Grab a Leaf

▶Green Leaf- write what you are hopeful about for your senior year, application process, and transition to your future plans.

▶Orange Leaf- write your worries and concerns about your senior year, application process, and transition to your future plans.

▶Yellow Leaf- if you aren't sure if it is a hope or a worry

▶No need to write your name on it

12th Grade Bridge Law Counseling Lesson

Your School Counselors

Who is Your School Counselor?

Ms. Berry
(A - Con)

Dr. Wynn
(Coo -Gon)

Ms. Calloway
(Goo - Ko)

Dr. Boyle
(Kp - Od)

Ms. Davis
(Oe - Sh)

Dr. Amand
(Si - Z)

Who is in the School Counseling Office?

Ms. Mitchell
Clerk

Mr. Donlan
Enrollment Clerk

CTLS Learn
Join the Grade Level BAND Account:

Hillgrove Class of 2024

Scan this QR code and join!

Follow us
@hillgroveschoolcounseling

Helpful Resources for Your Senior Year

- ▶ Counseling Website
- ▶ FAFSA: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- ▶ GAFutures: https://www.gafutures.org/
- ▶ Collegeboard: https://www.collegeboard.org/
- ▶ ACT: https://www.act.org/
- ▶ CommonApp: https://www.commonapp.org/

Fall Events

- August 26th – Senior Parent Breakfast 9:00am, Hillgrove Cafeteria
- September – Check GaFutures for updated HOPE GPA
- September – College Visits to Hillgrove begin. Lunch visits and Hawk Hour visits (sign up in Naviance)
- October 3rd – Scholarship Blueprint Workshop
- November 13th – Paying for College Night
- November 13th – Apply to College Week!
- December 12th – Virtual FAFSA Completion Night

Lesson Overview

- Post-secondary Options
  - Work-force/Apprenticeship
  - Military
  - 2-year Technical College/Trade School
  - 4-year College/University
- Naviance
- College application process
- Scholarships and Financial Aid

Workforce/Apprenticeship

▶ **On-the-job short-term or long-term training** is provided by an employer at the beginning of a new job.

▶ Training can last 1 - 5 years, **often paid.**

▶ The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor.

▶ These kinds of programs can **lead to secure and well-paying jobs without the need for any college expenses.**

Military/Armed Forces

- High School Diploma **is required**
- Take the **ASVAB**
- Make contact with a branch recruiter
- Request your final transcript in May

Trade School

- Typically completed in two years or less
- **Certificate or Diploma programs**
- **Career-focused**
  - Trains students for a specific job in a career field
- Examples of jobs:
  - Welding
  - Cosmetology
  - Construction Worker
  - Automotive, HVAC, Electrician
  - Dental Assistant
  - Carpenter
  - Plumber
  - Practical Nurse

Check with individual school to see if the SAT/ACT is required- may take the **Accuplacer Exam** instead

Two-year school requirements –

Requirements vary by 2-year College and Technical School. Check website for current requirements

Transcript Requests – Most will require a minimum of your final transcript for proof of graduation. Follow transcript request process.

2-Year Colleges & Technical Colleges

4-Year College/University

- Typically have higher admission requirements
  - i.e. higher GPA, higher test scores
- On average it takes students four years to complete
- Students work towards a Bachelor's, Master's, Specialist's, Doctorate.
- SAT/ACT Test Scores are usually required

FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Extracurricular Activities

Essays

Letters of Recommendation

Demonstrated Interest

RIGOR OF CLASSES

GRADES & GPA

TEST SCORES

BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

"Reach schools" are those where your academic credentials fall below the school's average range for the freshman class.

"Match schools" are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school's average range for the freshman class.

"Safety schools" are schools you will almost definitely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical average range for the freshman class.

REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

RANGE SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

Points to Consider

- Check Admissions Requirements **by visiting College Website**

- GPA Admission Requirements vary from school to school

- Weighted and unweighted GPA's will be reported on your CCSD transcript

- Class rank **will not** be included on transcripts or reported on secondary reports.

- Colleges want students who show an interest in their school.

Impacts of COVID19 on College Admissions

- Standardized Testing
  - What is "test optional?"
  - **Check college websites for most updated requirements.**
- College Visits
  - Check the college websites for current opportunities
- College Deadlines and Requirements
  - Colleges are constantly adjusting deadlines and requirements. **Continue to check the college's website for the most up-to-date information.**

University System of GA test optional info

The University System of Georgia (USG) will continue the temporary waiver of test score requirements for Academic Year 2024-2025 (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025) admission at 23 of the 26 USG institutions. The temporary waiver does not apply to the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, or Georgia College and State University.

For Academic Year 2024-2025, the remaining institutions have two options to make admission decisions:

1.Freshman index: Includes high school grade point average and test scores for either the SAT or ACT.

2.Test Optional: Use the high school grade point average on the required high school curriculum without a standardized test score at the following minimum grade point averages:

- 3.4 for research universities: Augusta University and Georgia State University.
- 3.2 for comprehensive universities: Kennesaw State University, Georgia Southern University, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University.
- 3.0 for state universities: Albany State University, Clayton State University, Columbus State University, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Southwestern State University, Middle Georgia State University, Savannah State University and the University of North Georgia.
- State colleges (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, College of Coastal Georgia, Dalton State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Highlands College, Gordon State College and South Georgia State College) continue to be test optional in accordance with Board policy.

Are you participating in graduation?

▶ **Right now**!! Visit https://studentportal.cobbk12.org

▶ Choose **Graduation Form** from the menu on the left

▶ **Name Verification** – Is your name spelled the same way it is on your birth certificate? If yes, move on. If no, make corrections. (This is how your name will be printed on your diploma.)

▶ **Pronunciation** – Do people mispronounce your name? Spell it out

▶ **Graduation Plans** – Indicate when you plan to graduate

▶ **Commencement Plans** – Do you plan to walk in the ceremony?

▶ **Contact Information** and **Submit**!

Naviance

NAVIANCE IS A **DELIVERY SYSTEM** AND COLLEGE/CAREER SEARCH ENGINE, *BUT IT IS ALSO HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AND YOUR PARENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.*

Logging into Naviance

○ You can access Naviance from the CCSD homepage, your school's website, as well as your school counseling department's website.

○ If you are on a CCSD computer, then you will be automatically logged into Naviance.

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

-Go to www.cobbk12.org

-Click on "**Find It Fast**"
　　　-upper right-hand corner

-Choose "**Naviance**" from the menu

-If prompted, use your CCSD student ID and password

Username:	Password:
Microsoft 365 Username	Microsoft 365 Password

Naviance Student Homepage

○ **College: Associate's Degree**
Earn an associate's degree or certificate in two years or less by attending a two-year community college or junior college.

○ **College: Bachelor's Degree**
Earn a Bachelor's degree in four years by attending a four-year private or public college or university.

○ **Career Education or Trade School**
Enroll in a short-term training program at a career or vocational-technical college and earn a certificate or associate's degree for an industry such as health care, cosmetology, and plumbing.

○ **Apprenticeship Program**
Enroll in an apprenticeship to get on-the-job training with classroom instruction and mentorship that leads to a skilled trade or profession.

○ **Military Service**
Enlist in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces right after high school or join after college by enrolling in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

○ **Employment**
Enter the job force right after high school to develop work skills and learn on the job without any formal training or education.

○ **Undecided**
Not sure what to do after high school? Talk to a school counselor about different pathways to help decide what's best.

○ **Gap or Service Year**
Take a gap or service year between high school and the start of my post-secondary path. Engage in service work, educational activities, or travel to give back to a community or to help decide a future goal.

SELECT YOUR PATH

YOU CAN ALSO CHOOSE A SECONDARY PATH IF YOU ARE STILL DECIDING!

# Enter Your PERSONAL Email Address

We need your **personal** email address so we can communicate important information with you. Please get in the habit of checking your **personal** 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 **personal** email address.
5. Click "Save."

**DO NOT use your CCSD email address. Use your personal email address.

Senior Graduation Status Report

► Log into Naviance

► Click on the blue circle with your initials (top)

► Click on "Surveys From Your School"

► Click on Senior Graduation Status Report

► Click on "take this survey"

► Answer questions and save ☺
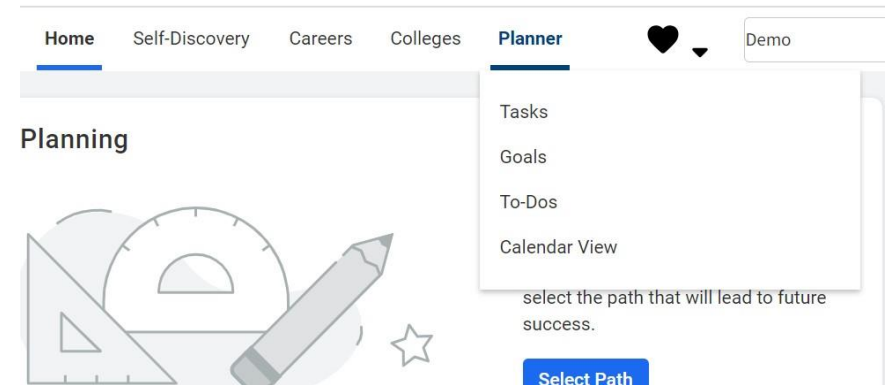
You can also use Naviance for…

- Career Planning
- College Planning
- Resume Building
- Communicating with your Counselor
- Scholarship Searches

Apply to College

- Complete and submit your applications as directed by the college.
  - Be sure to use Common App first if offered.

- Take your time completing your application and essays – this is a very important step!
  - Pay attention to grammar and punctuation. This will typically be a college's first impression of you.

Step-by-Step Process

1. Determine what colleges you are **applying to**

2. Determine application types: **Common App (preferred method if offered), Coalition, Directly to Institution**

3. **Submit** your college applications

4. **Send your test scores** via Collegeboard/ACT

   • This cannot be done by your High School!

5. Use Naviance – our "delivery" system -- to:

   -Invite teacher recommenders

   -Request transcripts (follow school process)

**Track your status (using institution website)

Understanding Application Types

- **Regular Decision**
  - Deadline date established by the institution

- **Early Decision (I &II) : Binding**
  - Cannot apply **early decision** to other colleges, can only apply regular decision.
  - If accepted, must attend (BINDING)
- **Early Action: Non-Binding**
  - Can apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision
- **Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: Non-Binding**
  - Cannot apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision

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- **Rolling Admission**
  - Open admission, decisions given throughout the year not at a specific time
- **Priority Deadline**
  - Similar to rolling admissions but priority given to those applicants who meet earlier priority deadline

Add College to the "Colleges I'm Applying to"

▶ This is the section where students will spend most of their time.

▶ You can request TEACHER letters of recommendation within this section.

▶ You must also designate the application type within this section as well as indicate that you've applied to the school.

  ▶ EX: did you apply through **CommonApp**?

  ▶ Ex: did you apply **directly to the institution** or through GAFutures?

Colleges I'm Applying To

Search for Colleges 🔍

⛔ **It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.** Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started. **Match Accounts**

📋 Application Milestones   📊 Compare Me

✦ = extended profile available

College	App Type ℹ	Deadline	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission Type	ℹ Application	
Georgia Military College - Milledgeville	Regular Decision	N/A	No request	Final submitted	🖥	Submitted ⌄	More

X Cancel

STEP 1 ——— STEP 2

Add Application   Request Transcript

Which college are you applying to?

University of Georgia, Athens, GA   ✕

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

App Type

Regular Decision - Fall 2023 term - **Deadline Jan 1**   ⌄

I'll submit my application

Via Common App   ⌄

Are you planning to submit your SAT or ACT scores to be considered during the admission review process? ⓘ

Choose an option   ⌄

☐ I've submitted my application

Important to tell us how you are applying!

Submission Types

(Mail Only)-This icon represents colleges that only accept documents submitted via mail. The school does not accept documents electronically.

(Electronic)-This icon represents electronic destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance eDocs

(Common App)-This icon represents Common App destinations that accept documents electronically via Naviance eDocs. It's important to note this icon means the student has explicitly chosen to apply via Common App and indicated "Yes" in **Family Connection > Colleges I'm Applying to.** However, on College tabs (showing the college profile) it indicates the fact that it's a CA college, but not whether the student is applying via CA.

(Unknown)-This icon is displayed when a student adds a Common App college but has not indicated whether or not he or she plans to apply via the Common App Online. This status does not prohibit you from submitting Common App forms for the student, but you will receive a warning message advising you that the student has not indicated their plan. A message is displayed to inform the school counselor that the student had not made a selection whether applying via Common App and submission would default to Common App delivery.

(Common App via Electronic)-This icon is displayed when a student has selected a Common App college and has indicated that he or she is not applying via the Common App Online. However, if the school is also an electronic destination (in addition to Common App) you can continue to submit documents (NACAC and other school forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) electronically.

(Common App mail only)-This icon displays when a student has selected a Common App college and has indicated that he or she is not applying via the Common App Online. However, the school is not an electronic destination so you will have to print and mail (other school forms, transcripts, and letters of recommendation) to the destination.
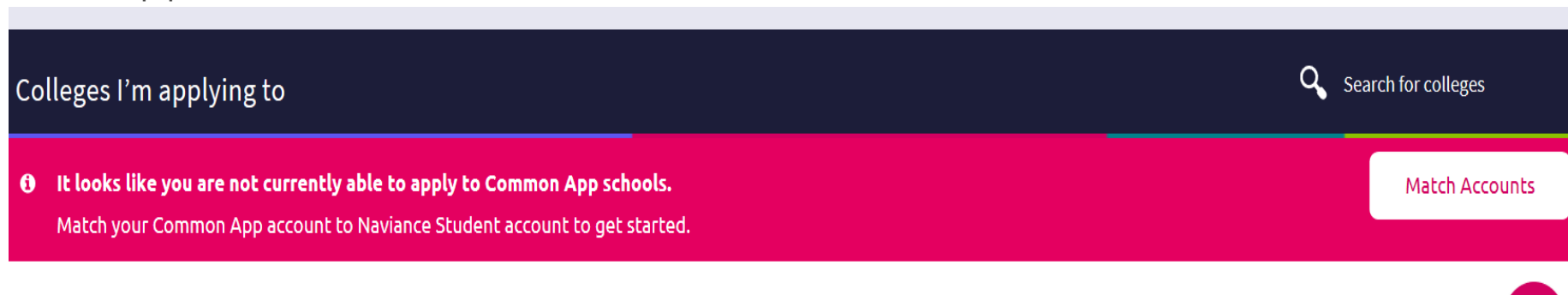
"Colleges I'm Applying to" Dashboard

	College	Type	Deadline		Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type ⓘ	Application		
☐	Emory University	ED	Early Decision	November 1	N/A		Pending	⬜❓	Unknown ⌄	✎ EDIT	MORE ⋮
☐	Georgia State University	EA	Early Action	November 15	N/A		Pending	⬜CA	Unknown ⌄	✎ EDIT	MORE ⋮
☐	Kennesaw State University	EA	Early Action	October 26	N/A		Pending	⬜	Unknown ⌄	✎ EDIT	MORE ⋮

Common App

▶ The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 500+ member colleges and universities.

▶ **If a school uses Common App, use Common App.**

▶ You can access the Common App by going to **www.commonapp.org**

▶ Some schools are Common App exclusive, which means they do not accept any application other than the Common App. Some schools accept both the Common App and their own individualized, web-based application or the Coalition Application.

▶ Of course, this does not apply for schools who do not accept the Common App. To view the 500 schools that accept the Common App, check out the members page of the Common App website.

▶ Limit your Common App to 20 school maximum if possible.

Common App Matching

▶ For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.

Colleges I'm applying to   🔍 Search for colleges

ⓘ **It looks like you are not currently able to apply to Common App schools.**

Match your Common App account to Naviance Student account to get started.

Match 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.

Georgia Colleges Using Common App

- Agnes Scott College
- Augusta University
- Berry College
- Brenau University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Covenant College
- Emory University
- Georgia College
- Georgia Tech
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University

- Mercer University
- Morehouse College
- Oglethorpe University
- Piedmont University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Savannah State University
- Spelman College
- University of Georgia
- University of North Georgia
- Wesleyan College

Non-Common App Schools

- Some colleges and universities have opted not to accept the Common Application or Coalition.

- 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.

Teacher Recommendations

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

- **ASK EARLY!!!**

- Students "invite" their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:

    1. Provide teachers with a copy of your recommendation packet with a list of schools to which you are asking the teacher to write.

    2. Add the request digitally under your "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab.

    3. **IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS, NOT "All Applications"**

        -It is your responsibility to research which schools require a letter of recommendation on their website.

        -If they do not ask for a letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process. *DO NOT ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR ONE IF THIS IS THE CASE!*

# Adding Teacher Recommendation Requests on Naviance

Tracking Teacher Recommendations

Counselor Recommendations/ Secondary School Reports

- School Counselors will complete recommendations for schools that require them – all Common App schools

- Two items are required for your School Counselor to complete your recommendation:

  - Completed Senior Brag Sheet (in Naviance, under My Surveys)

  - Email your School Counselor when you have completed your questionnaire with the subject "**Senior Brag Sheet Completed**" and be sure to **indicate on the My Payments Plus form that a letter is needed**.

How to access your Brag Sheet

▶ Log into Naviance

▶ Click on the blue circle with your initials (top)

▶ Click on "Surveys From Your School"

▶ Click on Senior Brag Sheet

▶ Answer questions and save ☺
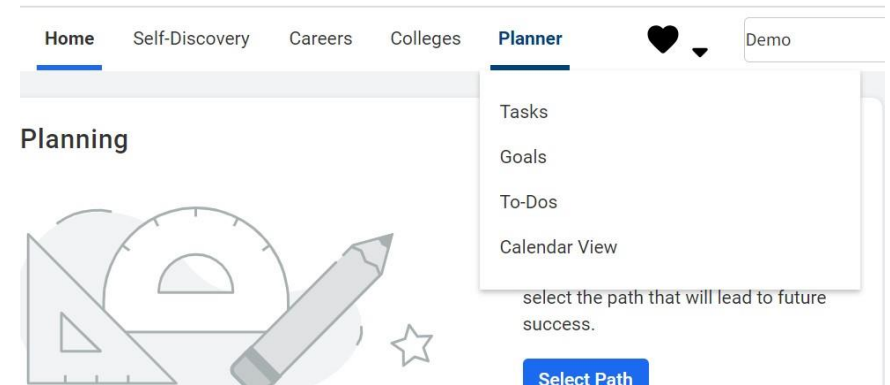
To complete this task, you need to **take this survey**

Requesting Transcripts

▶ 1. Add college you are applying to Naviance.

- Log onto your Naviance student account.

- Select the COLLEGES tab.

- Under COLLEGES select "Colleges I'm Applying To"

- Click on "+", add each college/university, including application information

- Click "Add Application"

▶ 2. Go to MyPaymentsPlus and fill out the transcript request form and pay $2 per transcript.

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

- **It is your responsibility to complete ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.**

Transcript Release con't

- If only the transcript is required, Ms. Mitchell will release it to the institution within 72 hours of receiving the MPP payment

- If a letter of recommendation is required, expect a minimum of a 3-week delay after the Senior Brag Sheet and MPP payment has been received; it is a package deal

- The option to order a transcript on My Payments Plus will open on August 27

Send SAT/ACT Test Scores

SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

- www.collegeboard.org
- www.actstudent.org

Our School's CEEB code: 112431

College Visits

- 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 on the Colleges homepage in your Naviance Account.

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

College Visits

🔍 Search for colleges

| AUGUST Tue 21 12:30PM | Sewanee: The University of the South 📍 Counseling suite | REGISTER BY AUG 20 2018 | Register Now View Details |

| AUGUST Thu 23 09:00AM | Southern Methodist University 📍 Counseling suite | REGISTER BY AUG 22 2018 | Register Now View Details |

| AUGUST Thu 23 10:00AM | Georgia Institute of Technology 📍 Information center - Lecture hall 0/120 seats are taken. | REGISTER BY AUG 22 2018 | Register Now View Details |

| AUGUST Thu 23 02:30PM | Mercer University 📍 Counseling suite | REGISTER BY AUG 22 2018 | Register Now View Details |

Financial Aid

- ▶ Financial Aid helps students pay for college

- ▶ **Types of Financial Aid:**
  - ▶ Scholarships
  - ▶ Grants
  - ▶ Student Loans
  - ▶ Work-study

- ▶ **Scholarships and Grants DO NOT have to be repaid**

- ▶ Student Loans MUST be repaid (amount borrowed + interest)

Scholarships

- Types of Scholarships:
  - Academic, Community Service, Athletic, Hobby/Extracurricular based, Identity based, Need based, Employer or Military

- Check the Scholarship Resources in Naviance on the Colleges Homepage
  - Scholarship List- Updated by County and HS

- Check the College Websites and online search engines.
  - **Pay attention to deadlines!!**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FAFSA

- An Application completed by students who want to go to college and want financial aid (help paying for college)

- **Will not be available this year until December**

- Requires tax information from student's family

- Determines how much money your family would be able to contribute to your cost of attending college

- This is the application for HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant, HOPE Career Grant, and Pell Grant

Federal Pell Grant

- Awarded to students who show financial need based on their FAFSA

- NO HIGH SCHOOL GPA Requirement

Maximum Amount Awarded:

$7,395 per school year (2023-2024)

HOPE Scholarship

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (as GSFC calculates it)
- 4 courses of rigor

- Changes have been made recently to the HOPE program
- The most up-to-date and official information about the HOPE program can be found at GAFutures.org
- Your HOPE GPA can also be found at GAFutures.org
- **Your SSN must be updated in the Cobb student record system in order to receive HOPE funds!**

HOPE Grant

- The HOPE Grant Program is for students seeking a technical certificate or diploma, regardless of the student's high school grade point average or graduation date.

- The HOPE Grant Award amount will cover a portion of a student's tuition.

- Full-time enrollment is not required.

- Students are required to have a postsecondary cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to maintain eligibility.

- More info on GAFutures.org

BRIDGE Law

- ❖ <u>December Graduates:</u>
  - ❖ you will receive a survey to complete in Naviance around **Thanksgiving Break.**
- ❖ <u>May Graduates:</u>
  - ❖ you will receive this survey **around early March**.

- ❖ This survey is **REQUIRED** to complete before graduation. Thanks!

HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!

"The road to success is always under construction."