11th Grade Top State For Talent School Counseling Lesson

Cobb Horizon High School
School Counseling Department

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CCSD School Counseling Student Standards

- C.5 Work effectively with others through teamwork, collaboration, and cooperative problem-solving.

- C.6 Develop an understanding of the steps involved in applying for college or careers, including preparing application materials, meeting deadlines, and utilizing available resources.

Today's Learning Targets

I can learn about college and career options and the steps to pursue each in preparation for life after graduation.

I can plan for the final semesters of high school with the purpose of developing a viable post-graduation plan.



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Things to Know

Confidentiality

- What you share with your school counselor stays private, **unless** it involves safety concerns or someone (including yourself) being in danger.

Safety

- If you are concerned about a friend/classmate, notify a school counselor or trusted adult immediately.
- Examples include suicide, drugs, alcohol, abuse, etc.

Today's Agenda

- Junior Advisement & IGP
- Graduation Requirements & Options
- Dual Enrollment (DE)
- Post-secondary Options
- HOPE Programs, Financial Aid, & Georgia MATCH
- SchooLinks



Junior Advisement & ICCP

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Junior Advisement & ICCP

- The Individual College & Career Plan (ICCP) will be completed in CSIS, using the link in your SchooLinks account.

- All 11th grade students will receive advisement regarding remaining graduation requirements for their senior year and post-graduation options during the 2nd semester.

More information to come!

Graduation Requirements & Options

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Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Required Credits
English/Language Arts	**4 credits** (Lit I, Lit II, 3rd & 4th ELA)
Mathematics	**4 credits** (Alg I, Geom, Adv Alg, and 4th math)
Science	**4 credits** (Biology, Physics/Physical Science, Chem/Earth Sci/Env Sci, 4th science)
Social Studies	**3 credits** (World History, U.S. History, Gov/Econ)
World Language/CTAE/Fine Art	**3 credits**
Personal Fitness	**0.5 credit**
Health	**0.5 credit**
General Electives	**4 credits**
TOTAL CREDITS:	**23**

Students planning to meet the requirements of a four-year college/university must complete a minimum of two units of the same World Language and complete Math above Advanced Algebra/Algebra II (FoA does not meet that requirement).

DE: Accelerated Career Diploma

- Students must complete 9 HS credits:
  - **2 English courses**
    - State-required English course + EOC and one other state-funded English course
  - **2 Math courses**
    - State-required Math course + EOC and one other state-funded core Math course
  - **2 Science courses**
    - State-required Science course + EOC and one other state-funded course Science course
  - **2 Social Studies courses**
    - 2 state-funded core Social Studies courses or 1 state-funded Social Studies course + a third state-funded Math course
  - **1 Health & an approved Personal Fitness course**

DE: Accelerated Career Diploma

- If you are ***sure*** you do not plan to attend a 4-yr college or university immediately after high school (HS), **and** you plan to go straight into the workforce with a particular skill, this option may be for you (**with parent approval**).

- Requires only 9 high school credits and allows you to graduate with both a CCSD diploma **and** Chattahoochee Tech credentials at the same time

- Contact your assigned school counselor for more information if you're interested.

Dual Enrollment

ACCELERATED CAREER DIPLOMA

ACCELERATED CAREER

Provides students with an alternative path to high school graduation by allowing them to simultaneously obtain their high school diploma and technical college credentials in a specified high demand accelerated career pathway through dual enrollment at Chattahoochee Technical College

9 HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

2 English (Am Lit + 1 more ELA)
2 Math (Algebra + 1 more Math)
2 Science (Biology + 1 more Science)
2 Soc. Studies (US Govt/Econ + US History or World History)
1 PE (Health + Personal Fitness)

TECHNICAL COLLEGE CREDENTIALS IN A HIGH DEMAND ACCELERATED CAREER PATHWAY

Choose one:
2 Technical Certificates of Credit or
1 Technical Diploma or
1 Associate Degree

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DUAL ENROLLMENT
ACCELERATED
CAREER DIPLOMA

ChattahoocheeTech

See your counselor for more information

DUAL ENROLLMENT ACCELERATED CAREER PATHWAYS OFFERRED AT CHATTAHOOCHEE TECH

www.chattahoocheetech.edu/dual-enrollment


Aircraft Structural Technology


Automotive Technology


CAD - Drafting / Industrial Maintenance Technology


Cybersecurity


Dental Assisting


Design & Media Production


Diesel Technology


Early Childhood Care & Education


Health Care


HVAC


Supply Chain Management & Logistics


Welding

Use the QR code or visit www.tinyurl.com/ycfcn9vj to view a complete list of eligible accelerated career pathways offered at other technical colleges

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Dual Enrollment

- DE: State-funded program for 11th and 12th graders to take college courses while earning a HS diploma
- **Costs Covered:** 100% tuition, mandatory fees, and required textbooks up to a maximum cap of 30 credit hours
- DE students can take approved courses in **English, math, science, social studies, world language, and/or CTAE classes**.
- **Next Steps:** Schedule an appointment with your assigned school counselor

DE Considerations

- Will your college of interest accept your DE credits?
- DE vs. AP
- Full-time vs. Part-time participation
- Transportation to the college
- Scheduling conflicts
- In-school and extracurricular responsibilities
- CCSD and the college's calendars may be different (e.g., breaks, exam dates)

Interested in DE?

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned school counselor to discuss DE procedures
- Research your DE college's admissions requirements and deadlines
- Apply to the college
  - Submit SAT/ACT/Accuplacer (take these ASAP)
  - Request an official transcript from your School Counseling office
- Attend the scheduled meeting with your DE counselor to make final decisions about DE classes and submission of required documents

Post-secondary Options

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Key Questions To Guide You

- What path is the best fit for me after graduation?
- What steps or requirements do I need to reach that goal?
- Which tests or assessments should I prepare to take?
- How will I pay for my education or training?

Post-secondary Options

- Apprenticeships & on-the-job training
- Military
- Specialty Schools
- 2-year and/or Technical College
- 4-year College and University
- Other



Apprenticeships

- Occupations like skilled construction work are considered trades or crafts.
- The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor.
- Training lasts 1-5 years
- On-the-job training is often paid
- These programs can lead to secure and well-paying jobs.
- Additional education and training can provide high levels of advancement and increased salaries.









Examples: In-Demand Skilled Trades

Welder

Automotive Technician (mechanic)

Electrician

Plumber

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technician

Construction Worker

Cosmetologist or Barber

Lineman (Power/Utility Worker)

Carpenter

Apprenticeships & Workforce

- Hands-on, on-the-job training
- Provided directly by employers
- Builds real-world skills for specific careers
- Can lead to strong, high-paying job opportunities

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State Workforce Development Initiatives

HOPE Career Grant

- Helps students start a well-paying career with little to no debt while also building a skilled workforce for Georgia employers.
- Be a Georgia resident
- Must be a recipient of the HOPE or Zell Miller Grant
- Eligible for students working towards a certificate or diploma at a technical college in programs that are considered high-demand career fields
- To learn more about the workforce development initiatives in Georgia, visit the Linktree (or scan the QR code) below:
  - https://linktr.ee/GAWorkForceDevInitiatives
  - https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition/

To learn more, visit GAfutures: HOPE Career Grant

How HOPE Grants Cover Your Tuition

Automotive Technology
Aviation Technology
Certified Engineer Assistant
Commercial Truck Driving
Computer Programming
Computer Technology
Construction Technology
Diesel Equipment Technology
Early Childhood Education
Electrical Lineman Technology
Health Science
Industrial Maintenance
Logistics/Transportation Technology
Movie Production Set Design
Practical Nursing
Precision Manufacturing
Welding and Joining Technology

These programs train you for **high-demand careers** and can be completed at a technical college with tuition covered. There is no minimum GPA to qualify for the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant.
Learn more at https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition

Military Options

Military Branch	Website	Military Academy
Army	www.army.mil www.goarmy.com	U.S. Military Academy (West Point) www.westpoint.edu
Navy	www.navy.mil www.navy.com	U.S. Naval Academy www.usna.edu
Air Force	www.af.mil www.airforce.com	U.S. Air Force Academy www.usafa.af.mil
Marine Corps	www.marines.mil www.marines.com	Future Marines attend the U.S. Naval Academy
Coast Guard	www.uscg.mil www.gocoastguard.com	U.S. Coast Guard Academy www.uscga.edu

HS Graduation vs. College: Key Differences

HS Graduation

- Requirements are set by the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE).
- Tracked by **you, your teachers, and your school counselor**
- Meeting requirements = HS graduation guaranteed
- 23 required credits in specific areas
- Foundations of Algebra counts as a 4th math credit
- World Language is **not** required.

College Admissions

- Requirements are set by the college or university
- Tracked by **you; check specific requirements for each college**
- Meeting minimum requirements does **not** guarantee acceptance
- Requires standardized testing **(e.g., SAT, ACT, Accuplacer)**
- 4-yr colleges and universities require math *beyond* Advanced Algebra/Algebra 2
- Two (2) credits of the same world language recommended or required **(e.g., Spanish 1 and Spanish 2)**

What Does “College” Mean?

Specialty School

Certificate
Diploma

Technical or 2-year College

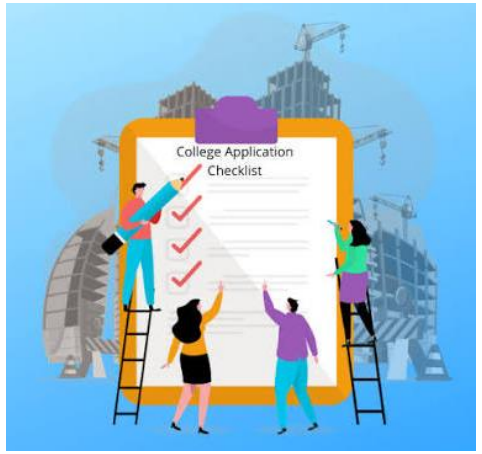
Certificate
Associate’s Degree

4-year College or University

Bachelor’s Degree
(and beyond)

Planning For College Admission





Research & Explore

- Research colleges and universities
- Attend college fairs and information sessions
- Schedule virtual and in-person college visits
- Explore majors and careers using SchooLinks

Build Your College List

- Add colleges to your favorites list in SchooLinks
- Consider location, size, cost, majors, and campus life
- Keep track of requirements and application deadlines

Understand the Requirements

- Review Freshman Profile for GPA and test score averages
- Learn about application types (e.g., Common App, Coalition, direct from college's website)
- Review essay and letters of recommendation requirements early

Planning For College Applications

Timing Matters

- Apply during 12th grade
- Your transcript shows grades through 11th grade-finish strong!
- Take or retake SAT/ACT
- Know your deadlines—they are firm.

Required Materials

- Online application
- Official transcript (sent by your school counselor)
- Test scores-sent directly from College Board or ACT
- Application fee
  - (fee waivers available for students with free/reduced lunch)
- Letters of recommendation (if required)
  - Counselor Recommendation/School Evaluation
  - Teacher Recommendation

Quick Tips

- Find balance
  - Plan to apply to 5-7 schools
  - Include Safety, Match/Target, & Reach schools
- Keep track of login information and deadlines
- Check your email regularly for application updates
- Ask for letters of recommendation at least **2-3 weeks** in advance

College Entrance Exams: SAT vs. ACT

SAT

- Includes two sections in a digital format:
  - **Reading & Writing**
  - **Math**
- More emphasis on problem-solving and data analysis
- Score range: 400-1600
- College Board offers free, online practice tests.
- Register online at The SAT – SAT Suite | College Board

ACT

- Includes 5 sections:
  - **3 Required:** English, Math, and Reading
  - **2 Optional:** Science and Writing
- Score range: 1-36
- The official ACT website offers free, online practice tests and daily practice questions.
- Register online at The ACT - Register for the ACT.

No Testing Needed?

- **Test-Optional:** Allows you to submit test scores but you are not required to for the application
  - Although not required, it could help admission chances
  - If not submitted, other parts of the application are weighed more heavily
- **Test-Free:** These schools will not consider test scores even if you submit them
- Over 2,000 U.S. colleges and universities are **Test-Optiona**l and 75 are entirely **Test-Free**

Additional Tests To Consider

Accuplacer

Placement exam for 2-year and technical colleges. Schedule to take this test at the college.

ASVAB

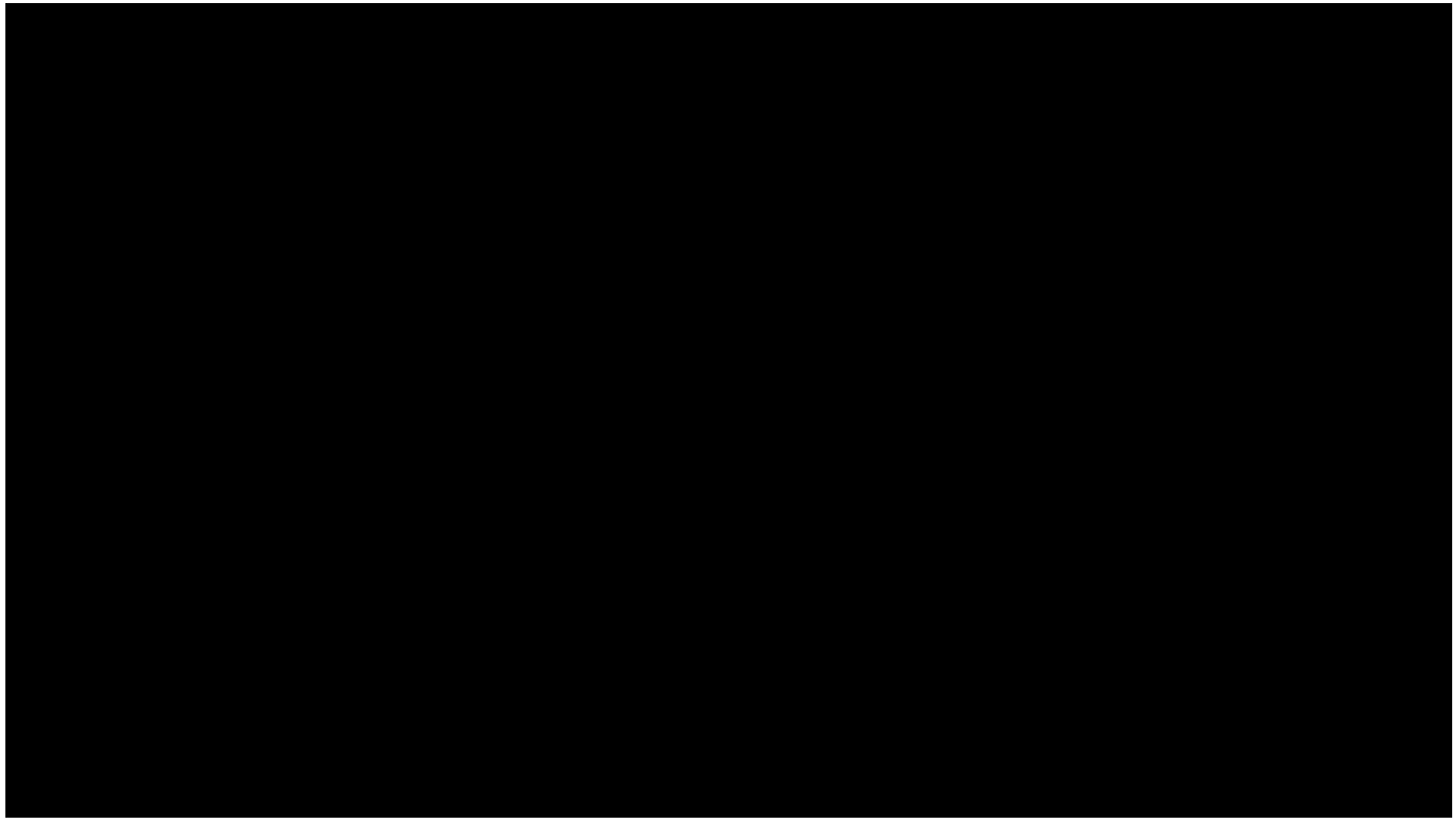
Aptitude/career exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for military jobs

Students are responsible for reviewing the admission requirements for each college or university they plan to apply to.

Understanding Georgia's HOPE Programs

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Exploring GAfutures, HOPE, and DE



The HOPE Scholarship

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet eligible non-citizen requirements.
- Be a Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Must graduate from a Georgia high school
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements.
- Must pass 4 rigor classes from GSFC's Academic Rigor Course List.
- Must have a minimum of a 3.0 HOPE GPA upon graduation.
- Must have your SSN updated in the CCSD student record.
- Covers **a portion** of tuition!

To see your HOPE GPA, visit GAfutures.org

The HOPE Grant

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet non-citizen requirements
- Be a Georgia resident for at least one year
- No GPA requirement
- No test score requirement
- Eligible for students working towards a certificate or diploma at any Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)
- Covers **a portion** of tuition!

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet eligible non-citizen requirements
- Be a Georgia resident for at least one year
- Must graduate from a Georgia high school
- Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements
- Must pass 4 rigor classes from GSFC's Academic Rigor Course List
- Must have a minimum of a 3.7 HOPE GPA upon graduation
- 1200 SAT (Math and Reading) or 25 ACT (Composite)
- Must have your SSN updated in the CCSD student record.
- Covers **full** tuition!

To check your HOPE GPA, visit GAfutures.org
You must have a GAfutures account to review your HOPE GPA.

Understanding Your HOPE GPA

HOPE includes your core academic courses—**not** every elective.

All classes that begin with the following count:

- **23.xx English**
- **27.xx Math**
- **26.xx Science**
- **40.xx Science**
- **45.xx Social Studies**
- **60.xx-64.xx World Language**
- Additional electives listed in Gafutures (courses approved for 4th year of science, advanced fine arts courses, etc.)

HOPE Reminders

- HOPE GPA calculates all courses that are HOPE eligible
- Review your HOPE GPA and rigor courses at GAfutures.org
  - Check your HOPE GPA each year
  - **To view your HOPE GPA, your school must have your Social Security number on file.**

HOPE GPA & Weighted Courses

- Honors courses do not earn additional quality points toward the HOPE GPA.
- AP, IB, and DE core courses earn .5 additional quality point, but will **not** exceed a 4.0.
- It is the student's responsibility to track HOPE eligibility on GAfutures.org.
  - If you are interested in earning the HOPE scholarship, create a GAfutures account to track your HOPE GPA and eligibility.

YOUR HOPE GPA IS NOT ON YOUR CCSD TRANSCRIPT

Monitor your HOPE GPA on GAfutures.org

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GEORGIA MATCH

GEORGIA MATCH is a state-wide initiative that gives Georgia HS seniors a personalized list of colleges and universities at which they meet initial academic eligibility.

- It uses the HOPE GPA after junior year to show a personalized list of colleges and technical schools across Georgia in which the student may be accepted.
- Students will receive a letter and can access the information through the Student Dashboard on their GAfutures account. **Students must have a GAfutures account to view this information.**
- Students may request more information about “matched” colleges through their student account in GAfutures.
- Some colleges may offer fee waivers when applying through Georgia MATCH.

Georgia MATCH



Planning For College Costs

Source

1. Family Savings
    - Money saved by you or your family to help cover college costs.
    - 529 Plan: a college savings account that helps families save money for education, tax-free.
2. Grants & Scholarships
    - Based on specific criteria
    - Does **not** require repayment
    - Includes HOPE, Zell Miller, etc.
3. Loans
    - Must be repaid after college (with interest)
    - Offered by federal and private lenders
4. Work-study Programs
    - Earn money by working on campus
    - Helps reduce loan amounts

Additional Information

1. Financial aid requirements are different for undocumented students.
2. Some colleges offer additional financial aid options; check the college's website.
3. It is the student's responsibility to contact the college directly.

Scholarship Search Strategies

Where do I find resources?

- School Counseling office and/or Career Center
- College websites
- Online resources like GAfutures, BigFuture (CollegeBoard), SchooLinks, etc.
- Current employer or family member's employer
- Community organizations
- Organizations in which you may be involved

How do I get the money?

- Create a resume and prepare a personal statement so you will be ready to apply
- Search for scholarships everywhere
- Apply early and often, and remember, scholarships have deadlines too!
- Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible during your senior year. **Student grants, loans, and work-study are awarded through the FAFSA.**



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SchooLinks

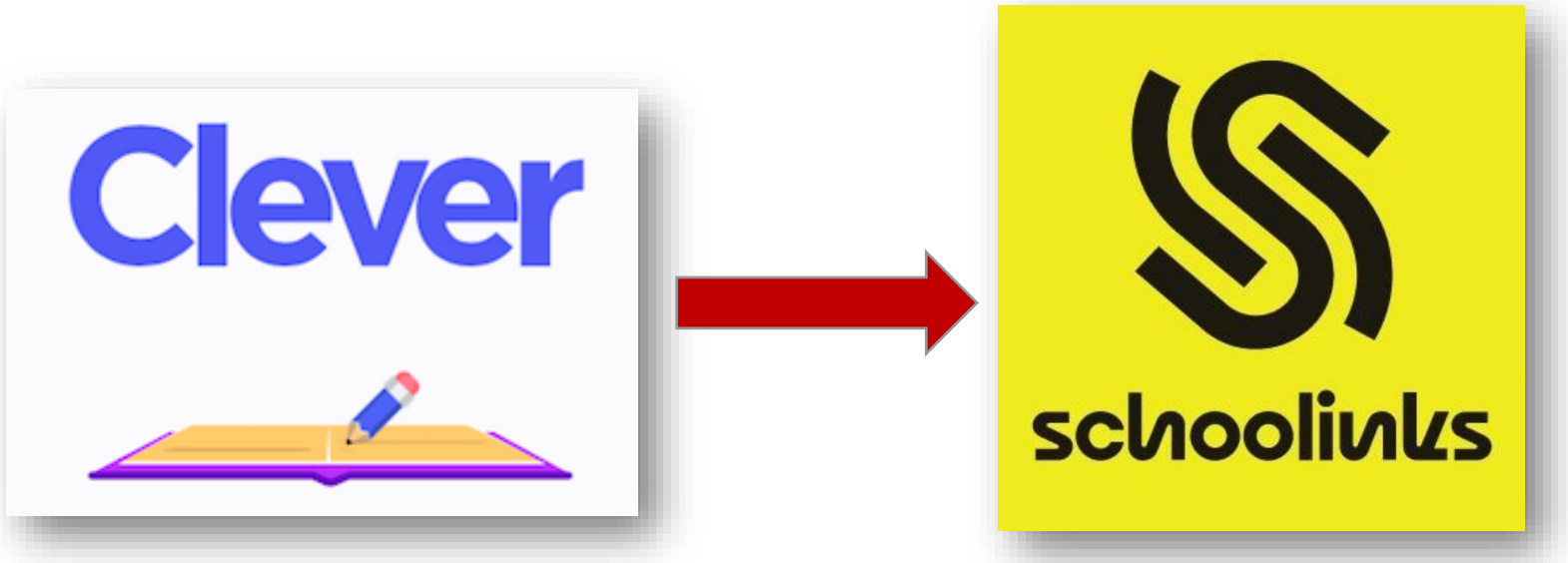
SchooLinks is a **delivery system** and a college/career readiness platform that helps students explore their interests, discover career pathways, and plan for life after high school.

We will use it to communicate with you and to coordinate various activities throughout the year.

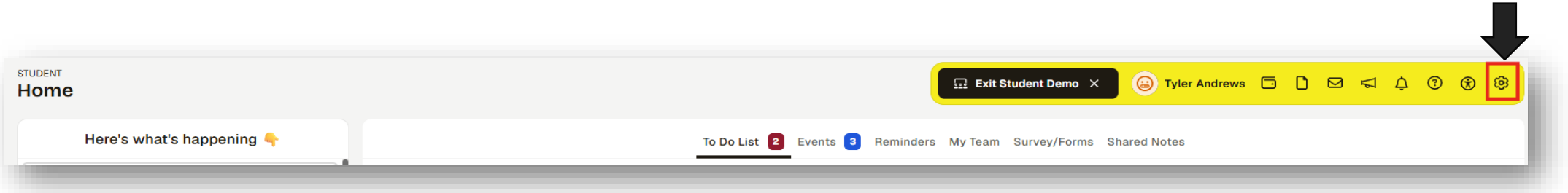
You can access SchooLinks from the CCSD homepage or your school's website.

Accessing SchooLinks

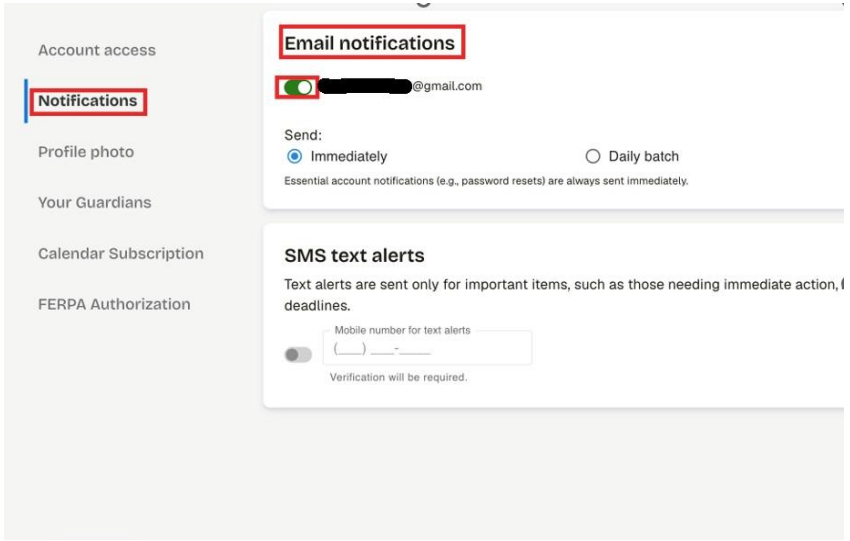
- Go to Clever
- Look under “More Apps” for SchooLinks



Adding Your Email Address

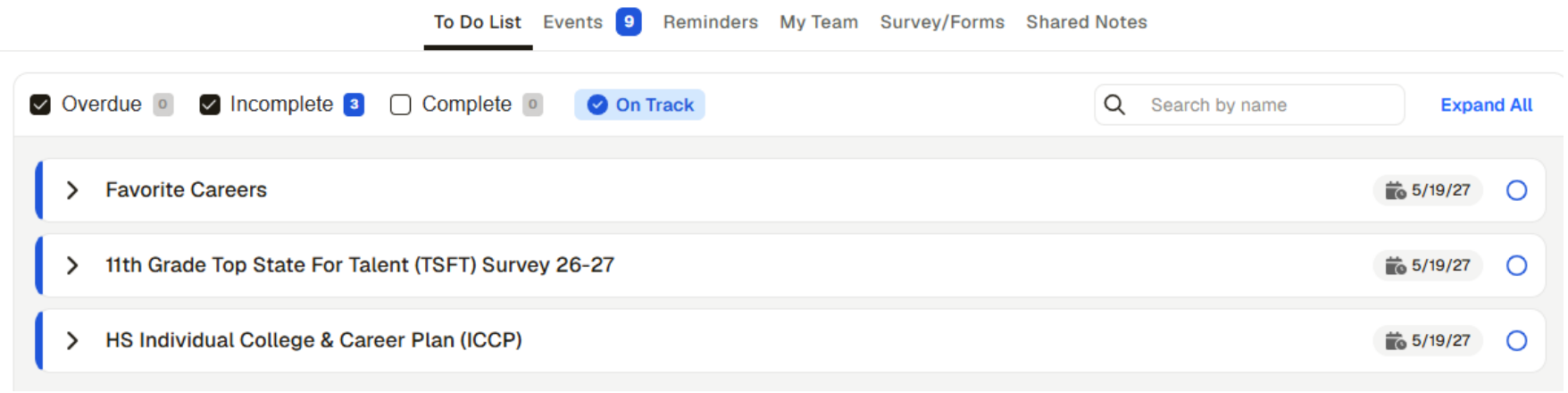


- On your homepage, click on the gear icon (top-right corner)
- Select “**Account Settings**”
- Click “**Edit Notifications**” under “**Login Methods**”
- Click **“Add/Edit Email”**
- Enter your personal email address (not your students.cobbk12.org)
- Press “**Save**”
- Next, click on **Notifications** to make sure it is turned **ON** for your personal email address.



Locating Tasks To Complete

- On your homepage, you will see the tasks to complete under the **To Do List.**
- There are three tasks to complete:
  1. Favorite Careers
  2. 11th Grade Top State For Talent (TSFT) Survey
  3. ICCP

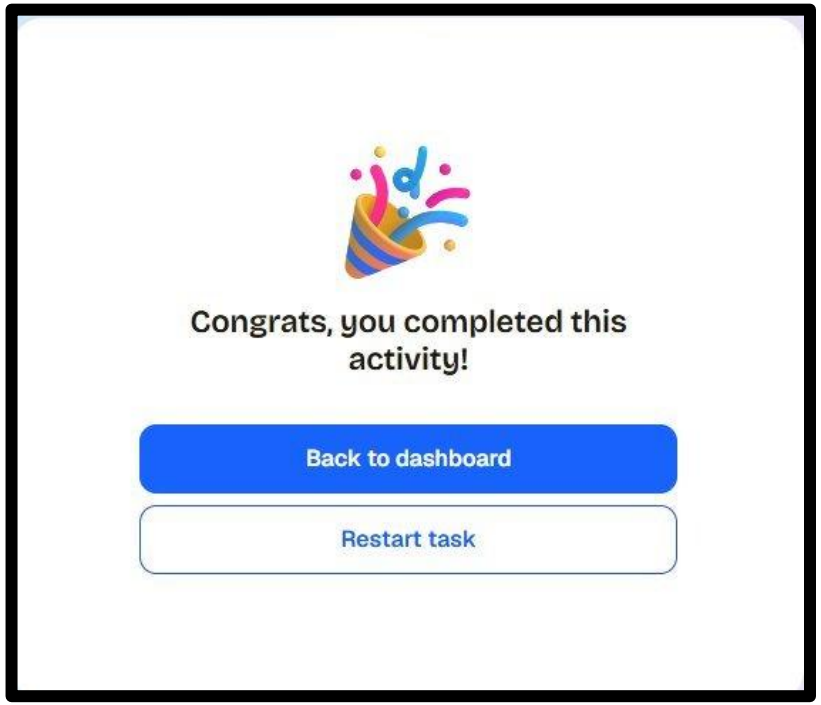


11th Grade TSFT Survey

- On your homepage, you will see the tasks to complete under the **To Do List.**
- Select “11th Top State For Talent Survey”
- Answer each question.
- Click Save and Finish

Wait, Do Not Log Out!

Make sure a counselor has verified that all tasks have been completed.



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