



ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR YEAR AND BEYOND

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Senior Instagram & Twitter	@allatoona2022
AHS Instagram, Twitter & FB	@allatoonahighschool
AHS Counseling Instagram & Twitter	@buc_counselors
Senior REMIND-STUDENTS ONLY	<i>See your school counselor or senior sponsors (April Taylor or Amanda Bolls) for information on how to join.</i>
<p>The remind app limits the number of users, so this is ONLY for seniors. Parents will receive information via CTLS and email.</p>	

CLASS OF 2022 DETAILS

<p>CEEB Code: 110057</p> <p>Graduation Date: May 2022 (If the application asks for a specific date, you can list the last day of school.)</p> <p>Class Rank Reporting: None (Cobb County no longer reports class rank)</p> <p>Graduating Class Size: 455</p> <p>GPA Scale: We use a 4.0 scale.</p> <p>GPA Weighting: Weighted</p>

COLLEGE FAIRS/ADMISSION REP VISITS

<p>➤ Check NAVIANCE for AHS/Virtual Visits: Naviance > Colleges > College Visits</p> <p><i>Face to Face visits will take place from 12-2 in the Café</i></p> <p><i>Virtual visits will take place at 5pm; you can access from home by clicking on the link in Naviance</i></p> <p>➤ Georgia Probe College Fairs: https://www.gaprobe.org/calendar/</p> <p>➤ HBCU College Fairs: https://hbcucollegefair.com/virtual-college-fairs/</p> <p>➤ LGBTQ Friendly Colleges: https://www.campuspride.org/</p>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Classes that fulfill the requirement
4 English	9 th Lit, World Lit, American Lit, Brit Lit (all students MUST take 9 th and Am; the other 2 can be any GADOE approved English)
4 math	All student must take Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2. The following can be used to fulfill the 4 th math requirement: Foundations of Algebra (only those that are not applying to a 4-year school), AMDM, Pre-Calculus, AP Stats, AP Calc AB/BC Some students with disabilities may NOT be required to complete all 4 math requirements per their IEP.
4 science	All students must take 1-Biology, 2-Chemistry, Environmental Science or Earth Systems and 3-Physics or Physical Science. The 4 th science can be Zoology, Forensic Science, an AP, dual enrollment or other GADOE approved science.
3 social studies	All students must take World History, US History, Economics & Government
Health/Personal Fitness or 3 ROTC	All students must take Health and Personal Fitness or 3 semesters of ROTC to fulfill this requirement.
3 CTAE, Fine Arts or World Language	Students must take 3 classes that are classified as a Career Tech (CTAE), Fine Art and/or World Language. They can be 3 in the same area or a combination of any 3; however, those applying to a 4-year college MUST take 2 years of the same World Language to meet admissions criteria.
4 General Electives	Any 4 classes we have not counted in other areas: additional CTAE, Fine Arts, World Language, Academic Electives or PE courses.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

Unsure? Have some ideas, but still aren't sold on them?

Step 1: Take an Interest Inventory such as YouScience or one found in Naviance.

Step 2: Once you have your results, make a list of careers you want to research.

Step 3: Determine the occupational outlook for the career(s).

Step 4: Look for schools/programs that offer the major or training for that career.



If you haven't already done so, take some time to complete the **YOUSCIENCE PROFILER** to discover your aptitude and career options.

- You will complete "brain games" to identify your aptitudes (natural abilities) and an interest profiler.
- The program will pull careers that match your natural strengths and abilities and your interests. **"Explore aptitudes, review personalized career matches, and develop affirming language to better highlight your assets in interviews, resumes, etc."** It is much more in depth than any other profile we have had you complete in the past.

How to access your activation code in Naviance and create an account:

1. Login to Naviance by going to www.cobbk12.org/allatoona > **FIND IT FAST (top right)** > **NAVIANCE** (Don't Google it, you need to go through Clever or you won't be able to access your account correctly.)
2. Locate your **Activation Code** in Naviance.
Login to Naviance > About Me > My Account > Personal > Nickname section (top line)
3. **Using the activation code, go to https://login.youscience.com/sign_up** to create an account using your email and a password of your choice. (This will be the only time you need your activation code. From this point forward you will use your email/password that you created to login to your account.)

WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING DO YOU NEED TO ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER GOALS?

On-The-Job Training	Structured hands on training by a peer or supervisor over a short period of time. These types of careers don't typically require tests for certification or licensure.
Apprenticeship	Typically takes 1-6 years to learn the job from someone who is licensed in the field. Often requires formal licensure and may also require formal classes to learn the skills and prepare for the exam. Receive pay and benefits while training.
Military	Full-Time (Active Duty) or Part-Time (Reserves) Air Force, Army, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy
Specialty School	Offer training in a specific career area. Note: They can be expensive. Financial Aid may be limited.
Technical College	State technical colleges that allow you to earn certificates, diplomas, or associate degrees in multiple career fields.
Two-Year College	Earn an associate degree in multiple career fields.
Four-Year College	Earn a bachelor's degree in multiple career fields.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING EXAMPLES

We are not endorsing a specific company or career. Many of these were chosen based on their location to Acworth/Kennesaw, GA or where former Allatoona graduates have pursued careers. This should be used as a guide.

Career Cluster	Potential Local Employers
Agricultural, Food and Natural Resources	Cobb County Animal Services: https://www.cobbcounty.org/public-safety/animal-services/employment Pet Smart Groomer: https://careers.petsmart.com/career-path Northwest Exterminator Pest Control: https://nwexterminating.com/careers/ Waste Management: https://careers.wm.com/frontlineoperations/us/en
Architecture & Construction	Site One Landscape Supply: https://careers.siteone.com/ Holder Construction: https://www.holderconstruction.com/careers Superior Plumbing: https://superiorplumbing.com/careers Yancey Bros Co: https://www.yanceybros.com/careers/technical-careers/ CW Matthews: https://cwmatthews.com/employment-opportunities
Arts, A/V Technology & Communications	Lifetouch Photography: https://jobs.jobvite.com/shutterfly Cady Studios: https://home.cady.com/careers/ Cox Media Group: https://cmg.jobs.net/ AT&T: https://www.att.jobs/
Business, Management & Administration	FedEx: https://careers.fedex.com/fedex Chick-Fil-A: https://www.chick-fil-a.com/careers
Education and Training	Primrose School: https://www.primroseschools.com/careers/search-jobs Goddard School: https://www.goddardschool.com/educators/careers/ YMCA: https://www.ymca.net/career-opportunities/open-positions
Energy	Georgia Power: https://www.poweringcareers.com/
Finance	LGECCU: https://www.lgeccu.org/connect/careers/open-position.html Wells Fargo: https://www.wellsfargojobs.com/ PNC Bank: https://careers.pnc.com/global/en H&R Block: https://www.hrblock.com/corporate/career-opportunities/

Government & Public Administration	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport: https://www.atl.com/passenger-information/airlines-at-atl/ Cobb County School District: https://www.cobbk12.org/page/294/employment Cobb County Government: https://www.cobbcounty.org/human-resources
Health Science	Walgreens Pharmacy Technician: https://jobs.walgreens.com/pharmacy CVS Pharmacy: https://cvshealth.com/ Personal Care Aid-Nursing Homes
Hospitality & Tourism	Food Service, Tour Guides, Hotel Employees Hotel Guest Services: https://jobs.marriott.com/marriott/jobs?page=1 Delta Airlines: https://delta.avature.net/careers Southwest Airlines: https://careers.southwestair.com/
Human Services	Cobb Douglas CSB: https://www.cobbcsb.com/careers/
Information Technology	IBM: https://www.ibm.com/us-en/employment/newcollar/apprenticeships/
Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Cobb County 911: https://www.cobbcounty.org/public-safety/911 Cobb County Police: https://www.cobbcounty.org/public-safety/police/employment/application-process Atlanta Police Department: https://joinatlantapd.org/ Cobb County Fire: https://www.cobbcounty.org/public-safety/fire/employment/recruit-school Marietta Fire: http://www.mariettafire.com/1294/Fire-Recruit-School Atlanta Fire: https://www.atlantafirerescue.com/divisions/recruitment We have a point of contact for the Marietta and Atlanta Fire programs that can assist you with the process. Please ask your counselor for info.
Manufacturing	Americo: https://americomfg.com/employment/ Mohawk: https://careers.mohawkind.com/
Marketing, Sales and Service	Shottenkirk Automotive: https://www.shottenkirk.com/employment Carl Black: https://www.carlblack.com/careers/
Transportation, Distribution and Logistics	MARTA: https://itsmarta.com/how-to-apply.aspx

OTHER JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS:

Year Up: <https://www.yearup.org/locations/ga-atlanta>

Job Corps: <https://www.jobcorps.gov/>

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Electrical (Avg Salary \$67,000)	Specializes in electrical wiring of buildings, transmission lines, stationary machines, and related equipment.	Atlanta Electrical Contractors Assoc. http://atlantaelectrical.org/ Electrical Training Center https://6601etc.wordpress.com/about/ Independent Electrical Contractors http://iecatlantaga.org/training/apprenticeship/
Carpentry (Avg Salary \$56,877)	Primary work performed is the cutting, shaping and installation of building materials during the construction of buildings, ships, timber bridges, concrete formwork, etc.	Atlanta Carpenters Union http://www.atlantacarpenters.com/ Southeastern Carpenters Union http://www.southeasterncarpenters.org/join-us/

Mechanical trades HVAC/Pipefitter (Welding)/Plumber (Avg Salaries \$57,000-\$71,000)	Generally, a mechanical contractor is in charge of heating or cooling systems, refrigeration, piping, and plumbing.	Mechanical Trades Institute https://www.mti-jatt.org/ Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Asso. https://www.phccga.org/ United Assoc. Of Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVACR Technicians: http://ua72.org/apprentices
Iron Worker (Avg Salary \$60,000)	Ironworkers assemble the structural framework in accordance with engineered drawings and install the metal support pieces for new buildings.	Iron Workers Union: https://ironworkerslocal387.com/apprenticeship-2/
Construction Laborer (Avg Salary \$38,000)	They may prepare sites by cleaning them, loading or unloading materials and removing hazards.	Laborers Union: https://local515.org/application.html
Construction Finishing Trades (Avg Salary \$41,000-\$47,000)	Finishing work is the concluding stage of construction; in many cases, the overall quality of a building or structure being put into service depends on the quality of its execution. The main types of finishing work include facing, plastering, flooring, painting, wallpapering, and glazing.	Finishing trades institute http://iupatdc77.org/
Utility Contractors (Avg Salary \$52,000)	As a utility contractor, we install and maintain either new or existing water and sewer systems	Georgia Utility Contractors https://www.guca.com/
Masonry (Avg Salary \$57,000)	A mason uses bricks, concrete blocks, or natural stones to build structures that include walls, walkways, fences, and chimneys.	Masonry Association of Georgia https://www.masonrypros.org/apprenticeship-1/
Operating Engineers Avg Salary \$60,000-\$66,000	These are the people who operate Heavy Equipment generally found on construction sites. Heavy Equipment consists of Cranes, Draglines, Clamshells, Hoists, Pile Drivers, Graders, Dozers, Loaders, Backhoes, Excavators, Earthmovers, Tractors, Scrapers, Rollers, Asphalt and Concrete and Pavers to name a few pieces of equipment as examples.	Operating Engineers Union https://iuoe926.org/
Roofers (Avg Salary \$42,000)	A roofer is a professional who specializes in roof construction. Roofers monitor the entire process of roofing in residential as well as commercial construction.	Roofers Union https://www.unionroofers.com/Training-and-Education/Apprenticeship.aspx

<p>Sprinkler Fitter (Avg Salary \$55,000)</p>	<p>The principle function of a Sprinkler Fitter is the installation of Fire Protection systems. This includes underground supply piping, which is connected to an integrated overhead piping system for suppression of fire.</p>	<p>Sprinkler Fitters Union http://sprinklerfitters669.org/jatc.aspx</p>
<p>Millwright (Avg Salary \$66,000)</p>	<p>A millwright is a high-precision craftsman or skilled tradesman who installs, dismantles, maintains, repairs, reassembles, and moves machinery in factories, power plants, and construction sites. The term millwright (also known as industrial mechanic) is mainly used in the United States.</p>	<p>Southeastern Millwrights https://www.southernstatesmillwrights.org/TrainingOverview.xml</p>
<p>Sheet Metal (Avg Salary \$58,000)</p>	<p>Sheet Metal workers use sheet metal for roofs, rain gutters, siding, ventilation, heating and air-conditioning duct systems. They also assist in the development of restaurant equipment, automobiles, customized precision equipment, outdoor signs, handrails, column wraps, and many other products that are made from metal.</p>	<p>Sheet Metal Union http://www.jatc85.org/</p>
<p>Cosmetology Barber, Esthetician, Hair Design or Nail Tech (Avg Salary \$26,000)</p>	<p>You have to be 16 years old, must submit a cosmetology apprentice application and complete on-the-job training.</p> <p>You will be under the supervision of the licensed cosmetologist at all times.</p>	<p>Click on the Cosmetology Apprenticeships title to link to the GA Secretary of State website.</p> <p>https://sos.ga.gov/PLB/acrobat/Forms/28%20Application%20-%20Apprentice.pdf</p>
<p>Technical College System of GA Apprenticeship programs</p>	<p>Industrial Systems Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technician, Mechatronics Technician, Machine Tool Technology, CNC machine Tool Operator, Electrical System Technology, Electrical Controls Technician, Instrumentation Technician https://tcsgeu.edu/for-students/apprenticeship-programs/</p> <p>(Not offered at all Technical colleges)</p>	

Apprenticeship Finder:

Apprenticeship.gov is the one-stop source to connect career seekers, employers, and education partners with apprenticeship resources. <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/>

MILITARY

- Research the different branches.
- Talk to your family about your decision.
- Talk to a recruiter: either at school or at their office
- Take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) to determine job eligibility

Branch	Full Time (Active Duty)	Part-Time (Reserves)	Local Contact Information
Air Force	Protects American interests at home and abroad with a focus on air power.	The Air Force Reserve trains and serves on a part-time basis, performing flying and other specialized missions for the Air Force.	1356 Atlantic Ave, Marietta, GA 30069 Phone: 678-655-3519 www.airforce.com
Army	The oldest branch of the US Military. They protect the security of the US and its resources.	The Army Reserves trains part time near home until needed, and members deploy alongside the Army.	2505 Chastain Meadows Pkwy NW, Marietta (615) 260-8567 https://www.army.mil/
Army National Guard	N/A	Army National Guard members deploy with the Army on a part-time basis. Their service focus is on the state level, but they may also serve nationally.	Recruiter: SSG Travis Nephew 2505 Chastain Meadows Pkwy, Ste H2, Marietta, 30066 Office: (770) 712-7539 Cell: (770) 712-7539 Email: travis.j.nephew.mil@mail.mil https://ga.ng.mil/
Coast Guard	The Coast Guard is a maritime force offering military, law enforcement, humanitarian, regulatory and diplomatic capabilities.	The Coast Guard Reserve typically trains and serves near home, offering the chance to contribute part time and make a difference.	1100 Hammond Drive, NE, Suite 460 B, Atlanta, Georgia 30328 Office: 770-671-9688 https://www.uscg.mil/
Marines	The Marine Corps is often first on the ground in combat situations.	Marine Corps reservists train domestically and deploy with the rest of the Corps.	Recruiter: Sgt James McDaniel 2505 Chastain Meadows Pkwy Marietta, GA 30066 Office: 770-423-9567 Cell: 703-463-5693 https://www.marines.mil/
Navy	The Navy delivers combat-ready Naval forces while maintaining security in the air and at sea.	The Navy Reserve trains close to home. They serve in the U.S. or abroad in support of the Navy's mission.	2505 Chastain Meadows Pkwy, Ste H2, Marietta, 30066 Phone: 770-420-5478 Website: www.navy.com https://www.navy.com/

Information obtained from www.todaysmilitary.com

ASVAB (ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY)

Used as a method to determine eligibility for service in the military. Each branch has different ASVAB score requirements.

It is not an Intelligence Test.

These four sections make up your AFQT score, which determines your eligibility for enlistment. Arithmetic Reasoning (AR); Mathematical Knowledge (MK), Paragraph Comprehension (PC), and Word Knowledge (WK)

Score from combinations of the sections determine your qualification for different military occupational specialties (MOS).

Information obtained from <https://www.officialasvab.com/>

SKILLED TRADE & SPECIALTY SCHOOLS

As with any program, you are strongly encouraged to do your own research before making a commitment. Read reviews, explore other avenues such as technical colleges, etc. The programs listed are just examples to help guide you as you plan for life after high school. Many are for-profit, meaning they are a business and not a public institution.

Automotive, Health Science, etc.	Lincoln Tech (approximate cost \$18,000+)
Cosmetology	Paul Mitchell, Aveda, Toni & Guy, Empire (approximate cost \$16,000+ depending on the school)
Culinary Programs, Gaming & Technology, Fashion, etc.	Art Institute of Atlanta (approximate cost \$22,000 per year)
EMT, AEMT or Paramedic	EMS Grady https://www.gradyhealth.org/grady-ems/ems-academy/
Entertainment Media, Arts & Technology	Full Sail University (approximate cost of attendance \$45,000-\$90,000)
Floral Design	Halls Atlanta Floral Design School https://hallsatlanta.com/design-school/
IT Support, Data Analytics, Project Management, UX Design, Android Development	Google Certificates https://grow.google/certificates/#?modal_active=none
Massage Therapy	Atlanta School of Massage (approximate cost \$4,000)
Mortuary/Mortician	Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service
Public Safety Police, Fire, Jail Officer, 911 Operator	Georgia Public Safety Training Center https://www.gpstc.org/
Real Estate	Georgia MLS Training; Barney Fletcher School; Online Programs; Local Programs (Keller Williams) (approximate cost \$150+)
Welding	Georgia Trade School http://www.georgiatradeschool.com/

GEORGIA TECHNICAL & 2-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Advantages to Attending a Technical or 2-Year College

- Students that don't want to attend a 4-year college but do want to continue their education can explore training in fields with high employability and solid earning potential
- Students whose high school GPA isn't high enough to get into the college they want right away can begin taking some of the 28 guaranteed transferable classes offered.
- Gives students time to decide on a major while saving money.
- Students gain access to a smaller college setting with greater levels of assistance.
- **Technical Colleges:** Students can use the Hope Grant or HOPE Career Grant regardless of High School GPA.
- **Technical and 2-Year:** Offer 28 core classes that are guaranteed to transfer to 4-year schools such as UGA and KSU.
- After taking 30 credit hours, students with a college GPA of 3.0 can requalify for HOPE scholarship.

TECHNICAL COLLEGES WITH HOUSING; North Georgia Tech & South Georgia Tech

Use this Link to Find the Technical College that offers the different skilled trade programs across the state.
https://kms.tcsg.edu/POA/tcsg/PublicProgramOffer.aspx?utm_source=TCSG-Website&utm_medium=generic-clicks&utm_campaign=general-traffic&org=823

Technical College Area of Study & Types of Programs Offered

BUSINESS: Accounting, Banking and Finance, Business and Management, Business Technology, Design and Media, Technology, Healthcare Management, Interior Design, Marketing, Paralegal Studies

CYBER AND RELATED: Computer Support, Cybersecurity, Database, Gaming, Networking, Programming, Web Design/Development

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: Bioscience, Civil Engineering, Electrical/Computer Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering

FILM (GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY): This program is offered in collaboration with the Georgia Film Academy. It introduces the skills used in on-set film production, including all forms of narrative media which utilize film-industry standard organizational structure, professional equipment, and on-set procedures.

HEALTHCARE AND NURSING: Cardiovascular Technology, Dental Care, Medical Assisting, Medical Laboratory, Nursing, Ophthalmic Careers, Paramedicine, Pharmacy Technology, Radiology/Ultrasound, Rehabilitation Services, Respiratory Therapy Technology, Surgical Technology, Veterinary Technology

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES: Chemical Operations Technology, Construction, Construction Mechanical Systems

Drafting/GIS, Manufacturing and Maintenance, Welding and Joining Technology

PERSONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNOLOGIES: Agriculture and Horticulture, Barbering, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Care and Education, Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry Technology, Funeral Services, Hospitality, Photography, Social Work Assistant

PUBLIC SAFETY: Basic Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice, Crime Scene, Fire Science Technology, Forensics, TSA

Transportation and Logistics: Aircraft Structural Technology, Auto Collision Repair, Automotive Service Technology, Aviation Maintenance Technology

Certified Economic Development – Warehousing and Distribution

Commercial Truck Driving

Diesel Equipment Technology

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Railroad Operations

**Two-year school requirements –
2.0**

GPA, plus all Georgia graduation requirements

**Technical college requirements –
High School diploma or GED**

**See if the SAT/ACT, ACCUPLACER Exam,
or a placement test is required – check
with each individual school**

ACCUPLACER EXAM

(Computer Adaptive College Placement Test)

- Can be used for admission to 2 Year and Technical Colleges (in place of SAT/ACT)
- Scheduled through the individual colleges
- Evaluates skill levels in reading, writing and math
- Includes texts and tasks encountered in first-year college courses
- Immediate results

Review before you take the test!!

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice>

THE NUTS & BOLTS OF THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

College Admissions: Starting Early helps with...

- Institutional Scholarship Eligibility
- Earlier Housing Choices
- Provides Stress Relief
- Increases Chances of Admission
- Allows you time to be Admissible

Some Factors for College Admissions

- Rigor of Classes
- Grades and GPA
- Test Scores
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Essays (if required)
- Letters of Recommendations (if required)
- Demonstrated Interest

How to Build a College List!

- Know your academic profile & Compare how you fit into the college's profile
 - Your Core, Unweighted GPA
 - Your Standardized test scores
 - Your Curriculum (rigor of your classes-did you take honors/AP/DE classes)
- What are the average or mid 50% GPA & test scores for the college, not just admission requirements?
- Pay close attention to how colleges calculate GPA for evaluation of applications! Each one is different!

STEPS TO APPLY

Step 1: Think about what is important to you and do some research. Use the questions below as a guide.

Academics Do they offer your major? Is the school accredited? Student to faculty ratio?	Activities What clubs & organizations are available? Sororities/Fraternities? Athletics/Intramurals?	Admission Requirements Do you meet admission requirements? What decision processes do they use? Required tests/Average scores? Average GPA? How do they calculate GPA?
College Expenses Total Cost of Attendance (room, board, etc.)? Cost of application fees?	Environment Rural, Urban, Suburban? Location and size of nearest city? Make-up of student body? Public or Private?	Financial Aid Deadlines to apply for Financial Aid. Required Forms (FAFSA or CSS), % of student body that received aid, Institutional Scholarships,
Housing Housing Options? On or Off Campus? Layout of the dorms? Meal Plans?	Location In-State or Out-of-State? Distance from home?	Size Size of student body? Physical Size of campus?

Step 2: Make a list of potential schools and research them. Rank them based on your stats and remove any where you don't meet minimum criteria. You can always look at transferring to your dream school later!

Dream/Reach School (apply to 1 or 2)	Your GPA, course difficulty level, and test scores are below the average, but you still meet the minimum requirements.
Target School (apply to 2 or 3)	Your GPA, course level difficulty and test scores are within the average or minimum.
Safety (apply to at least 1)	Your GPA, course difficulty and test scores are above the average or minimum.

Step 3: Use some or all the resources below to gather information on potential schools.

<input type="checkbox"/> College/University Admissions Webpage	<input type="checkbox"/> Naviance
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Virtual/In-Person College Fairs	<input type="checkbox"/> GAFutures
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Virtual College Rep Visits through Naviance	<input type="checkbox"/> www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Go on College Visits (Virtual or In-Person)	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your school counselor

STEP 4: What is your current GPA? What type of GPA does the school you want to attend use for admissions decisions?

Cumulative GPA (weighted & unweighted)	Average of every class you have ever taken in HIGH SCHOOL-pass or fail. If you took Honors or AP classes, your weighted GPA will be different than the unweighted GPA. Honors courses give you 0.5 extra quality points and AP's give you 1.0 extra quality points. Neither of these are your HOPE GPA.
College or Core GPA	The average of 17 core classes: 4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 3 social studies, 2 world languages. Most GA colleges use this to determine admissions. If you have taken Honors or AP; they may leave the weight in, they may take it out or recalculate using their own formula. Every school is different!!
HOPE GPA <i>You can find this in GAFutures; <u>NOT</u> on your Allatoona transcript.</i>	The average of ALL Core Classes, not just the 17 mentioned above. Calculated using your English, math, science, social studies, and world languages ONLY! Includes courses you passed or failed! They take the extra quality points (weight) out for honors but give you a 0.5 extra quality point for AP and DE, up to a 4.0.

STEP 5: What about your test scores? Do you meet the school's minimum requirements? All schools will accept either test! Some colleges are test optional, but ALL USG (University System of Georgia) schools will require test scores for the 22-23 school year!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You need to study before you take the SAT and/or ACT. Don't take them blindly!! Fall SAT Dates: Aug 28, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4 Register at www.collegeboard.org Fall ACT Dates: Sept 11, Oct 23, Dec 11 Register at www.actstudent.org ➤ Check with the colleges to which you are applying to see the final test date they accept scores for admissions ➤ "Official" test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency (SAT or ACT)
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Test Prep Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html (ACT) ➤ https://www.khanacademy.org/ ➤ Additional Test Prep Resources can be found on the Allatoona Counseling website under SAT/ACT

STEP 6: Start going on College visits to narrow down your list.

Campus visits can give you a feel for the atmosphere of the college.

- You should schedule visits when classes are in session to get a feel for campus life. If you are interested in the school, do a formal tour, and take the time to walk around on your own.
- Check the college's website to register for visits.
- Take virtual visits through the college website

Doing college visits and information sessions can also show demonstrated interest to admissions counselors.

STEP 7: Understand the DECISION PROCESS for each school you are considering.

Early Action	Application decisions are made earlier than regular decision deadlines. Not required to accept the offer and have until spring to decide.
Early Decision	Students apply early, but the decision is binding. You can ONLY apply to one (1) school ED; if you are accepted you must attend.
Regular Decision	No application decisions are made until after the posted deadline; usually 2 nd semester, possibly allowing you time to retake SAT/ACT if necessary & submit Semester 1 grades.
Rolling Decision	Application decisions are made as they are received until all classes are filled.
Single Choice/Restricted Early Action	You cannot apply early to other colleges, but you can apply regular decision to other colleges
Priority Deadlines	Mostly associated with getting into institutional scholarship pools. Check those deadlines closely.

Note: Not all schools have a competitive admission process. Some colleges set minimum admissions standards that if met, grant your acceptance.

STEP 8: Before you begin applying, review each school's application requirements. Pay attention to the admissions deadlines!!!

Application	<p>Links to apply can be found on the college's admissions page-some use Common Application, Coalition Application, etc.</p> <p>Check the school's site for an application checklist! If possible, review the whole application before starting!</p> <p>The application checklist will tell you if you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher➤ To write an essay➤ If a resume can be uploaded➤ If they require a school report (this is completed by your counselor)
Type of Application	<p>Institutional Applications: This means the college has their own application that is separate from the others listed below.</p> <p>GA Futures: Access to applications for most of the Georgia colleges. https://www.gafutures.org/</p> <p>Coalition Application: Access to approximately 150+ college applications https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/</p>

	<p>Common App: Access to approximately 900+ college applications https://www.commonapp.org/</p> <p>Common Black College Application: Apply to 63 member institutions (HBCU's) for one application fee of \$20 https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/</p>
Application Fee	All schools require a fee, but they are sometimes waived depending on the situation.
Official Transcript	Requested through Naviance & the Counseling Office for all colleges. Directions are included in this packet.
Official SAT/ACT Scores	Required by most 4-year colleges. You must have them sent through your College Board (SAT) or ACT account directly to the college. We CANNOT send them for you!
Recommendations	<p>Depends on the school.</p> <p>If they don't ask for it, don't send one!! May be described as Counselor Recommendation/School Evaluation and/or Teacher Recommendation</p> <p>Core teachers should complete the teacher recommendation, unless you are applying to a specialized program, such as music, dance, etc.</p>

College Application: General

Accuracy: Be careful with your grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.

Remember you can save and return to it later. You can also have someone read over it before you hit submit.

Optional: Means you should do it if you can! Take advantage of all opportunities to set yourself in a positive light.

Timeliness: Apply and submit required documents as early as you can.

Organization: Keep a list or spreadsheet of all the colleges you are applying to, their deadlines and requirements. Prioritize based on earliest deadlines or those most important to you.

College Essays

- Some schools do NOT require them. Some have one, some have multiple essays. Check the website/review the application.
- Essays are your opportunity to give admissions counselors insight into who you are as a person; your character and what motivates you. Essays also give an indication of your writing ability.
- Write your essay in a word document and then copy and paste it into the application.
- Watch the word count!
- Write multiple drafts and let someone read your essay before you click "submit".
- Learn some background information about the school, especially if you are going to talk about why the school is a good fit for you.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

<p>FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)</p> <p>If you complete this, you are also applying for HOPE. You don't need to complete the GSFAPPS!</p>	<p>Determines if you are eligible for federal, state and college financial aid such as loans and work study. Provides access to the largest source of financial aid available. Must complete yearly! https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete beginning Oct 1 of Senior Year-The earlier the better!! ➤ Use parents' tax information from the prior year (If you will be in college during the 2022-23 schoolyear, use your parents 2020 taxes.) ➤ If parents are divorced, you will only provide information for the parent your student lived with the most over the past 12 months. If your student lived with both parents equally, you would provide information for the parent that provided the most financial support over the past 12 months.
<p>GSFAPPS (Georgia Student Finance Application)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use this if you are NOT going to complete the FAFSA! ➤ The GSFAPPS is Georgia's alternative application for students applying for state grants and scholarships administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, such as HOPE Scholarship. It is valid for seven years. ➤ App can be found on GAFutures
<p>CSS Profile</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Many private colleges require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA ➤ Used by many Early Action/Early Decision Institutions ➤ Apply for College Financial Aid – CSS Profile College Board ➤ CSS Profile is available October 1, 2021 ➤ \$25 Original Application Fee/One College ➤ \$16 for additional college/program ➤ Comprehensive list of Schools: CSS Profile Participating Institutions and Programs (collegeboard.org)
<p>Scholarships</p> <p>Review carefully for deadlines and additional scholarship forms that must be completed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Can be found on the University's Financial Aid page, the College within the University's Financial Aid page, the Major within the College's Financial Aid page, Naviance, GAFutures.org, College Board & National Scholarship search sites like Fastweb.com, Going Merry, etc. <p>Scholarship Tips!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Apply early and often ➤ Put together a resume and prepare a personal statement so you are ready to apply ➤ Create a notebook to keep track of all information ➤ Start local ➤ Check with your employer and your parent's employer for different scholarship opportunities
<p>Academic Common Market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Are you interested in a major not offered in GA and going out of state doesn't seem possible? ➤ This program gives you the opportunity to study in a specialized field at an out-of-state college and pay in-state tuition rates. https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market

Types of HOPE & Requirements

- Calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum classes (English, math, science, social studies, and world/foreign language)
- Must take 4 classes the GSFC determines as rigorous.
- A list of approved Rigor courses can be found at www.gafutures.org > HOPE & State Aid Programs > HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships > HOPE Scholarship > Initial Eligibility
- You can apply for HOPE using the FAFSA or the GSFAPP (**You do NOT need to complete both!**)

Zell Miller Scholarship Full standard rate of tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Requires 3.7 core high school (HOPE) GPA as calculated by GSFC (www.gafutures.org). ➤ Requires 1200 SAT Math and Reading or 26 ACT composite in one test sitting ➤ Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school. (Review your HOPE transcript on GAFutures.org) ➤ Must graduate from a GA high school ➤ Must be GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship) ➤ Must maintain 3.3 in college. Student can drop to HOPE if GPA is lower than 3.3.
Hope Scholarship *Pays a portion of standard tuition*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science) ➤ Must earn a minimum of 4 credits from the academic rigor course list prior to graduating from high school. (Review your HOPE transcript on GAFutures.org) ➤ Two year or four-year degree ➤ Must graduate from a GA high school ➤ Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
Hope Grant *Pays a portion of standard tuition*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No initial GPA requirement; 2.0 required after the first 30 hours ➤ Technical certificate or diploma at a GA Technical College ➤ Must have a high school diploma or GED ➤ Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
Zell Miller Grant Full standard rate of tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No initial GPA Requirement; Requires 3.5 college GPA for grant eligibility ➤ Does not require minimum test score ➤ Covers 100% tuition (retroactively covers previous semester once 3.5 GPA is earned) for certificate or diploma at technical college ➤ Must graduate from a GA high school ➤ Must be GA Resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
Hope Career Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enroll in certain high-demand certificate and diploma programs at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school ➤ A list of eligible programs can be found at www.gafutures.org ➤ HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant eligibility requirements apply ➤ Award amount: Awards are a fixed amount per term based on the program and number of hours enrolled; approved programs and award amounts available on GAFutures.org

COLLEGE ATHLETES

If you are planning to play for the college's official team, do not forget to complete the proper eligibility forms for that school's conference and send your test scores, if necessary.

NCAA - www.ncaa.org

NAIA - www.naia.org

NOTE: If a coach is requesting a transcript via email, your counselor will contact you to discuss options to release that information to them prior to releasing anything.

NAVIANCE

STUDENT NAVIANCE LOGIN INFO

DO NOT GOOGLE NAVIANCE! It will prevent you from accessing the secure site.

LOGIN OPTIONS (STUDENTS):

Option 1: Go to <https://student.naviance.com/allatoonaahs>

Option 2: Go to www.cobbk12.org >Find It Fast (top right-hand corner) and choose Naviance

Option 3: Go to the Allatoona website at <https://web.cobbk12.org/allatoona>. >Find It Fast (top right-hand corner) and choose Naviance.

If Given a Choice, Make Sure You Are Choosing to Login Using CLEVER When You Get to the Naviance Login Page.

LOCATION	USERNAME	PASSWORD
Home	Office 365 Username	School Computer Password
School	Automatically Logged In	

PARENT NAVIANCE LOGIN INFO: (You will use this to complete the Parent Assessment in Naviance to assist your child’s counselor with their letter of recommendation.

- Go to <https://student.naviance.com/allatoonaahs>
- Use the access code you received via email on August 19th from Naviance to create a parent account.
- Contact your child’s counselor if you need additional assistance.

HOW TO REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT (2 STEP PROCESS)

It is the Student’s Responsibility to Complete Steps 1 & 2, or your Transcript will NOT be Sent.

STEP 1: Login to NAVIANCE

- On the main page, under Favorites, choose “Colleges I’m Applying To”.
- Click on the pink circle with the plus sign (far right-hand side).
- Choose your college, the app type (deadline you are planning to apply by) and how you will apply (Common App, Direct to College, etc.). The app type is very important. If you don’t choose correctly, we can’t release your transcript.
 - For Common App documents, you MUST link your Common App (Instructional Video on how to do this is on the Counseling Website)
- Then choose **Add Application**. You will do this for each school you want to send a transcript to.

STEP 2: Go to the Counseling Office

- Complete a Transcript Request Form
- Pay \$2 per transcript (cash or check ONLY)

MATCHING YOUR COMMON APPLICATION IN NAVIANCE -- ONLY if you are applying using Common App

Do Not Request Letters of Rec Through the Common App!

- Log into NAVIANCE (It won’t work if you GOOGLE Naviance!)
- On the main page, under Favorites, choose Colleges I’m Applying To.
- Click on the **Match** button at the top of the page.
- Enter the same email address you used for your Common Application.

WAIVING FERPA (FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT) RIGHTS

What is FERPA? FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

Should you waive your rights on your college application?

- Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to read your recommendations, which helps reassure colleges that the letters are candid and truthful.
- Some recommenders may decline to write a letter for you if you do not waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Teacher Recommendations

Allow at least 3-4 weeks for teachers/counselors to complete their recommendation portion of your application!

1. Make sure you choose a teacher you have/had a good rapport with when they taught you.
2. Choose a core academic teacher (English, math, science, social studies and/or foreign language), unless you are applying to a school specifically for Fine Arts and they are requesting a letter from your fine arts teacher.
3. Ask the teacher in advance if they are willing to write you a letter of recommendation.
 - Students “invite” their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:
 - Provide teachers with a list of schools to which you are asking the teacher to write.
 - Add the request digitally under your “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab in Naviance.
4. After you have submitted your request in Naviance, follow up with the teacher a day or two later to make sure they received it. It may have gone to their junk mail.

IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS in NAVIANCE, NOT “All Applications”

1. **REQUIRED:** Complete the **Senior Self-Assessment for Recommendations** in Naviance.
 - a. Click on **About Me**, then **About Me Home**.
 - b. Scroll down to **Surveys** and select **Senior Self-Assessment for Recommendations**.
 - c. Complete each section. This will allow your teacher/counselor to write a personalized letter of recommendation.
2. **REQUIRED:** Ask your parent to complete the **Parent Assessment**, found in the **Parent Naviance Portal** in the **About Me** section.

About Me > Surveys > Surveys Not Started > Senior Parent Survey

If your parent/guardian does not know how to access Naviance, please have them email your assigned counselor and an email with login information will be sent from Naviance.
3. **OPTIONAL:** Create a resume using the **Resume Builder** in Naviance. If you already have a resume, you can email it to your counselor.

HOW TO SUBMIT A COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

1. Complete the required documents above.
2. Indicate that your school requires a letter of recommendation/school evaluation on the Transcript Request form in the Counseling Office

HOW TO SUBMIT A TEACHER RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

1. Log into Naviance.
2. On the **Home page**, go to **Colleges**, then **Apply to College** and choose **Letters of Recommendation**.
3. Choose **Add Request**
4. Then, click on the drop down and **select the teacher** you would like to write your letter.
5. Next, **choose the school** that needs the letter. **Include a personal note** to the teacher.

SAT/ACT TEST & APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS

- **Fee waivers are available to low-income 11th- and 12th-grade students in the U.S.**

NOTE: We are currently unable to use this to verify because lunch is free for everyone this year. We are waiting for guidance from the county office. In the meantime, you will need to provide documentation using one of the options below to receive your fee waiver. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

<i>SAT Fee Waiver</i>	<i>ACT Fee Waivers</i>
2 Free SATs & 2 Free Answer Services	4 Free ACTs with or without the optional writing
Unlimited Score Reports to colleges	Free access to The Official ACT online course
Waived application fees at participating schools <i>(If you have already tested, the fee waivers are in your college board account)</i>	Free score reports to up to 6 colleges
Free CSS Profile at participating schools	College application fee waivers (see your counselor)
Eligibility: You're eligible for fee waivers if you say "yes" to any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You're enrolled in or eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). ➤ Your annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. (See NOTE) ➤ You're enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound). ➤ Your family receives public assistance. ➤ You live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home or are homeless. ➤ You are a ward of the state or an orphan. 	Eligibility: Meet one or more of the indicators of economic need listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enrolled in a federal free or reduced-price lunch program at school, based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) income levels. (See NOTE) ➤ Enrolled in a program for the economically disadvantaged (for example, a federally funded program such as GEAR UP or Upward Bound). Note: If the student participates in a program, but is not economically disadvantaged, they are not eligible for a fee waiver. ➤ Resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, or is homeless. ➤ Family receives low-income public assistance or lives in federally subsidized public housing. ➤ Family's total annual income is at or below USDA levels for free or reduced-price lunches on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.

APPLICATION PROCESS REVIEW

- Select the colleges you're applying to
- Determine application type: Common App, Direct to Institution
- Submit your college applications – your “package” (may include essays and/or a resume)
- Send your test scores via College Board(SAT)/ACT
- Request recommendations (if needed—See steps to request a letter of rec in this packet)
- Use Naviance to request recommendations and transcripts – our “delivery” system.

In Naviance:

- Add colleges
- Match your Common App (if using the Common App system)
- Invite teacher recommenders (if recommendations are needed)
- Complete Senior Survey and Parent Survey (if recommendations or school report are needed)
- Request initial transcripts through the Counseling Office
- Track your “package” to make sure your school receives all required documents.

HELPFUL RESOURCES-QUICK LINKS

Information in this packet was obtained from these sites.

ACT	http://www.actstudent.org/
ACCUPLACER	https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice
ASVAB	https://www.officialasvab.com/
ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET	https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market
BIG FUTURES	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
COLLEGE DATA	http://collegedata.com/
COLLEGE ESSAYS	https://www.collegeessayguy.com/ https://blog.collegeboard.org/how-write-college-application-essay https://www.commonapp.org/blog/their-stories-their-way-approaching-college-essay
FAFSA	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
GA FUTURES	www.GAFUTURES.ORG Create username/password-must enter your social security number, date of birth, address & enter Allatoona High School as your school to view your HOPE GPA
GAP YEAR Association	https://www.gapyearassociation.org/
HIGH DEMAND CAREER INITIATIVES (HDCI)	https://tcsgeu/workforce/high-demand-career-initiative/
NAIA	www.naia.org
NAVIANCE	https://student.naviance.com/allatoonahs
NCAA	https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
SAT	https://www.collegeboard.org/
TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GA	https://tcsgeu/
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GA	https://www.usg.edu/
VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS	http://www.ecampustours.com/ https://www.campusreel.org/ https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/ https://campustours.com/

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED TO A COLLEGE, APPRENTICESHIP OR JOINED THE MILITARY?

If so, email or give your counselor a copy of your acceptance letter so we can spotlight you on the Senior Wall of Fame. Located next to ISS.

MID-YEAR REPORTS: It is your responsibility to request a mid-year report for colleges that require it. You will add it to your Transcript Request form in the School Counseling Office.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS:

You will request your final transcript in May-Final Transcripts are FREE! The counseling office will give you directions on how to request it in the spring. Your final transcript is sent to the school you are planning to attend.

DE STUDENTS:

Don't forget to send your college transcript(s) to the college(s) you are applying to so they can award you credit for those classes.

AP TEST SCORES:

- Send your scores to a college through My AP (College Board)—you have until the June 20 deadline to use your free score send online. If you decide to wait, you can send your scores online for a \$15 fee.
- Send your scores no later than July of your senior year of high school.
- If you're a senior entering college in the fall, check your college's deadline for getting AP scores.
- Some colleges won't accept AP scores after you have arrived on campus as a freshman.
- When you designate a college/university to receive your scores, they'll receive your entire score report from all AP Exams you've taken throughout high school unless you've requested scores be withheld or canceled.