



JUNIOR ADVISEMENT CLASS OF 2023

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Junior Year Timeline

Fall

- Create a **GA Futures** account at www.gafutures.org. This is where you will find your HOPE GPA.
- Take the **YouScience** assessment to help identify career options based on your specific interests and abilities. Your counselor will tell you how to login.
- Start **researching careers** using Naviance, YouScience, GAFutures, etc.
- Determine the training** required for the career you wish to pursue. (4yr college, Technical School, Trade School, Apprenticeship, On-the-Job Training, Military, etc.)
- Research:** Talk with College Admissions Reps and ask questions during the virtual meetings. Check Naviance for meetings. Plan to visit college campuses during breaks
- Make a file** to manage your college search, testing, and application data. If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- Start studying** for the SAT/ACT, if applicable.

Winter

- Sign up to take the **SAT/ACT** in the spring, if applicable to your plans.
- Continue to **research** post-secondary options.

Spring

- Stay open to all the possibilities** — don't limit your search. To find the best college for you, you should apply to colleges of varying selectivity. Selective colleges admit a portion of students who apply. Some colleges are highly selective while others are less selective.
- Take the SAT/ACT**, if applicable.
- Visit colleges, even if it's virtually** – Most schools offer interactive virtual tours!

Summer

- Register** with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Center if you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).
- Visit colleges.** When planning your campus visits, make sure to allow time to explore each college. Take campus tours and, at colleges you're serious about, make appointments to have interviews with admission counselors if available. Most campuses offer virtual tours as well!
- Take the SAT/ACT**, if necessary.
- Create a résumé** — a record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and work experiences since you started high school.
- Make a list of 3-5 schools** you plan on applying to in the fall.
- Begin** writing admissions essays for those schools on your list that requires them.
- Request your FSA ID** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) You will need this to sign your financial aid application. The application opens Oct 1.

Graduation Requirements & College Admissions-They aren't the same!

Graduation Requirements		College Admissions
Determined by the GA Dept. of Education		Often greater than graduation requirements (even in GA) Ex. math and/or world languages
Tracked by you, your teachers, and your school counselor		Tracked by you – It's your responsibility to find out what the school requires
Must pass 23 specific classes including: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> 4 English 4 science Health/BPE 3 CTAE, Fine Arts and/or World Language </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> 4 math 3 social studies, 4 general electives </div> </div>	VS.	Most colleges require some type of testing for admissions, but not all. Do your research on the college's admissions page or you can go to sites like www.fairtest.org > College Admissions > Optional List *Keep in mind that many test optional schools use test scores for scholarship eligibility.
Must pass the 23 specific classes to earn a diploma and participate in the graduation ceremony.		Meeting minimum admissions' requirements does NOT guarantee admission to that college.

Career Interests: So, what do you want to do with your life?

Do you know what you want to do?



How do you decide?



Where do you begin?

If you aren't sure, take a Career Interest Inventory

Step 1: Take an Interest Inventory—ASVAB, YouScience, Naviance

During the assessment make sure you avoid choosing “not sure” type responses.

Either you like it, or you don't. Choosing this type of response gives you careers that may not be the best fit because you said you “didn't care”.

Decide if is something you would want to do for the rest of your working life.

Ex. If you don't want to work outside, don't choose those types of responses or it will give you careers that require you to be outside.

Step 2: Make a list of careers you want to learn about.

Think about...

Job availability and location upon graduation

Education/Training Required

Salary Range-Can you make a livable wage?

Work Demands-Are you physically able to do the job?

Step 3: Determine the Occupational Outlook for the careers.

You can find answers to these questions on sites like:

Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/

O*Net Online: www.onetonline.org

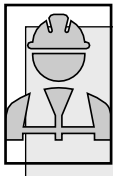
Step 4: Look for colleges that offer that major on sites like:

Naviance (www.cobbk12.org > Find it Fast > Naviance-use your O365 login)

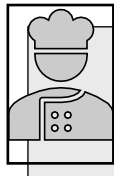
GaFutures (www.gafutures.org)

Big Future (www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

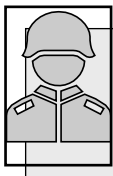
What kind of training do you need for your career?



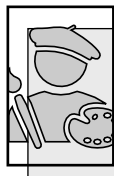
Apprenticeship



On-the-Job Training



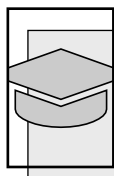
Military



Specialty School



2 Year College or Technical School



4 Year College

Apprenticeships vs. On-the-Job Training

On the Job Training		Apprenticeships
Short Period of Time	Vs.	Takes 1-6 years to learn the job from someone who is licensed in the field.
Structured Hands-On Training		Most common skilled trades: Electrician, HVAC, Cosmetology, etc.
Trained by a Peer or Supervisor		Often Requires Formal Licensure
Typically, don't require tests for certification or licensure		May also Require Formal Classes to Learn the Job and Prepare for the Licensure Exam

Military

- Research the different branches (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy) at www.todaysmilitary.com.
- You can Enlist as Active Duty (Full Time) or Reserves (Part Time).
- Talk to your family about your decision.
- Talk to a recruiter: either at school or at their office. Make sure a parent/guardian is with you.
- Take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) to determine job eligibility.

Military Academies

- Academies:** West Point, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marines
- All academies, except the Coast Guard Academy, **require a Congressional nomination.**
- Very competitive process** that you must begin very early! So, **begin researching NOW!**
- You can find more information about the process on the Service Academy websites or www.whitehouse.gov.

Specialty Schools-Schools that offer training for a specific career

Keep in mind that these are typically **FOR-PROFIT** schools, which means they are funded by students and may have very limited financial aid. They are considered a business and can close without notice, so make sure you choose a reputable school.

Examples of Specialty Schools	Types of Programs Offered	Approximate Cost of Attendance
Full Sail University	Entertainment, Media, Arts & Technology	\$45,000-90,000
Paul Mitchell, Aveda, Toni & Guy	Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetician	\$16,000+
Georgia Trade School	Welding	\$10,000+
Art Institute of Atlanta	Culinary Program, Gaming & Technology, Fashion, Etc.	\$22,000+
Atlanta School of Massage; Other Massage Schools	Massage Therapy	\$4,000+
Georgia MLS Training Institute; Barney Fletcher School; Keller Williams, Etc.	Real Estate	\$150+

Traditional College Options-What type of school is right for you?

Technical College



2 Year College



4 Year College

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.

Plan to apply to at least 3 colleges; one where you are likely to be accepted (safety), one that is your target school, and one that would be a "reach" or challenge.

Dream/Reach School	Your GPA, course difficulty level, and test scores are below the average, but you still meet the minimum requirements.
Target School	Your GPA, course level difficulty and test scores are within the average or minimum.
Safety	Your GPA, course difficulty and test scores are above the average or minimum.

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

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-if offered)	<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. Most 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 You can find this on GAFutures; NOT on your Allatoona transcript.	The average of ALL Core Classes, not just the 17 mentioned above. Calculated using your English, math, science, social studies and world languages ONLY! 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?	You need to study before you take the SAT/ACT. Don't take them blindly!! TAKE PRACTICE TESTS & TEST IN THE SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR!
STEP 6: Start going on College visits to narrow down your list.	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.
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.
STEP 8: Before you begin applying next year, review each school's application requirements. Pay attention to the admissions deadlines!!!	
Application	Links to apply can be found on the college's admissions page-some use Common Application, Coalition Application, etc.
Application Fee	All schools require a fee, but they are sometimes waived depending on the situation.
Official Transcript	Requested through Naviance for all colleges.
Official SAT/ACT Scores	Required by most. You must have them sent via College Board (SAT) or ACT.
Recommendations	Depends on the school. If they don't ask for it, don't send it!! May be described as Counselor Recommendation/School Evaluation and/or Teacher Recommendation (core teachers should complete the teacher recommendation)

What can I do if my GPA isn't high enough to get into my dream college?

- Consider taking classes at a different school, perhaps a technical or 2-year school. Your GPA starts over when you begin college.
- Once you earn 30 college credit hours, you can apply as a transfer student to a different school.
 - More information on applying as a transfer student: <http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/> (Section 4.2.1.3)
- You can take TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee) classes. TAG courses are guaranteed to transfer to a school that is part of the University System of Georgia. *Be sure to check with the school you are interested in transferring to for specific transfer guidelines.

The Pros of attending a Technical or 2-Year College

Why should you choose a Technical or 2-Year College? What are the benefits?
<input type="checkbox"/> Save money!
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Stepping-stone! Helps you adjust to college level work and stay close to home for a slower transition.
<input type="checkbox"/> Quick employment for certain careers.
<input type="checkbox"/> Your high school GPA and standardized test scores are not as heavily weighted for admission.
<input type="checkbox"/> Offer many career opportunities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Smaller class sizes.

Technical Colleges-(Chattahoochee Technical College, West GA Technical College, Athens Technical College, etc.)

- Enroll in programs like Accounting, HVAC, Nursing, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Computer Programming, etc.
- Earn a Certificate, Diploma or Associate's degree
OR
- Take core classes to transfer to a 4-year college to pursue a Bachelor's degree.
- Use this Link to Find the Technical College that offers the Program you are interested in pursuing.
<http://bit.ly/TCSGPrograms>
- State Financial Aid opportunities specifically for Technical Colleges! -
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-grants/hope-career-grant/>
 - HOPE Grant
 - Zell Miller Grant
 - HOPE Career Grant

2-Year Colleges-(Georgia Highlands College, Middle Georgia State University, Dalton State University, University of North GA)

- Enroll in programs like Aviation, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Criminal Justice, Graphic Design, etc.
- Earn an associate degree
OR
- Take core classes to transfer to a 4-year college to pursue a Bachelor's degree.
- State Financial Aid opportunities! <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/>
 - HOPE Scholarship
 - Zell Miller Scholarship

What type of 4-Year College is right for you?

Types	Examples
Private-Independent Colleges and Universities www.georgiacolleges.org	Agnes Scott, Berry College, Brenau, Emory, Life University, Mercer, Morehouse, Spelman, Truett McConnell
University System of Georgia Schools www.usg.edu/inst	Georgia State, UGA, GA Southern, KSU, West GA, Columbus State, Georgia College
Out of State Schools College's website, GAFutures, Naviance	U of Alabama, Auburn, Samford, Florida State, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, U of South Carolina, College of Charleston, University of Tennessee

Do you meet or exceed the admissions requirements?

College/University	Average GPA	Average SAT	Average ACT
IN-STATE PRIVATE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES			
Agnes Scott College (Women's College)	3.75	1140-1330	26
Emory University	3.78	1350-1530	33
Mercer University	3.94	1280	27
Spelman College (HBCU-All Female)	3.8 weighted	1209	22
Morehouse (HBCU-All Male)	3.6	1170	21
RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES (Georgia)			
Augusta University	3.47	1099	23
Georgia State University	3.27	1106	25
Georgia Institute of Technology	3.82	1454	33
University of Georgia	3.93	1305	30
COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES (Georgia)			
Georgia Southern University	3.32	1072	23
Kennesaw State University	3.33	1111	24
University of West Georgia	3.22	1045	20
Valdosta State University	3.07	1010	21
STATE UNIVERSITIES (Georgia)			
Columbus State University	3.06	1033	21
Fort Valley State University (HBCU)	2.85	917	11
Georgia College	3.52	1163	25
Savannah State University (HBCU)	2.96	958	17
STATE COLLEGES (Georgia)			
College of Coastal Georgia	3.06	1020	19
Georgia Highlands	3.09	1015	unknown
OUT OF STATE SCHOOLS			
University of Alabama	3.71	1184	27
Auburn University	3.83	1235	28
Mississippi State	3.32	1180	25
University of South Carolina	3.6	1210	27
University of Tennessee	3.2-3.9	1240	27
Howard University (HBCU)	3.46	1213	25

Tests You May Be Required to Take

4 Year Colleges	2 Year/Technical Colleges	Military	Apprenticeship/Work
<input type="checkbox"/> ACT or <input type="checkbox"/> SAT	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCUPLACER or <input type="checkbox"/> SAT or <input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> ASVAB	<input type="checkbox"/> Admissions/Placement Tests <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Exams <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing Exams

	SAT www.collegeboard.com (3 hours)	ACT www.actstudent.org (2 hours 55 min + 40 min optional essay)
Scores (2019)	Perfect Score: 1600 National Avg: 1039 Georgia Avg: 1048 Cobb Avg: 1114 Allatoona Avg: 1099	Perfect Score: 36 National Avg: 20.7 Georgia Avg: 21.4 Cobb Avg: 23 Allatoona Avg: 22
Sections	Reading, Writing & Lang, Math	Reading, English, Math, Science
Questions	Require more time to understand and answer.	Tend to be more straightforward.
Reading	5 Reading passages	4 Reading passages
Science	If you have a science-phobia, the SAT might be a better fit.	Science section tests your critical thinking skills.
Math	Both have advanced math concepts: Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry and Trigonometry	
Tools	You do NOT get to use a calculator on all the math questions.	You get a calculator for ALL math questions.

SAT & ACT: There is NO PENALTY for GUESSING—don't leave anything blank!!

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Taking the ASVAB does NOT mean you must join the military.

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

It is made up of the following sections:

Word Knowledge, Arithmetic Reasoning, General Science, Mathematics Knowledge, Mechanical Comprehension, Electronics Info, Paragraph Comprehension, Auto and Shop Info, Assembling Objects

These four sections make up your AFQT score, which determines your eligibility for enlistment:

Arithmetic Reasoning, Mathematics Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension and Word Knowledge

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

ACCUPLACER EXAM: Computer Adaptive College Placement Test

- Used for admission to 2 Year and Technical Colleges (in place of SAT or ACT)
- Scheduled through the individual colleges
- Evaluates skill levels in reading, writing and math
- 3 Integrated Components: Placement Assessments, Diagnostic Assessments and Skill Building Support
- Immediate results

Hope and Zell Miller Scholarship

Hope Scholarship

- 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)
- Covers a **percentage** of tuition

Zell Miller Scholarship

- 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)
- Pays 100% tuition for a two year or four year degree
- 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 Grant

- No initial GPA requirement; 2.0 required after the first 30 hours
- Technical certificate or diploma
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must be a GA resident for at least one year (Green Card or citizenship)
- Covers a percentage of tuition

Zell Miller Grant

- 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

- Enroll in certain high-demand certificate and diploma programs at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school
- 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

Financial Aid Information

Grants & Scholarships

- Sources: Government, College, Private (business, organizations)
- Merit based or need based

Loans

- Must pay back - with interest
- Each loan has a different set of terms and conditions
- Pay attention to how much you'll need for college, monthly payments, and how much you'll have to pay on interest

Work Study

- Students have a job on campus
- Money earned helps to pay for school

Financial Aid Tips

- Are you interested in a major not offered in GA and going out of state doesn't seem possible? Look into **Academic Common Market**. 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>
- **FAFSA Information:** <https://www.gafutures.org/federal-aid-scholarships/fafsa/>
 - Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after **October 1st** of your senior year.
- **Scholarships: It's a part-time job!**
 - 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
 - **Check Naviance under Colleges – Scholarships – Scholarship List for scholarship opportunities (including local scholarships).**
- **Undocumented Students**
 - There may be additional options as provided by the specific college.
 - It is the student's responsibility to contact the college directly.
 - Talk to your School Counselor for more information.

Dual Enrollment

What is dual enrollment?

- Dual Enrollment (DE) is a Georgia funded program that allows 11th and 12th graders to take college courses that can simultaneously count toward high school and college requirements.
- The Dual Enrollment program covers tuition, mandatory fees and required textbooks.
- The goal of Dual Enrollment is to increase college access and completion and prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.
- For detailed information regarding the dual enrollment program in Cobb County visit: <https://www.cobbk12.org/page/11444/dual-enrollment>

Where do most Buccaneers Dual Enroll?

- Kennesaw State University: <http://uc.kennesaw.edu/dep/>
- Chattahoochee Technical College: <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/deeligibility/>
- Check out GAFutures to see all the schools that participate in dual enrollment.

What should I do if I'm interested in participating in dual enrollment?

- Research admissions requirements for the college you're interested in attending
- Know application **deadlines** for individual schools (some are early)
 - The Allatoona DE deadline is earlier than the colleges, typically about 2 weeks.
 - If you are considering dual enrollment for senior year (fall or spring), you **MUST** submit an intent form during registration in the spring. Students cannot decide in the fall that they want to take classes in the spring.
- Take SAT/ACT/Accuplacer (if required—Some colleges have temporarily waived this requirement due to Covid-19)
- Look into full-time and part-time options
- Talk to your parent/guardian about this experience
- Determine if you are you ready for college level work and responsibilities
- Make an appointment with the appropriate Allatoona DE counselor.
 - Two-Year Colleges=Dawn Neely
 - Four-Year Colleges=Robin Rohrbach
- Consider challenges...
 - Activities during and after the school day
 - Transportation
 - Rigorous college level classes
 - Scheduling classes at college and high school

Check out the Allatoona DE website for additional information:

<http://allatoonacounseling.weebly.com/>

Naviance

Naviance Student is a comprehensive, web-based planning tool that will assist Allatoona students in managing the academic, career, and college aspects of high school. Naviance will be the primary method of college planning for Allatoona students.

STUDENT LOGIN INFO

Go to www.cobbk12.org/Allatoona > **Find It Fast** (top right-hand corner) and choose **Naviance**.
DO NOT GOOGLE NAVIANCE! It will prevent you from accessing the secure site.

LOCATION	USERNAME	PASSWORD
Home	Office 365 Username	Office 365 Password
School	Automatically Logged in If You Are Logged into O365	

Naviance Features

Feature	Description	How to Access
Career Interest Profiler A career interest survey.	Use the results to explore suggested occupations; examine the education, training, and skills required as well as wages typical for these occupations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>About Me</i> tab 2. Click <i>My Assessments</i> 3. Click <i>Career Interest Profiler</i>
Super Match <i>*Start your college search here!</i>	Set search criteria to yield a list of colleges to explore. Click on the various tabs of individual college profiles to learn more about financial aid, majors and degrees, and campus life.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click on the <i>Colleges</i> tab 2. Click <i>Find Your Fit</i> 3. Click <i>Super Match</i> 4. Add colleges you are interested in to your <i>My Colleges List</i> for future reference.
College Match	Search for colleges that have accepted students with similar GPA's and test scores.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click on the <i>Colleges</i> tab 2. Click <i>Find Your Fit</i> 3. Click <i>College Match</i>
Resume <i>*Please update your resume</i> Record your high school activities, awards, volunteer experience, etc.	You can rearrange your information into printable versions of your resume to present to potential employers or colleges.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>About Me</i> tab 2. Click <i>My Stuff</i> 3. Click <i>Resume</i>
College Lookup This is just a tool to help you look at other potential colleges to consider.	Allows you to use historical GPA and test score info. to match you with colleges (please remember that there are many factors that affect college admissions).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The home screen has a search bar at the top. 2. Use this to look up colleges
National Scholarship Search You can view National Scholarship opportunities.	You can also browse by category to yield a search list relevant to your interests/special talents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab 2. Click <i>Scholarships and Money</i> 3. Click <i>National Scholarship Search</i>
Scholarship List	You can view local organization sponsored scholarship opportunities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the <i>Colleges</i> tab 2. Click <i>Scholarships and Money</i> 3. Click <i>Scholarship List</i>

Helpful Resources

ACT	http://www.actstudent.org/
ACCUPLACER (Technical Colleges)	https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice
ASVAB (Military)	https://www.officialasvab.com/
ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET	https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market
BIG FUTURES	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
COMMON BLACK APP	https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/portal/login
COLLEGE DATA	http://collegedata.com/
COLLEGE ESSAY RESOURCES	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 (FINANCIAL AID)	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
FAIR TEST (TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS)	www.fairtest.org
GA FUTURES (HOPE)	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://tcsg.edu/workforce/high-demand-career-initiative/
NAIA (College Athletics)	www.naia.org
NAVIANCE	https://student.naviance.com/allatoonahs
NCAA (COLLEGE ATHLETICS)	https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
NET PRICE CALCULATOR	https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price
SAT (ADMISSIONS TEST)	https://www.collegeboard.org/
TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GA	https://tcsg.edu/ Great resource for GA Technical colleges: admissions requirements, programs offered at each school, etc.
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GA	https://www.usg.edu/ Great information about all GA Colleges: avg GPA/Test Scores; degrees, admissions requirements, financial aid, etc.
VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS	http://www.ecampustours.com/ https://www.campusreel.org/ https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/ https://campustours.com/