

# Stay Connected!

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

Look

Look at the bottom left corner of the page to find these useful links to AHS social media.

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Follow the Counseling Department on Instagram at Buc\_Counselors



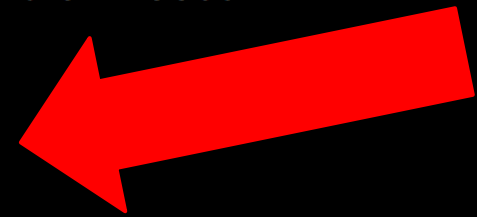
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***The A.H.S.  
Counseling  
Department  
Welcomes You  
to the Class of  
2024 Fall  
Senior Parent  
Night!***



# Tonight's Agenda

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

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

### 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 <b>AP Lang</b> or <b>DE ENGL</b>             | A   | B                | Y  |                          |   |                  |   |   |   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> English or <b>AP Lit</b> or <b>DE ENGL</b>        | A   | B                | Y  |                          |   |                  |   |   |   |
| <b>Mathematics</b>  |     | <b>4 credits</b> | <b>Career Tech/ *World Lang. or Fine Art</b>               |                          | <b>3 credits</b>                                    |                  |   |   |   |
| Foundations of Algebra  | A   | B                | Y  | Spanish<br>↓             | *2 years of a World Lang. needed for 4-year college |                  |   |   |   |
| Algebra I or Alg I/Geometry A                                     | A   | B                | Y  |                          | A   | B                | Y |   |   |
| Geometry or Geom B/Algebra II                                     | A   | B                | Y  |                          | A   | B                | Y |   |   |
| College Readiness Math  | A   | B                | Y  | <b>General Electives</b> |   | <b>4 credits</b> |   |   |   |
| Algebra II or Acc Pre-Calculus                                    | A   | B                | Y  | Soc. St. electives 3     | A   | B                | Y | Y | Y |
| Pre-Calculus or AMDM or DE MATH                                   | A   | B                | Y  | P.E.                     | A   | B                | Y | Y | Y |
| AP Calculus or DE MATH  | A   | B                | Y  | H Spanish IV             | A   | B                | Y | Y | Y |
| AP Statistics or DE MATH  | A   | B                | Y  | Culinary x2              | A   | B                | Y | Y | Y |
|   |     |                  |  | Intro Health Sci         | A   | B                | Y | Y | Y |
|   |     |                  |  |                          | A   | B                | Y | Y | Y |
|   |     |                  |  |                          | A   | B                | Y | Y | Y |
| <b>Science</b>  |     | <b>4 credits</b> | <i>Students must earn 23 specific credits to graduate.</i> |                          |   |                  |   |   |   |
| Biology   | A   | B                | Y  | <b>Notes:</b>            |   |                  |   |   |   |
| 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, <b>AP World History</b> or <b>DE World History</b> | A   | B                | Y  |                          |   |                  |   |   |   |
| US History, <b>AP US History</b> or <b>DE US Hist</b>             | A   | B                | Y  |                          |   |                  |   |   |   |
| Economics, AP Econ or DE ECON                                     | 0.5 | 1.0              |  |                          |   |                  |   |   |   |
| Government, AP Govt or DE POLS                                    | 0.5 | 1.0              |  |                          |   |                  |   |   |   |

# Sample Status Sheet

# Contact us with questions

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Senior Class  
Communication –  
Encourage your  
students to use the  
Band code they  
received in  
homeroom yesterday.

Senior Class Sponsors:  
Jeremy Anderson &  
Amanda Bolls

SCHOOL WEBSITE > FIND IT FAST > SENIOR CLASS 2024  
INFORMATION -

[HTTPS://WWW.COBBK12.ORG/ALLATOONA/PAGE/72157/SENIORS-CLASS-OF-2024-INFORMATION](https://www.cobbk12.org/allatoona/page/72157/seniors-class-of-2024-information)

FOLLOW THE SENIOR SOCIAL MEDIA:

▶ INSTAGRAM: [@ALLATOONA2024](#)

▶ FACEBOOK

#### Groups



#### Allatoona High School Class of 2024 Parents

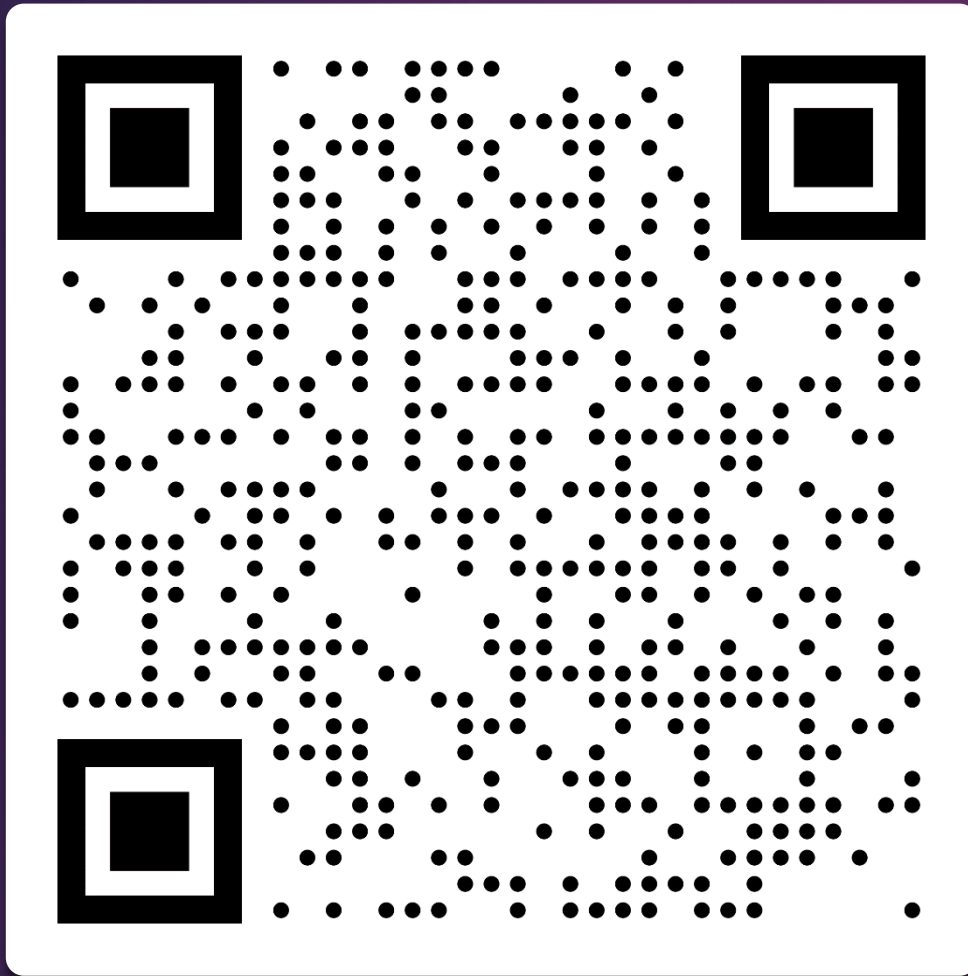
Private · 155 members · 5 posts a week

\*\*Please be sure to answer all 3 membership questions with your request to join\*\* This group is for parents of students who attend Allatoona High school and are currently in...

Join

▶ **REMINDER** --- BUC PASS DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, 8/31 AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SENIOR MOVIE AND THE SENIOR PICNIC!

[HTTPS://WWW.COBBK12.ORG/ALLATOONA/PAGE/50231/BUC-PASS](https://www.cobbk12.org/allatoona/page/50231/buc-pass)



## Use this QR code for Yearbook related things!

Last day to have senior portraits and they still appear in the yearbook – Dec. 31

Last Day to submit a senior spotlight ad – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

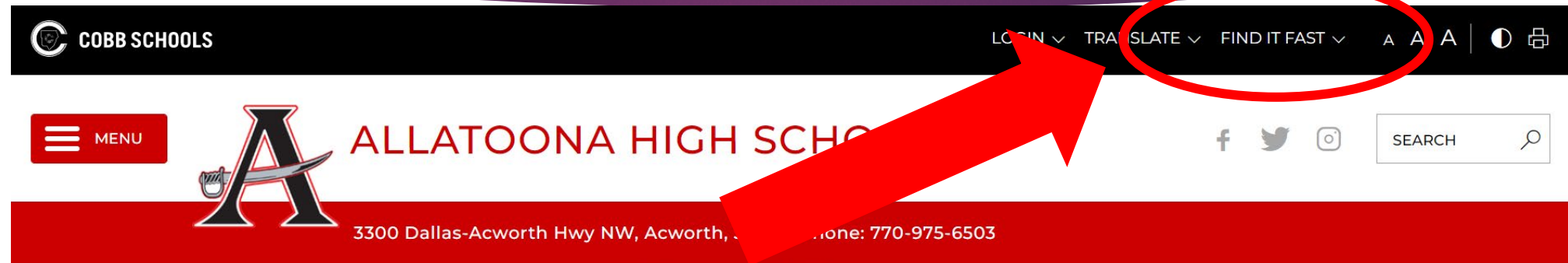
Yearbook purchase is not included in the price of a senior spotlight ad; these are 2 separate purchases.

Senior quotes will be available to create mid-Nov to Dec 31

**Yearbook Advisor: Joseph Lanier**

# Counseling Website – Start at the AHS Page

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



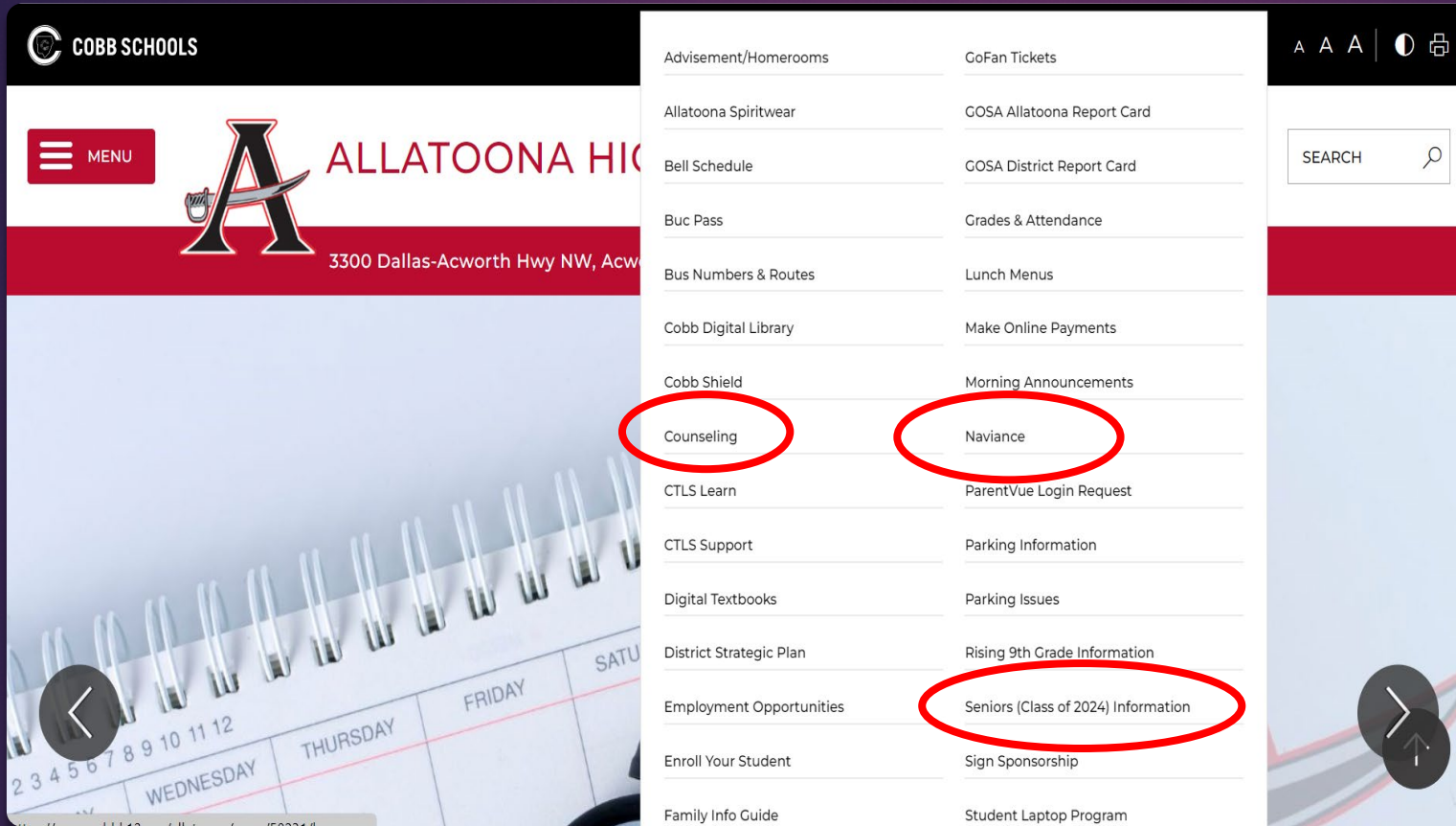
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☰ MENU **A** ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL f 🐦 📷 SEARCH 🔍

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







Find it Fast  
and  
Counseling  
Website

# Counseling Website

9th Grade Information

10th Grade Information

11th Grade Information

12th Grade Information

College/Military Visits

Counseling Calendar

Dual Enrollment

Mission Statement

Naviance

Registration/Enrollment

Resources for Families

SAT/ACT

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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.*
- *Select the COLLEGES tab.*
- *Under COLLEGES select “Colleges I’m Applying To”*
- *Click on “+”, add each college/university, including application information*

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://Allatoona High School) ([cobbk12.org](http://cobbk12.org))

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

4. Click Naviance.

The screenshot displays the Allatoona High School website. At the top left, the 'COBB SCHOOLS' logo is visible. The main header features the school's name 'ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL' and its address '3300 Dallas-Acworth Hwy NW, Acworth, GA 30107'. A red 'MENU' button is located on the left. On the right side, a 'Find it Fast' menu is open, listing various services. The 'Naviance' option is circled in red, and a large red arrow points to it from the left. Other items in the menu include Advisement (2021-2022), GOSA School Report Cards, Bus Pass, Grades & Attendance, Bus Numbers & Routes, GradPoint, Cobb Digital Library, Lunch Menus, Counseling, Middle School Payments, CTLS Support, Family Info Login Request, Daily Bell Schedule (4 Day Buc Block), Parking Application (Fall 2021), Digital Textbooks, Parking Issues, Employment Opportunities, Registration and Enrollment, Enroll Your Student, Seniors (Class of 2022) Information, Family Info Guide, Student Safety, and GoFan Tickets. The background of the website shows a blurred image of students in a classroom.

# Parents logging into Naviance

1. Go to <https://student.Naviance.com/allatoonahs>
2. Select Allatoona High School as your school.
3. Once on the login page, click the button for parent or guardian.
4. If you have been to the site before, you can log in here. If you have forgotten your password, click “Forgot my password” and you can reset it! 😊
5. 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 15 from Mrs. McAllister through Naviance and follow the instructions to create your account.

# Naviance Student Homepage

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student Homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Naviance logo, menu items (Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, Colleges, Planner), a heart icon, a dropdown menu for '12th Grade', and utility icons (mail, help, user profile 'DM', language 'EN', and a 'Close Demo' button).

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Demo's Future Planning:** Includes a sub-section 'Apprenticeship Program' and an 'Edit Path' button. A large graphic shows a mountain range with a path leading to a peak, marked with location pins and a flag.
- Plan Your Future:** A text box stating: 'Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.'
- Welcome to Naviance:** A message: 'Keep Reading for College App Info!'. It includes instructions for seniors: '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.' A hint follows: 'HINT: You may need to copy and paste the link into your browser to view the videos.' Below this, it lists 'Allatoona 12th Grade' with a link: <https://web.cobbk12.org/allatoona/page/29239/12th-grade-information>. A 'Common App Matching Video' link is also provided: <https://www.screencast.com/t/oxEOkElvo1> with the text 'Additional Information from Your School'.
- Tasks from My School:** A table listing tasks with columns for 'Task Or To-Do', 'Priority', and 'Date'.

| Task Or To-Do  | Priority | Date     |
|--|----------|----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create presentation<br>To-Do | High     | 08/27/19 |

A 'Mark As Complete' button is located below the task list.
- Career Goals:** Three icons with corresponding career titles: 'Clinical and Counseling Psychologists', 'Residential Advisors', and 'Travel Agents'.

At the bottom right, there is a 'Go to My Planner' button with a notification badge showing '13'.

# 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, there is a blue navigation bar with the GSFCA logo (Georgia Student Finance Commission) on the left and links for 'Create an Account', 'Sign In', and 'Help' on the right. Below this is a dark blue header with the GAfutures logo and a navigation menu with items: Home, HOPE & State Aid Programs, Federal Aid & Scholarships, College Planning, Career Exploration, Resources, About Us, and My GAfutures. The main content area features a large green banner with the text 'Welcome Back To School!' and a 'Learn more' button. To the right of the banner is a 'Trending' sidebar with items like 'New Features for Student/General Users', 'New Features for Administrative Users', '2023-2024 Award Amounts', 'Your HOPE GPA', 'GAfutures on YouTube', and 'Dual Enrollment Funding Application'. A purple 'Need to Chat?' button is also visible. The bottom of the page has a dark blue footer with icons for a calendar, a building, a graduation cap, and a dollar sign.

# 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.todaymilitary.com/>
- ▶ High School Diploma is preferred/required
- ▶ Take the ASVAB – at AHS or at MEPS
- ▶ Make contact with branch recruiter
- ▶ Request your final transcript in May

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, Colleges, and Planner. The main content area features a 'Plan Your Future' section with a yellow airplane illustration. Below this, there are sections for 'Career Goals' (Clinical and Counseling Psychologists, Residential Advisors, Travel Agents), 'Military Path Highlights' (ASVAB, Military Resources, Favorite Military Branches), and 'Tasks from My School'. A 'What's New' section is also visible at the bottom right. Red annotations include a circle around the 'Edit Path' button in the top right, a circle around the 'ASVAB' icon in the Military Path Highlights section, and two large red arrows pointing from the text on the left towards the 'Edit Path' button and the 'ASVAB' icon.

# ON THE JOB TRAINING VS. APPRENTICESHIPS

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-finder>

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

# TYPES OF JOBS THAT OFFER ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

ADMINISTRATIVE  
SPECIALIST

UTILITY WORKER

ANIMAL SERVICE

CAR SALES

CAR  
MAINTENANCE

ENTRY LEVEL  
CONSTRUCTION

INSTALLERS

<https://www.mynextmove.org/>

# 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><br>(approximate cost: 66,000-86,000)  | <b>ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA, ARTS &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>             |
| <b>PAUL MITCHELL; AVEDA; TONI &amp; GUY</b><br>(approximate cost: \$16,000+)  | <b>COSMETOLOGY</b>  |
| <b>LINCOLN TECH</b><br>(approximate cost: \$18,000+)  | <b>AUTOMOTIVE, HEALTH SCIENCES, ETC.</b>                      |
| <b>ART INSTITUTE OF ATLANTA</b><br>(approximate cost \$24,000+ per year)  | <b>CULINARY PROGRAM, GAMING AND TECHNOLOGY, FASHION, ETC.</b> |
| <b>ATLANTA SCHOOL OF MASSAGE; OTHER MASSAGE SCHOOLS</b><br>(approximately \$4,000+)   | <b>MASSAGE THERAPY</b>  |
| <b>GEORGIA MLS TRAINING INSTITUTE; BARNEY FLETCHER SCHOOL; ONLINE SCHOOLS; LOCAL PROGRAMS: KELLER WILLIAMS, ETC.</b><br>(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*

# College Fairs!

## COLLEGE CASE STUDY & COLLEGE FAIR

Sunday, September 10th  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Meet with college  
representatives 1-on-1*

*Experience how college  
applications are reviewed  
alongside college reps  
from across the nation!*



**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[scholartrek.com/cobb](https://scholartrek.com/cobb)

2023 Host Site: Lassiter



# Cobb County Probe Fair – August 31 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Marietta High School

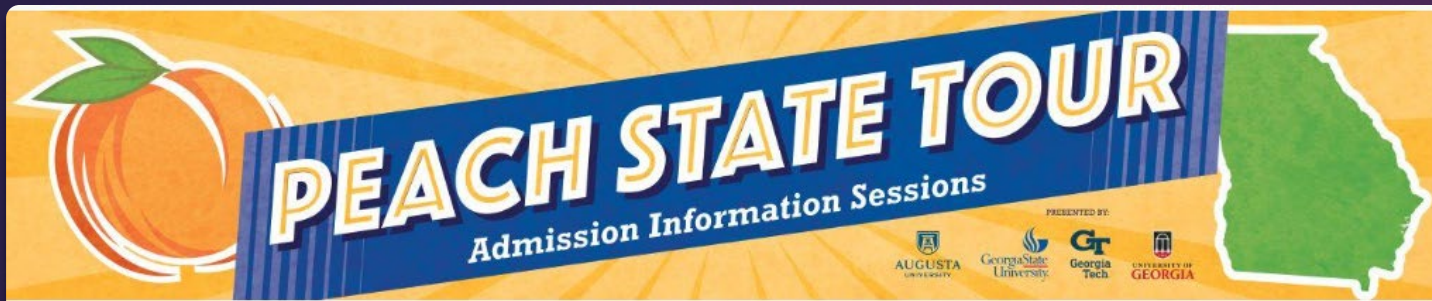
▶ Register for the Cobb County Probe Fair here –

<https://educollegefair.org/register/fall-2023-probe-fair-student-reg?fair=Cobb%20County%20Fair>

▶ See this flyer or other Probe Fair dates and locations around Georgia –

<https://www.gaprobe.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/F23-Tour-Date-Flyer.pdf>





## Students

You are invited to the 2023 Peach State Tour information sessions offered in-person and via Zoom Webinars. These sessions will allow you to learn more about Augusta University, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia. These events are FREE and open to ALL high school students and their families, but space is limited! Register online today to secure your spot. When registering for a session, please sign up for the session that best suits your location. If you are not a Georgia resident, we recommend attending the out-of-state session to ensure content is most relevant to you.

Please feel free to contact [meet@uga.edu](mailto:meet@uga.edu) if you have any questions regarding these events.

**Go to this link to see dates  
and to register!**

<http://www.peachstatetour.org/students.html>



## 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>



# More Information – GA Schools

[2022USGDATACHARTWEB.PDF \(GATECH.EDU\)](#)

[Summer 2023–Summer 2025  
Freshman Admission  
Requirements](#)

# 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)



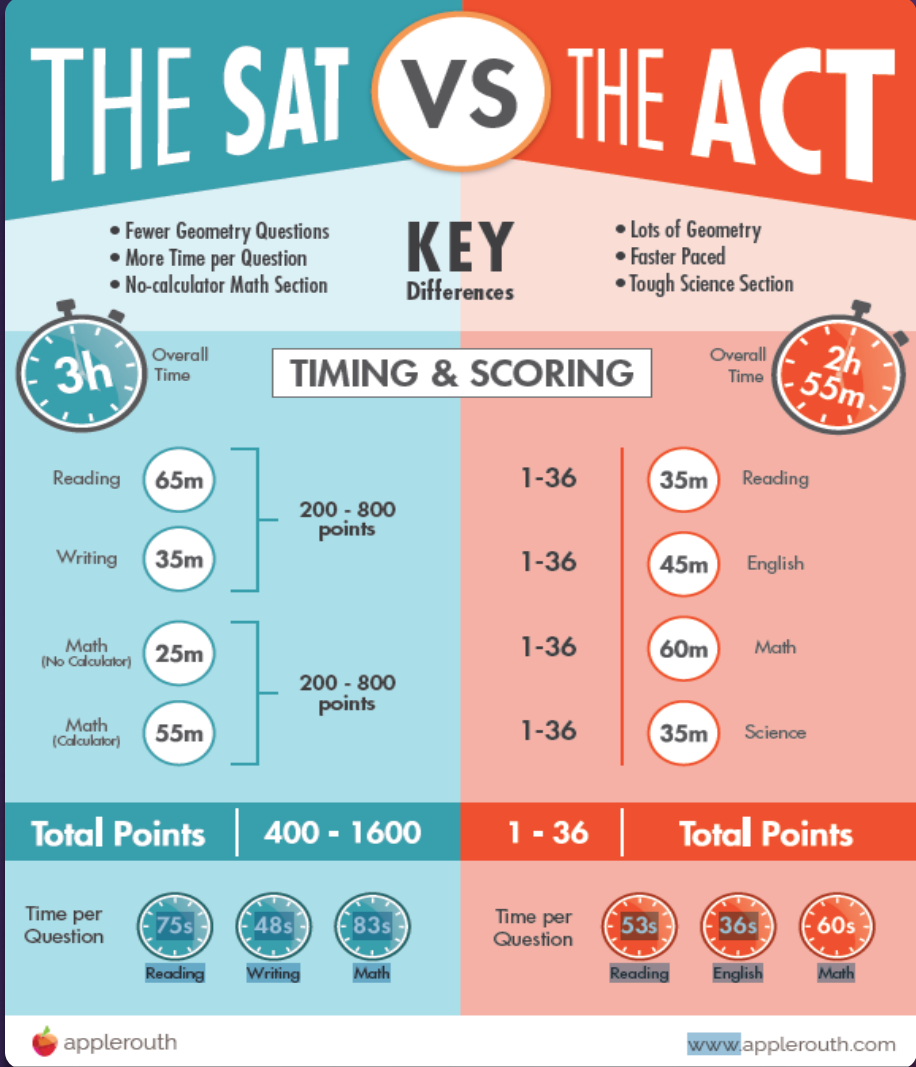
1110  
23

1250  
28

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

# 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
  - ▶ “High School GPA” used by state schools is based on 17 core courses required for graduation in GA.
- ▶ 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 7,  
Nov 4, Dec 2



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

Fall ACT Dates: Sept 9,  
Oct 28, Dec 9



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



# 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.

**NOTE – THE “HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE” ONLY INCLUDES THE 17 CORE COURSES THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION!**

**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.

https://www.khanacademy.org/sat

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# Practice, practice, practice!

**GO TO THE SAT/ACT LINK ON THE COUNSELING PAGE FOR RESOURCES -**

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.

## 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.

Get instructions on taking the next step toward your enhanced education!

## Undergraduate

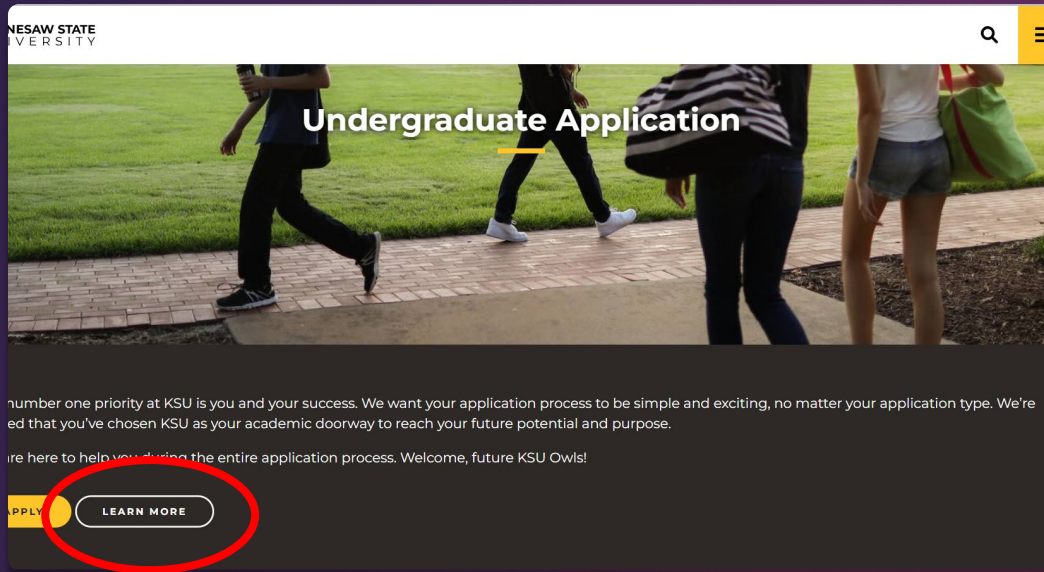
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## Graduate

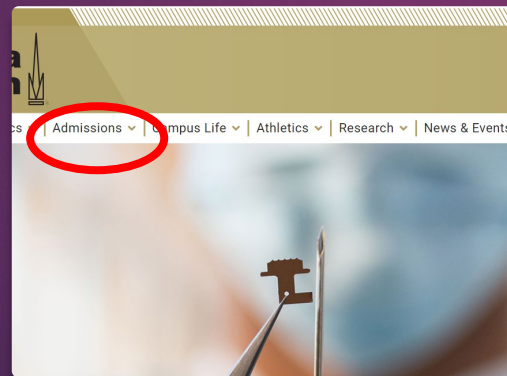
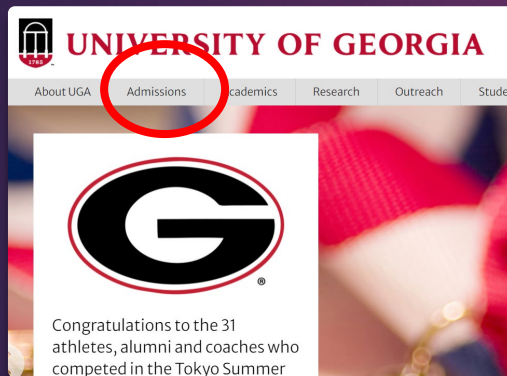
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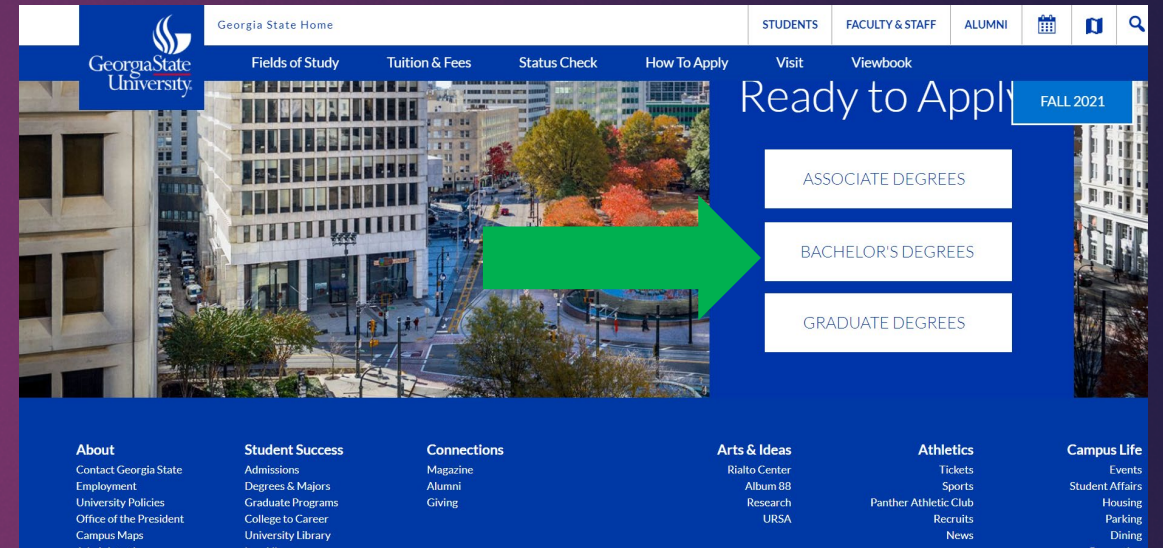
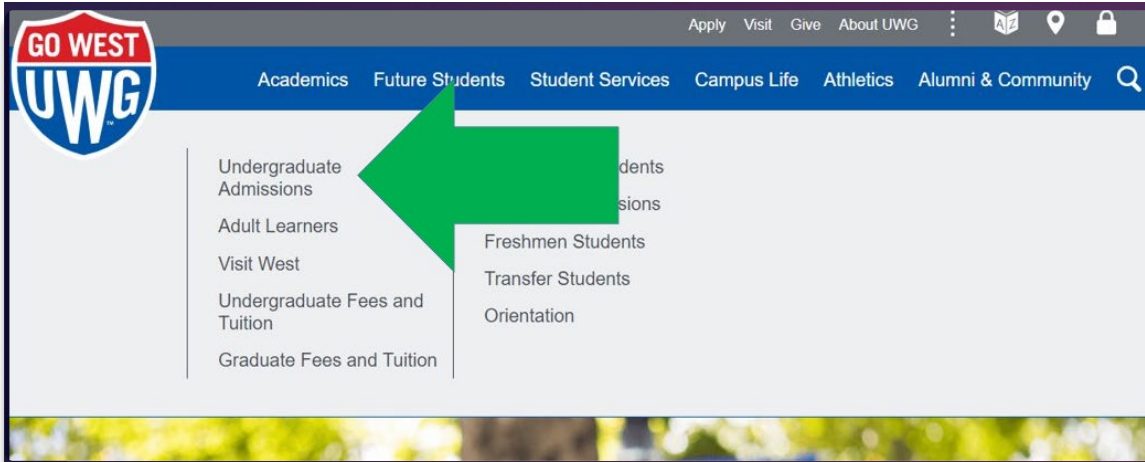
## Professional Education

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

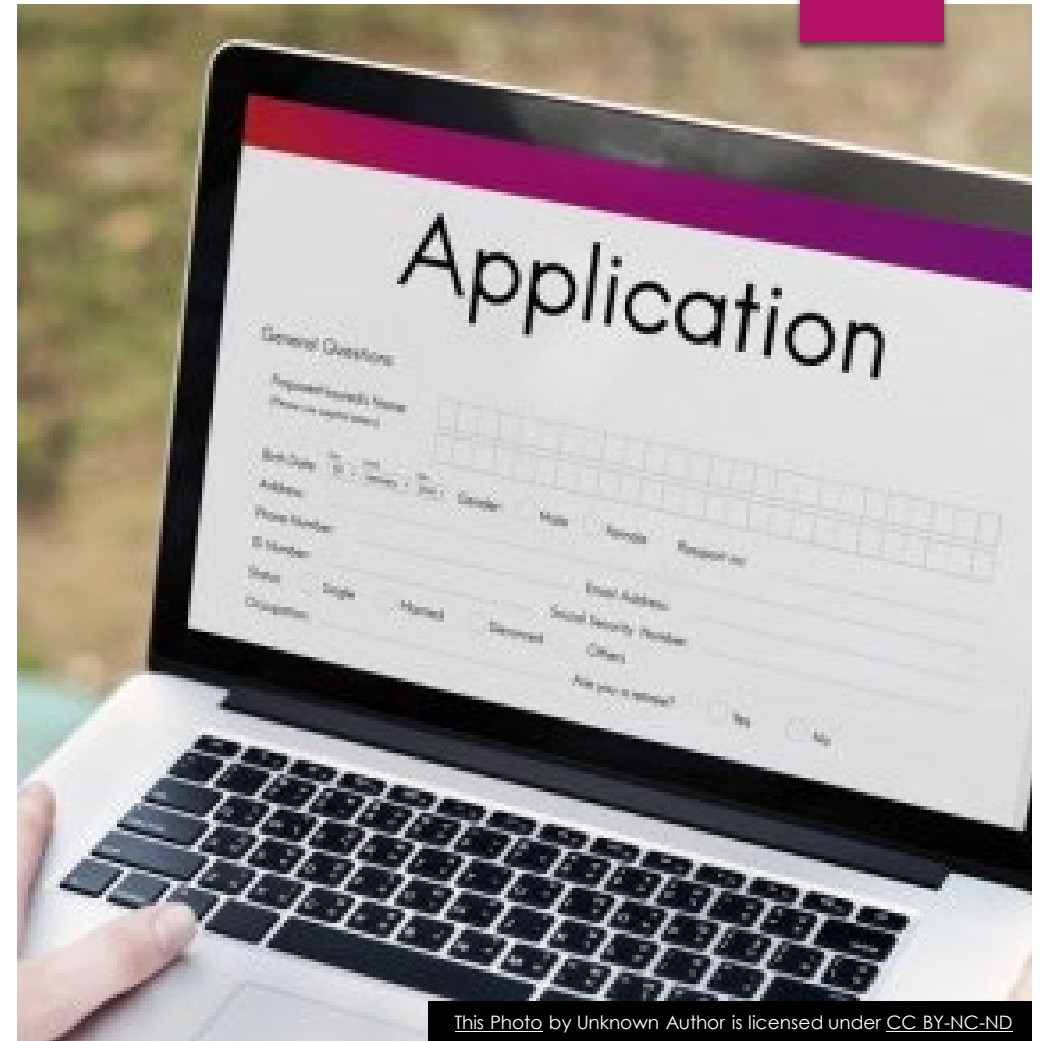




Go to the "Undergraduate" or "Bachelor's" section of the college's "Admissions" page.

# 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/>

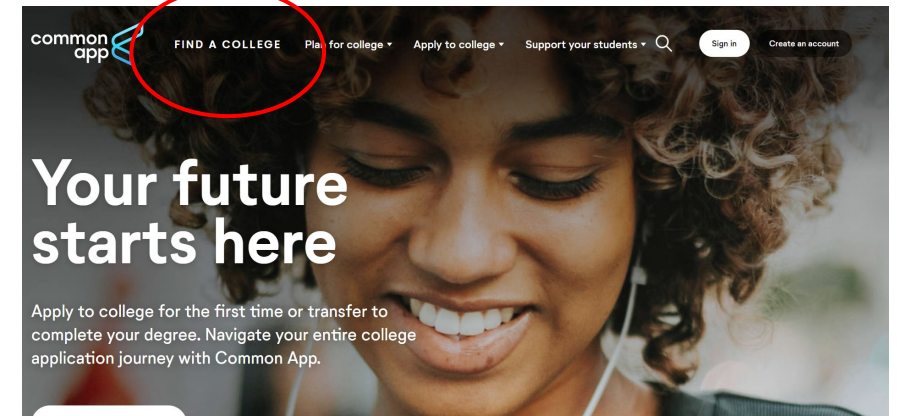


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# Common App

- ▶ 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](http://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 Naviance.
- ❖ **Add the request digitally under your “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab.**
- ❖ **IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS, NOT “All Applications”**

# Naviance Student Homepage

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student Homepage. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Home', 'Self-Discovery', 'Careers', 'Colleges', and 'Planner'. The 'Colleges' link is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it from the 'Plan Your Future' section. In the top right corner, there is a user profile icon with 'DM' inside, also circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it from the 'Welcome to Naviance' section. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Demo's Future Planning' with a 'Plan Your Future' card, 'Welcome to Naviance' with a video link, and 'Tasks from My School' with a task list. The 'Plan Your Future' card has the text: 'Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.' The 'Welcome to Naviance' section includes a hint: 'HINT: You may need to copy and paste the URL into your browser to view the videos.' The 'Tasks from My School' section has a table with the following data:

| Task Or To-Do                | Priority | Date     |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Create presentation<br>To-Do | High     | 08/27/19 |

At the bottom of the page, there are three career goal icons: 'Clinical and Counseling Psychologists', 'Residential Advisors', and 'Travel Agents'. A 'Go to My Planner' button is located in the bottom right corner.

# Senior Self-Assessment and Parent Survey

This screenshot shows a user profile menu on a website. The menu is open, displaying several options. The 'Surveys' option is circled in red. Other options include 'About Me Home', 'Account', 'My Account', 'Documents and Notes', 'Documents Shared with Me', and 'Tasks from My School'. The 'Documents and Notes' section lists various items like 'Document Resources', 'Resume', 'Goals', 'Portfolio', 'My Student Readiness Reports', 'Journal', and 'Test Scores'. The 'Tasks from My School' section includes a message about overdue tasks and a link to 'Go to My Planner'.

This screenshot shows the 'My Surveys' section of the website. The 'Filter by' dropdown is set to 'All progress'. A survey titled 'Senior Parent Survey for Recommendations' is listed with a green checkmark and the status 'COMPLETED'. A large red arrow points to this survey. The 'Quick Links' section on the left lists 'INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME' (Resume, Documents, Journal, Survey history) and 'OFFICIAL THINGS' (Profile, Inbox).



# HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

- ▶ 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

## State Scholarship Programs

For the most up-to-date information on HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships and HOPE Grant, please visit <http://bit.ly/AHSHOPEinfo> or scan the QR code below.

Please note, your HOPE GPA is based on ALL English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language classes. This GPA is NOT on your Allatoona transcript.



# Steps to Financial Aid: FAFSA

Free Application for  
Federal Student Aid -  
<https://studentaid.gov>



Application will be  
available in  
December

# 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, 2023
  - \$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 \(collegeboard.org\)](#)

# 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!

Your children will receive a packet with details about graduation in March.

Questions????