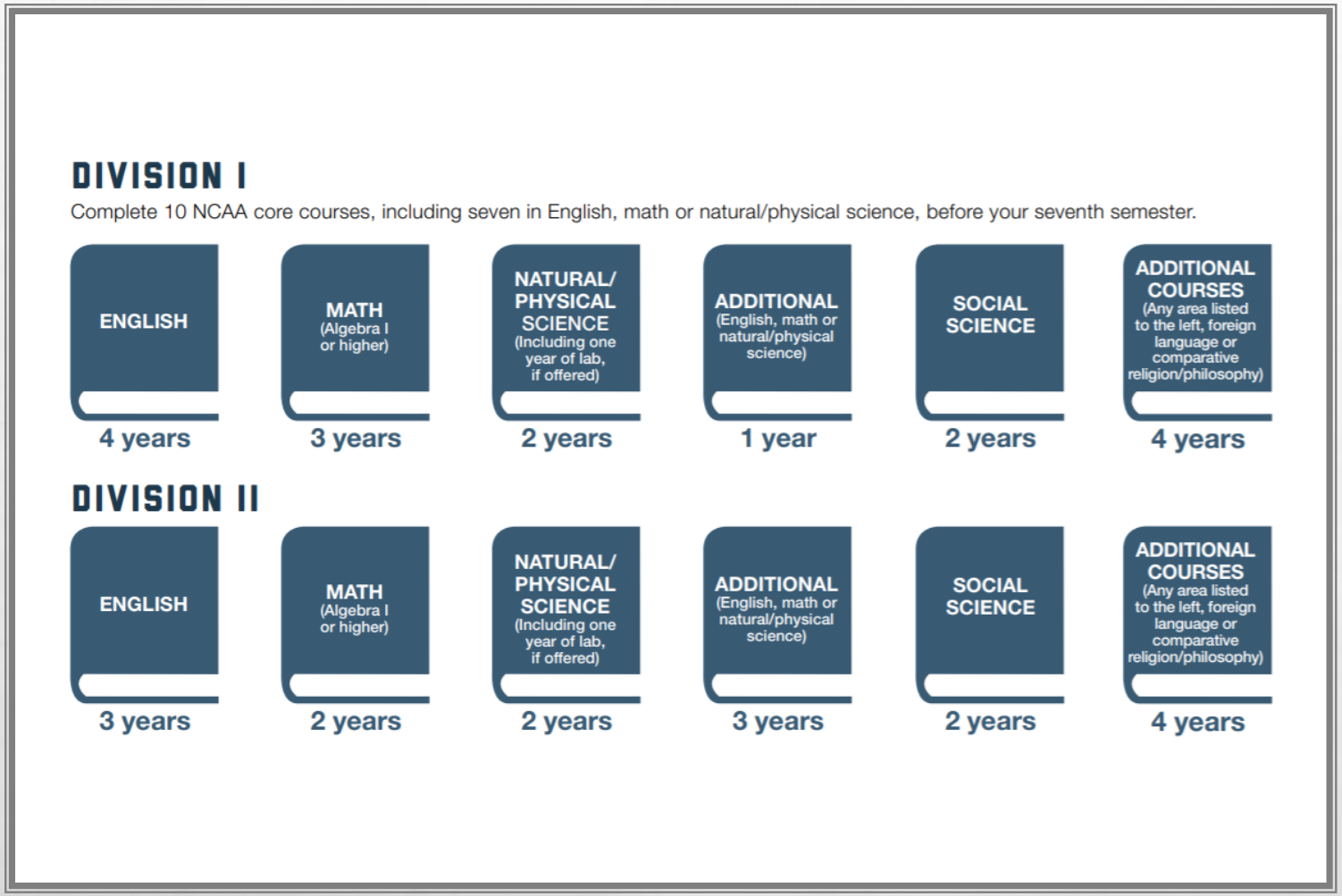
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WAYS TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

- COMMON APP
- COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APP
- COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- GA FUTURES

NCAA



- IF YOU WANT TO PLAY SPORTS AT AN NCAA DIVISION I OR II SCHOOL, START BY REGISTERING FOR A CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT WITH THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER AT ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG. IF YOU WANT TO PLAY DIVISION III SPORTS OR YOU AREN'T SURE WHERE YOU WANT TO COMPETE, START BY CREATING A PROFILE PAGE AT ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG.
- TO PLAY SPORTS AT A DIVISION I OR II SCHOOL, YOU MUST GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COMPLETE 16 NCAA-APPROVED CORE COURSES, EARN A MINIMUM GPA AND EARN AN ACT OR SAT SCORE THAT MATCHES YOUR CORE-COURSE GPA.

TO DO---DUE AT TIME OF SCHEDULED JUNIOR ADVISEMENT APPOINTMENT

MOVING FORWARD

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11TH GRADE INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING...JUNIOR ADVISEMENT

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 once they graduate. Students who receive their Bachelor's degree can go on to pursue graduate or professional degrees. Students will also have the opportunity to live on campus, play sports, or even join a fraternity or sorority.

Requirements: Minimum GPA (GRADE POINT AVERAGE) and SAT/ACT test score requirement set by college/university.
Degree Earned: Bachelor's Degree

STUDENT ACTIVITY: Log into Naviance via ClassLink and research colleges/universities from the below links and save your top 3 colleges in Georgia.

Public Colleges & Universities in Georgia

Private Colleges & Universities in Georgia

2-YR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Community College which is also known as junior college or two yr college, has historically served the purpose of providing remediation for students who are preparing to eventually attend a traditional 4yr college. Community colleges generally do not provide on-campus housing (few do) but may have athletic teams for students to participate in Students who complete two years of Community College can be eligible to transfer to a 4yr college.

Requirements: Placement Testing

Degree Earned: Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree

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TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Students interested in attending technical college can take advantage of shorter vocational and career training programs that do not require 4yrs 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 (2yrs), complete a diploma (1-2yrs), or certificate program (6-15months).

Requirements: Placement Testing
Degree Earned: Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree Find a Technical College by visiting: Technical College System of Georgia

STUDENT ACTIVITY: Scan QR code or click link. Watch a minimum of two student videos. Share a summary of the student's story and something you learned about technical school with your class, teacher, and/or parent.

Scan the QR code or click link and research Hope Career Grant and one of the career programs with available free tuition.

MILITARY

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The military offers access and training for hundreds of careers! By joining one of the US Armed Forces, students will not only earn a salary but benefits, money for college, and the opportunity to travel.
Requirements: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores determine qualifying careers



STUDENT ACTIVITY
Scan the QR code and research the different branches of the military. Even if you do not wish to go into the military, name one career choice in the branch that interests you most. Share with someone the branch and career option you are most interested in and why.

More Information:
https://www.todaysmilitary.com/ways-to-serve/service-branches
https://www.defense.gov/About/our-forces/

JUNIOR ADVISEMENT

OCTOBER 19TH-DECEMBER 4TH

APPOINTMENTS SENT TO 11TH GRADERS--DIRECTLY





TO ALL THE DIRTY BIRDS...







THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING 11TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

1st Students 1st