


# Stay Connected!

- ▶ Go to:  
<https://web.cobbk12.org/allatoona>
- ▶ Look at the bottom left corner of the page to find these useful links to AHS social media.






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**The A.H.S.  
Counseling  
Department  
Welcomes You  
to the Class of  
2023 Fall  
Senior Parent  
Night!**



# Tonight's Agenda

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



STUDENT NA	CURRENT SERVICES	
ID	IEP: NO	504: NO ESOL: NO
G TIT	GIFTED: NO	DE: _____ EXCHANGE: _____
9 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENTRY DATE: 8/1/2018	SCHOOL CHOICE: _____	OTHER: _____

## Allatoona Graduation Status Report

This sheet represents the Georgia requirements for graduation. Credits that have been earned are marked off. **Bolded** courses meet HOPE Rigor Requirements (4 rigorous courses are required).

<b>English</b>	<b>4 credits</b>	<b>Health/PE</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp	A B Y	Health	0.5 1.0
10 <sup>th</sup> Lit or World Lit	A B Y	Personal Fitness	0.5 1.0
American Lit/Comp or AP Lang or DE ENGL	A B Y		
4 <sup>th</sup> English or AP Lit or DE ENGL	A B Y		
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4 credits</b>	Career Tech/ *World Lang. or Fine Art	3 credits <small>*2 years of a World Lang needed for 4-year college</small>
Foundations of Algebra	A B Y	Spanish	A B Y
Algebra I or Alg II/Geometry A	A B Y	↓	A B Y
Geometry or Geom B/Algebra II	A B Y		
College Readiness Math	A B Y		
Algebra II or Acc Pre-Calculus	A B Y		
Pre-Calculus or AMDM or DE MATH	A B Y		
AP Calculus or DE MATH	A B Y		
AP Statistics or DE MATH	A B Y		
<b>Science</b>	<b>4 credits</b>		
Biology	A B Y		
Physics or Physical Science	A B Y		
Chem or Earth or Env Sci or AP	A B Y		
1 Full Unit of Science, AP or DE	A B Y		
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 credits</b>		
World History, AP World History or DE World History	A B Y		
US History, AP US History or DE US Hist	A B Y		
Economics, AP Econ or DE ECON	0.5 1.0		
Government, AP Govt or DE P'OLS	0.5 1.0		

# Sample Status Sheet

# Contact us with questions

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Senior Class  
Communication –  
Encourage your  
students to use the  
Remind codes they  
received in the  
senior assembly.

Senior Class  
Sponsors: Amanda  
Bolls & April Taylor

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE – FIND IT FAST – SENIOR CLASS 2023 INFORMATION**

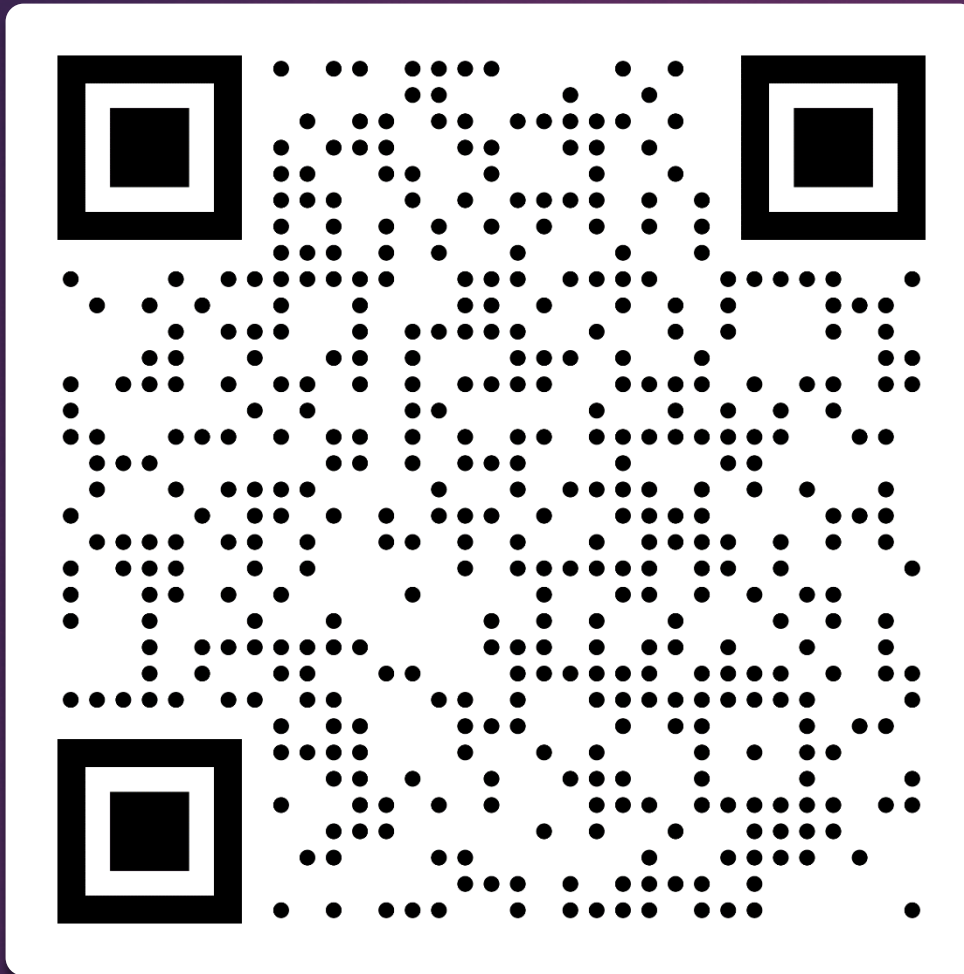
▶ [HTTPS://WWW.COBBK12.ORG/ALLATOONA/PAGE/66315/SENIORS-CLASS-OF-2023-  
INFORMATION](https://www.cobbk12.org/allatoona/page/66315/seniors-class-of-2023-information)

## **FOLLOW THE SENIOR SOCIAL MEDIA:**

- ▶ INSTAGRAM: @ALLATOONA2023
- ▶ FACEBOOK: ALLATOONA CLASS OF 2023
- ▶ TWITTER: @ALLATOONA\_2023

▶ **REMINDER** --- BUC PASS DEADLINE IS  
TOMORROW AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO  
PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR EVENTS!



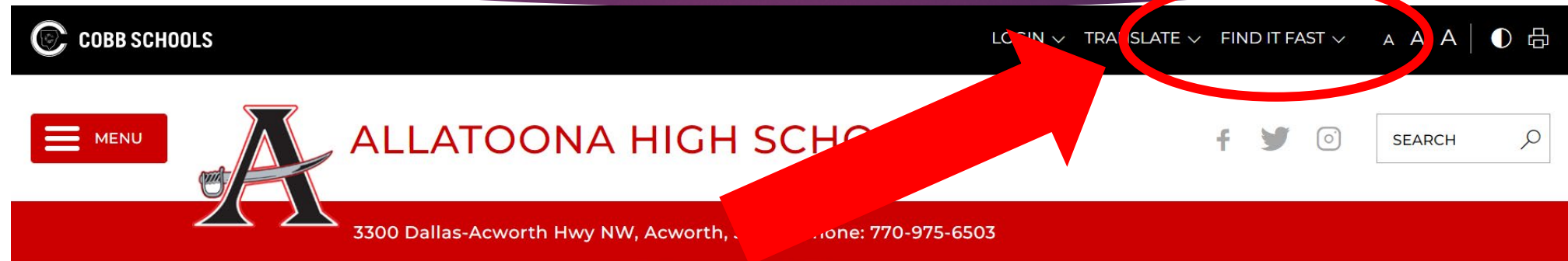


**Senior Class  
Communication –  
Use this QR code  
for all Yearbook  
related things!**

**Yearbook Advisor:  
Joseph Lanier**

# Counseling Website – Start at the AHS Page

<https://web.cobbk12.org/allatoona>



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**A** ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL

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SEARCH 🔍

3300 Dallas-Acworth Hwy NW, Acworth, GA 30107 Phone: 770-975-6503





# Find it Fast and Counseling Website

**COBB SCHOOLS**

**MENU**

**ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL**  
3300 Dallas-Acworth Hwy NW, Acworth, GA 30107

Advisement/Homerooms	Family Info Guide
Bell Schedule	GoFan Tickets
Buc Pass - 2022-2023	GOSA Allatoona Report Card
Bus Numbers & Routes	GOSA District Report Card
Class Sponsors	Grades & Attendance
Cobb Digital Library	Lunch Menus
Cobb Shield	Make Online Payments
Community Service Opportunities	Naviance
<b>Counseling</b>	ParentVue Login Request
Course Registration	Parking Information
CTLS Support	Parking Issues
Digital Textbooks	<b>Seniors (Class of 2023) Information</b>
Employment Opportunities	Student Laptop Program
Enroll Your Student	Student Laptop Set Up

SEARCH

# Counseling Website

Calendars

Clinic

Counseling

9th Grade Information

10th Grade Information

11th Grade Information

12th Grade Information

College Visits

Dual Enrollment

Mission Statement

Naviance

Registration/Enrollment

Resources for Families

SAT/ACT

Dawn Neely (A-D)

Robin Rohrbach (E-K)



**HELPING STUDENTS**  
*stay on course.*

**For immediate attention or to schedule an appointment, please email your counselor:**

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**TRANSCRIPTS-** For information on requesting transcripts for former students, please visit <https://www.cobbk12.org/page/9866/student-records-and-transcripts>.

## **Current Students –**

1. Add college you are applying to Naviance.

- *Log onto your Naviance student account.*

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**



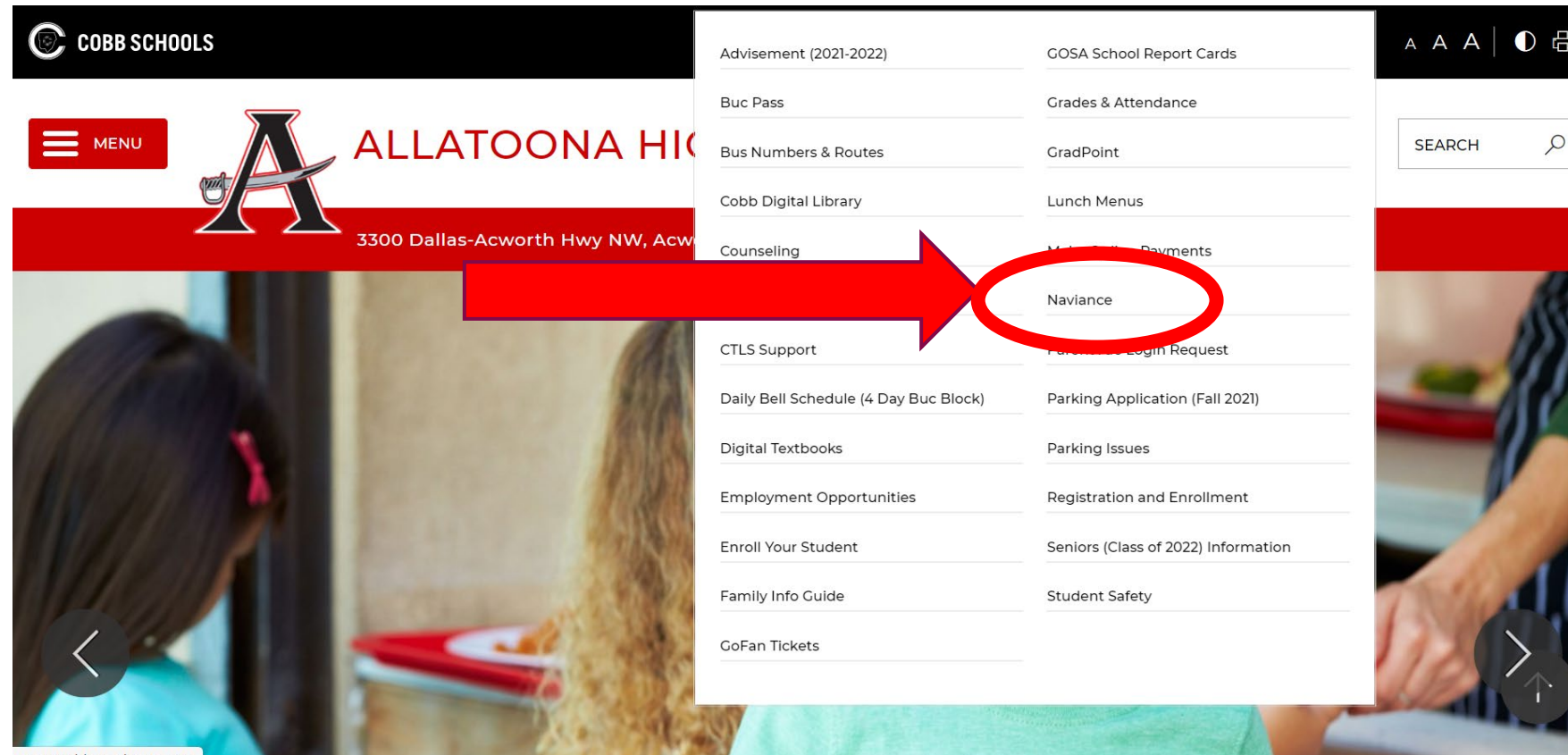
# Students logging into Naviance

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](http://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 email you received on August 22 from Ms. Neely through Naviance and follow the instructions to create your account.


 NAVIANCE  
BY POWERSCHOOL

[Home](#) [Self-Discovery](#) [Career](#) [Colleges](#) [Planner](#)

     [About Me](#) 


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](#)

### My Favorites


 COLLEGES  
[I'm thinking about](#)

 COLLEGES  
[I'm applying to](#)


 CAREERS AND CLUSTERS  
[I'm thinking about](#)

 SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY  
[Favorite Scholarships](#)


What's New

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Georgia Southwestern State University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, August 31st, 2022 at 11:40 am [more info](#)

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Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus will be visiting your school on Wednesday, August 31st, 2022 at 11:40 am [more info](#)

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Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at 11:40 am [more info](#)

Show more 

# 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

The screenshot shows the GAfutures website homepage. At the top is a dark blue header with the GSFC logo (Georgia Student Finance Commission) on the left, and links for 'Create an Account', 'Sign In', 'Help', and 'ENHANCED BY Google' on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with the GAfutures logo and a home icon, followed by menu items: 'HOPE & State Aid Programs', 'Federal Aid & Scholarships', 'College Planning', 'Career Exploration', 'Resources', 'About Us', and 'My GAfutures'. The main content area features a large orange banner for 'The Peach State Tour Has Returned!' with text about participating universities and a 'Learn more' button. To the right of the banner is a 'Trending' sidebar with links like 'FY 2023 SAL Application', 'New Features for Student/General Users', '2022-2023 Award Amounts', 'Your HOPE GPA', 'GAfutures on YouTube', and 'Dual Enrollment Funding Application'. At the bottom is a footer with four colored boxes: 'College Search' (blue), 'Scholarship Search' (purple), 'Quick Pay' (green), and a 'Need to Chat?' button (purple speech bubble). The URL 'futures.org/resources/student-newsroom/student-newsroom/july-2022/#B' is visible at the bottom left.

# 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 – October 17 at AHS (limited space, sign-up required) or at MEPS
- ▶ 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
<b>FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY</b> (approximate cost: 66,000-86,000)	<b>ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA, ARTS &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>
<b>PAUL MITCHELL; AVEDA; TONI &amp; GUY</b> (approximate cost: \$16,000+)	<b>COSMETOLOGY</b>
<b>LINCOLN TECH</b> (approximate cost: \$18,000+)	<b>AUTOMOTIVE, HEALTH SCIENCES, ETC.</b>
<b>ART INSTITUTE OF ATLANTA</b> (approximate cost \$24,000+ per year)	<b>CULINARY PROGRAM, GAMING AND TECHNOLOGY, FASHION, ETC.</b>
<b>ATLANTA SCHOOL OF MASSAGE; OTHER MASSAGE SCHOOLS</b> (approximately \$4,000+)	<b>MASSAGE THERAPY</b>
<b>GEORGIA MLS TRAINING INSTITUTE; BARNEY FLETCHER SCHOOL; ONLINE SCHOOLS; LOCAL PROGRAMS: KELLER WILLIAMS, ETC.</b> (approximate cost \$150+)	<b>REAL ESTATE</b>

## 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?

Research!

**Naviance**

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**College Fairs**

**COBB COUNTY SCHOOLS  
PRESENTS**

# 2022 COLLEGE KICKOFF

**SESSIONS INCLUDE**



**ADMISSIONS INSIDER  
WORKSHOP**



**COLLEGE FAIR**



**FINANCIAL AID &  
SCHOLARSHIP INFO**

*Save The Date*

**11**

SEPTEMBER



1:00 PM  
4:00 PM

**Pre-Register**

[scholartrek.com/cobb](https://scholartrek.com/cobb)

\*\*\*\*Limited spots are available for the Admissions Insider Workshop\*\*\*\*

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# Sept 7

## Cobb County Probe Fair

**Date/Time**

Date(s) - 09/07/2022

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location**

Marietta High School

[Register](#)

Cobb County  
Probe Fair –  
Probe  
(gaprobe.org)



Presented by:  
Augusta University,  
Georgia State University,  
Georgia Tech &  
The University of Georgia

# Peach State Tour



**Virtual Event – August 31 from 6 PM to 8 PM**

**In person September 19, 6 PM to 8 PM at Marietta High School**

[Peach State Tour - Student Registration New \(uga.edu\)](https://uga.edu/peachstate)



# 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 3.51  
to 3.93 (calculated based on  
unweighted academic courses only)



1110  
23

1250  
28

	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
SAT EBRW + SAT Math	1110	1250
ACT Composite Score	23	28





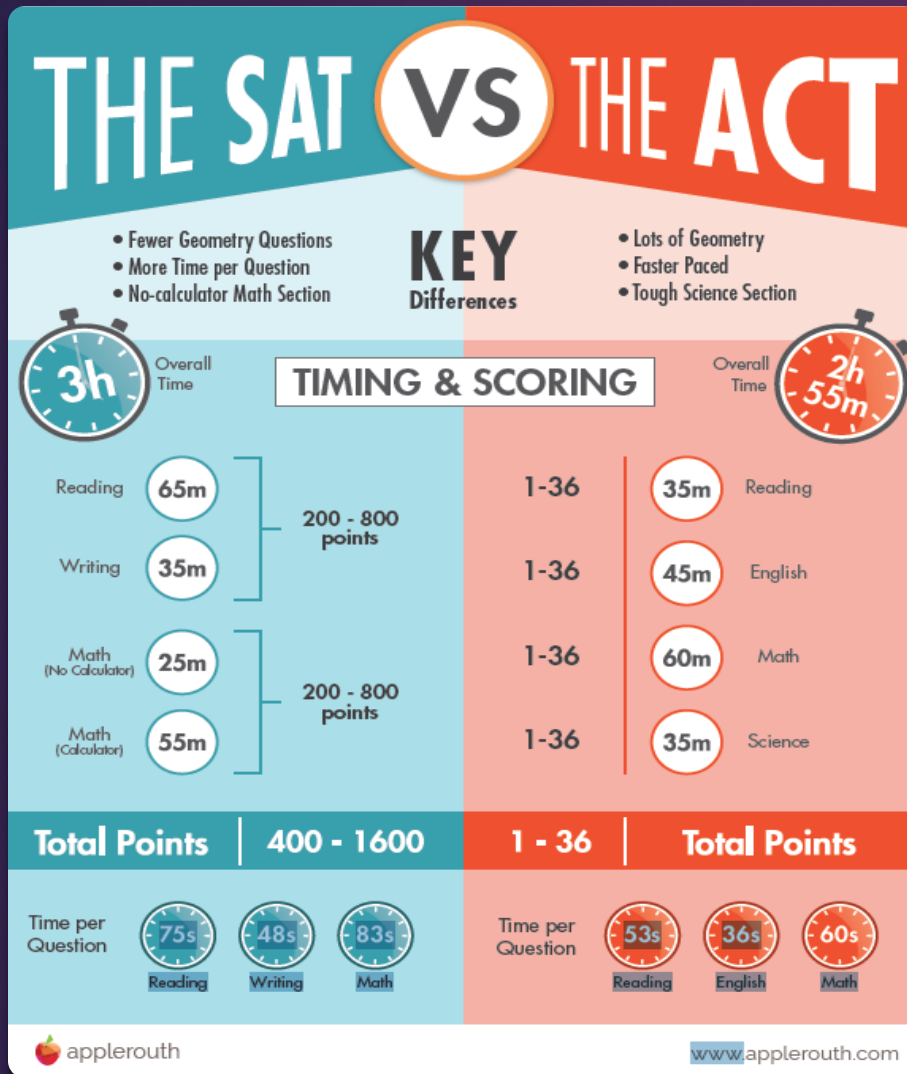
Reach,  
Target or  
Safety  
School?

[2021USGDATACHART.PDF \(GATECH.EDU\)](#)

# 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

[sat-act\\_comparison \(windows.net\)](http://sat-act_comparison (windows.net))

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## SAT & ACT:

Some schools require this.  
Some are “Test Optional”  
with additional  
requirements.

Some are “Test Optional”  
with no additional  
requirements.

Check the college’s  
website to see their  
policy on SAT/ACT.



Register for the SAT at  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Fall SAT Dates: Oct 1,  
Nov 5, Dec 3



Register for the ACT at  
[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Fall ACT Dates: Sept 10,  
Oct 23, Dec 10



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



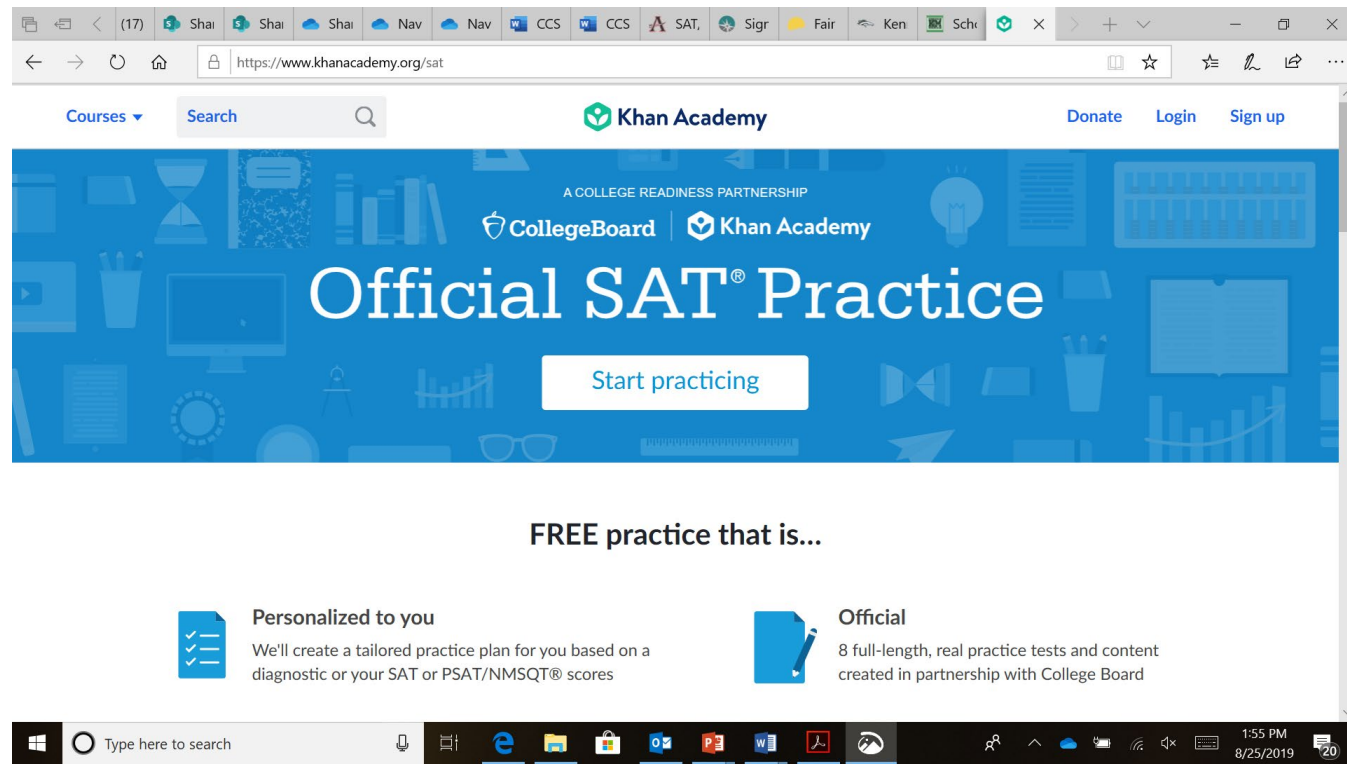
“Official” test scores must be sent directly from  
the testing agency



## SAT & ACT: Some schools test optional but **REQUIRED** by UGA and GA Tech for 2023-24

Please note: The High School Grade Point Average listed here is **NOT** the same as the Allatoona cumulative GPA found on transcripts!  
Check with individual colleges to see what they include in that number!

- ▶ The University System of Georgia (USG) will continue the temporary waiver of test score requirements for Academic Year 2023-2024 (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024) admission at 24 of the 26 USG institutions. The temporary waiver does not apply to the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia.
- ▶ For Academic Year 2023-2024, 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:
    1. 3.4 for research universities: Augusta University and Georgia State university
    2. 3.2 for comprehensive universities and Georgia College and State University: Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University.
    3. 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.
    4. 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.
- ▶ Test scores continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships. The test optional path is not available for dual enrollment. Students applying for dual enrollment must still meet existing admissions requirements.



# Practice, practice, practice!

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



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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## Office of Admissions



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# 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

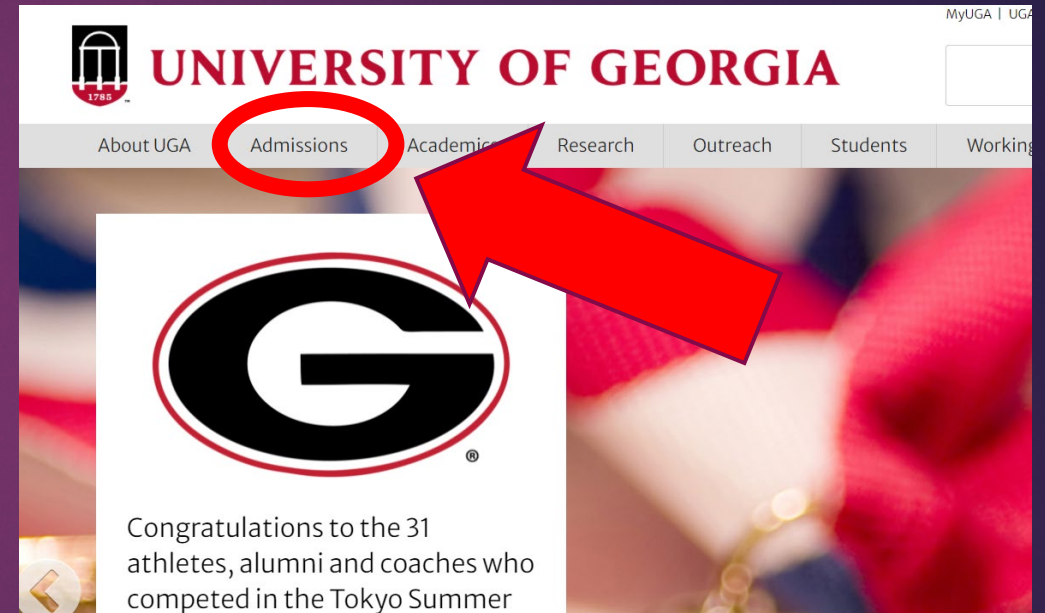
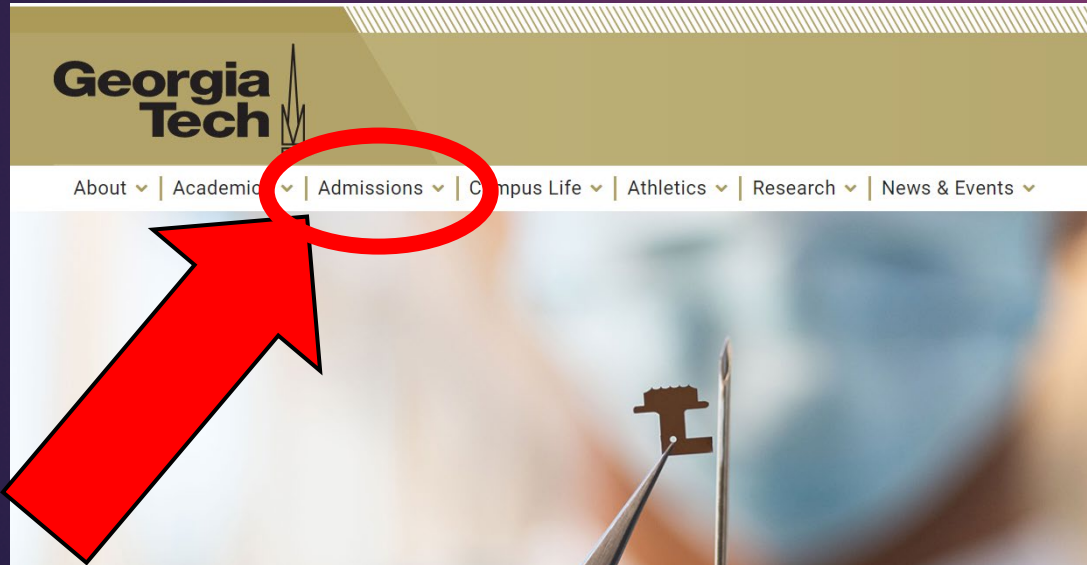
## Graduate

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

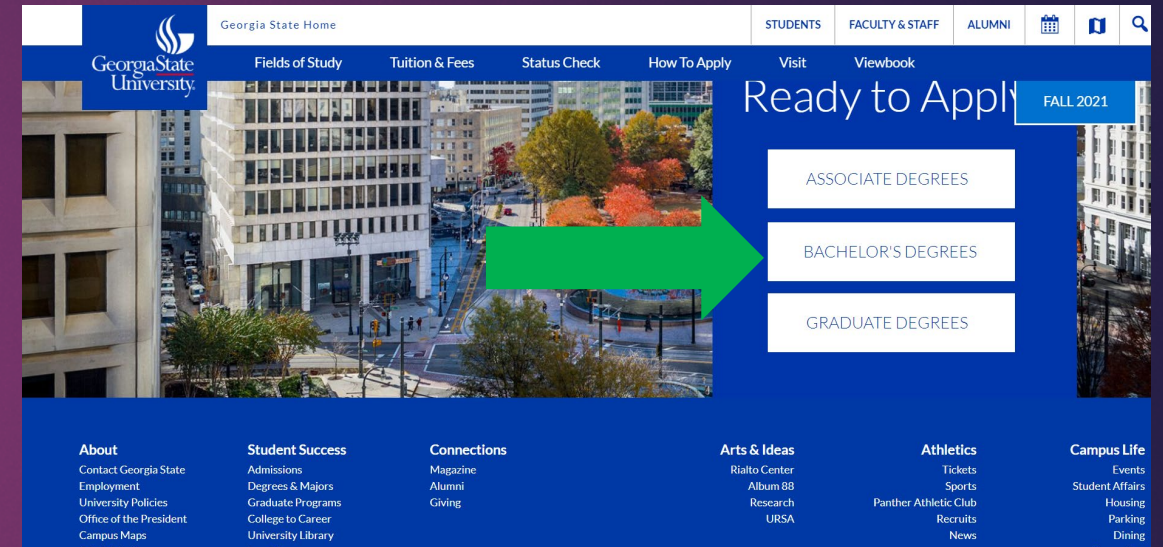
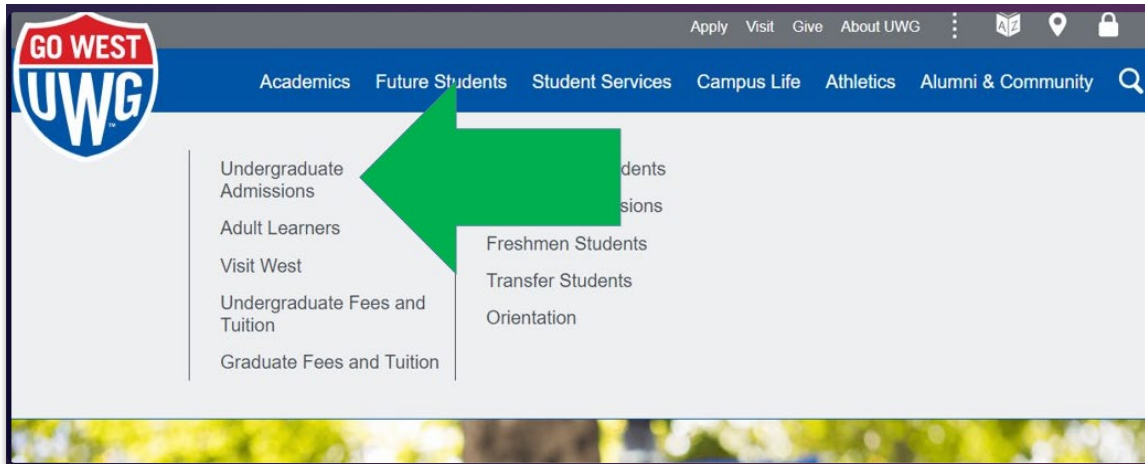
## Professional Education

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

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



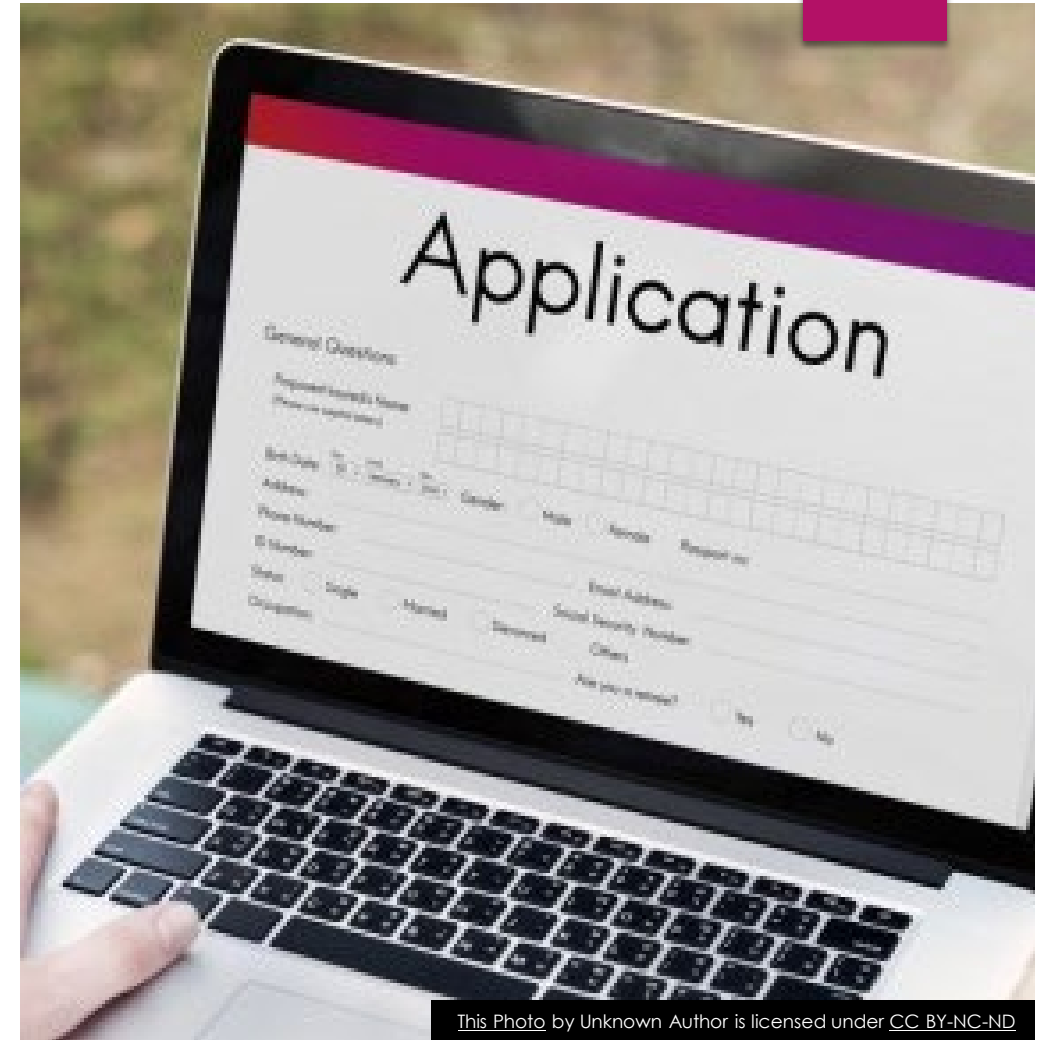




Go to the "Undergraduate" or "Bachelor's" section of the college's "Admissions" page.

# Types of Applications

- ▶ Institutional Applications
- ▶ 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/>

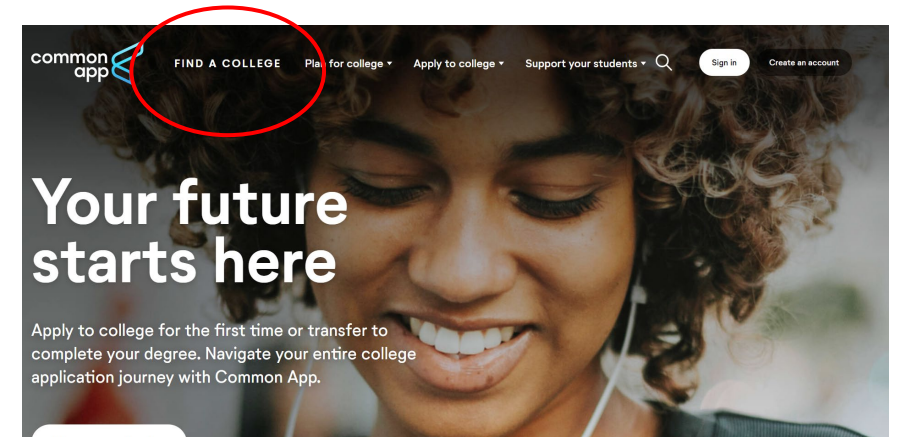


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# Common App

- ▶ The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 1000+ member colleges and universities.
- ▶ You can access the Common App by going to [www.commonapp.org](https://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.gov>
- ▶ 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 2023-24 schoolyear, use 2021 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, 2022
  - \$25 Original Application Fee/One College
  - \$16 for additional college/program
  - Fee waivers awarded to families making less than \$100,000 based on information given when completing form.
- ▶ Comprehensive list of Schools:
  - ▶ CSS Profile Participating Institutions and Programs ([collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org))

# 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](http://www.ncaa.org)
- ▶ NAIA - [www.naia.org](http://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????