

JUNIOR PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT



Class of 2026
OCTOBER 8, 2024
6:30 PM



HAVE QUESTIONS?

Enter your
questions in the
Teams chat!



We will answer questions throughout the evening and at the end of the presentation.

Meet your School Counseling Team



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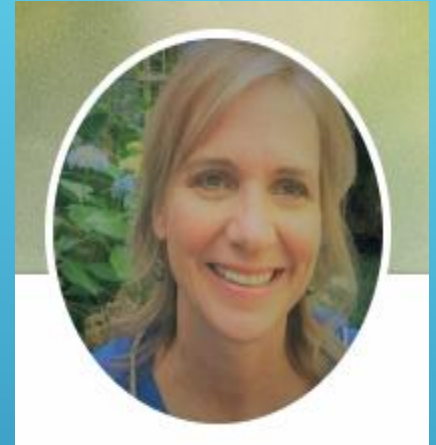
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Tonight's Topics

- High School graduation requirements vs. College Admission Requirements
 - Post-Secondary Options
 - SAT/ACT/Accuplacer/ASVAB
 - HOPE Programs & Financial Aid
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Naviance
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Area of Study	Required Credits
English	4 credits (9 th Lit, American Lit)
Mathematics	4 credits (Alg 1, Geometry, Adv Alg)
Science	4 credits (Biology, Physics/Physical Science, Chem/Earth/Env Sci)
Social Studies	3 credits (World, U.S., Gov/Econ)
World Language/CTAE/Fine Art	3 credits
Personal Fitness/Health (or 3 units of JROTC)	1.0 credit
General Electives	4 credits
TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE	<u>23</u>

Students planning to meet the requirements of a four-year college/university must complete a minimum of two units of the same World Language and complete Math above Advanced Algebra/Algebra II (FoA does not meet that requirement)

EXIT & ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

(they are not the same!)

HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION



COLLEGE
ADMISSION

- ▶ Determined by GA Department of Ed (DOE)
- ▶ **Tracked by you**, your teachers, and your school counselor
- ▶ Are needed before you earn a diploma – you graduate if you earn the minimum
- ▶ Includes **23** required credits in specific areas

- ▶ Determined by the individual college
- ▶ **Tracked by you** – it is your responsibility to find out what the school wants
- ▶ Are needed before you can be accepted – **you may not be accepted with just the minimum**
- ▶ Includes SAT, ACT, Accuplacer

Post-Secondary Options

- Apprenticeships and Job Training
- Military
- Specialty School
- 2-Year and/or Technical College
- 4-Year College/University



TRADES & APPRENTICESHIPS

- Occupations such as skilled construction work are considered trades or crafts.
- The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor. Training lasts 1-5 years and provide on-the-job training, often paid. These kinds of programs can lead to secure and well-paying jobs. Additional education and training can provide high levels of advancement and increased salaries.



Trade Examples

Electrician

Contractor/Construction Manager

Plumber

**Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
Technician**

Certified Cook

Firefighter

Automotive/Aviation Technician

Licensed Practical Nurse

Garden and Landscape Designer/Agriculture

Welder

Legal Assistant



APPRENTICESHIPS & WORKFORCE



- ▶ On-the-job training
- ▶ Provided by employer
- ▶ Related to skilled labor and training for actual jobs
- ▶ Can lead to high-paying secure jobs.

Joining the Military

- ✓ Research the different branches
- ✓ Talk to a recruiter: at their office/recruiting station, or set-up a virtual visit.
- ✓ Talk as a family about your student's desire/decision to join the military.
- ✓ Take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) in 11th or 12th grade — a great tool to learn more about their career interests



MILITARY AND MILITARY ACADEMIES

Military Branch	Websites	Military Academy
Army	www.army.mil and www.goarmy.com	US Military Academy (West Point) www.westpoint.edu
Navy	www.navy.mil and www.navy.com	US Naval Academy www.usna.edu
Air Force	www.af.mil and www.airforce.com	Air Force Academy www.usafa.af.mil
Marines	www.marines.mil and www.marines.com	Future Marines attend the US Naval Academy
Coast Guard	www.uscg.mil and www.gocoastguard.com	US Coast Guard Academy www.uscga.edu

- ▶ Speak with a recruiter to learn about opportunities available in the military
- ▶ Excellent scholarships are available for students who pursue ROTC in college
- ▶ Take the ASVAB for career placement and branch eligibility
- ▶ Military academy appointments are highly competitive, and accepted students attend completely FREE

What Does “College” Mean?

Finding Your Realistic College Options

There are several types of schools someone with a high school diploma can attend to earn an undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate.



Specialty School
(certificate or diploma)



2-year and/or Technical College (certificate, diploma or Associate’s degree)



4-year college/university
(Bachelor’s degree)

REMEMBER!

1. College admissions requirements are often GREATER than Georgia high school graduation requirements!
2. Meeting minimum admissions criteria does NOT guarantee admission!

Why Consider Attending a Technical College?

1. Learn a trade (HVAC, cosmetology, plumbing, etc).
2. LOW High School GPA = Fresh start in college.
3. Save Money \$\$\$ with lower tuition costs.
4. Transfer to a 4-year college after 30 semester hours in TAG (Transfer Admission Guaranteed) courses - these will transfer to schools that are part of the University System of Georgia.
5. Take advantage of the HOPE Grant and HOPE Career Grant to get **100% of tuition covered** in one of 17 high-demand careers in Georgia!



Where Do I Start?

1. Make a list of Potential Schools



2. Research Schools and Ask Questions!!

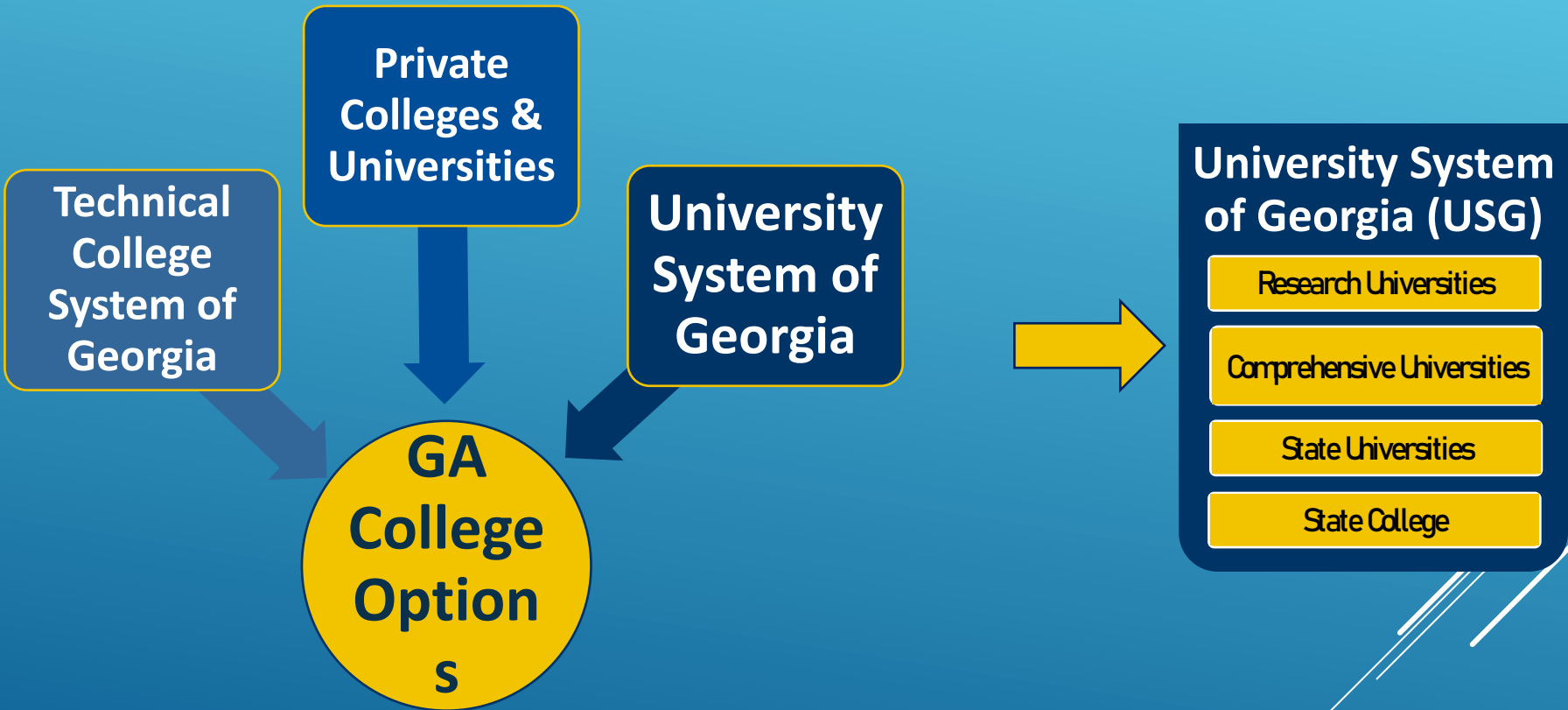
- * Location
- * Cost of Attendance
- * Financial Aid Opportunities
- * Academic Options
- * Environment
- * Activities on Campus
- * Housing
- * Size



**Do not choose
blindly! Visit
colleges before
deciding!**

Georgia College Options:

Technical, Two-Year, or Four-Year Schools



SAT VS. ACT

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

If you receive free/reduced lunch, you are eligible for testing fee waivers

www.sat.org

www.actstudent.org

Aptitude (ability)

Achievement (knowledge)

Perfect Score: 1600

Scored 200-800 points, added together

Perfect Score: 36

Scored 1-36 points, averaged together

2 sections: Reading, Math

4 sections: English, Math, Reading, Science (and optional Writing)

No penalty for guessing

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Free online practice:
Khan Academy

Free online practice:
ACT Academy

Test registration is through the SAT and ACT websites; not the high school or college. Most colleges will accept either test. Writing requirement varies by college. These tests are sometimes required for admissions to 4-year colleges and universities. Students can take BOTH. Students who receive Free or Reduced Lunch qualify for fee waivers. Please contact your school counselor if you think you qualify for a waiver.

Dual Enrollment Overview

- ▶ Take college classes as a **junior or senior only**.
- ▶ Earn high school and college credit at the same time.
- ▶ Follow the application process.
- ▶ Need qualifying SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER scores
- ▶ Student is responsible for transportation to and from the college.
- ▶ College grades do impact the HOPE GPA.
- ▶ **Must be prepared** to do college-level work and to be held to college-level standards and expectations.



Dual Enrollment Process

- Parent & Student must attend a mandatory DE Information Session with Mr. Hurns
- Register to take the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER (if required) – check college websites for testing requirements and changes due to COVID-19.
- Submit test scores directly to the college.
- Complete the online DE application found on the college's website. In addition, complete the DE Advisement Plan, CCSD Local School Agreement, and online Funding Application on GA Futures.
- Student makes an appt with Mr. Hurns if they need assistance choosing DE classes, and to get his signature on their DE Advisement Plan before the college DE application deadline.

The Ins & Outs of Financial Aid



- ▶ HOPE Rigor
- ▶ HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships
- ▶ Grants & Scholarships
- ▶ Loans
- ▶ Work-Study Programs



for college in Georgia. Complete the
is quick and easy!

GSEFAPP

GA FUTURES: ALL THINGS HOPE, DE, AND MORE

Trending

Shortcuts

◆ GEORGIA MATCH

GSEFAPP

2024-2025 Award Amounts

Georgia Promise Scholarship

Your HOPE GPA



College Search

Search Colleges and Universities in the
State of Georgia and across the country.



Scholarship Search

Use this tool to find eligible
national and local scholarships.



Quick Pay

Click here to make a payment on
GSFA (Pathways) account.

The HOPE Scholarship Program

- **Zell Miller Scholarship**

- 3.7 HOPE GPA
- 1200 SAT or 26 ACT (single administration)
- HOPE Rigor Requirement met
- 100% tuition coverage (public, 4-year only)

- **HOPE Scholarship**

- 3.0 HOPE GPA
- HOPE Rigor Requirement met.
- Partial tuition coverage (public, 4-year only).



HOPE Rigor Requirements

In order to be HOPE eligible, the Class of 2026 must earn at least 4 credits in courses from the following categories:



Advanced Math

- Advanced Algebra
- Pre-Calculus
- Statistics

Advanced Science

- Physics
- Chemistry

Advanced Placement

- in core subjects

University System of Georgia

- Dual Enrollment courses in core areas

Advanced Foreign/Mod. Language

- Level 2 and higher

Review HOPE *rigor* requirements at www.gafutures.org

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The HOPE GPA is
NOT on your
transcript!!!

The HOPE Grant Program

HOPE Grant

Academic Eligibility

- No high school graduation requirement
- Must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program at a participating University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school

Award Amount

- Portion of standard tuition, up to 15 credit hours; award amounts available on **GAfutures.org**

Maintaining

- Minimum 2.0 calculated HOPE Grant GPA or higher at designated checkpoints (30/60 paid semester hours)
- Only eligible to regain the HOPE Grant once

Losing Eligibility

- Calculated HOPE GPA requirement not met
- Maximum paid hours reached (63 semester)
- Bachelor's degree received



HOPE GRANT + HOPE CAREER GRANT = FREE TUITION!

These programs are in **High Demand** and can be studied at a Technical College **Tuition Free**.
There is **no GPA requirement** to earn the HOPE Grant and HOPE Career Grant out of high school!



Automotive Technology



Aviation Technology



Certified Engineer Assistant



Commercial Truck Driving



Computer Programming



Computer Technology



Construction Technology



Diesel Equipment Technology



Early Childhood Care and Education



Electrical Lineman Technology



Health Science



Industrial Maintenance



Logistics/Transportation Technology



Movie Production Set Design



Practical Nursing



Precision Manufacturing




Welding and Joining Technology

Learn more at <https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition>

HOPE
CAREER
GRANT



LOOK OUT FOR GEORGIA MATCH (FALL OF SENIOR YEAR)

- ▶ Georgia Match is a program that matches Seniors with Georgia colleges for which the student meets the current Freshman Index for guaranteed acceptance based upon the **Junior Year HOPE GPA**.
 - ▶ Students will receive a letter and can access the information through their GAfutures account, provided they created an account.
 - ▶ Students can request more information about matched colleges through the GAfutures platform.
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ALL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION IS NOW HOUSED EXCLUSIVELY IN NAVIANCE!



Students can log-in to their Naviance account (<https://tinyurl.com/CCSDNaviance>)



Under "Colleges," click on "Scholarship Search" under the Scholarships & Money tab.



The next page will be the CCSD specific Scholarships & Money main page – the 4 tabs at the top will navigate students to various scholarship search options.

How Do Students Get the Money?

- **Apply early and often** — scholarships have firm deadlines.
- **SEARCH for scholarships** everywhere (i.e. Naviance, college websites, current employer or parents' employer, community organizations, etc.)
- Create a resumé and prepare a personal statement so you will be ready to apply.
- Write a strong scholarship essay and then modify as needed.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after December 1st of your senior year**




Naviance

Naviance is an electronic document delivery system and college/career search engine.

It will be used to communicate with you and your student throughout the school year.

Juniors will use Naviance for:

1. College & Career Planning
 2. Scholarship Search
 3. Email & Counselor Communication
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Logging in to Naviance

Naviance from School

- Log into the school computer or device
- Select the Clever app on the computer home screen (top left)
- From your Clever home page, select the teal “Naviance” app – it is usually on the 3rd or 4th row of apps
- You should be taken to your Naviance student home page automatically



Naviance from Home

- Open Google Chrome (this is the preferred browser for Naviance)
- Go to www.cobbk12.org
- Click “Find It Fast” in the top-right corner
- Click on “Naviance” from the drop-down menu
- Click on “Student” or Parent”
- Students log in using their Office 365 username and password



Questions?



THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT!!

Please take a minute to complete our quick survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/GFbLxSiGwr>



Email your counselor with any additional questions!