
Senior Family Breakfast



CLASS 2025

Who's Your School Counselor?



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Before We Begin

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This is your one stop shop for questions concerning: **cap and gown** orders, **graduation announcements**, **senior pictures**, **senior supper**, **senior assembly**, & **senior honors night**.

Caps, Gowns and Announcements: Contact Herff Jones at 770-795-1626 or www.atlgrad.com

Herff Jones will come to school to help seniors with their graduation needs. Be mindful of deadlines. If you order after **December 1, 2024**, late fees will apply.

Senior portraits are taken through **Cady Studios**. Seniors needing to take senior photos to be included in the yearbook must sign up on-line www.cadystudios.com

Senior Parent/Student Remind

**Text each message to the number
81010**

- **Student Last Name A - C
@637hfd4**
- **Student Last Name D - I
@3ba76hg**
- **Student Last Name J - N
@2e9fb2k**
- **Student Last Name O - S
@h8d9bbc**
- **Student Last Name T - Z @6779kf**

Text each message to the number 81010

- **Sr. Parents Last Name A - C @9287a3b**
- **Sr. Parents Last Name D - I @423k39k**
- **Sr. Parents Last Name J - N @3ba729**
- **Sr. Parents Last Name O - S @49d8g86**
- **Sr. Parents Last Name T - Z @76gh6a**


Lesson Overview

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Post-Secondary Options



4-Year College/University

- Typically have more stringent admission requirements than other post-secondary options
 - Factors for college admission consideration:
Rigor of classes, final grades/GPA, test scores (SAT/ACT), extracurricular activities, essays, letters of recommendation, demonstrated interest
- On average, it takes a student four years to complete after matriculation from high school
- Best to build a college list, with recommendations to include 1-2 “reach schools”, 2-3 “match schools” and at least 1 “safety school”.
 - Reach: Your academic credentials *fall below* the school’s middle 50% range for the freshman class
 - Match: Your academic credentials *fall within or perhaps slightly exceed* the school’s middle 50% range for the freshman class
 - Safety: Your academic credentials *exceed* the school’s middle 50% range for the freshman class, nearly guaranteeing admission
- Check the school’s admission requirements by visiting the school’s website, as requirements vary from school to school and year to year

4-Year College/University

- SAT/ACT test scores are usually required, with explicit score minimums
 - The University System of Georgia (USG) will continue its temporary waiver of test score requirements meaning no test scores will be required for admission at 23 of USG's 26 public colleges and universities during the Academic Year 2025-2026 (Fall 2025, Spring 2026 and Summer 2026).
 - The temporary test waiver **does not** apply to the **Georgia Tech, UGA, and Georgia College & State University**.
 - Test-optional: Colleges/universities can use the student's grade point average on the required high school curriculum without a standardized test score at the following minimum grade point averages (GPA):
 - 3.4 GPA for research universities
 - 3.2 GPA for comprehensive universities
 - 3.0 GPA for state universities
- Test scores will continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships in accordance with state of Georgia requirements.

2-year College/Technical College & Trade School

- Proof of high school graduation/GED is required – providing your final high school transcript will satisfy this. Follow the transcript request process to accomplish this.
- SAT/ACT exams are accepted, however the Accuplacer is accepted and often offered directly from the school.
 - Less expensive than taking the SAT/ACT and serves as a placement exam vs. admissions exam.
- Programs are typically career focused and completed in 2-years or less
 - Trains students for a specific job in a career field, immediately ready to work
- Technical/Trade careers can include ones related to: *Aviation, Criminal Justice, Welding, Cosmetology, Carpentry, Drafting, Automotive Technician, Medical & Dental Assisting, Graphic Design, HVAC Technician, Electrician, Paralegal, Early Childhood Care, Horticulture, Accounting, Cybersecurity & Networking, Film & Video Production, EMT/AEMT (Paramedic), Supply Chain Management, and more!*

Military/Armed Forces

- The five branches are: **Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy**
 - Reserve & National Guard are various options within
- Every branch of the military sets its own standards for enlisting, so learn about the specific requirements for each, i.e.:
 - Citizenship & Residency
 - Age limits
 - Education: *You must have a high school or general equivalency diploma (GED); must have a degree from a four-year college to join as an officer*
 - Testing Requirements: *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)*
 - Physical & Medical Requirements
- In general: (1) Make contact with a branch recruiter, (2) take the ASVAB, (3) graduate, and (4) request your final high school transcript
- Additional information can be found online at: <https://www.usa.gov/military-requirements>



Naviance



Naviance is a delivery system and college/career search engine and also how we communicate with YOU and your parents throughout the school year.

Multiple Uses for Naviance

Available to you online, 24/7!

College Planning

College Search, College Visits, Colleges Applying To, Letters of Recommendation

Career Planning & Resume Building

Explore Careers, Clusters & Pathways

Self-Discovery

Personality, Skills, and Strengths Assessments

Communicating with your School Counselor

E-Mail Capabilities

Scholarship Searches

College-specific, National Search, CCSD-specific

Logging into Naviance

1. Log into the school computer
2. Open Google Chrome (*this is the preferred browser for Naviance*)
3. Go to <https://www.cobbk12.org/>
4. Click the down arrow from “**Find it Fast**” in the top red header
5. Click “**Naviance**” in the right-side column – *second link from the bottom*
6. You should be taken to your **Naviance** Student homepage automatically
 - If not automatically logged in to your account, select: (1) **Student** → (2) **Continue With Clever**

The screenshot displays the Cobb Schools website interface. At the top, a red header contains the slogan "ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. STUDENT SUCCESS." and navigation links for "LOGIN", "TRANSLATE", and "FIND IT FAST". Below the header, the "COBB SCHOOLS" logo and a search bar are visible. A dropdown menu is open under "FIND IT FAST", listing various services. The "Naviance" link is circled in red, and a black arrow points to it from the right. Another black arrow points from the "FIND IT FAST" dropdown to the "Naviance" link. The background of the page features a large image of a student with the text "ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL" overlaid.

Foundation	Eleyo (ASP App)
ance	Emergency Crisis Information
Bus Numbers & Routes	Employment Opportunities
CCSD New Hire Onboarding	Enroll Your Student
Cobb Digital Library	Family Info Guide
Cobb Shield	Georgia's BEST
Contact Us	GoFan Tickets
CTLS Learn	Grades & Attendance
CTLS Support	Lunch Menus
Digital Textbooks	Make Online Payments
District Strategic Plan	Naviance
Ed-SPLOST VI	Title I

Common App Matching

- The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 1,000+ member colleges and universities.
- For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.
- In order to match the Common App account, students must:
 - (1) Create a Common App account
 - (2) Complete the Education section of the Common App
 - (3) Sign the FERPA Release Authorization in the Common App
- Once completed, select “Match Accounts” from Naviance – pictured below.
- NOTE: Not all colleges and universities are on the Common App and have their own, individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school’s undergraduate admissions website.

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner 12th Grade DJ EN [Close](#) [Demo](#)

Colleges I'm Applying To

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Letters of Recommendation

- Allow **at least 3-4 school weeks** for your teachers to complete their recommendation portion of your application!
- Students “invite” their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:
 - (1) Provide your teachers with a copy of your senior brag sheet/academic resume (*if not already completed in Naviance*) to include a list of colleges/universities to which you are asking the teacher to write.

(2) Add the request under your “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab from Naviance.

- **IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS – NOT “All Applications”.**
-If the school does not require a teacher letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process.
DO NOT ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR ONE IF THIS IS THE CASE!

- It is the student’s responsibility to research/know which schools require a letter of recommendation.

Senior Brag Sheet (for Letters of Recommendation)

Located in Naviance

- **Students must complete the Senior Brag Sheet for counselors to write a counselor recommendation on one's behalf.**
 - Go to your Naviance Account
 - Click on "About Me"
 - Click on "Surveys from your School"
 - Under "My Surveys" click on "Senior Brag Sheet for Letter of Rec"
 - Tell us all about you! The more you "brag," the better your LOR
 - Click "Update" when completed
- You can start/stop/edit your Senior Brag Sheet as many times as you would like. Just remember to click "Update" when complete.

Official Transcript Requests*

1. Add the 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. Go to MyPaymentsPlus and fill out the transcript request form and pay \$2 per transcript.

- For Common App documents, you **must MATCH your Common App** account to your Naviance account before your counselor can send your transcript.

3. Come to the Counseling Office to complete your transcript card.

**Students are responsible for completing ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.*

Sending Official Test Scores

- ACT/SAT scores can only be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

-SAT: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>

- ACT: www.actstudent.org

- Our School's CEEB code:

112435

SAT vs ACT: What do you need to know?

SAT \$60.00/ Late \$89.00 (includes writing portion)	ACT \$62.50/ Late \$92.00 (includes writing portion)
Aptitude (ability)	Achievement (knowledge)
Perfect Score: 1600 National Average:	Perfect Score: 36 National Average: 21.1
3 sections: Critical Reading, Math, Writing	5 sections: English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing* (sign up for ACT with writing)
NEW: No penalty for guessing!	No penalty for guessing
Scored 200-800 points, added together– essay is optional	Scored 1-36 points then averaged together– essay is optional

If you receive free/reduced lunch you are eligible for a fee waiver.

Which Admissions Test Should You Take?

Accuplacer	SAT	ACT
If you are starting at a Technical School	You're a quick thinker. Love challenging puzzles and logic games.	You pay close attention in math and understand basic trig, logarithms and imaginary number's.
	You can quickly define a plethora of onerous vocabulary words.	You love the challenge of working quickly and beating the clock.
	You prefer to write about WWII rather than school uniforms	You're good at reading graphs and tables and identifying trends.
	You have a short attention span.	You're a strong reader.
	You ROCKED the PSAT!	You're a Straight "A" student-but did poorly on the PSAT.

BEFORE YOU TEST—PRACTICE!!!!

BRIDGE Law

December Graduates:

May Graduates:


This survey will be made available to you in November.


This survey will be made available to you in March 2025.

NOTE:


This survey is required to be completed by every senior before graduation, so be sure to complete it when available.

Thanks in advance!





College Basics



Understanding Application Types

- **Early Decision I & II (Binding)** – Cannot apply early decision to other colleges, but can apply regular decision. If accepted for early decision, must attend.
- **Early Action (Non-Binding)** – Can apply early to other colleges and can apply regular decision. Will receive admission decision before regular decision deadlines.
- **Rolling Admission** – Open admission, decisions given throughout the year as applicants are received and until limit set by intuition met.
- **Regular Decision** – Standard deadline date established by the institution, with no priority or early
- **Priority Deadline** – Similar to rolling admissions, but priority consideration around financial aid, housing, etc. is typically offered to these applicants

6 Steps to the College Process

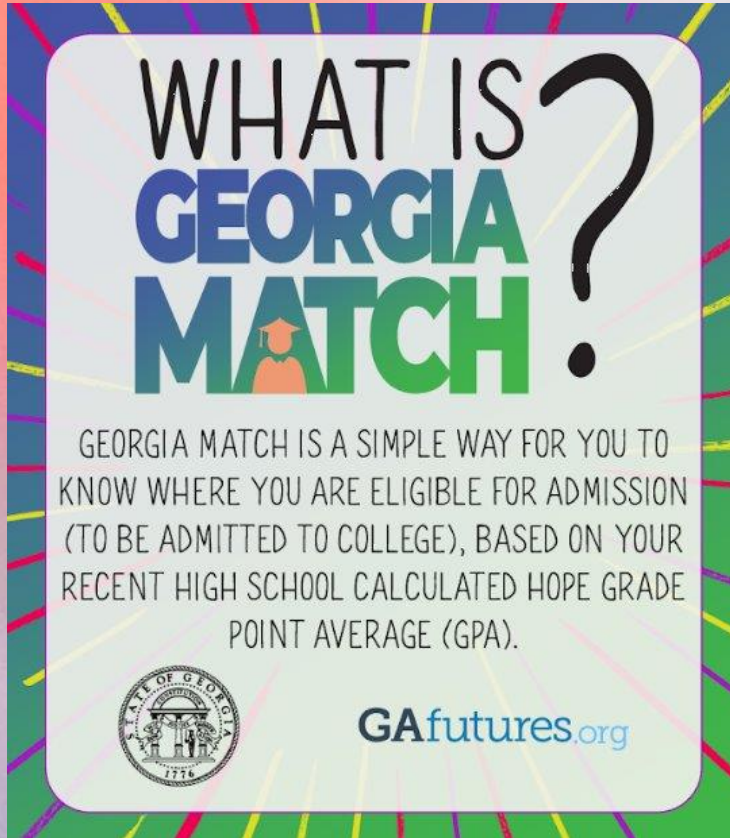
1. *Determine what college(s) you're applying to & know their deadline(s)
2. Determine the application type(s) – i.e., *Common App, Common Black College App, Direct to Institution*
3. Complete your online profile/submit your application(s)
4. Pay application fee(s)
5. Send your test scores directly from the sites (Collegeboard/ACT) – this cannot be done by HS!
6. Use Naviance – our “delivery system” – to: (1) Send your official transcript and/or (2) Obtain teacher letter of recommendations

Remember – as the student/applicant, be sure to track your admissions status directly from the institutions' websites.

***It is highly recommended that you take college campus tours!**


Most (if not all) are free of charge and can easily be scheduled online directly from the college/university's websites.

GEORGIA MATCH

A graphic with a white background and a colorful, multi-colored border. The text 'WHAT IS GEORGIA MATCH?' is at the top, with 'WHAT IS' in black, 'GEORGIA' in blue, and 'MATCH?' in green. A small orange graduation cap icon is inside the 'A' of 'MATCH'. Below this, a paragraph explains the program. At the bottom left is the Seal of the State of Georgia, and at the bottom right is the website 'GAfutures.org' in blue text.

**WHAT IS
GEORGIA
MATCH?**

GEORGIA MATCH IS A SIMPLE WAY FOR YOU TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION (TO BE ADMITTED TO COLLEGE), BASED ON YOUR RECENT HIGH SCHOOL CALCULATED HOPE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA).



GAfutures.org

- GEORGIA MATCH is a simple way for you to know where you are eligible for admission (to be admitted to college), based on your high school calculated HOPE grade point average (GPA) through 11th grade.
- Note: GEORGIA MATCH works with public and private accredited high schools in Georgia only.
- A senior's GEORGIA MATCH colleges are found on one's [GAfutures Student Dashboard](#).

Helpful Websites for Senior Year

- ACT: <https://www.act.org/>
- Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Cobb County School District: <https://www.cobbk12.org/>
- Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Common Black College App: <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- GAFutures: <https://www.gafutures.org/>
- SAT (Collegeboard): <https://www.collegeboard.org/>



Paying for College (Financial Aid)



Undergraduate On Campus

COST	UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE ON CAMPUS	UNDERGRADUATE OUT-OF-STATE ON CAMPUS
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, & Equipment	\$1,500	\$1,500
Fees	\$1,336	\$1,336
Loan Fees	\$65	\$65
Personal Expenses	\$3,660	\$3,660
Food	\$4,547	\$4,547
Housing	\$8,480	\$8,480
Transportation	\$1,889	\$1,889
Tuition	\$5,562	\$19,630
Total	\$27,039	\$41,107

Paying for College (Financial Aid)

- Financial Aid is said to be the overarching umbrella to paying for college.
- There are various types of financial aid/ways to pay for college at the local and federal levels, to include:
 - Scholarships
 - Loans (Federal & Private)
 - Federal Student Grants Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree.
 - Federal Work-study *The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay some of their education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the student's course of study.*
- Scholarships and grants **do not** have to be repaid.
- Loans **do** have to be repaid and typically include the amount borrowed plus interest.

Paying for College - Scholarships

- There are a number of different types of scholarships: Academic, Community, Athletic, Extracurricular/Hobby, Employer, Military, Need-based, etc.
- Remember, these (scholarship) funds do not have to be repaid.
- There are varying scholarship deadlines, so pay attention to when they are and apply by deadline.
- Where to find scholarships for college?
 - Naviance (Colleges → Scholarships & Money)
 - GA Futures (Federal Aid & Scholarships → Scholarship Search)
 - Scholly (App. Store & Google Play)
 - College/University Financial Aid Office websites
 - Online search engines, i.e. Going Merry, FastWeb, BigFuture/Collegeboard
- NOTE: A scholarship and a sweepstakes are not the same thing.

Paying for College - FAFSA

- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- It is an online application that is completed by students who want the opportunity to receive federal funding to pay for college
 - Pell Grant (Need based)
 - Student Loans
- Must be completed on an annual basis and determines how much money one's family would be able to contribute to the student's cost of attending college
- Requires federal tax information from student's family for application completion/submission
- This application can be used to also satisfy the request to receive state funding for the HOPE program as well – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE/Zell Miller Grant, and HOPE Career Grant

Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

- HOPE Scholarship – Basic eligibility requirements:
 - Graduate high school with a minimum 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA
 - Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the [Academic Rigor Course List](#)
 - Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
- Zell Miller Scholarship– Basic eligibility requirements:
 - Graduate with a minimum 3.7 calculated HOPE GPA
 - Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the [Academic Rigor Course List](#)
 - Earn a qualifying test score on a single administration of the ACT or SAT prior to high school graduation.

Current Test Score Requirements: A minimum score of **1200** is required for the SAT or **25** composite score for the ACT.

NOTE: The equivalent ACT composite score (as of the most recent concordance guide published by the College Board and ACT each January 1). The ACT score requirement can change each year. The equivalent is posted by January 15 each year for the upcoming/award school year.


Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller Grants

- HOPE Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible college or university in Georgia.
 - Basic eligibility requirements:
 - (1) No high school GPA minimum/requirement
 - (2) Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
- HOPE Career Grant: Available to HOPE Grant-qualified students who enroll in select majors specifically aligned with industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are skilled workers to fill them. These industries have been identified as strategically important to the state's economic growth.
- Zell Miller Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) **or** University System of Georgia (USG) institution.
 - Basic eligibility requirements:
 - (1) No high school GPA minimum/requirement
 - (2) Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
 - A minimum 3.5 postsecondary Calculated HOPE GPA, at the end of each term, is required in order to maintain eligibility.

Paying for College – HOPE Program FAQ

- **How to apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship or Grant?**
 - Complete the FAFSA (Annually)
 - or
 - Complete the GSFAPP (Valid for 10 years)
- **HOPE Program Application Deadlines:** The last day of the school term or a student's withdrawal date, whichever occurs first.

Note: Additional college-specific application and deadline requirements may be required, so check with your postsecondary institution.
- **What's my HOPE GPA?**
 - Viewable from the **Your HOPE GPA** tab from logging in to your GA Futures profile
 - Not the same as your CCSD weighted or unweighted GPA
- *It is recommended to frequent the GAFutures website for the most up-to-date and official information about the HOPE program.*



Your Social Security Number (SSN) must be on file in the Cobb County student record system in order to receive any HOPE/Zell Miller funds!

Upcoming Senior Events



August 26 –
September 10
Senior Meetings

Registration info on poster
next to us



September 5, 2024 -
Virtual Financial Aid
Night w/ GSFC @
6:30

Teams link sent out next
week



September 7, 2024 -
Scholar Trek College
Case Study and
College Fair 5:00-
8:00

www.scholartrek.com/fairs



November 14, 2024 –
Apply to College Day

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1. decreased motivation towards studies displayed by students who are nearing the end of their high school or college careers

2. symptoms include: slowness, procrastination, apathy regarding school work, and a tendency toward truancy.

