SENIOR SEMINAR
Class of 2023
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www.campbellhscounseling.com
Pre-Test

https://forms.office.com/r/gBg61imV84
Post-secondary options

- Apprenticeships and Job Training – Joining the workforce
- Military
- Specialty School
- 2-Year with option to transfer to a four-year institution and/or Technical College
- 4-Year College/University
Lesson Overview

- College admissions factors
- Components to Admission
- Naviance overview
  - College Visits/Fairs
  - Scholarships and financial aid
  - Building a college list
  - College application process
College Fairs and College Info Sessions

Probe College Fairs - Probe College Tour | Georgia (gaprobe.org)

Check website for updated information

Check Naviance frequently for upcoming college visits
FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

- Extracurricular Activities
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Demonstrated Interest

RIGOR OF CLASSES  

GRADES & GPA  

TEST SCORES
“Reach schools”
Your academic credentials fall below the school’s range for the freshman class.

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

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

REACH SCHOOLS
Apply to 1 or 2

MATCH SCHOOLS
Apply to 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS
Apply to at least 1
SELECTING COLLEGES

WHEN BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST, IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER YOUR PREFERENCES.
# Definitions of Admission Options in Higher Education

## Students: Which College Admission Process Best Suits You?

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<th>Definition</th>
<th>Commitment</th>
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<td>Regular Decision</td>
<td>Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.</td>
<td>Non-Binding</td>
<td>Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.</td>
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<td>Rolling Admission</td>
<td>Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.</td>
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<td>Early Action (EA)</td>
<td>Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution’s regular response date.</td>
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<td>Early Decision (ED)</td>
<td>Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.</td>
<td>Binding</td>
<td>Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.</td>
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<td>Restrictive Early Action (REA)</td>
<td>Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.</td>
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For a copy of this flyer, please visit [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org).
Points to Consider

- Check Admissions Requirements (GPA, rigor of classes, Test scores)
- College Fit
- Cost of Attendance
- Most colleges only consider academic classes when calculating GPA
- Colleges want students who show an interest in their school
- Weighted and unweighted GPAs will be reported on the transcript
- All administrations of SAT Test will be offered at Campbell
Grade Point Average

**Overall GPA (on transcript)**
- Not used by most colleges
- May be used for most scholarship applications

**HOPE GPA (NOT on transcript)**
- Must view at www.gafutures.org
- Specific courses, different weighting system

**Academic GPA (NOT on transcript)**
- Most colleges consider only academic/core GPA for admissions
  - BUT each college:
    - decides how they calculate GPA for admissions
    - may weight courses differently
    - decides which courses to include
  - Students should check with the admissions office how GPA is Calculated

Class Rank is no longer on transcript
If you can't find a nearby test center with availability on your preferred test date, be sure to check other dates.

Some colleges are going test optional. You should check the college’s website for the most updated information on their application requirements. Send colleges your scores through [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) CHS CEEB CODE: 112745


- SAT Subject Tests are specific to the college
- Writing test – specific to the college whether required

Receive free/reduced lunch? You are eligible for a fee waiver.
ACT Test Update

- Big changes happened to ACT in fall 2020.
  - On September 2020, ACT started issuing superscored reports to colleges.
  - The ACT also rolled out three more new testing opportunities computer-based testing
    - section retesting (the ability to retake individual testing sections)
    - remote testing
  - New Test dates were added in September + October including Sunday test dates.
  - Send scores to colleges through ACT.org CHS CEEB CODE: 112745
Other Test Options

- **Accuplacer** – Placement exam for two year & technical colleges
  - Find a test center: [https://studentportal.accuplacer.org/#/studentsitesearch](https://studentportal.accuplacer.org/#/studentsitesearch)
- **ASVAB** - a multiple choice test used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces.
  - Identifies skills & abilities
  - Provides career exploration information
  - Links achievement with interest
  - Assists planning work-related courses
  - Helps identify potential career path
  - Does not obligate students to military!
  - It is free!
## Activities & Essays

### Activities
- Include grades 9-12. Note if you have been involved since before high school
- Quality vs quantity
- Highlight key areas where you have made a difference or were very involved
- What was your role? How did you contribute? What did you learn from participating (about yourself or others)?
- Include community involvement and employment
- Don’t forget activities outside of school

### Essays
- Start early!
- Purpose: Lets them hear your voice. Be yourself!
- Give specific examples to develop your idea
- Make it personal; highlight areas not in your application
- Be original; keep your focus narrow and personal
- Proof read again…and again…and maybe again!
- Utilize English teachers or others for feedback
Counselor Recommendations/Secondary School Reports

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<th>Does the college require a recommendation and/or school report?</th>
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<td>A school report often includes a counselor recommendation letter</td>
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<td>Request a <strong>minimum of 2 school weeks</strong> before deadline. Watch your deadlines!</td>
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<td>Complete Counselor Rec Letter Survey in Naviance (under My Surveys) thoughtfully and thoroughly. Email your counselor after submission informing them of upcoming due dates and where you are applying to.</td>
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<td>If form needs to be mailed, print any secondary school form, school report, or counselor recommendation form to be completed. <em>Fill out your part!</em></td>
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<td>Counselor will complete rec online or mail to the college. Most rec’s will be submitted via Naviance.</td>
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<td>Thank your counselor for taking the time to write a letter on your behalf. 😊</td>
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There is a 2 step process to request your official transcript needed for college admissions & scholarships*. 
Step 1. In Naviance, add the college into your applying to list. Be sure to select the correct method in how you are applying (via institution, Common App, etc.).
Step 2. Pay (2 options to pay)
1. Pay cash **only** to Ms. Askew located in the Counseling Office between 8am-2:30pm.
2. Log onto [MyPaymentsPlus](#). Select events & activities, then select transcripts. Each transcript is $2.
Fill out form associated with transcript request. If you are ordering more than one transcript at a time, you will need to repeat the process for the number of transcripts you are ordering.
Paying for College & Financial Aid

HOPE and Zell Scholarship or Grant
- Apply by filling out the FAFSA as early as October 1st of senior year
- Scholarships
  - College you’re applying to (merit based) - watch for early deadlines for scholarships typically before admission deadlines
  - Local interest groups, employers, organizations
  - Online resources/search engines – Collegeboard.org, fastweb.com, etc.
  - Check the Scholarship Resources in Naviance on the Colleges Homepage

- Family savings
- Work-study programs
- Loans – must be repaid
  - Loans – must be repaid
- Grants & scholarships
  - Do not have to be repaid
  - Based on specific requirements
    - Not always based on income or grades
  - Not always based on income or grades
HOPE Scholarship Program
Must apply by completing FAFSA
Check your HOPE GPA at www.gafutures.org

HOPE Scholarship
• 3.0 HOPE GPA
• 4 rigor courses
• Portion of tuition
• Recipients must have 3.0 GPA at checkpoints to maintain scholarship
• If lost, can be regained once

Zell Miller Scholarship
• 3.7 HOPE GPA
• 1200 (R & M) SAT or 26 ACT in
Recipient must have a 3.3 GPA at checkpoints to maintain scholarship.
• If lost cannot be regained at Zell level

If you don’t graduate with a 3.0 HOPE GPA, you can earn the HOPE Scholarship with a 3.0 College GPA after 30 credit hours.
“All HOPE is not lost” 😊
**Hope Grant**

**HOPE Grant: available at TECHNICAL COLLEGES**
- No High School GPA requirement to be eligible
- Covers a portion of tuition, which is similar to HOPE Scholarship
- Must maintain at least a 2.0 College GPA to keep
- Need to be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program

**Zell Miller Grant:**
- Same criteria as above, but if you maintain a 3.5 GPA – you will receive 100% tuition

**HOPE Career Grant:**
- Additional funds available to students enrolled in high demand certificate or diploma programs
Financial Aid Information Session

October 6 at 6:00 p.m.

FAFSA, HOPE, types of aid, etc.

Complete the FAFSA after October 1st

All seniors should complete the FAFSA, regardless of family income.
Naviance is a **delivery system** and college/career search engine, but it also how we communicate with YOU and your parents, throughout the year.
What is Naviance?

**All students:**
- Calendar of colleges visiting CHS
- College and Career Planning/exploration
- Research colleges
- Resume building
- Communicating with your Counselor
- Scholarship searches
- Interest inventories
- Finding your strengths
- Learning Styles Inventory

**Seniors only:**
- Adding colleges that you are applying to
- If applying Common App, you must “match” your Common App and Naviance accounts
- Counselor Rec Letter Survey
- Request teacher recs
- Access all scholarships
- Register for College Visits (Jrs too)
Logging into Naviance

- If you’re on a CCSD computer, then you will be automatically logged into Naviance.

- You can access Naviance from the CCSD homepage, Cambell’s website, as well as your school counseling department’s website.

- To log into Naviance from home, you will use the following:

  **User Name:**
  - Microsoft 365
  - User Name: first.last@students.cobbk12.org

  **Password:**
  - Microsoft 365
We need your email address so we can communicate important information with you. Please get in the habit of checking email frequently.

1. Click on the “About Me” link at the top.
2. Click on “My Account.”
3. Click on the Pencil Icon in the “Contact Information Box.”
4. Enter your email address.
5. Click “Save.”
Let’s Recap
Step-by-Step Process

1. Select what colleges you’re applying to
2. Determine application types: Common App, Coalition, Direct to Institution
3. Submit your college applications – your “package”
4. Send your test scores via Collegeboard/ACT
5. Use Naviance – our “delivery” system
6. Invite teacher recommenders
7. Request initial transcripts
8. Track your package
Add College to the “Colleges I’m Applying to”

- This is the section where students will spend most of their time.
- You can request letters of recommendation and transcripts within this section.
- You must also designate the application type within this section as well as indicate that you've applied to the school.
Important to tell us how you are applying!

Which college are you applying to?
Georgia State University

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

App type
- Early Action

I’ll submit my application
- Via Common App

I've submitted my application

Add Application
### Colleges I’m Applying to Dashboard

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<th>College</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Deadline</th>
<th>Expected Difficulty*</th>
<th>Transcripts</th>
<th>Office materials</th>
<th>Submission Type</th>
<th>Application</th>
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<td>Emory University</td>
<td>ED</td>
<td>Early Decision</td>
<td>November 1</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Pending</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>EDIT MORE</td>
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<td>Georgia State University</td>
<td>EA</td>
<td>Early Action</td>
<td>November 15</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Pending</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>Kennesaw State University</td>
<td>EA</td>
<td>Early Action</td>
<td>October 26</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Pending</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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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 first complete the following steps in their Common App account:

- Complete the Education section of your Common Application
- Add at least one college to My Colleges tab
- Sign the FERPA Release Authorization

Click to watch video on common app matching.
Some colleges and universities have opted not to accept the Common Application.

Instead, they have created their own individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school’s undergraduate admissions website.

Just because a school does not accept the Common App does not mean that they do not accept the transmission of important documents, like letters of recommendation and academic transcripts, through Naviance.

When a non-Common App school allows us to submit documents through Naviance, it is called Direct to Institution. A Direct to Institution school is designated by this symbol.
When a student applies via the Coalition, they should select that they are applying “Directly to the Institution” when adding a college to their “Colleges I’m Applying To” list in Family Connection. Messaging on this page will help students know to check this box.
Adding Teacher Recommendation Requests on Naviance

Access from “My Favorites” > Colleges I’m Applying to

College that I’m attending:

Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the letters of recommendation section, accessible from the main colleges page, for more information.
TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- **ALWAYS ASK BEFORE YOU ENTER THAT EMAIL ADDRESS!**  
  **ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS** WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO SEE IT!
- How many should you get? Which ones go where?
- Which teacher(s) to ask?
- Deadlines and consideration of time and effort
- What to provide for non-online recommendations
- Gagnier, Mr. Lynch, Dr. Wannamaker, Mx Yoder, etc. = “Other Recommenders”
- Thanking your teachers
Adding Teacher Recommendation Requests on Naviance

1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?*
   Select A Teacher

2. Select which colleges this request is for:*  
   Choose specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list.

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<td>Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)</td>
<td>Jan 01 2018</td>
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<td>Kennesaw State University</td>
<td>Mar 01 2018</td>
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<td>University of Georgia</td>
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All current and future colleges I add to my Colleges I’m Applying To list.

*Choose specific colleges from your Colleges I’m Applying To list.
### Tracking Teacher Recommendations

#### Letters of recommendation

**Your Requests**

You can request letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here.

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<th>Recommender(s)</th>
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<td>All Applications</td>
<td>See applications</td>
<td>Christopher Williams</td>
<td>Cancelled</td>
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<td>Mercer University</td>
<td>1 required/ 2 allowed/ 1 requested</td>
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Add Request
Completing the Counselor Survey
Check Naviance frequently for upcoming college visits.

You must sign up through your Naviance account at least 24 hours in advance. The College Visit link is located at the bottom left of the Colleges homepage.

You will receive an email the day before your visit as confirmation.

You will receive a link to the virtual college visit.
Maintaining a Healthy Mental Balance

Preparing for college is important, but so is preserving mental health.

- Consider the workload in the level and rigor of classes
- Pursue your intellectual interests
- Get involved in extra-curricular activities
- Make time for community service or other interests
- Participate in activities to promote your overall health by eating healthy and exercising

Mental wellness is as important to your overall well being as physical health, social and emotional connectedness, and intellectual accomplishment.
Senior Year

- It's Your Time To Celebrate!
- Cap and Gowns, Class of 2023 Gear, Graduation announcements, Senior gifts, Yard sign
- Herffatlanta.com
HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!

QUESTIONS?
Post-Test

https://forms.office.com/r/Ybu7ymfhTS