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**The A.H.S.
Counseling
Department
Welcomes You
to the Class of
2022 Fall
Senior Parent
Night!**



Tonight's Agenda

- ▶ **Meeting graduation requirements**
- ▶ **Naviance and GA Futures**
- ▶ **Future Planning**
- ▶ **The College Application Process**

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Senior Class
2022:
Communication
Senior Class
Sponsors –
Amanda Bolls &
April Taylor

STUDENTS SHOULD: JOIN SENIOR CLASS REMIND!

REMIND IS FOR STUDENTS ONLY

DUE TO ACCOUNT NUMBER RESTRICTIONS.

STUDENTS - SEND A TEXT TO: 81010

- ▶ LAST NAME **A – D** @SEN2022A-D
- ▶ LAST NAME **E – K** @SEN2022E-K
- ▶ LAST NAME **L – Q** @SEN2022L-Q
- ▶ LAST NAME **R – Z** @SEN2022R-Z

SENIOR STUDENTS & PARENTS:

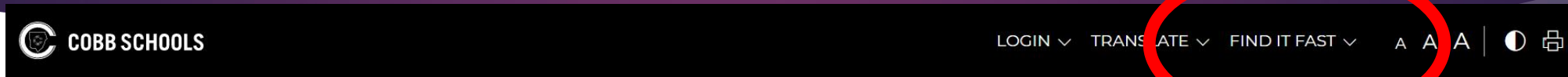
- ▶ CHECK OUT THE SENIOR CLASS PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!

FOLLOW THE SENIOR SOCIAL MEDIA:

- ▶ INSTAGRAM: @ALLATOONA2022
- ▶ TWITTER: @ALLATOONA2022

Counseling Website – Start at the AHS Page

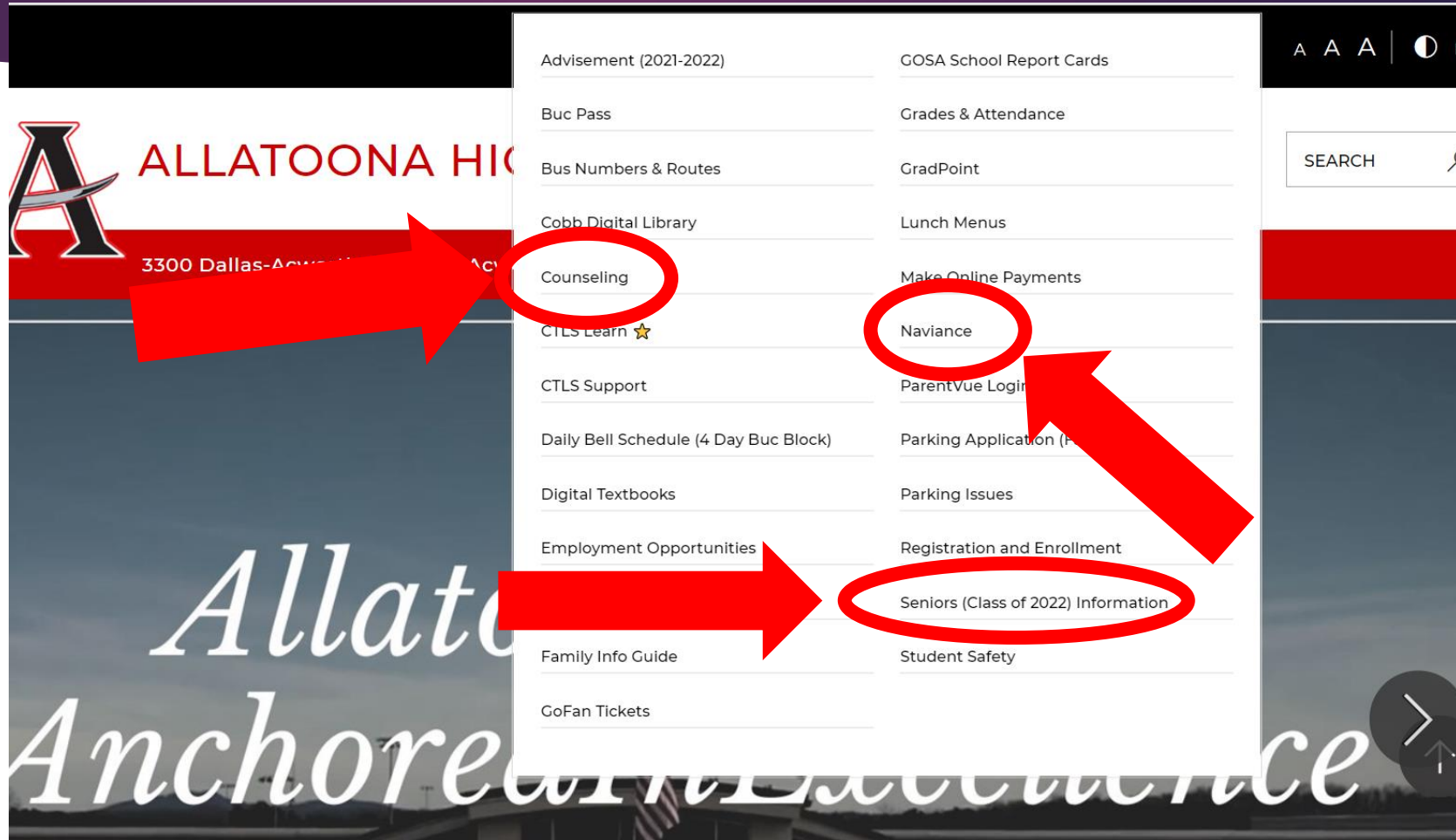
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2021-2022
UPDATE TO PUBLIC







Counseling Website



Counseling Website

 MENU

 ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL

SEARCH

About School

Administration >

Attendance

Calendars

Clinic






Counseling ▾


9th Grade Information

10th Grade Information

Counseling

Jun. 16, 2021

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HELPING STUDENTS
stay on course.

Click image above to visit the Virtual Counseling Office

For immediate attention or to schedule an appointment,

Counseling Website

MENU



ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL



SEARCH

12th Grade Information

College Visits

Dual Enrollment

Mission Statement

Naviance

Registration/Enrollment

Resources for Families

SAT/ACT

Scholarships and
Financial Aid

Tutoring and Online
Resources

Upcoming Events

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To Access the Counselor Crow's Nest Newsletter, please
click the image below:



Tools to help
with Planning
for the Future:

Introducing Naviance

Naviance allows your student to:

Explore interests and research careers

Build a resume

Research colleges and scholarships

Complete surveys that will help your counselors
and teachers write your recommendations

Have important documents sent to the colleges of
your choice

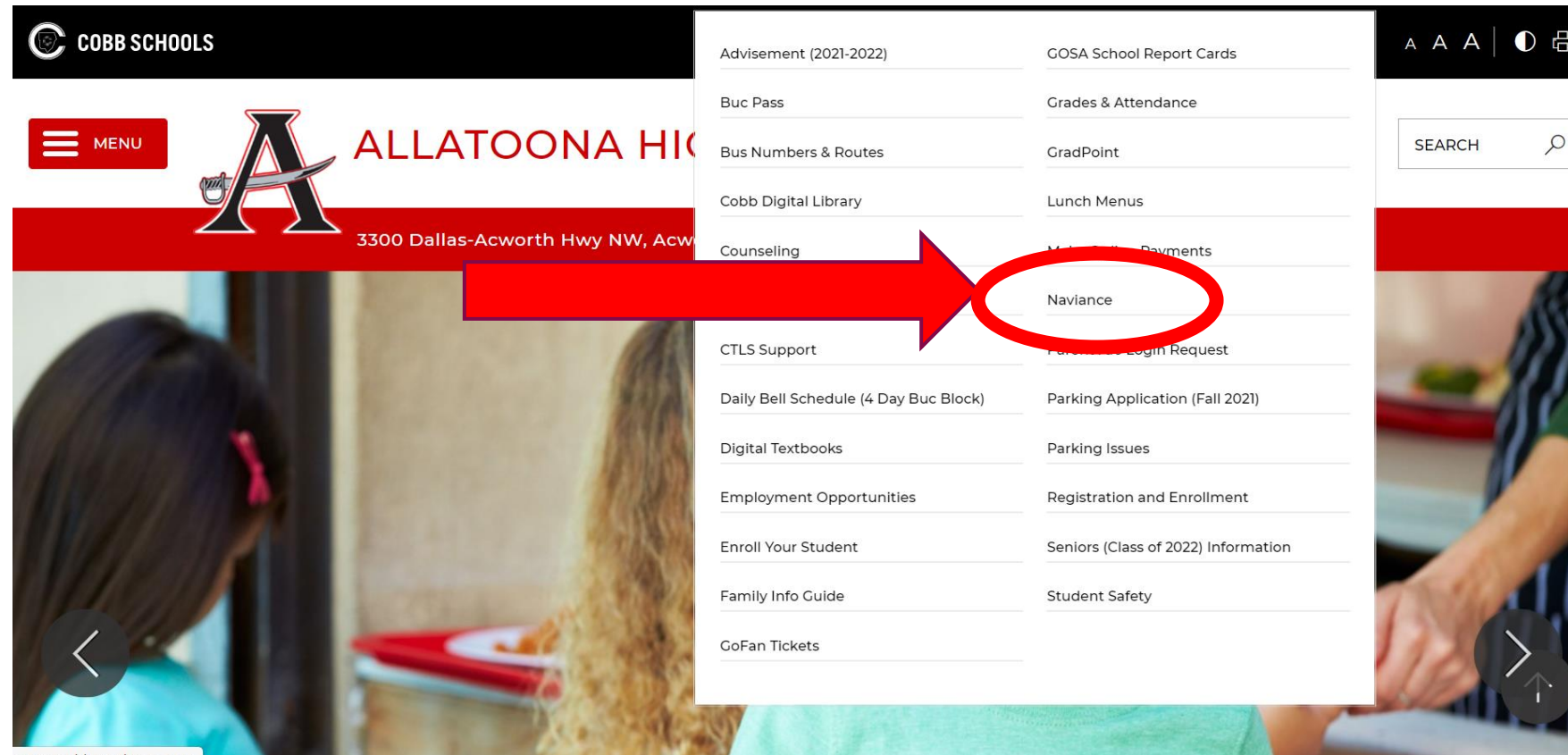
Students logging into Naviance

1. Log into Office 365/CTLS on your computer at home or log into the network if you are at school.

2. Go to the AHS website
[Allatoona High School](http://AllatoonaHighSchool.cobbk12.org)
cobbk12.org


3. Click "Find it Fast" in the upper right.

4. Click Naviance.








Parents logging into Naviance


1. Go to <https://student.Naviance.com/allatoonahs>
2. Select Allatoona High School as your school.
2. Once on the login page, click the button for parent or guardian and then log in.
3. If you need to reset your password, click "Forgot my password."
4. If you are visiting the site for the first time, click "I'm new and need to register". Use the registration code found in the letter you received from Naviance and follow the instructions to create your account.


 NAVIANCE
BY HOBSONS

HomeSelf-DiscoveryCareersCollegesPlanner

 12th Grade  DM About Me  CLOSE DEMO


Welcome, Demo Mcallister!

Search for Colleges 

 Type a college name

SEARCH

Welcome, Seniors!

English  Go

Keep Reading for College App Info!


Seniors, watch each video below as you begin the college application process. These will answer MANY of your college app, transcript, and letter of recommendation questions. Click "Read More" button to view links to videos.


HINT: You may need to copy and paste the link into your browser to view the videos.


Read more

Important To-Dos and Tasks

My Favorites


 COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

 COLLEGES
I'm applying to

 CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

What's New

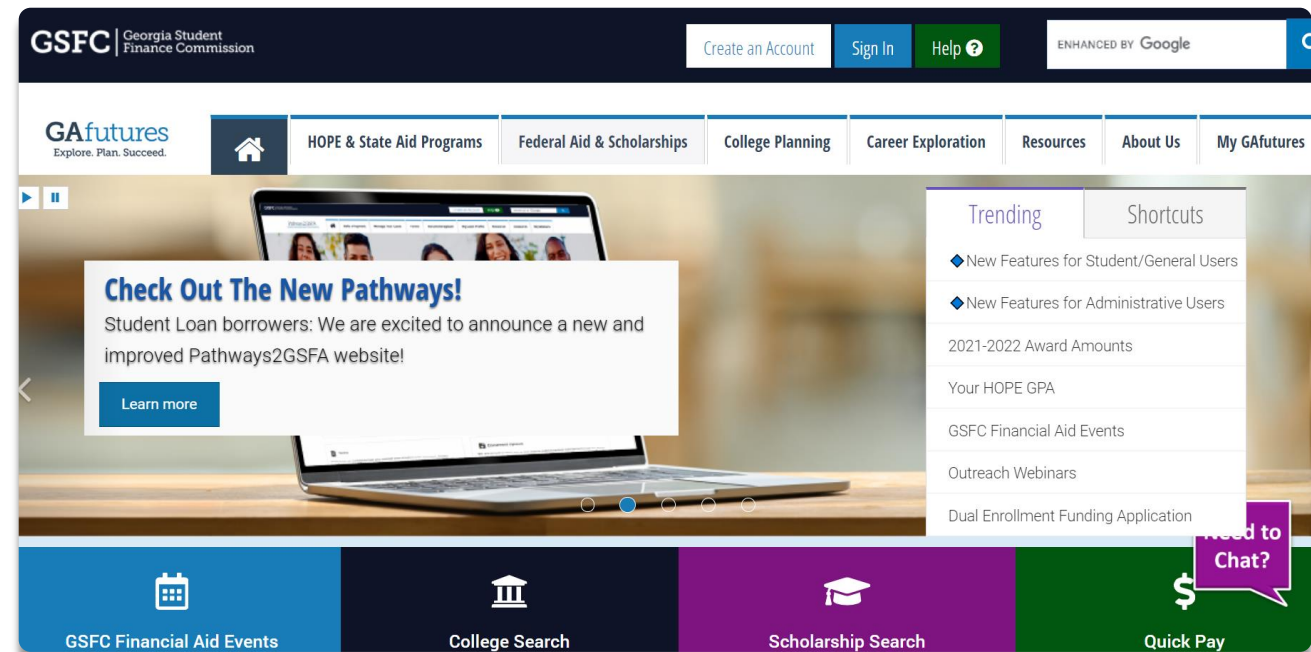
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Naviance Student Homepage

Another Excellent Resource - <https://www.gafutures.org/>

- ▶ Many resources!
- ▶ Your Child's Hope GPA
- ▶ College Searching
- ▶ Career Searching
- ▶ Applying to College
- ▶ Applying for Financial Aid
- ▶ College Transfer Tool
- ▶ NOTE: WE NO LONGER SEND HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH GA FUTURES



What is your child's Post- Secondary Plan?



Military Service



Workforce (on the job training or apprenticeship)



Specialty School



Technical College



Two-year College



Four-year College



Other (Mission field, year off to travel, etc.)

Military/Armed Forces

- ▶ Do some research at <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/>
- ▶ High School Diploma is preferred/required
- ▶ Take the ASVAB
- ▶ Make contact with branch recruiter
- ▶ Request your final transcript in May

ON THE JOB TRAINING VS. APPRENTICESHIPS

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

TYPES OF JOBS THAT OFFER ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

ADMINISTRATIVE
SPECIALIST

UTILITY WORKER

ANIMAL SERVICE

CAR SALES

CAR
MAINTENANCE

ENTRY LEVEL
CONSTRUCTION

INSTALLERS

CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIPS

ELECTRICIAN

CARPENTRY

MECHANICAL
TRADES

IRON WORKER

CONSTRUCTION
LABORER

FINISHING
TRADES

UTILITY
CONTRACTORS

MASONRY

OPERATING
ENGINEERS

ROOFERS

SHEET METAL

SPRINKLER FITTER

MILLWRIGHT

COSMETOLOGY APPRENTICESHIPS

Barber
Apprentice

Esthetician
Apprentice

Hair
Designer
Apprentice

Nail Tech
Apprentice

To become an apprentice, you must meet the requirements:

- You have to be 16 years old, must submit a cosmetology apprentice application and complete on-the-job training.
- All the time you will be under the supervision of the licensed cosmetologist.

SPECIALTY SCHOOLS

Keep in Mind that many of these are “For Profit” and can be expensive.

Financial Aid options may be limited.

Check the colleges website for admissions & financial aid information.

Check for reviews before making a commitment.

SCHOOLS	TYPES OF PROGRAMS
FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY (approximate cost: 66,000-86,000)	ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA, ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
PAUL MITCHELL; AVEDA; TONI & GUY (approximate cost: \$16,000+)	COSMETOLOGY
LINCOLN TECH (approximate cost: \$18,000+)	AUTOMOTIVE, HEALTH SCIENCES, ETC.
ART INSTITUTE OF ATLANTA (approximate cost \$24,000+ per year)	CULINARY PROGRAM, GAMING AND TECHNOLOGY, FASHION, ETC.
ATLANTA SCHOOL OF MASSAGE; OTHER MASSAGE SCHOOLS (approximately \$4,000+)	MASSAGE THERAPY
GEORGIA MLS TRAINING INSTITUTE; BARNEY FLETCHER SCHOOL; ONLINE SCHOOLS; LOCAL PROGRAMS: KELLER WILLIAMS, ETC. (approximate cost \$150+)	REAL ESTATE

2-Year State Colleges & Technical Colleges

Georgia Highlands College

Chattahoochee Tech

Technical colleges with housing:

- **North Georgia Tech and South Georgia Tech**

Advantage to starting off at a Technical College



Students can explore training in fields with high employability and solid earning potential.



Students gain access to a smaller college setting with greater levels of assistance.



Students can use the Hope Grant and Hope Career Grant, regardless of High School GPA, to earn credits that are fully transferable to four year schools such as UGA and KSU.

2-Year Colleges & Technical Colleges

- ▶ Two-year school requirements - 2.0 core 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 Preparatory Material
 - ▶ <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice>



I plan to apply to
college!

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

College Admissions: Start the Process Early

- Scholarships
- Housing
- Stress Relief
- Options for Financial Aid
- Increase Chances for Admission
- Allows Time to Become Admissible



FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Extracurricular
Activities

Essays

Letters of
Recommendation

Demonstrated
Interest



RIGOR OF CLASSES

GRADES & GPA

TEST SCORES

How Do I Build My College List?

Researching Colleges

- ▶ Naviance
- ▶ www.gafutures.org
- ▶ www.collegeboard.org
- ▶ www.actstudent.org

College Fairs

- ▶ ~~Probe Fair – Sept 21 from 6-8 PM at Hillgrove HS~~
HILLGROVE PROBE WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR SPRING
- ▶ Probe Fair – Oct 6 from 6-8 PM at Cherokee County HS
- ▶ Peach State Tour (Augusta, GA State, GA Tech, UGA) – Virtual Sessions from 6 PM to 7 PM on Aug 25, Sept 1, and Sept 14.
- ▶ **To register -** Peach State Tour - Student Registration New (uga.edu)

College Visits

- ▶ Campus visits can give you a feel for the atmosphere of the college.
- ▶ Check the college's website to register for in person visits or virtual tours and information sessions.
- ▶ Doing tours and going to information sessions can also show demonstrated interest to admissions counselors.
- ▶ Check out Naviance and the Counseling page for virtual visits with college reps!
- ▶ <https://www.campusreel.org/>
- ▶ <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/>
- ▶ <https://campustours.com/>
- ▶ <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/virtual-tours>

How Do I Build My College List?


▶ Know your academic profile

- ▶ Core, **unweighted** GPA
- ▶ Standardized test scores
- ▶ Curriculum (rigor)

▶ Search for the college's freshman profile

- ▶ Average or mid 50% GPA & test scores, **not just admission requirements**
- ▶ Compare how you fit into the college's profile
- ▶ Pay close attention to how college's calculate GPA for evaluation of applications! Each one is different!

BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST



“Reach schools” are those where your academic credentials fall below the school’s range for the freshman class.

“Target schools” are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school’s 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 range for their freshman class.

REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

TARGET SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

Reach, Target or Safety School?

Example: Georgia College,
Milledgeville, Georgia

High School GPAs ranging from
3.34 to 3.87 (calculated based
on academic courses only)



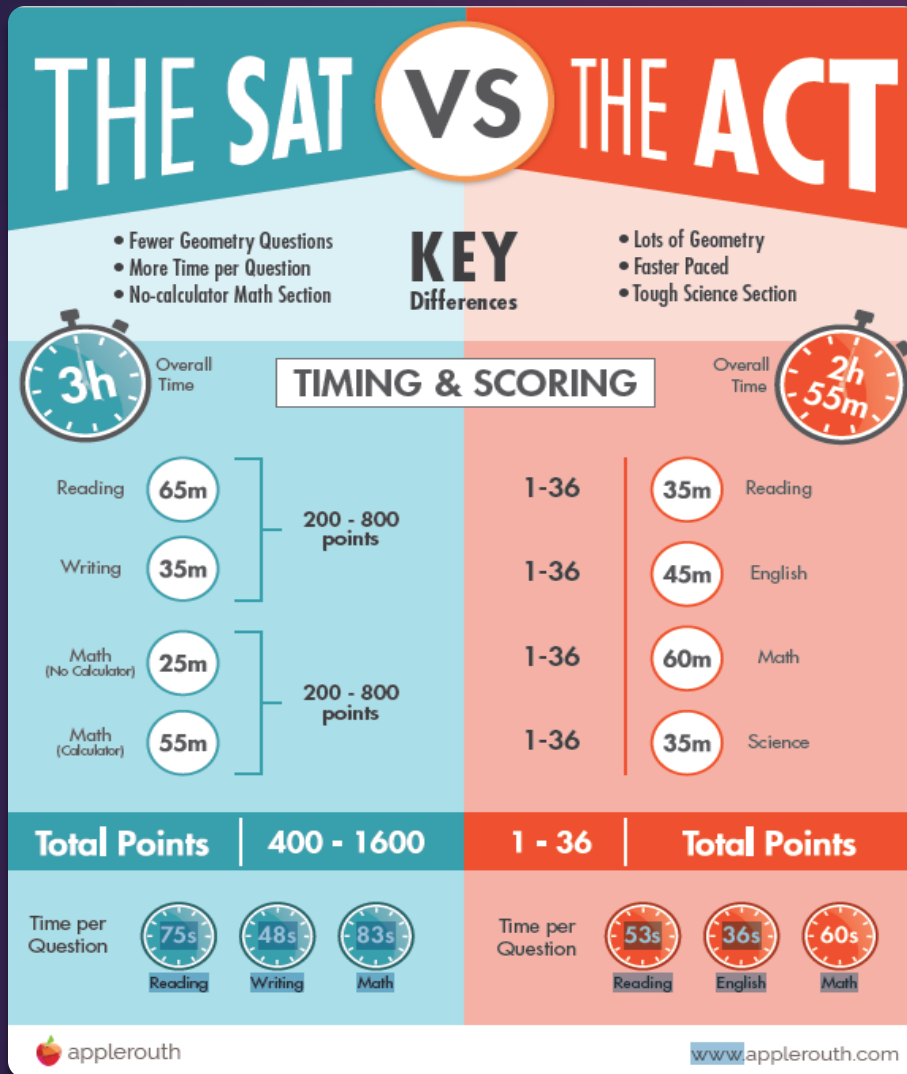
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24

1260
29

	25 th Percentile	75 th Percentile
SAT Critical Reading + SAT Math	1120	1260
ACT Composite Score	24	29

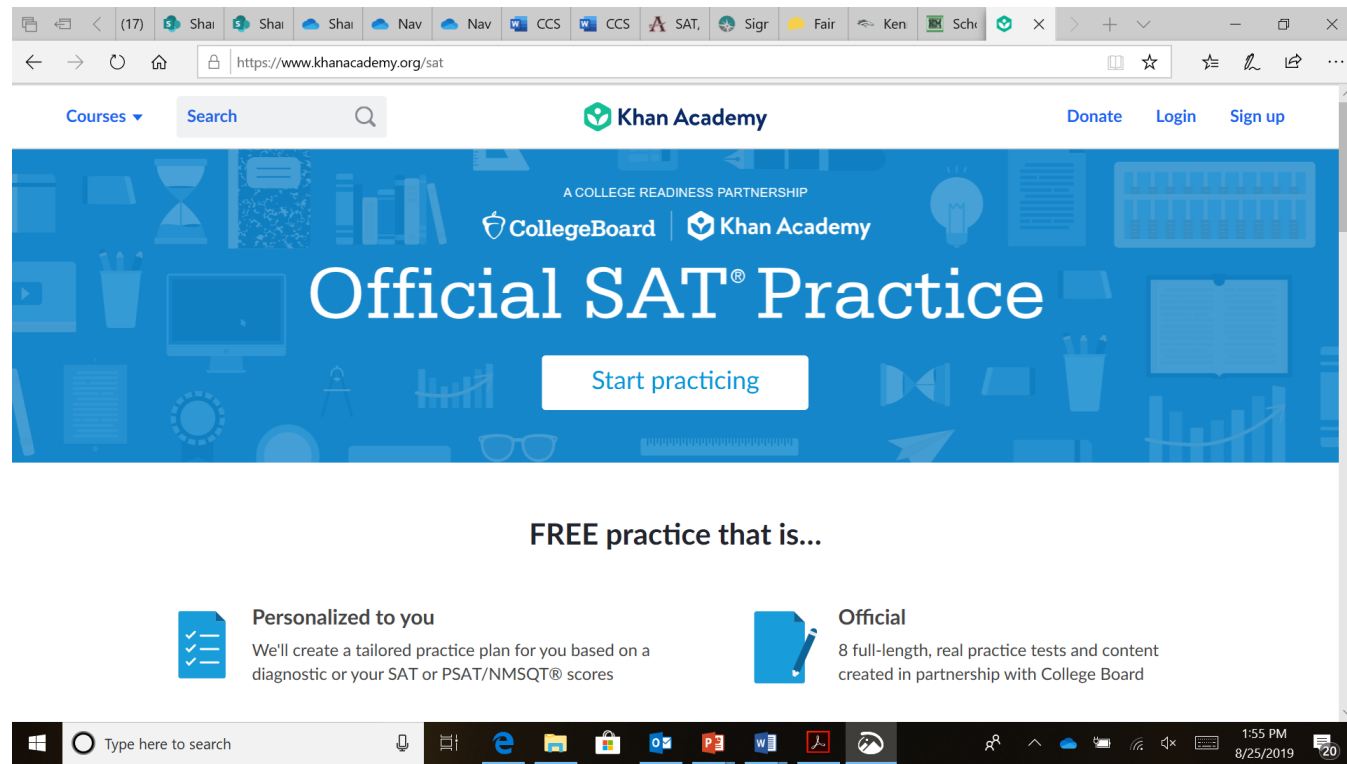
Grade Point Average FAQs

- ▶ Cumulative GPA (on transcript) includes all courses taken in HS
- ▶ Academic GPA (different from cumulative GPA on AHS transcript)
 - ▶ Also known as core GPA, core academic GPA, etc.
 - ▶ Basis is English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language courses
 - ▶ Academic GPA is *usually* viewed unweighted
- ▶ HOPE GPA
 - ▶ Any courses taken in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Languages. More on this later.



Standardized Tests: SAT vs. ACT

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Practice, practice, practice!

**GO TO THE SAT/ACT LINK ON THE COUNSELING PAGE FOR RESOURCES -
SAT/ACT (COBBK12.ORG)**

SAT & ACT:

Some schools test optional but **REQUIRED** by USG for 2022-23



Register for the SAT at
www.collegeboard.org

Fall SAT Dates: Aug 28,
Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4



Register for the ACT at
www.act.org

Fall ACT Dates: Sept 11,
Oct 23, Dec 11



Check with the colleges to which you are applying to see the final test date they accept for admissions



“Official” test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency

I have my list of colleges and I've registered for SAT's or ACT's. Now what?

- ▶ **Get ready to apply!**
- ▶ Applications for most colleges are found online
- ▶ The best place to start? The college's website!
- ▶ Look to see if there is an application checklist that will tell you:
 - If you need to ask for recommendations.
 - If there is an essay.
 - If a resume can be uploaded.
 - If there is a school report.
- ▶ If possible, review the entire application before you begin.



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TUITION AND AID

REQUEST INFORMATION

Applying: The Quickest Option

Apply as an undergraduate



Applying to Kennesaw State University is your first step toward becoming a part of owl nation and we're happy you've selected KSU.
Congratulations on taking the next step toward your enhanced education!

Undergraduate

APPLY NOW
for bachelor's degrees,
minors, certificates and
online undergraduate
programs

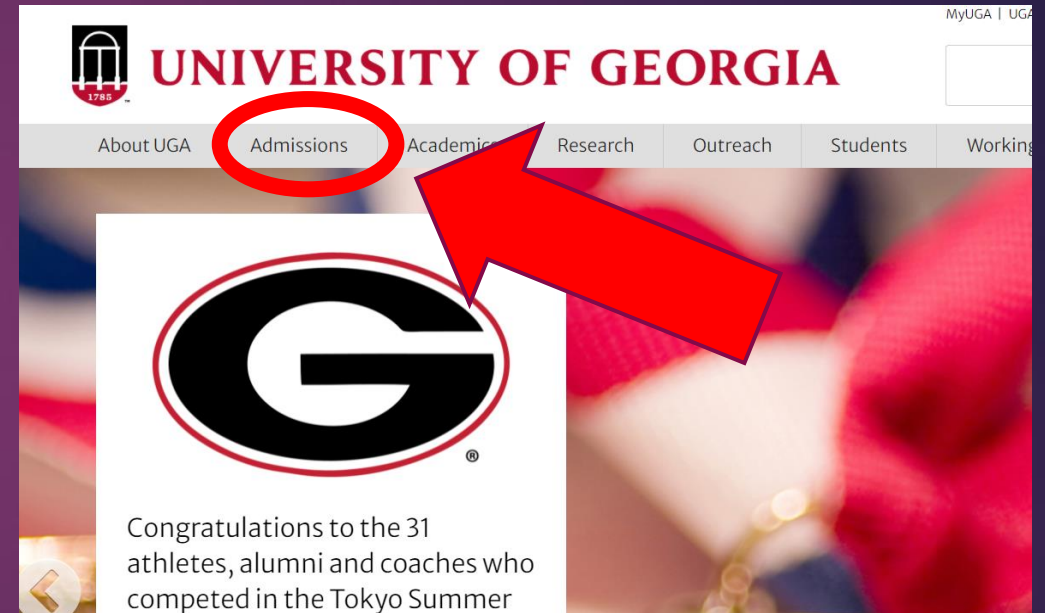
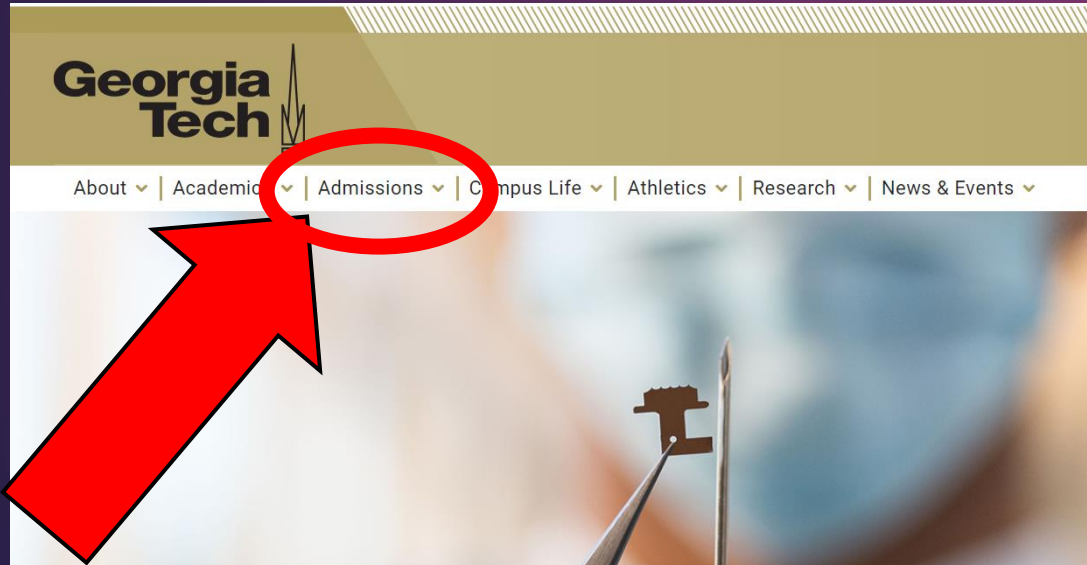
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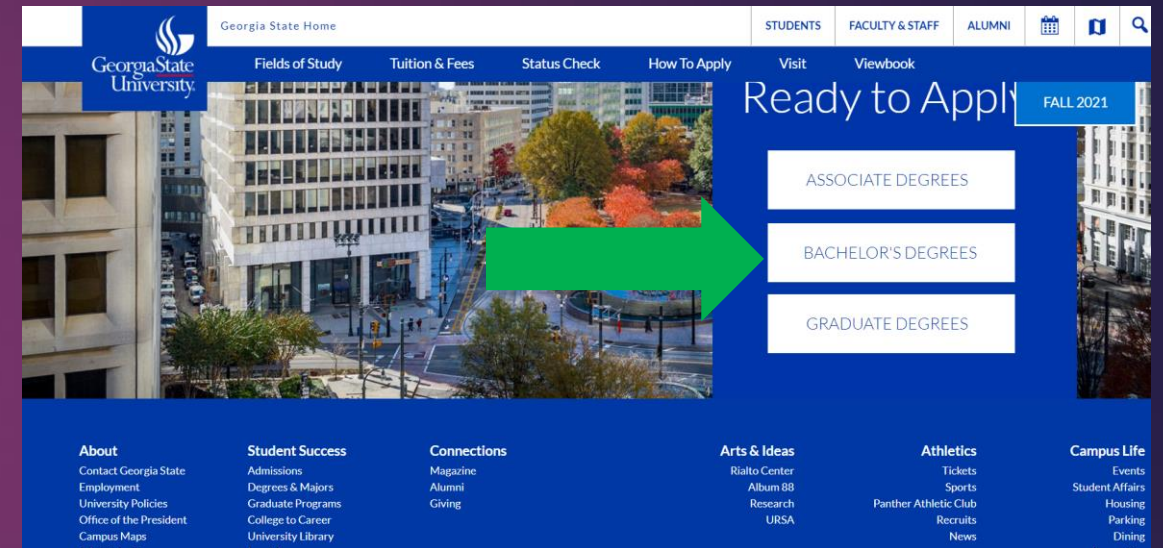
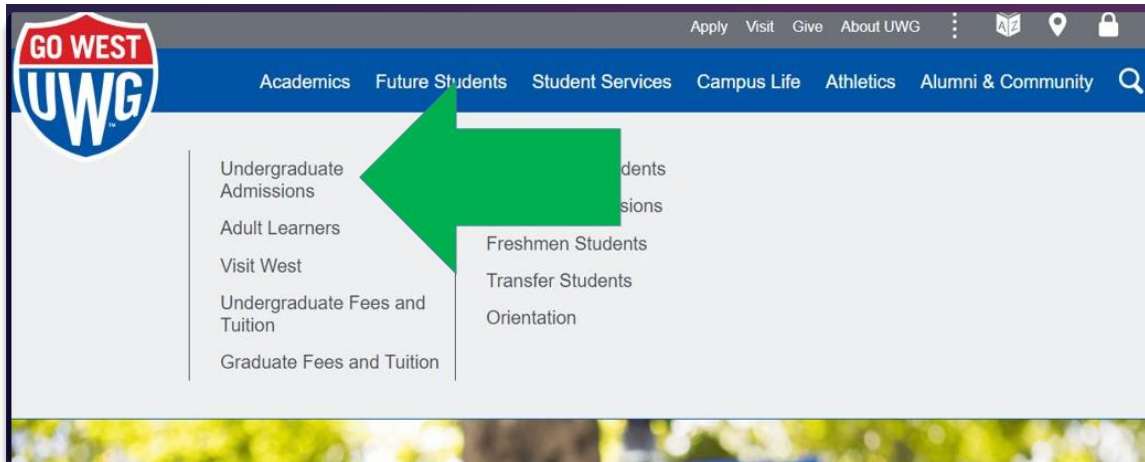
APPLY NOW
for masters degrees,
graduate certificates,
and online graduate
programs

Professional Education

APPLY NOW
for non-degree
certificates,
professional and
personal development
classes

What if I need more information or want to look for a checklist?





Go to the "Undergraduate" or "Bachelor's" section of the college's "Admissions" page.

Types of Applications

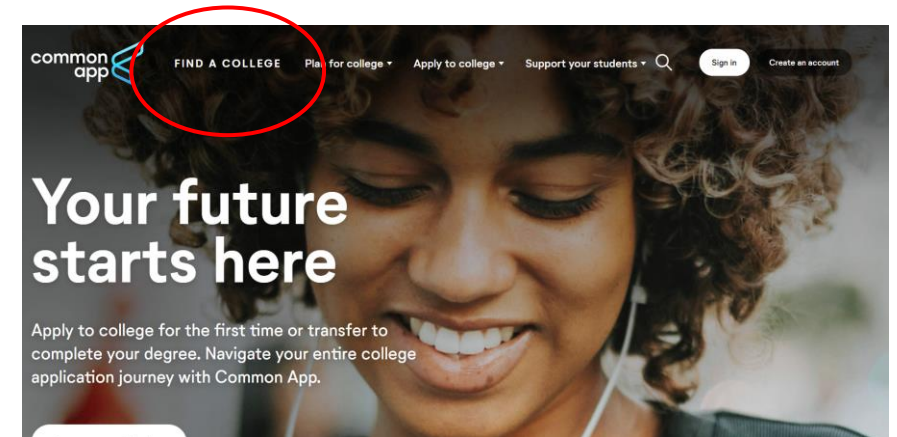
- ▶ Institutional Applications
- ▶ Coalition Application:
 - ▶ <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
 - ▶ [Intro to the Coalition Application](#)
 - ▶ [Coalition Application FAQ's](#)
- ▶ Common App:
 - ▶ <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- ▶ Common Black College Application:
 - ▶ <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
 - ▶ [Common Black College Application Instructions](#)
 - ▶ [Common Black College Application FAQ's](#)
- ▶ GA Futures:
 - ▶ <https://www.gafutures.org/>



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Common App

- ▶ The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 900+ member colleges and universities.
- ▶ You can access the Common App by going to www.commonapp.org. Once you are there, click "Find a College" to see if your college uses the Common App.
- ▶ 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.





Agreeing to Waive FERPA

What is the FERPA Waiver?

- Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond to the FERPA waiver question.
- **1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?**
 - FERPA gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation under certain circumstances IF:
 - You are enrolled in college and that college saves the recommendations for enrolled students, OR
 - You are 18 or older.
- **2. In the application you'll be asked if you want to waive this right. Why would you want to do that?**
 - 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 refuse to write a letter for you unless you waive your rights. Check with your counselor or teachers to see if any of them follow such a policy.

DEADLINES

- ▶ **Regular Deadline**: receive a decision at the standard response date.
- ▶ **Early Action**: receive a decision earlier than the standard response date BUT are NOT required to accept the admission offer or pay deposit prior to May 1
- ▶ **Early Decision (BINDING)**: Commit to enroll at a college if admitted & offered a satisfactory financial aid packet. Application deadlines are usually November to December. *You can only apply ED to one school.*
- ▶ **Single Choice/Restricted Early Action**: You cannot apply early to other colleges but you can apply regular decision to other colleges
- ▶ **Rolling**: admission decisions are usually made within 6 weeks of submitting the application.
- ▶ **Priority Deadlines**: mostly associated with getting into institutional scholarship pools. Check those deadlines closely.

Step-by-Step Process

1. Select what colleges you're applying to
2. Determine application types: Common App, Direct to Institution
3. Submit your college applications – your “package” (may include essays and/or a resume)
4. Send your test scores via College Board/ACT
5. Request recommendations (if needed)
6. Use Naviance – our “delivery” system. Students must:
 - ▶ 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)
7. Request initial transcripts through the Counseling Office
8. Track your package

Requesting Transcripts

-2 Step Process-

Step 1. Request your official high school transcript through 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”*

Step 2. You MUST sign & pay \$2 per transcript, in the Counseling Office

- ▶ *For Common App documents, you MUST link your Common App*

BOTH parts of the above process must be completed or transcripts will not be sent.

Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ Allow **at least 3-4 weeks** for teachers to complete their recommendation portion of your application!
- ▶ Ask the teacher(s) you would like to write recommendations BEFORE you submit request in Naviance.
- ▶ Students “invite” their teachers to upload and send letters of recommendation in two steps:
 1. Provide teachers 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”**

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

HOPE Scholarship

3.0 HOPE GPA
4 courses of rigor

*Pays a portion of your
tuition*

Zell Miller Scholarship

3.7 HOPE GPA + 1200
SAT/26 ACT
4 courses of rigor

100% of tuition

HOPE Grant

No HOPE GPA
requirement

Technical Colleges Only

Zell Miller Grant

Technical Colleges Only

3.5 GPA after 1st semester

- ▶ HOPE GPA is calculated using core courses only (English, Math, Science, Social Studies & World Lang)
- ▶ No quality points for honors
- ▶ +0.5 quality points for AP & Dual Enrollment up to 4.0
- ▶ If you do not earn HOPE out of high school, you will have the opportunity to be reevaluated at 30, 60 & 90 college hours

Steps to Financial Aid: FAFSA

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- ▶ Complete beginning Oct 1-The earlier the better!!
- ▶ Use parents' tax information from the prior year (If your student will be in college during the 2022-23 schoolyear, use 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 will provide information for the parent that provided the most financial support over the past 12 months.

Steps to Financial Aid: Researching Additional Scholarships

- ▶ **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 and collegeboard.org**
- ▶ **National Scholarship Search sites like Fastweb.com**

Review carefully for deadlines and additional scholarship forms that must be completed. Look for PTSA and local Scholarship information this winter/spring on your Naviance homepage! 😊



Steps to Institutional Aid: CSS Profile

- ▶ 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](https://collegeboard.org/csp))

The Academic Common Market

Want to study something uncommon at an out-of-state school?

The Academic Common Market tuition-savings program for college students in 15 SREB states, who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Students can enroll in out-of-state institutions that offer their degree program and pay the institution's in-state tuition rates.

<https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market>



College Athletics

- ▶ 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



Thanks for
Coming!!!!

Stay tuned for a Financial Aid Night
presented by the Georgia Student
Finance Commission coming this fall!

There will be more information at the
Parent Graduation Meeting in the
spring.

Questions????