
12th Grade BRIDGE Law

COUNSELING LESSON



CLASS 2025



School Counselors



Del Green
Last Names A - D



Holly Von Lanken
Last Names E - K



Taran Smith
Last Names L - Rh



Wendy Bucaj
Last Names Ri - Z

Stay Connected!


@kellcounseling

<https://www.cobbk12.org/kell/page/47041/counseling-department>


The screenshot shows the Kell High School Counseling Department website. The header includes the Cobb Schools logo, a login/translate/find it fast menu, and the Kell High School name with address and phone number. The main content area is titled 'Counseling Department' and includes a sidebar with links to 'About School', 'Hours & Contact Information', 'Administration', 'Faculty/Staff', and 'Clinic Information'. The main text states: 'Should you need assistance, please contact the appropriate staff member below:'. Below this is a table with three columns: 'Counseling Staff', 'Book an Appointment', and 'Responsibilities'.

Counseling Staff	Book an Appointment	Responsibilities
Delbert Green	Meet with Mr. Green	Student Last Names A - D
Holly Von Lanken	Meet with Ms. Von Lanken	Department Leader Student Last Names E - K

The banner features a black and orange design with the text 'SENIORS CLASS of 2026' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Kell Class of 2026 HS Counselor'. The banner also includes icons for a calendar, a grid, and a speech bubble.



Post-Secondary Options



Post-Secondary Options

- Apprenticeships and Job Training
- Military
- Specialty Schools
- 2-Year and/or Technical College
- 4-Year College/University
- Other/Gap

Requirements aren't the same...

High School Graduation

- Determined by GA Department of Ed (DOE)
- **Tracked by you**, your teachers, and your school counselor
- Are needed before you earn a diploma – you graduate if you earn the minimum
- Includes **23** required credits in specific areas

College Admissions

- Determined by the individual college
 - **Tracked by you** – it is your responsibility to find out what the school wants
 - Are needed before you can be accepted – **you may not be accepted with just the minimum**
 - Includes SAT, ACT, Accuplacer
-

4-Year College/University

- Typically have more stringent admission requirements than other post-secondary options
 - Factors for college admission consideration:
Rigor of classes, final grades/GPA, test scores (SAT/ACT), extracurricular activities, essays, letters of recommendation, demonstrated interest
- On average, it takes a student four years to complete after matriculation from high school
- Best to build a college list, with recommendations to include 1-2 “reach schools”, 2-3 “match schools” and at least 1 “safety school”.
 - Reach: Your academic credentials *fall below* the school’s middle 50% range for the freshman class
 - Match: Your academic credentials *fall within or perhaps slightly exceed* the school’s middle 50% range for the freshman class
 - Safety: Your academic credentials *exceed* the school’s middle 50% range for the freshman class, nearly guaranteeing admission
- Check the school’s admission requirements by visiting the school’s website, as requirements vary from school to school and year to year

4-Year College/University

- SAT/ACT test scores are usually required, with explicit score minimums or unless specify “test optional”

University System of Georgia (USG) Admissions Requirements

- USG test required: Augusta University, Georgia College & State University, Georgia State University (Atlanta Campus only), Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern University (Statesboro and Armstrong Campuses only), Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia.
 - USG Test Optional: Students applying to a university not requiring test scores may be admitted by meeting minimum test score, Freshman Index, and high school GPA requirements, or by meeting a higher high school GPA. This document provides the institution requirements to be admitted both with and without test
https://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_FR_Admission_Requirements.pdf
 - Test scores will continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships in accordance with state of Georgia requirements.
-

2-year College/Technical College & Trade School

- Proof of high school graduation/GED is required – providing your final high school transcript will satisfy this. Follow the transcript request process to accomplish this.
- SAT/ACT exams are accepted, however the Accuplacer is accepted and often offered directly from the school.
 - Less expensive than taking the SAT/ACT and serves as a placement exam vs. admissions exam.
- Programs are typically career focused and completed in 2-years or less
 - Trains students for a specific job in a career field, immediately ready to work
- Technical/Trade careers can include ones related to: *Aviation, Criminal Justice, Welding, Cosmetology, Carpentry, Drafting, Automotive Technician, Medical & Dental Assisting, Graphic Design, HVAC Technician, Electrician, Paralegal, Early Childhood Care, Horticulture, Accounting, Cybersecurity & Networking, Film & Video Production, EMT/AEMT (Paramedic), Supply Chain Management, and more!*

Military/Armed Forces

Military Branch	
Army	
Marine Corps	
Navy	
Air Force	
Space Force	
Coast Guard	

- The six branches are: **Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force**
 - Reserve & National Guard are various options within
- Every branch of the military sets its own standards for enlisting, so learn about the specific requirements for each, i.e.:
 - Citizenship & Residency
 - Age limits
 - Education: *You must have a high school or general equivalency diploma (GED); must have a degree from a four-year college to join as an officer*
 - Testing Requirements: *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)*
 - Physical & Medical Requirements
- In general: (1) Make contact with a branch recruiter, (2) take the ASVAB, (3) graduate, and (4) request your final high school transcript
- Additional information can be found online at: <https://www.usa.gov/military-requirements>

Workforce/Apprenticeship

- **On-the-job short-term or long-term training** is provided by an employer at the beginning of a new job.
- Training can last 1 - 5 years, **often paid**.
- The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor.
- These kinds of programs **can lead to secure and well-paying jobs without the need for any college expenses**.



Naviance



Naviance is a delivery system and college/career search engine and also how we communicate with YOU and your parents throughout the school year.

Multiple Uses for Naviance

Available to you online, 24/7!

College Planning

College Search, College Visits, Colleges Applying To, Letters of Recommendation

Career Planning & Resume Building

Explore Careers, Clusters & Pathways

Self-Discovery

Personality, Skills, and Strengths Assessments

Communicating with your School Counselor

E-Mail Capabilities

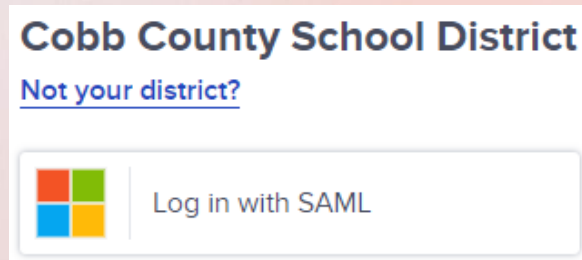
Scholarship Searches

College-specific, National Search, CCSD-specific


Logging into Naviance

Navigate to Naviance using your device's internet browser <https://id.naviance.com/>






- Click the **Sign in with Clever** blue button.
- Click the **Sign in with SAML** top button.
- Enter you Cobb County School District student email address **first.last@students.cobbk12.org** and enter your password.




Your Naviance Homepage – Select Your Path

 Naviance

[Home](#) [Self-Discovery](#) [Careers](#) [Colleges](#) [Planner](#) [About me](#)

    EN  [Log Out](#)

Amy's Future Planning



No Path Selected

Plan for life after high school and select the path that will lead to future success.

[Select Path](#)

Welcome to Naviance

Important Senior College Information & Resources


Seniors, below are helpful guides and resources to assist you with your college application process. These will answer MANY of your college app, transcript, and letter of recommendation questions. *HINT: You may need to copy and paste the link into your browser to view documents.*

Common App Matching: <https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancecommonappmatch>
Requesting Transcripts: <https://tinyurl.com/kellofficaltranscriptrequest>
Requesting Letters of Recommendation: <https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancecorrequests>

[Additional Information from Your School](#)

Career Essentials

Important Skills



Top Knowledge Sets

Tasks from My School

Task Or To-Do	Priority	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counselor recommendation le...	None	07/15/25

Update Your E-Mail Address

- Updating your account with your personal e-mail address is imperative so we can communicate important information with you.

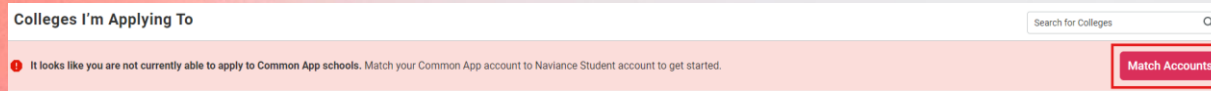
1. Click on the “About Me” link at the top.
2. Click on “My Account.”
3. Click on the Pencil Icon in the “Contact” box.
4. Enter your personal email address.
5. Click “Save.”

- REPLACE your CCSD e-mail address with your personal e-mail address so that you do not miss out on pertinent information in relation to your senior year!

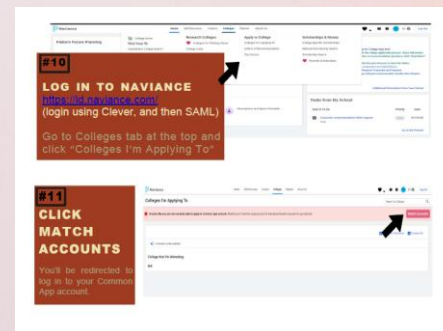
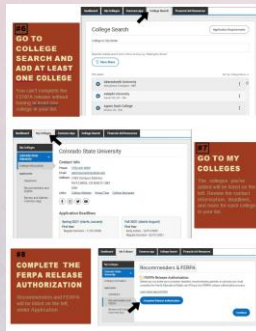
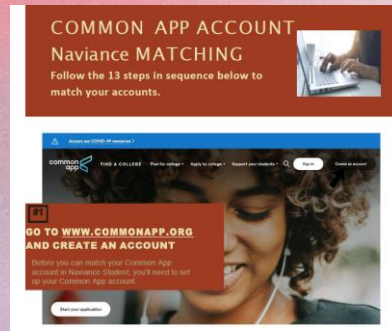
The screenshot shows a user interface for a profile page. At the top, there are navigation links: 'leges', 'Planner', a heart icon, a search bar with 'Demo', and a user profile icon 'DJ'. Below this is a sidebar with 'About Me Home' and 'Account' sections. 'My Account' is highlighted with a red box. To the right, under 'Documents and Notes', are links for 'Document Resources', 'Resume', 'Goals', 'Portfolio', 'Journal', 'Test Scores', and 'Documents Shared with Me'. The main content area is titled 'Contact' and has a black header bar. Below this, there are fields for 'Home Phone', 'Mobile Phone', and 'Address', each with a '-' sign. The 'Email' field is at the bottom, also with a '-' sign, and is highlighted with a red box. A large red arrow points to the 'Email' field. An 'EDIT' button with a pencil icon is located to the right of the 'Contact' header bar.

Common App Matching

- The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 1,000+ member colleges and universities.
- For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.




- Need more help matching your Common App to Naviance? More information and details for requests can be found using the Student Guide for Matching Common App Account and Naviance Account
<https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancecommonappmatch>




- NOTE: Not all colleges and universities are on the Common App and have their own, individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school's undergraduate admissions website.

“Colleges I’m Applying To”


This is how to “manually” add colleges/universities to your Naviance account, should the college/university not be a Common App school **or** not auto populate from your Common App account.

 Naviance

HomeSelf-DiscoveryCareersCollegesPlanner


 Cancel

Which college are you applying to?


Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, GA


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


App Type

Regular Decision

I'll submit my application

Direct to the institution

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

No

☐ I've submitted my application

Add Application

Adding Teacher Recommendation Requests in Naviance

More information and details for requests can be found using the Letters of Recommendation Student Reference Guide: <https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancelorrequests>



Letters of Recommendation Student Reference Guide

Letters of Recommendation Overview

Using the Letter of Recommendation (LOR) feature in Naviance Student you can:



- See the number of requests that colleges in your list of **Colleges I'm Applying To** require and allow.
- See the number of requests you have already made for colleges in your **Colleges I'm Applying To** list.
- Select specific colleges and specific teachers for which you want to write a recommendation. A notification will display if the college does not allow LORs or if you have already requested the maximum number of LORs allowed by that college.
- See your requests along with the status of the request, including Requested, In Progress, Submitted, and Canceled.
- See the submission date and time of each requested LOR. You will also see the date and time of each status change, as well as the name of the person who made the change.

If you delete an application, the corresponding LOR request will no longer be listed on the LOR status page. If the application is restored, the LOR request will re-appear in your list of requests.

Letters of Recommendation Request Information

Column Title	Description
Recommendation For	The college or university where the LOR is to be sent.
Deadline	The application deadline that corresponds to the way you are applying, such as Early Decision, Early Action, or Regular Decision.
Recommender	The teacher who you requested to write the LOR.
Status	Requested: You have requested the LOR. In Progress: The teacher has written the LOR. Submitted: The high school faculty member has sent the LOR to the requested colleges. The date and time of submission will display for each college or university. Canceled: Either you, the teacher, or the counselor have canceled the request.
Cancel Request	You can cancel an LOR if the status is Requested . For any other status, you will see a message to contact the teacher or your counselor for help.

Counselor Letter of Recommendation Process

1. Complete the Counselor Letter of Recommendation Form under the Task section in Naviance OR using the appropriate link below.
 - Last Names: A-D - <https://forms.office.com/r/ZWVYBYCmuf>
 - Last Names: E-K - <https://forms.office.com/r/0618BaB20>
 - Last Names: L-Rh - <https://forms.office.com/r/qFqJMMGB8x>
 - Last Names: Ri-Z - <https://forms.office.com/r/E2j08ATT1>

Steps to Request a Teacher Letter of Recommendation

1. From Naviance Student, Navigate to **Colleges**.
2. From the section menu, choose **Letters of Recommendation**.
3. Click **Add Request**.

4. Select a teacher from the drop-down menu. If a teacher is not on the list, let your counselor know.

If you have already asked a teacher for a recommendation, a notification will display.

5. Decide if you want the teacher to send the LOR to specific colleges from your **Colleges I'm Applying To** list or if you want to make a general request.

2. Select the recommendation request type:

- ☐ General request
Select this if you are ready to request a recommendation without selecting a specific college.
- ☒ Specific request
Select this if you are requesting a recommendation for specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list.


You will see a message if you have already requested the maximum number of LORs allowed by the college or if the college does not accept LORs.

6. Include a personal note for the recommender listing your great qualities and any specifics about your request.
7. Click **Submit Request**.

Official Transcript Requests*

More information and details for official transcript requests can be found using the Official Transcript Request Student Reference Guide: <https://tinyurl.com/kelltranscriptrequest>

**Students are responsible for completing ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.*



Official Transcript Request Student Reference Guide

Required Steps to Request Official Transcript

Step #1 Log into Naviance

Navigate to Naviance using your device's internet browser: <https://id.naviance.com/>

- Click the **Sign in with Clever** blue button.
- Click the **Sign in with SAML** top button.
- Enter your Cobb County School District student email address first.last@students.cobbk12.org and enter your password.

Step #2 Add Colleges You are Apply To

- From Naviance dashboard, navigate to the **Colleges** menu.
- From the Research Colleges section menu, choose **Colleges I'm Thinking About**.

3. Click **+ Add Colleges to List**.

4. Search for the college using the Lookup By options including Quick List, Name keyword, or location.

5. Click the heart icon next to the college's name to add to the **Colleges I'm Thinking About** list.

All colleges you are applying to must first appear on the Colleges I'm Thinking About list before you can complete the next step.

6. Click the box next to the college's name you are applying to and then select **Move to Application List**.

7. Complete the application details for each college application and then select **Add Applications**.

Continued Steps to Request Official Transcript

8. If you have applied to a college using the Common Application, click **Match Account** button in the pink banner.

9. Verify the College Application detail is correct and all the college's you are requesting a transcript for are listed and accurate.

Need more help matching your Common App to Naviance? More information and details for requests can be found using the Student Guide for Matching Common App Account and Naviance Account: <https://tinyurl.com/hellnaviancecommonappguide>

Colleges I'm Applying To	Application ID	Application Name	Application Status	Application Date	Application Type	Application Status	Application Date
University of California	123456789	University of California	Submitted	10/15/2023	Common App	Submitted	10/15/2023
Stanford University	987654321	Stanford University	Submitted	10/15/2023	Common App	Submitted	10/15/2023
MIT	567890123	MIT	Submitted	10/15/2023	Common App	Submitted	10/15/2023

Need a recommendation for your college application? More information and details for requests can be found using the Letters of Recommendation Student Reference Guide: <https://tinyurl.com/hellnavianceletters>

Step #3 Submitting Payment for Transcript Requests

A \$2 payment is required per official transcript request; payments can be in person or online.

- In Person:** You can submit a cash payment in person at the Counseling Office.
- Online:** Go to <https://www.myspacebooks.com/>

Once logged in, you will see:

- Select **Events & Activities** section.
- Click the **Senior Transcript request** option and identify the quantity of transcripts you are requesting and click next.
- Complete the required form providing details for the official transcript request, then click save and add to cart.
- Click the shopping cart icon and hit the proceed to payment button.
- Complete the checkout process and pay for the order.

It takes 24-48 hours to process all transcript requests after the Naviance request and payment have been submitted. We are unable to submit SAT or ACT test scores to colleges; you must request test scores to be sent using your ACT.org or Collegeboard.org account.

College Entrance Exams

Kell High School's CEEB code: 111992

ACT

- Register www.actstudent.org
- Free online practice: ACT Academy
- ACT scores can only be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

SAT

- Register www.sat.org
- Free online practice: Khan Academy
- Online ONLY
- SAT scores can only be sent directly from the testing agencies websites.

Students who receive Free and/or Reduced Lunch qualify for fee waivers.

Scan QR Code or contact your school counselor!



**Kell School Day SAT Seniors Only
Oct 22, 2025**

**register and pay online using
mypaymentsplus.com**

College Visits

This is your opportunity to hear from various college admission representatives who visit our school to share about their college/university and its respective admissions process.

**UPCOMING
COLLEGE VISITS**

OCT 1

WOFFORD
COLLEGE

OCT 6

UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA

OCT 9

 KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY











OCT 28

 UNIVERSITY of
ARKANSAS

OCT 30

 UNIVERSITY of
WEST GEORGIA

What's New

-  The University of Alabama will be visiting your school on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 at 12:07 pm [more info](#)
-  Oglethorpe University will be visiting your school on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 at 1:07 pm [more info](#)
-  University of Georgia will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 at 9:00 am [more info](#)
-  Reed College will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 at 11:40 am [more info](#)
-  Savannah College of Art and Design will be visiting your school on Thursday, September 4th, 2025 at 12:07 pm [more info](#)
-  Liberty University will be visiting your school on Friday, September 5th, 2025 at 12:50 pm [more info](#)
-  The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 11:40 am [more info](#)
-  Georgia Highlands College will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 12:50 pm [more info](#)
-  Georgia College & State University will be visiting your school on Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 12:07 pm [more info](#)
-  Georgia Southwestern State University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 at 11:40 am [more info](#)


College Visits

- SEPTEMBER

Tue 02

12:07PM


[The University of Alabama](#)

 KHS Café
- SEPTEMBER

Tue 02

01:07PM


[Oglethorpe University](#)

 KHS Café
- SEPTEMBER

Wed 03

09:00AM


[University of Georgia](#)

 KHS Media Center
- SEPTEMBER

Wed 03

11:40AM


[Reed College](#)

 KHS Café
- SEPTEMBER

Thu 04

12:07PM


[Savannah College of Art and Design](#)


 KHS Café
- SEPTEMBER

Fri 05


12:50PM

[Liberty University](#)

 KHS Café



College Basics



Understanding Application Types

- **Early Decision I & II (Binding)** – Cannot apply early decision to other colleges, but can apply regular decision. If accepted for early decision, must attend.
- **Early Action (Non-Binding)** – Can apply early to other colleges and can apply regular decision. Will receive admission decision before regular decision deadlines.
- **Rolling Admission** – Open admission, decisions given throughout the year as applicants are received and until limit set by institution met.
- **Regular Decision** – Standard deadline date established by the institution, with no priority or early
- **Priority Deadline** – Similar to rolling admissions, but priority consideration around financial aid, housing, etc. is typically offered to these applicants

6 Steps to the College Process

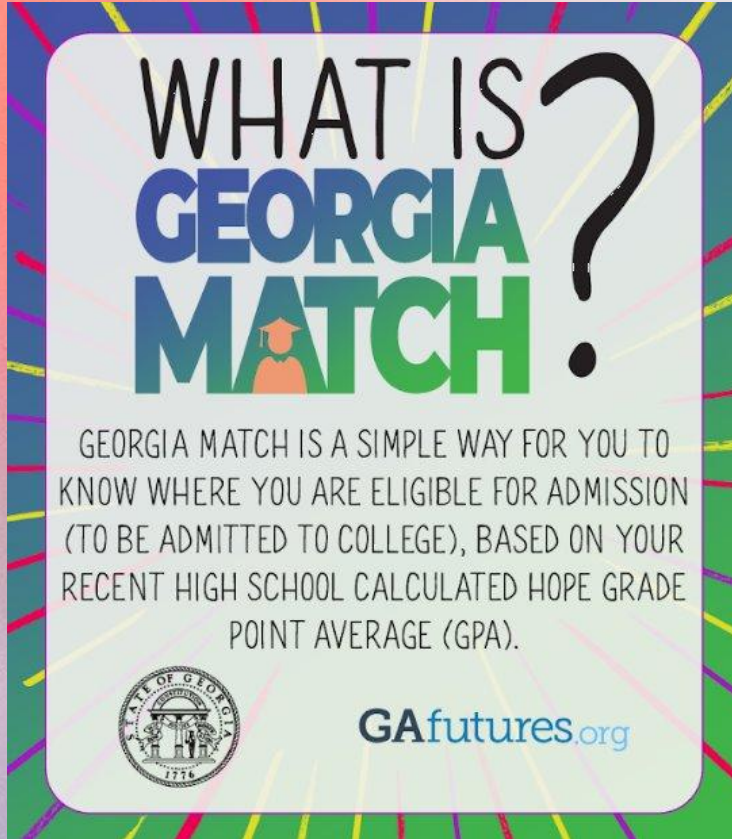
1. *Determine what college(s) you're applying to & know their deadline(s)
2. Determine the application type(s) – i.e., *Common App, Common Black College App, Direct to Institution*
3. Complete your online profile/submit your application(s)
4. Pay application fee(s)
5. Send your test scores directly from the sites (Collegeboard/ACT) – this cannot be done by HS!
6. Use Naviance – our “delivery system” – to: (1) Send your official transcript and/or (2) Obtain teacher letter of recommendations

Remember – as the student/applicant, be sure to track your admissions status directly from the institutions' websites.

***It is highly recommended that you take college campus tours!**

Most (if not all) are free of charge and can easily be scheduled online directly from the college/university's websites.

GEORGIA MATCH



- GEORGIA MATCH is a simple way for you to know where you are eligible for admission (to be admitted to college), based on your high school calculated HOPE grade point average (GPA) through 11th grade.
- Note: GEORGIA MATCH works with public and private accredited high schools in Georgia only.
- A senior's GEORGIA MATCH colleges are found on one's [GAfutures Student Dashboard](#).

Helpful Websites for Senior Year

- ACT: <https://www.act.org/>
- Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Cobb County School District: <https://www.cobbk12.org/>
- Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Common Black College App: <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- GAFutures: <https://www.gafutures.org/>
- SAT (Collegeboard): <https://www.collegeboard.org/>



Paying for College (Financial Aid)



Paying for College (Financial Aid)

- Scholarships
 - **Do not** have to be repaid.
- Federal Student Grants
 - Exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree
 - **Do not** have to be repaid.
- Federal Work-study
 - *Provides part-time paid jobs for students with financial need.*
- Loans (Federal & Private)
 - **Do** have to be repaid and typically include the amount borrowed plus interest.

Paying for College - FAFSA

- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- It is an online application that is completed by students who want the opportunity to receive federal funding to pay for college
 - Pell Grant (Need based)
 - Student Loans
- Must be completed on an annual basis and determines how much money one's family would be able to contribute to the student's cost of attending college
- Requires federal tax information from student's family for application completion/submission
- This application can be used to also satisfy the request to receive state funding for the HOPE program as well – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE/Zell Miller Grant, and HOPE Career Grant

CREATE A FAFSA ID NOW: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

HOPE Scholarship

Basic eligibility requirements:

- Graduate high school with a minimum 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA
- Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the [Academic Rigor Course List](#)
- Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements

Zell Miller Scholarship

Basic eligibility requirements:

- Graduate with a minimum 3.7 calculated HOPE GPA
- Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the [Academic Rigor Course List](#)
- Earn a qualifying test score on a single administration of the ACT or SAT prior to high school graduation.
- Current Test Score Requirements:
 - **SAT: 1200**
 - **ACT: TBD** equivalent ACT composite score determined on January 15th

Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller **Grants**

- HOPE Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) **or** *Select 5 access University System of Georgia Institutions.
- HOPE Career Grant: Available to HOPE Grant-qualified students who enroll in select majors specifically aligned with industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are skilled workers to fill them. These industries have been identified as strategically important to the state's economic growth.
- Zell Miller Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) **or** *Select 5 access University System of Georgia Institutions.

Paying for College – HOPE Program FAQ

- **How to apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship or Grant?**
 - Complete the FAFSA (Annually) or
 - Complete the GSFAPP (Valid for 10 years)
- **What's my HOPE GPA?**
 - Viewable from the **Your HOPE GPA** tab from logging in to your GA Futures profile
 - Not the same as your CCSD weighted or unweighted GPA
- *It is recommended to frequent the GAFutures website for the most up-to-date and official information about the HOPE program.*



Your Social Security Number (SSN) must be on file in the Cobb County student record system in order to receive any HOPE/Zell Miller funds!

Paying for College - Scholarships

- There are a number of different types of scholarships: Academic, Community, Athletic, Extracurricular/Hobby, Employer, Military, Need-based, etc.
- Remember, these (scholarship) funds do not have to be repaid.
- There are varying scholarship deadlines, so pay attention to when they are and apply by deadline.
- Where to find scholarships for college?
 - Kell Excel Database <https://tinyurl.com/kellscholarships2026>
 - Naviance (Colleges → Scholarships & Money)
 - GA Futures (Federal Aid & Scholarships → Scholarship Search)
 - Scholly (App. Store & Google Play)
 - College/University Financial Aid Office websites
 - Online search engines, i.e. Going Merry, FastWeb, BigFuture/Collegeboard
- NOTE: A scholarship and a sweepstakes are not the same thing.



OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIPS 2025

OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Name	Amount	Deadlines
Elite Flight Academy Aviation Scholarship	\$20,000 with 7 awards available	Due 10/01
Community Service Scholarship	\$2,500	Due 10/01
Jett, Nyla, and Cadences Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Due 10/01
AES Engineering Scholarship	\$500	Due 10/08
CJ Pony Parts Scholarship	\$500 with 2 awards available	Due 10/15
DEED Scholarship	\$4,000 with 10 awards available	Due 10/15
National Strength and Conditioning Association High School Scholarship	\$2,000 with 2 awards available	Due 10/15
Pretty Actions Scholarship Program	\$500 with 2 awards available	Due 10/19
Sustainability Essay Contest College Scholarship	\$1,500 with 3 awards available	Due 10/21
Marching Band Scholarships	\$2,000 with 65 awards available	Due 10/29
U.S. Bank Student Scholarship	\$20,000 with \$25 awards available	Due 10/30

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Big Future Scholarship**
No essay, no minimum GPA or test score, or citizenship requirements. Just follow the steps for chances to win. The more steps you complete and the earlier you start, the more chances you have to win! Earn entries in monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships by completing the six qualifying steps on BigFuture. If you don't win, your entry rolls over for the next month.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Name	Amount	Deadlines
American Culinary Federation Scholarships	Various awards with various amounts	Due 10/31
Moray Mills Exchange Scholarship Program	Varies \$500 to \$2,500 with numerous awards available	Due 10/31
Omaha Psi Psi Fraternity, Inc., International High School Essay Contest	\$1,000 to \$5,000 with 4 awards available	Due 10/31
Voice of Democracy Scholarship	\$35,000 with 50 awards available	Due 10/31
Women in Aviation International Scholarships	\$20,000 with 105 awards available	Due 10/31
Women's Ministries Scholarship Program	\$25,000 with 40 awards available	Due 10/31

STUDENTS MAY ACCESS ADDITIONAL MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION BY VISITING THE KELL HIGH SCHOOL ELECTRONIC SCHOLARSHIP EXCEL DATABASE ONLINE <https://tinyurl.com/kellscholarships2026>

Save the Date!

Apply to College Day
Wednesday, November 19th
1st & 2nd Blocks



Senior Push
Wednesday, March 25th
1st & 2nd Blocks



Important Senior College Information & Resources

Helpful guides and resources to assist you with your college application process. These will answer MANY of your college app, transcript, and letter of recommendation questions.

- Common App Matching: <https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancecommonappmatch>
- Requesting Transcripts: <https://tinyurl.com/kellofficaltranscriptrequest>
- Requesting Letters of Recommendation: <https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancelorrequests>

COMMON APP ACCOUNT
Naviance MATCHING
Follow the 13 steps in sequence below to match your accounts.



GO TO WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT
Before you can match your Common App account in Naviance Student, you'll need to set up your Common App account.

Match your accounts

KELL Official Transcript Request Student Reference Guide

Required Steps to Request Official Transcript


Step #1 Log into Naviance

Navigate to Naviance using your device's internet browser <https://naviance.com>

- Click the Sign in with Cloverleaf button.
- Click the Sign in with SAML tab button.
- Enter your Cobb County School District student email address First.Last@student.kcsd.k12.org and enter your password.

Steps # 2 Add Colleges You are Apply To

1. From Naviance dashboard, navigate to the Colleges menu.
2. From the Research Colleges section menu, choose **Colleges I'm Thinking About**.
3. Click **+ Add Colleges to List**.



KELL Letters of Recommendation Student Reference Guide

Letters of Recommendation Overview

Using the Letter of Recommendation (LOR) feature in Naviance Student you can:

- See the number of requests that colleges in your list of **Colleges I'm Applying To** require and allow.
- See the number of requests you have already made for colleges in your **Colleges I'm Applying To** list.
- Select specific colleges and specific teachers for which you want to write a recommendation. A notification will display if the college does not allow LORs or if you have already requested the maximum number of LORs allowed by that college.
- See your requests along with the status of the request, including Requested, In Progress, Submitted, and Cancelled.
- See the submission date and time of each requested LOR. You will also see the date and time of each status change, as well as the name of the person who made the change.

If you delete an application, the corresponding LOR request will no longer be listed on the LOR status page. If the application is restored, the LOR request will re-appear in your list of requests.

NOT ASSIGNED A LASSO? COME TO OUR OPTIONAL WORKSHOP!

COUNSELING



LASSO

Dual Enrollment (DE) Support

Need help with DE? We'll help you with your questions and guide you through the enrollment process.

Resume Building

Get one-on-one help creating and editing your resume in Naviance so it stands out!

Senior College Transition

Ready for college? We'll help you with college and scholarship essays, applications, and submitting transcripts and recommendations.

◆ **Date : Tuesdays & Thursdays**

◆ **Time : Start At 8:20 AM to 9:05 AM**

◆ **Location : Counseling Conference Room**

Stay Connected!

<https://www.cobbk12.org/kell/page/47041/counseling-department>



@kellcounseling

Cobb Schools LOGIN TRANSLATE FIND IT FAST

KELL HIGH SCHOOL

4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta, 30066 | Phone: 678-494-7844

Home / About / Counseling Department

About School

Hours & Contact Information

Administration

Faculty/Staff

Clinic Information

Counseling Department

Should you need assistance, please contact the appropriate staff member below:

Counseling Staff	Book an Appointment	Responsibilities
Delbert Green	Meet with Mr. Green	Student Last Names A - D
Holly Von Lanken	Meet with Ms. Von Lanken	Department Leader Student Last Names E - K

Kell High School

2025-2026 School Profile

Principal: Dr. Peter Giles

Assistant Principals: Landon Odum, Onesha Young, Charrod Taylor, SSA, Glenda Canada

4770 Lee Waters Rd.
Marietta GA 30066

www.cobbk12.org/kell

(678) 494-7844

CEEB Code 111892

KELL DEMOGRAPHICS

Current Enrollment: 1568	Class of 2026: 385
White: 41.4%	Asian: 2%
Black: 24.1%	Hispanic: 25.2%
Multiracial: 6.8%	American Indian: 0.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.1%	
Economically Disadvantaged: 49%	
English Language Learners: 6.1%	

KELL OVERVIEW

Carlton J. Kell High School received its first students in August 2002. Kell High School is a four-year public high school, serving grades 9-12. It is located in the suburban community in northeastern Cobb County within the greater metropolitan Atlanta area. Kell is fully accredited by Cognia. Over the years, Kell has repeatedly been named one of the Best High Schools by U.S. News & World Reports rankings.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- US News & World Report's Top High Schools in the United States for the last 6 years
- 2023-24 Governor's Honors Program Finalists in the Fine Arts categories of Music and Visual Arts
- In 2025, Kell HS earned the distinction of an AP Honor School, earning honors in four distinct categories, including both Humanities and STEM

SENIORS CLASS OF 2026

Kell Class of 2026 HS Counselor

CLASS 2025

Have a Great Senior Year!

*“Do not go where the path
may lead, go instead where
there is no path and leave a
trail.”*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson