



# Class of 2022 Walton College Application Informational Session

# Who is your school counselor?



**Mrs. Clary**  
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**Mrs. Alpert**  
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**Mrs. Dunham**  
H - K



**Mrs. Wafford**  
L - M



**Mrs. Harwood**  
O - Sl



**Mrs. Fay**  
Sm - Z

# Counseling Personnel



## **Mrs. Gross**

- College Advisor
- College Visits
- Scholarships
- Email [Laurel.Gross@cobbk12.org](mailto:Laurel.Gross@cobbk12.org) to set up an appointment

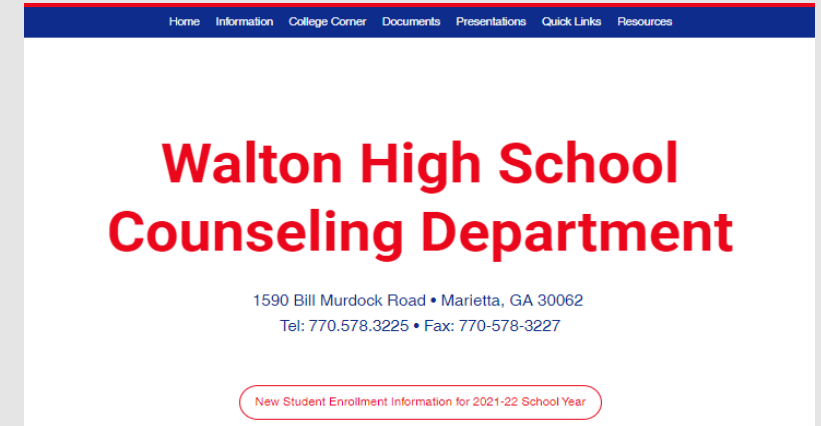
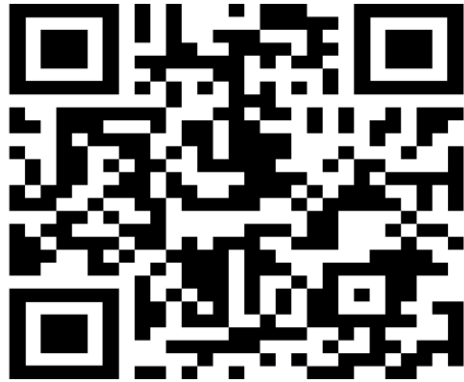


## **Mrs. Schrenk**

- Registrar
- Records Room
- Transcripts

How to Stay  
in the Know

School Counseling Website  
[www.waltonhighcounseling.com](http://www.waltonhighcounseling.com)



Follow School Counseling Dept on Social Media



[@waltonhighcounselors](https://www.facebook.com/waltonhighcounselors)



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PTSA eBlast



# Lesson Overview

- ▶ Post-secondary options
  - ▶ College admissions factors
  - ▶ Building a college list
  - ▶ Military
- ▶ Naviance
- ▶ College application process
- ▶ Scholarships and financial aid
- ▶ X2Vol
- ▶ Naviance Demonstration

# FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

**Extracurricular  
Activities**

**Essays**

**Letters of  
Recommendation**

**Demonstrated  
Interest**



**RIGOR OF CLASSES**

**GRADES & GPA**

**TEST SCORES**

# BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

**“Reach schools”** are those where your academic credentials fall below the school’s range for the freshman class.

**“Match schools”** are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school’s range for the freshman class.

**“Likely schools”** are schools you will almost definitely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical range for their freshman class.

## REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

## MATCH SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

## SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

# Points to Consider

- ▶ Check Admission Requirements
- ▶ Most colleges only consider academic classes when calculating GPAs
- ▶ Colleges want students who show an interest in their school, community, or family responsibilities
- ▶ Weighted and unweighted GPAs will be reported on the transcript
- ▶ Class rank will not be included on transcripts or reported on secondary reports



# Apply to College

- ▶ Complete and submit your applications as directed by the college.
- ▶ If a college has several application options, choose the one that streamlines the process for you!
  - ▶ No preference is given to one application over the other
  - ▶ Many Georgia colleges will direct you to the [GAFutures](#) website; you must set up an account before you can complete an application
- ▶ Take your time completing your application and essays – this is a very important step!
- ▶ Continue to monitor your application status after you have applied.

# Understanding Application Types

- ▶ **Early Decision (I & II) : Binding**
  - ▶ Can only apply Early Decision to one college
- ▶ **Early Action: Non-Binding**
  - ▶ Can apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision
- ▶ **Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: Non-Binding**
  - ▶ Restricts early applications to some colleges; check college website for restrictions
- ▶ **Rolling Admission**
  - ▶ Open admission, no specific deadline
- ▶ **Regular Decision**
  - ▶ Deadline date established by the institution
- ▶ **Priority Deadline**
  - ▶ Often used for scholarship consideration

# Impacts of COVID-19 on College Admissions

- ▶ Standardized Testing
  - ▶ Test Optional - What does this mean for you?
  - ▶ University System of Georgia Schools require SAT/ACT Score
- ▶ College Visits
  - ▶ Check the college websites for On Campus Tours/Virtual Opportunities
- ▶ Focus on what you have done, not on missed opportunities.
- ▶ COVID-19 Essay Question
  - ▶ COVID-19 has affected students in dramatically different ways. If you need it, the COVID-19 and natural disaster question in the Additional Information section is a place for you to describe the impact of these events. The question is not intended to be an extra essay. There's also no need to describe how your school responded to these events.

# Information for College Applications

- ▶ Class Size of the Class of 2022: 672 Students
- ▶ Cobb County school district does not rank students.
- ▶ Our grading scale is a weighted 4.0 scale.
- ▶ Waive your rights when requesting recommendations!

# Two –year college options can include:

- ▶ Core academic classes that are prerequisites for a traditional four-year college degree program
- ▶ General coursework and practical hands-on training to provide a concentrated curriculum in a specific career field
- ▶ Examples: Georgia State University – Perimeter and Chattahoochee Technical College
- ▶ Technical College System of Georgia offers 600 career programs – many considered high demand careers in the fields of:
  - ❖ Business
  - ❖ Cyber & Technology
  - ❖ Engineering Technology
  - ❖ Film
  - ❖ Healthcare & Nursing
  - ❖ Industrial Technologies
  - ❖ Personal & Public Service Technologies
  - ❖ Public Safety
  - ❖ Transportation & Logistics
- ▶ Click here for information: [www.TCSG.edu](http://www.TCSG.edu)

# Two-Year Colleges & Technical Colleges

- ▶ See if the SAT/ACT is required- may take the Accuplacer Exam instead- check with each individual school
- ▶ Two-year school requirements - 2.0 GPA, 2 World Languages plus all Georgia graduation requirements

# Military/Armed Forces

## ▶ **Military Enlistment**

- High school diploma is required
- Take the ASVAB
- Make contact with branch recruiter
- Request your transcript in May

## ▶ **Service Academies**

- Highly selective
- Require endorsement by a member of Congress or Senate

## ▶ **ROTC Scholarship Programs**

- On-campus for college classes, training/service requirements on campus and off-campus on some weekends and breaks
- Service requirement after graduation



# Naviance

NAVIANCE IS A **DELIVERY SYSTEM**  
AND COLLEGE/CAREER SEARCH ENGINE



# Logging into Naviance

- ▶ You can access Naviance from the Walton website ([www.waltonhigh.org](http://www.waltonhigh.org)).

- Click on the **diploma icon** at the top right of the Walton homepage



- ▶ If you're on a CCSD computer, then you will be automatically logged into Naviance.
- ▶ To log into Naviance from home, you will use the following:

User Name:	Password:
Microsoft 365 User Name	Microsoft 365 Password

Welcome, Demo Alpert!

Search for Colleges

Type a college name

SEARCH

Welcome to Naviance!

English Go

Welcome, Walton High students and parents!



Read more

### My Favorites

COLLEGES  
I'm thinking about

COLLEGES  
I'm applying to

COURSES  
I'm thinking about

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS  
I'm thinking about

### Important To-Dos and Tasks

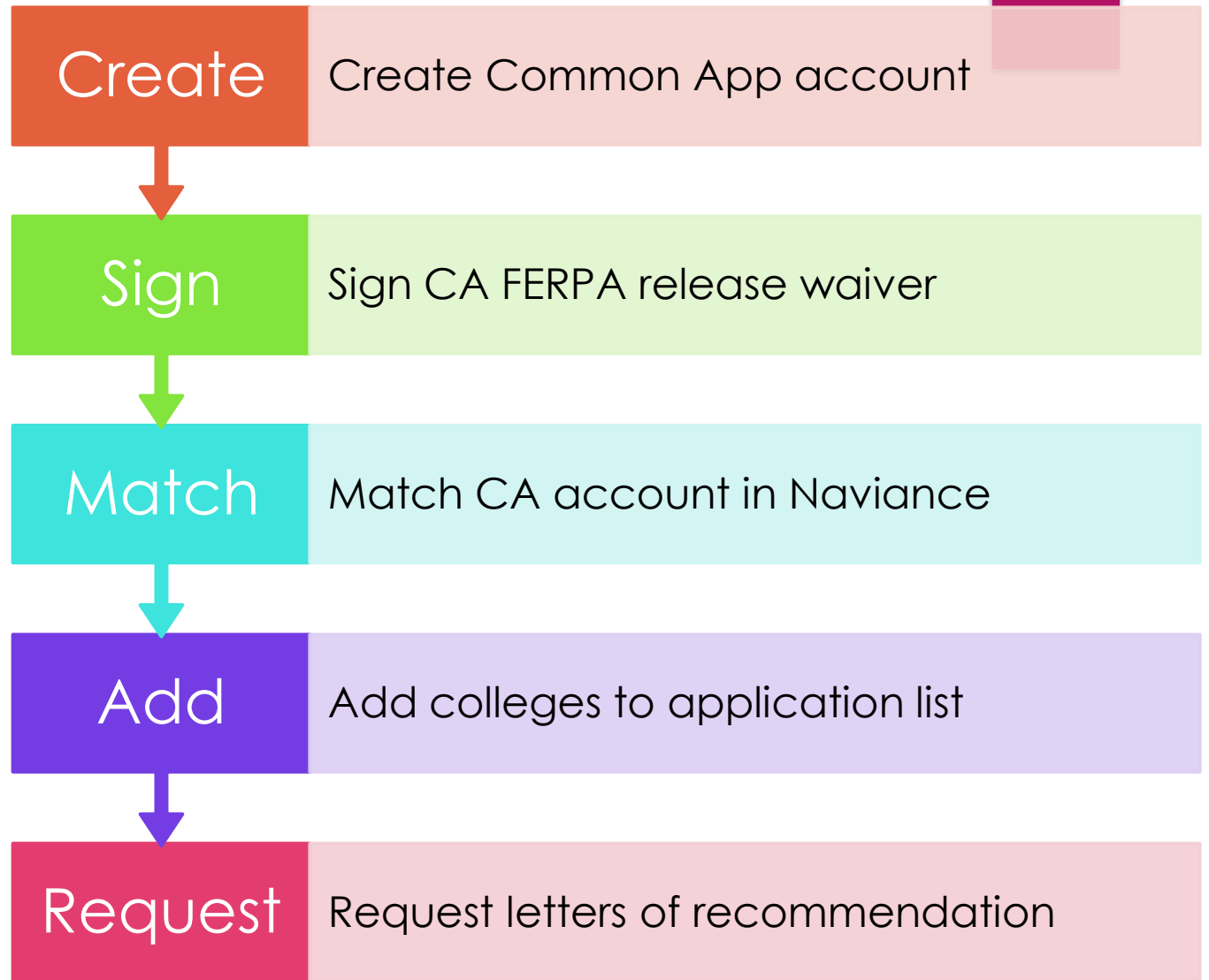
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### What's New

Nothing new to review this visit. Check back later.

# Naviance Student Homepage

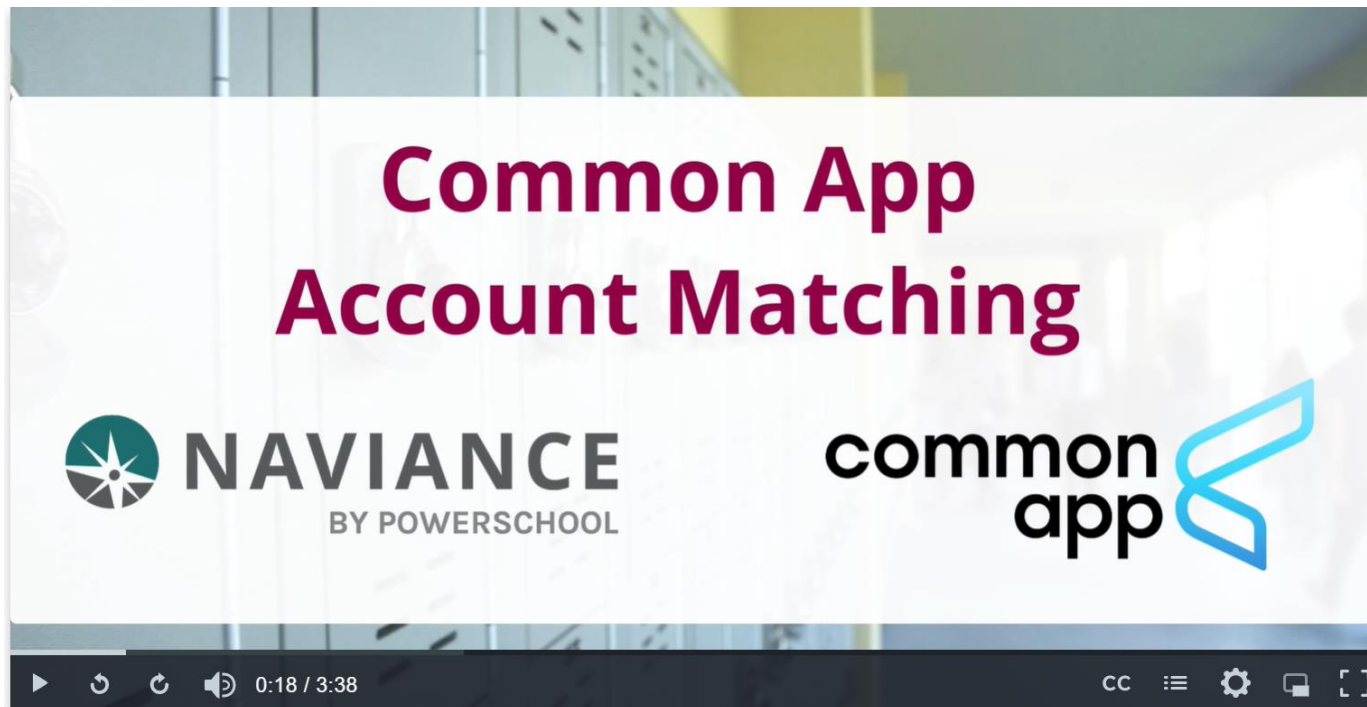
# College Application Process Using Naviance eDocs



Note – You will NOT request your transcript through Naviance.

# Step 1 of Common App Matching: Creating CA Account & Signing the FERPA Release Waiver

Students should follow the steps in [this video](#) to learn how to setup their Common App account & how to sign the FERPA Release Waiver



We recommend you waive your FERPA rights! Colleges may question the validity of your recommendation letters if you do not waive your rights. In addition, your teachers and counselors may not feel comfortable writing a letter of recommendation without waiving your rights.

# Step 2 of Common App Matching: Matching the CA Account in Naviance

1. Log into **Naviance**
2. Go to **Colleges I'm Applying To**
3. Select the hot pink bar to **Match Accounts**
4. Enter the **email address** used for the Common App account
5. Confirm that the **birthdate** is correct
6. Select **Match Accounts**
7. Once students have matched their account, schools from their application list in Common App will feed into their Colleges I'm Applying To list in Naviance

**i** It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.

Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match Accounts

# How to Add Colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying to” list

- ▶ This is the section where students will spend most of their time.
- ▶ You must complete this section in order to request letters of recommendation and transcripts.
- ▶ You must also designate the application type within this section.

**My Favorites**

- COLLEGES I'm thinking about
- COLLEGES I'm applying to**
- COURSES I'm thinking about
- CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about

**Step 1 – Click Colleges I'm applying to**

# Colleges I'm Applying To

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare M



Step 2 - Click on +

\* = extended profile available

+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

College that I'm attending:

N/A



Update

# Colleges I'm Applying To

 Cancel

Add New College Application

Which college are you applying to?

Georgia State University



Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App type

Early Action



I'll submit my application

Via Common App



I've submitted my application

Add Application

**Step 3 – Complete all the requested information**

**Step 4 – Double check that your information is correct and click Add Application**

If your application type is incorrect, the documents will not make it to the college!



# eDocs Delivery Type Icons



- **Mail Only:** documents can only be sent by mail



- **Electronic:** documents can be sent through eDocs



- **Common App:** Common App docs can be sent through eDocs



- **Common App via Electronic:** documents can be accepted through eDocs



- **Common App Mail only:** documents prepared but not sent through eDocs

# Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ Allow **at least 3-4 weeks** for teachers to complete their recommendation portion of your application!
- ▶ It is your responsibility to research which schools require a letter of recommendation on their website.
  - ▶ If they do not ask for a letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process. DO NOT ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR ONE IF THIS IS THE CASE!
- ▶ Students “invite” their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:
  1. Provide teachers with a copy of your “TEACHER RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION FORM” found in the Recommendation Packet and include on the form the deadline date of your first application that requires their letter of recommendation.
  2. Request Letters of Recommendation in Naviance (make sure your college has been added to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab)

# Request Teacher Letters of Recommendation in Naviance

Letters of recommendation

Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation.

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?\*

Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:\*

<input type="checkbox"/> Select All	Colleges -	Due -
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alabama A & M University -- required / -- allowed / 1 requested	Jun 15 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	American University 1 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested	Nov 15 2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boston College 2 required / 2 allowed / 1 requested	Jan 01 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Alabama at Birmingham 0 required / 0 allowed / 0 requested <i>This college does not accept Letters of Recommendation</i>	Jun 01 2021

3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

## Requesting LORs

1. Go to **Colleges I'm Applying To**
2. Scroll down and Select **Letters of Recommendation Section**
3. Select **Add Request**
4. Select a **Teacher**
5. Select which **colleges the request is for**
6. Include a **personal note**
7. Select **Submit Request**
8. Select **Request and Finish**

# Track Submission Status of Recommendation Letters in Naviance

## Tracking LOR Status

1. Go to **Colleges I'm Applying To List**
2. Select **Letters of Recommendation** at the bottom of the list
3. Check the Status column to review when a teacher has submitted a LOR

Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
See applications	Genevieve T	<b>Recommendation Statuses:</b> ✕	✕
Apr 01 2018	Genevieve T	✉ <b>Requested:</b> Student has requested a letter of recommendation	✕
		📁 <b>In Progress:</b> Teacher has written the letter of recommendation	<a href="#">Add Request</a>
		✈ <b>Submitted:</b> High school faculty member has sent the letter of recommendation to designated college(s)	
		✕ <b>Cancelled:</b> Either the student, teacher, or counselor has cancelled the request	

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# Requesting Transcripts: 2-Step Process

1. Add college you are applying to Naviance.
  - Log onto your **Naviance student account**.
  - Select the **COLLEGES** tab.
  - Under COLLEGES select **“Colleges I’m Applying To”**
  - Click on **“+”**, add each college/university, including application information
  - Click **“Add Application”**
2. Come to the Records Room and sign your transcript card. Transcript fee is \$2.00 per transcript.
  - For Common Application documents, you MUST link your Common App account to your Naviance account.
  - Please bring exact dollar amount or check made out to Walton High School.
  - **It is your responsibility to complete ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.**

We will begin accepting transcript requests on Monday, August 16, 2021

# Counselor Recommendations/ Secondary School Reports

- ▶ Allow **at least 3-4 weeks** for your counselor to complete her recommendation portion of your application!
- ▶ Counselors must have a completed recommendation packet in order to write a letter of recommendation.
  - ▶ **YOUR ENGLISH TEACHER WILL NOT BE PROVIDING YOUR COUNSELOR WITH A COPY!**
- ▶ [Click here](#) to access the counselor recommendation packet on the School Counseling (if you did not complete yours over the summer). Email a copy to your counselor 3-4 weeks before your deadline.

# Send SAT/ACT Test Scores

SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

▶ [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

▶ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**Our School's CEEB code: 111987**

# College Visits

Each year over 100 college admissions counselors come to Walton to present information about academic and special programs, admission requirements, and campus life.

- ▶ This fall, college visits will be face-to-face.
- ▶ College visits are open to **Walton junior and senior students (only)**.
- ▶ Students must sign up in Naviance at least 12 hours in advance.
- ▶ Print Naviance confirmation email to show your teacher before coming to visit.
- ▶ When attending college visits:
  - ▶ Be prepared and ask thoughtful questions.
  - ▶ This is your opportunity to make a good first impression and show that you are interested in that college or university.





# College Visits

## To register for a college visit:

- ▶ The College Visit link is located in the **"What's New"** section at the bottom right side of the Colleges homepage
- ▶ Click on **"More Info"**
- ▶ Click on **"Register"**
- ▶ You will receive an email the day before your visit as confirmation. Print this as your pass.
- ▶ Check Naviance frequently for upcoming college visits
- ▶ You must sign up through your Naviance account at least 12 hours in advance.

The screenshot shows a 'What's New' section with three announcements. The first announcement is for Georgia College & State University on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 12:30 pm. The second is for Georgia Southwestern State University on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 1:30 pm. The third is for the University of Mississippi on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 at 9:15 am. Each announcement includes a 'more info' link.

The screenshot shows the registration page for a college visit. At the top right, there is a green 'Register' button with a checkmark. Below this, the page displays 'COLLEGE VISIT INFORMATION' for Georgia College & State University. The date and time are listed as 'AUGUST Tue 17 12:30PM'. The location is 'Not Specified'. The registration deadline is 'REGISTER BY: Tuesday, Aug 17 2021, 04:30AM'. The status is 'Not Registered' and 'Registration for this event is open.'

# Senior Parent Nights

- ▶ **Senior Parent Night: College Application Process**

- ▶ Tuesday, August 24th @ 6:30 pm

- ▶ **Financial Aid Night**

- ▶ Monday, October 4th @ 6:30 pm

- ▶ Virtual FAFSA workshop, Thursday, November 11th @ TBD

# Steps to Financial Aid: FAFSA

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**)
- ▶ Submitted annually by college students to determine eligibility for student financial aid
- ▶ Includes sections to be completed by the student and parent/guardian
- ▶ FAFSA goes live October 1, 2021
- ▶ Go to: [FAFSA website](#)
- ▶ Look for the “Net Price Calculator” on the college website to determine the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) -- the estimated amount you will have to pay to attend that institution

# Steps to Institutional Aid: CSS Profile

- ▶ Many private colleges require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA.
- ▶ Used by many Early Action/Early Decision Institutions
- ▶ CSS Profile is available October 1, 2021
  - ▶ \$25 Original Application Fee/One College
  - ▶ \$16 for additional college/program
  - ▶ Students eligible for SAT fee waiver may receive a CSS fee waiver
- ▶ Comprehensive list of Schools:
- ▶ <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

# HOPE Scholarship

- ▶ HOPE Scholarship:
  - ▶ 3.0 GPA for academic courses: Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, and World Language.
    - ▶ A part of your college tuition will be covered, this amount will vary.
- ▶ Zell Miller Scholarship:
  - ▶ 3.7 GPA for academic courses, 1200 on SAT (Reading and Math, 1 sitting), or 26 on the ACT, 1 sitting.
    - ▶ All of tuition will be covered.

*The Class of 2021 is required to have four rigorous courses to be eligible for the HOPE and/or Zell Miller Scholarship. Check [www.GAFutures.org](http://www.GAFutures.org) for a list of rigorous courses and other eligibility criteria.*

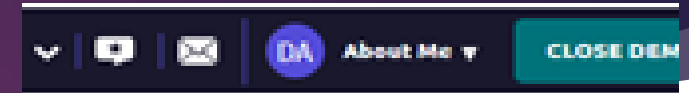
**You can check your HOPE GPA on [WWW.GAFUTURES.ORG](http://WWW.GAFUTURES.ORG)**

# HOPE Grant

- ▶ The HOPE Grant Program is for students seeking a technical certificate or diploma, regardless of the student's high school grade point average or graduation date.
- ▶ The HOPE Grant Award amount will cover a portion of a student's tuition.
- ▶ Full-time enrollment is not required.
- ▶ Students are required to have a postsecondary cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to maintain eligibility.

# Scholarships

- ▶ Types of Scholarships:
  - ▶ Merit, Athletic, Organizational
- ▶ Check the Scholarship Resources in Naviance by clicking **“Colleges”** and then underneath **“Scholarships and Money”** selecting **“Scholarship List”**
- ▶ Search for scholarships under either **“College-Specific Scholarships”** or **“Local & Regional Scholarships”** (this is where Walton updates its scholarships)
- ▶ You can also select **“National Scholarship Search”** found under “Scholarships & Money” to search for national scholarships
- ▶ Check the college websites and online search engines
- ▶ Email [Mrs. Gross](#) if you are interested in applying for any of the announced scholarships or if you are interested in a scholarship in which you must be nominated by Walton.



## Scholarships & Money

Scholarships I'm Applying To

**Scholarship List**

National Scholarship Search

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

**College-Specific Scholarships**

**Local & Regional Scholarships**



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# Volunteer Service Recognition- Graduation Honor Cord

- ▶ Students need 150 hours of verified & approved service hours
- ▶ Deadline to submit service hours for this school year is **April 15, 2022**
- ▶ Student's responsibility to get hours verified
- ▶ More info on Walton website – Students > Community service hours
- ▶ Questions? Email [Laurel.Gross@cobbk12.org](mailto:Laurel.Gross@cobbk12.org)





# X2Vol

In Naviance Student, click on the “x2VOL” link under Resources at the bottom of the homepage.

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student homepage interface. At the top, there are two teal header boxes: 'Important To-Dos and Tasks' and 'What's New'. Below these, there is a section titled 'Resources to get ready' which contains two white boxes: 'Document Resources' and 'x2VOL'. The 'x2VOL' box is highlighted in blue and has a red arrow pointing to it from a callout box on the right. The callout box contains the text: 'Scroll down on your Naviance homepage and click on the “x2VOL” link.'

**Important To-Dos and Tasks**

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**What's New**

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**Resources to get ready**

Document Resources

x2VOL

**Scroll down on your Naviance homepage and click on the “x2VOL” link.**

# View Service Hour History

The screenshot displays the 'History' page of the x2VOL system. At the top, there are navigation links for 'My Activity Log', 'Find Opportunities', and 'History'. The page title is 'History' with the x2VOL logo. A summary bar shows: Total Hours Approved: 0.00 (circled in green), Total Hours Claimed: 8.00, Total Hours Verified: 0.00, Total Hours Denied: 0.00, and Total Hours Pending: 8.00. Below this is a 'Filter Results' section with checkboxes for Type (Select All, Personal Project, Community Opportunity, School Sponsored) and Status (Select All, Submitted, Verified, Denied, Approved), along with Start and End Date fields. The search results show 1 result for 'church vbs volunteer' with 8.00 claimed hours. A table below lists the opportunity details.

OPPORTUNITY	TYPE	CLAIMED HOURS	VERIFIED HOURS	APPROVED HOURS	CREATED	MODIFIED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> church vbs volunteer 07/24/2015 helped children	Personal Project	8.00	-	-	06/07/2015	06/07/2015

Questions, email [Laurel.Gross@cobbk12.org](mailto:Laurel.Gross@cobbk12.org)

# Bridge Law

- ▶ If you're graduating in December, you will receive a survey to complete in Naviance around Thanksgiving Break.
- ▶ If you're graduating in May, you will receive this survey around Spring Break.
- ▶ You are required to complete this survey. Thanks!

HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!

QUESTIONS?

