



Seckinger Jaguars Class of 2027

Counseling Team | Located in Counseling Canopy



Mr. Anderson

LAST NAMES

A - CL

Dr. Jackson

LAST NAMES

CM - GR

Ms. Novelly

LAST NAMES

GS - LA

Mrs. Hatcher

LAST NAMES

LB - OL

Ms. Young

LAST NAMES

OM - SM

Mrs. Adam

LAST NAMES

SN - Z

Graduation Requirements | Minimum 23 Credits Required



Core Subject

Language Arts

4.0 Credits

Core Subject

Social Studies

3.0 Credits

Core Subject

Mathematics

4.0 Credits

World Lang / CTAE / Fine Arts

**Required
Electives**

3.0 Credits

Core Subject

Science

4.0 Credits

Health & PE

Health & Fitness

1.0 Credit

University System of Georgia (USG)

Additional College Requirements

In addition to GCPS graduation requirements, USG institutions require students to complete:

- **2 Carnegie Units** of the same foreign language
- **OR 2 Units** of American Sign Language (ASL)
- **OR 2 Units** of Computer Science

Senior Conferences | Counselor Guidance & Next Steps



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GROUP MEETINGS

Counselor-Led Presentations

Counselors conduct large group meetings covering critical topics:

- Senior graduation application review
- Post-secondary options & pathways
- College application procedures

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GRADUATION APP

Mailed Directly to Homes

A copy of the senior graduation application will be sent home to families.

Note: This application does not need to be returned to your student's counselor.

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INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

One-on-One Planning

Students are highly encouraged to schedule individual meetings with counselors.

Key Review Areas:

- Credit audits & graduation status
- Post-high school planning

Senior Application for Graduation | Credit Audit



GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SENIOR GRADUATION APPLICATION

Year: 2026-2027
Report: CHS202SGA

Anticipated Graduation: ____ December ____ May ____ Summer ____ Other	Graduation Ceremony: I plan to participate ____ YES ____ NO	Candidate for: ____ High School Diploma ____ Certificate - High School ____ Alternate Diploma	
Student Name:		SisNumber:	Student SSN On File:
Student Email:			
Parent Name:	Parent/Guardian of:		
Parent Email:			
Parent Phone:			

Senior Application for Graduation | Cont'd



UNIT REQUIREMENTS				
Subject	General Diploma	Earned	Needed	Courses Remaining
Language Arts	4.00	3.00	1.00	12th Gr LA(1.00)
Mathematics	4.00	4.00	0.00	
Science	4.00	4.00	0.00	
World History	1.00	1.00	0.00	
US History	1.00	1.00	0.00	
Am. Gov't/Civics	0.50	0.00	0.50	American Government & Civics(0.50)
Economics	0.50	0.00	0.50	Economics(0.50)
Personal Fitness	0.50*	0.50	0.00	
Health	0.50*	0.50	0.00	
M/CL FA TC**	3.00**	3.00	0.00	
Electives	4.00	6.00	0.00	
TOTAL	23.0***	23.00	2.00	

* By completing 3 units of JROTC, a student can receive credit for the unit of required Health/Personal Fitness.

** Modern/Classical Language and/or Fine Arts and/or Technical Course - 2 credits of the same modern/classical language are required for university/college admissions in the State of Georgia.

*** Minimum units required.

POSTSECONDARY PLANS:

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| ☐ 4-year College/University _____ | ☐ Employment _____ |
| ☐ 2-year/Technical College _____ | ☐ Other _____ |
| ☐ Military _____ | ☐ Undecided |
| ☐ Workforce Training/Apprenticeship _____ | |

Options After High School | Post-Secondary Pathways



4-YEAR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY

Higher Education Degrees

Colleges typically offer only undergraduate degrees. Universities offer both undergraduate and graduate degrees. The terms are often used interchangeably.

2-YEAR COLLEGE

Earn an Associate Degree or build credits to transfer to a 4-year institution. A cost-effective pathway to professional degrees.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Acquire specialized certifications and hands-on career training. Focused programs designed to get you into the workforce quickly.

EMPLOYMENT & APPRENTICESHIPS

Enter the workforce directly or join structured, paid apprenticeship programs to learn a trade. Build immediate income, real-world skills, and valuable professional connections directly out of high school.

MILITARY SERVICE

Serve in branches of the armed forces with exceptional training and educational benefits.

ASVAB Test: Required standardized test on science, math, and language to identify suitable careers. SKG testing date is **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**. Review the Jaguar Bytes for registration information.

Visit the Counseling Canopy for military recruiter details and scheduling.



UNCOMMON IS CALLING



100% Tuition to ANY Georgia Public College or University

Education Incentive Pay

Up to \$20,000 Bonus

Serve & Receive Monthly Paycheck while in school

Part-time Service
Full-time Benefits

One Weekend per Month
Two Weeks in Summer

Pathway to Citizenship



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College Application Process | Planning & Submission



WHERE TO APPLY

Factors to Consider

- **Location:** Distance, setting, transport
- **Size:** Enrollment & class size
- **Cost:** Public vs. private tuition
- **Academics:** Majors & programs
- **Admissions:** Deadlines, GPA, test scores
- **Housing:** Dorms & meal plan options
- **Activities:** Athletics, clubs & orgs

Georgia Match Recommendation

Review your GAfutures letter/dashboard. It signifies provisional acceptance but does not guarantee admission to specific college, university, or particular major/program of study

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to more than one school

- 1 **Common App**
The standard platform for most college applications.
- 2 **Common Black College Application**
Simplified application for member institutions.
- 3 **College/University Application**
Apply directly on the institution's website if they are not listed on the Common App.

College Admissions Testing | SAT & ACT Guide



TIMELINE

Haven't tested yet?

If you have not taken a college admissions test yet, you need to act quickly.

TAKE BEFORE DECEMBER

What test should I take?

[SAT vs. ACT](#)

REGISTER ONLINE

Register directly on the official portals to secure your test date and location.



[Register SAT](#)



[Register ACT](#)

SENDING SCORES

You Must Send Scores Yourself

Counselors do not have the ability to send your official test scores.

4 FREE Sends

Choose 4 colleges to receive your scores for free during registration.

NCAA Eligibility

Athletes can use one of their free sends for the NCAA.

College Application Help Days

Wednesdays during all lunches | Main Hall Collab Space



Get Guided Support

Seniors, need help with your college applications? Counselors will be available during lunches to answer questions about your next steps.

We can help you with:

 Common App

 School Links

 GA Futures

 **Remember to bring your Chromebook and questions!**

Help Day Dates

Following Wednesdays during all lunches in the Main Hall Collab Space

September

 Sept 16

 Sept 23

 Sept 30

October

 Oct 7

 Oct 21

 Oct 28

language For More Information: [SKG College & Career](#)

Letters of Recommendation | LOR Guidelines & Courtesy



Preparation assignment

Choose Wisely

Be mindful of who you request a LOR from (e.g., administrator, counselor, or CORE teacher).

Provide a Brag Sheet

Be prepared to provide your recommender with a brag sheet, which can be found on the SKG website.

The Request forum

Ask Respectfully

Respectfully ask your prospective recommender, in person whenever possible.

Provide Due Dates

Always clearly communicate the exact LOR due date to your recommender so they can plan ahead.

Timeline schedule

Give Sufficient Notice

Be courteous and allow at least 2 weeks for completion. High-quality letters require time.

No Last Minute Asks

Please avoid last minute requests entirely, as recommenders may have busy schedules.

SchooLinks & College Board | Scholarship Matching

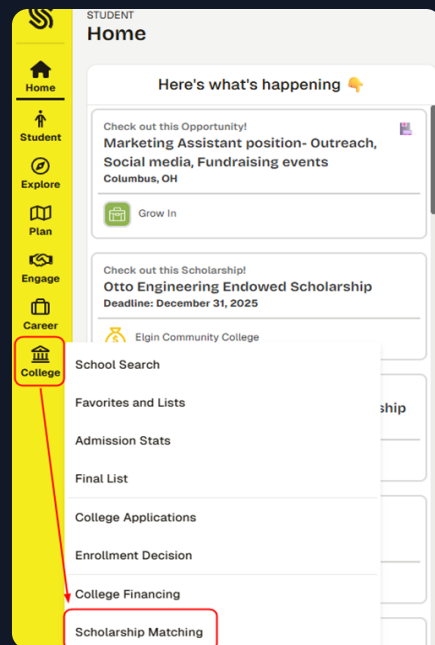


SchooLinks Matching

Offers powerful scholarship matching capabilities to help you find and apply for opportunities that align directly with your academic qualifications, achievements, and career interests.

College Board Directory

Provides an extensive, scholarship directory. Explore and earn [BigFuture Scholarships](#) by taking proactive, simple steps to plan for your future college education.



Scholarships Cont'd | Key Opportunities



Gatesschool

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, low-income high school seniors and student leaders.

eventDEADLINE

Sept 15, 2026

QuestBridgestar

Connects high-achieving, low-income seniors with full four-year scholarships valued at over \$360,000 to 55 top colleges across the nation.

eventDEADLINE

Oct 1, 2026

GCPS Fdnfolder_special

This catalog features multiple scholarship opportunities. Applications ask similar questions.

infoOPPORTUNITIES

Multiple Scholarships Available

College/University/Scholarship Timelines | Key

Milestones



Deadlines event

Find out deadlines

Colleges, universities, and scholarships have different deadlines. Always stay aware and track them continuously.

Prioritize Dates

Prioritize upcoming deadlines and make sure to apply continuously to scholarships you meet requirements for.

Timeline schedule

Apply Before Thanksgiving

It is highly advised to submit your applications to colleges and universities prior to Thanksgiving.

Apply to College Month

November is officially Georgia Apply to College Month. View participating schools and waivers via the [GAFutures Application Fee Waivers Portal](#).

Professional Email mail_outline

Avoid Nicknames & Slang

Do NOT use your school GCPS email. Use a clean, professional address instead:

- [firstname.lastname@gmail.com](#)
- [firstinitial.lastname@gmail.com](#)
- [firstname.mid.lastname@gmail.com](#)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

| Financial Aid Info



FAFSA Essentials assignment

Opening Date

October 1, 2026

Official Website

[Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

event SKG FAFSA Night

Dec 3, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Seckinger High School

Timeline & Action schedule

FSA ID Recommendation

Create your FSA ID ahead of time on [StudentAid.gov](#) so you are ready to file as soon as it opens.

Deadlines

Vary by colleges/universities and states. Check specific financial aid deadlines for your target schools.

Important Rules verified

Admissions Rule

Do **not** have to fill out for admissions.

Automatic State Scholarships

Completing the FAFSA automatically applies for the **HOPE Scholarship** and **Zell Miller Scholarship**.

Georgia Merit Based Financial Aid | Scholarship Requirements



HOPE Scholarship

Entry Requirement

3.00 GPA minimum in high school core curriculum and world languages.

Retention Requirement

3.00 GPA cumulative postsecondary must be maintained to remain eligible.

**GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).*

Zell Miller Scholarship

Academic Standard

3.70 GPA minimum high school core GPA requirement.

Test Score Standard

1200 SAT score or equivalent ACT composite score required.

**GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).*

HOPE & Zell Miller Grants | Career & Technical Funding



HOPE Grant

ELIGIBILITY

Georgia residents working towards an eligible **certificate or diploma** at any eligible college or university in Georgia.

KEY RESTRICTION

Continuing education programs are **not** eligible for funding.

**Note: The HOPE Grant is a separate program from the academic HOPE Scholarship.*

Zell Miller Grant

ELIGIBILITY

Georgia residents working towards an eligible certificate or diploma with high academic achievement.

APPROVED INSTITUTIONS

Must attend a **Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)** or **University System of Georgia (USG)** institution.

**Check with your institution's financial aid office for specific GPA benchmarks.*

Requesting Official Transcripts | Counseling Canopy Guide



Via GAFutures

Step-by-Step Request

- Select "Sign In" at the top of GAFutures.org
- Enter your Username & Password, then Sign In
- Select "My High School Transcript" option
- Select eligible colleges in Georgia, complete fields, and click Send

**Note: Make sure all information is completed in order to process.*

Via My Payments Plus

One-time \$5 Fee (SchoolLinks)

Covers official transcripts sent to colleges via SchoolLinks. Students must follow these steps:

- **Link Accounts:** Connect Common App & SchoolLinks following instructions on SKG website.
- **Notify Counselor:** Email your counselor to notify him/her of transcript request, colleges you're applying to, and applicable deadlines.
- **Georgia Colleges:** Also send transcript via GAFutures.org. SSN must be on file.

Need to add your SSN? Bring your card to the Counseling Canopy.

Jaguar Bytes | Counseling Canopy Updates



newspaper

Weekly Newsletter

Read every Friday afternoon

Please make sure you read through the Jaguar Bytes newsletter every Friday.



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Counseling Support

Schedule a meeting

Connect directly with your student's counselor.

infoParent Assistance

Parents: If you have any additional questions and/or need assistance, please contact your student's counselor via phone or email to schedule an appointment.