

Class of 2025 Parent Breakfast

'To Do' List For Students (and Parents)

- Review Graduation Status Report (Slide 10)
- Work/ Apprenticeship plan take ASVAB, review YouScience results, begin making connections (Slide 12)
- Military plan contact recruiter, sign up for ASVAB (Slide 13)
- Ga Futures ensure account has been created with (correct) social security number on file at Hillgrove
- College plan begin Common App (Slide 28); complete brag sheet (Slide 26); sign up for SAT/ACT (Slide 21)
- Letters of Recommendation request as required by college (Slide 24)
- Submit application ensure college is on Naviance list (Slide 27, 29);
 request transcript (Slide 33)
- Financial Aid and Scholarships FAFSA (Slide 46); Scholarships (Slide 49); HOPE/ Zell Miller (Slide 50)

- Thank you to our supportive Principal
 - and
 Admin team!

Who is Your School Counselor?

Ms. Berry (A - Con)





Dr. Boyle (Kp - Od)

Mr. Washington (Coo-Gon)





Ms. Davis (Oe - Sh)

Ms. Calloway (Goo - Ko)





Dr. Amand (Si - Z)

Who is in the School Counseling Office?



Ms. Mitchell
Clerk



Mr. DonlanEnrollment Clerk

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Important Yearbook Information: Class of 2025

	Final Deadline
Last day to purchase book for \$75	08/31
Senior Ads Due	10/31
Last date to be photographed for	11/30 – you pick your photos
yearbook*	12/15 – photos are selected for you

cady.com/schedule

Yearbook photos must be taken by Cady Studios.

More information available on Hillgrove homepage; Resources; Yearbook Contact Barbara.McClure@cobbk12.org with questions or concerns.





Overview of Presentation

- ► Post-Secondary options
- Admissions application terms
- ► SAT/ACT
- College application procedures

- ▶ Naviance
- Statistics
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- ▶ Q&A Period

When is Graduation?

We haven't a clue. When we know, you will be the second ones to know. ©



Fall Events

- ► College Visits Sign up through Naviance
- College Fair at KMHS September 7th https://www.scholartrek.com/cobb
- College Fair at Marietta High September 11 https://www.gaprobe.org/student-fair-registration/cobb%20county%20probe%20fair/
- ► **ASVAB** September 19th
- Paying for College Night October 1st (TBD)
- ► FAFSA Release *October 1st
- ► Homecoming Dance October 5th
- Apply to College Week November 11th
- ▶ **Apply to College Day** November 13th
- Virtual FAFSA Completion Night December 10th

Graduation Items

- Status Report and Transcript disseminated on the first day of school; Shows courses earned and courses needed
- ► **Graduation Form** was completed through Senior Seminar; Confirms spelling of name
- ▶ Graduation Tickets Form will be available in January. No extra tickets/lottery will be available.



Post-Secondary Options

Workforce/Apprenticeship

- ► Review YouScience results
- ▶ 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 wellpaying jobs without the need for any college expenses.

Military/Armed Forces

High School Diploma is required 2

Take the ASVAB

3

Make contact with branch recruiter

4

Request your final transcript in May

2-Year Colleges & Technical Colleges

- ► Check to see if the SAT/ACT is required may take the Accuplacer Exam instead check with each individual school
- ► Two-year school requirements vary. Check website for current requirements
- ► Transcript request Most will require a final transcript as documentation of graduation

4-Year College/University

- ▶ Typically have higher admission requirements
 - ▶i.e., higher GPA, higher test scores
- On average it takes students four years to complete
- Students work towards a Bachelor's, Master's, Specialist's, Doctorate.
- ► SAT/ACT Test Scores are usually required

FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Extracurricular Activities

Essays

Letters of Recommendation

Demonstrated Interest

GRADES & GPA

Check to see if the college is test optional.

BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

"Reach schools" are those where your academic credentials fall below the school's range for the freshman class.

"Match 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

MATCH SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

Points to Consider

Check Admissions Requirements **by visiting**College Website

GPA Admission Requirements vary by school.

University of System of Georgia Freshman Index

Weighted and unweighted GPAs will be reported on your CCSD transcript

Class rank <u>will not</u> be included on transcripts or reported on secondary reports

Colleges want students who show an interest in their school

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Standardized Testing Policies

- SAT/ACT test scores are usually required, with explicit score minimums
 - The University System of Georgia (USG) will continue its temporary waiver of test score requirements, meaning no test scores will be required for admission at 23 of USG's 26 public colleges and universities during the Academic Year 2025-2026 (Fall 2025, Spring 2026 and Summer 2026).
 - The temporary test waiver <u>does not</u> apply to <u>Georgia Tech</u>, <u>UGA</u>, <u>or Georgia College & State University</u>.
- Test-optional: Colleges/universities can use the student's grade point average on the required high school curriculum without a standardized test score at the following minimum grade point averages (GPA):
 - ▶ 3.4 GPA for research universities
 - ▶ 3.2 GPA for comprehensive universities
 - ▶ 3.0 GPA for state universities
- Test scores will continue to be required to apply for Zell Miller scholarships in accordance with state of Georgia requirements.

24-25 SAT/ACT Test Dates

SAT Dates	Register By	ACT Dates	Register By	
October 5 th	September 20 th	October 26 th	September 20 th	
November 2 nd	October 18 th	December 14 th	November 8 th	
December 7 th	November 22 nd	February 8 th	January 3 rd	
March 8 th	February 21st	April 5 th	February 28 th	
May 3 rd	April 18 th	June 14 th	May 9 th	
June 7 th	May 23 rd	July 12 th	June 6 th	

College Admission Tests



***2 out of 3 students' test scores improve when they take it more than once!

Hillgrove's CEEB code is 112431

www.collegeboard.com

www.actstudent.org

Scores are sent to the college from the testing agency – you must do this!

Work Backwards to Determine Your Deadlines

Example:

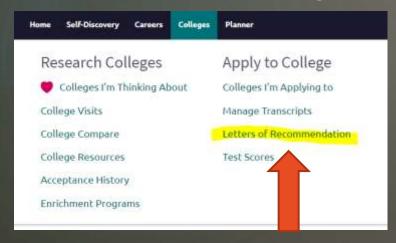
- ▶ Application deadline for the college is Oct 15th
- School Counselor and Techer recommendation request deadline is September 5th; 20 school days prior; Fall Break is Sept 23rd – 27th

This means you have:

- Started or submitted application to the college and added in Naviance
- 2. Paid for your transcript in MPP
- 3. Completed your Senior Brag Sheet
- 4. Emailed your School Counselor to inform her that all materials are complete

Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ **TALK TO** teacher about writing your letter before adding their name to any application; otherwise, they may not complete it
- Should be teachers of 11th or 12th grade core academic subject who can speak to the ability to do college-level work
- ▶ Give your recommender <u>plenty</u> of advance notice 4 weeks
- ► Follow any procedures your recommender may have in place for letters (they will look at Senior Brag Sheet as well)



Request teacher recommendations in Naviance under Colleges tab – Apply to College, Letters of Recommendation

Teacher Recommendations

Select the recommendation request type:*						
☐ Select All	Colleges ^					
0	Auburn University 0 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested					
	Florida State University 0 required / 0 allowed / 0 requested This college does not accept Letters of Recommendation					
0	Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus O required / 1 allowed / O requested					
0	University of Georgia 0 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested					

IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS, NOT "All Applications"

-It is your responsibility to research which schools require a letter of recommendation

-If they do not ask for a letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process.

**You can also track the status of your teacher recommendations. The student must follow up to ensure that these are sent!

School Counselor Recommendations/ Secondary School Reports

- School Counselors will complete recommendations for schools that require them
- Two items are needed for a School Counselor's recommendation:
 - Senior Brag Sheet (Found under My Surveys; Student must complete)
 - Email your school counselor when you have completed your questionnaire with the subject "Senior Brag Sheet Completed".

"Colleges I'm Applying to" Dashboard

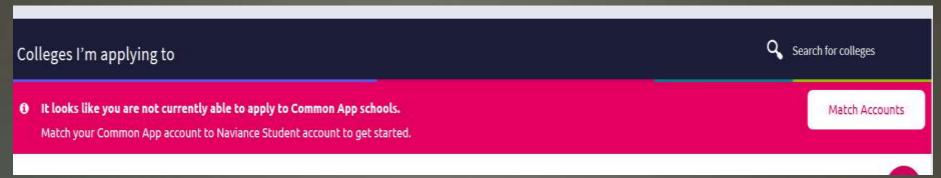
College	Туре	Deadline		Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type 1	Application		
Emory University	ED	Early Decision	November 1	N/A		Pending	?	Unknown 🕶	<i>₽</i> EDIT	MORE :
Georgia State University	EA	Early Action	November 15	N/A		Pending	CA	Unknown 🕶	₽ EDIT	MORE :
Kennesaw State University	EA	Early Action	October 26	N/A		Pending	₽	Unknown 🕶	₽ EDIT	MORE :

Application Types: Common App

- ▶ The Common App (CA) is a free admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 1,000 + member colleges and universities. Each college charges its own application processing fee.
- ▶ In Naviance, a Common App school is designated by the symbol.
- Students must first create a Common App account on the https://www.commonapp.org/apply website, add a college within Common App, and complete the FERPA release, authorizing us to release your student's confidential records to the college through CA and then link their account to their Naviance account.
- With Common App schools, your student can check within their CA college section to see when documents have been sent from Naviance and whether the college has downloaded the documents.

Common App Matching

► For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.



- ► To match the Common App account, students must first complete the following steps in their Common App account:
 - Complete the Education section of your Common Application
 - ▶ Add at least one college to My Colleges tab
 - ▶ Sign the FERPA Release Authorization



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. Hillgrove School Counselors do not share letters of recommendations with seniors. If you do not waive your FERPA rights, she will not right a letter for you.

Non-Common App Schools

- Some colleges and universities have opted not to accept the Common Application.
- Instead, they have created their own individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school's undergraduate admissions website.
- Just because a school does not accept the Common App does not mean that they do not accept the transmission of important documents, like letters of recommendation and academic transcripts, through Naviance.
- When a non-Common App school allows us to submit documents through Naviance, it is called Direct to Institution. A Direct to Institution school is designated by this symbol:

Common Black College Application

Once your application is submitted and the application fee is paid, it will be made available to all 66 Member Institutions.

You are not able to use a fee waiver to complete the CBCA because you are applying to all 66 HBCUs for only \$20.

Students can upload their test scores in the Student Dashboard. If you have not taken the test, you can still complete the CBCA.

Send your essay and recommendations to all the colleges you are interested in attending. We encourage you to visit the websites of those colleges to get the essay topic.

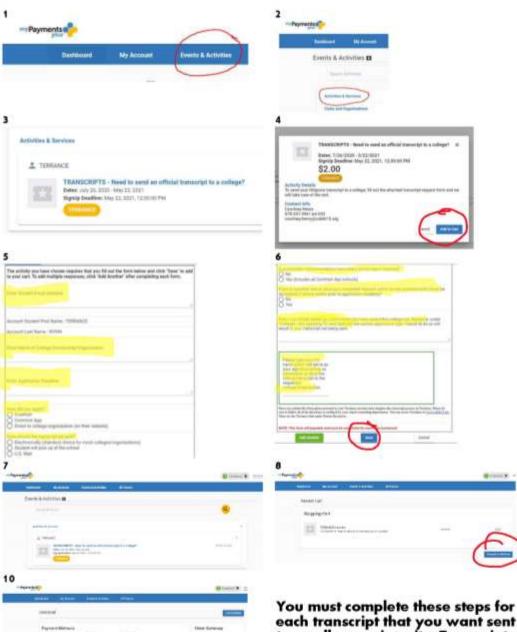
Please note, some colleges require you to complete or provide additional information on their institutional platforms to complete the application process.

If you are a high school student and you have college credits, please be sure to provide that information to all the Common Black College Application Member Institutions you are interested in attending.

Requesting Transcripts

- ▶ 1. Add college you are applying to in Naviance.
 - Log into your Naviance student account (only students can do this)
 - Select the COLLEGES tab; Under COLLEGES select "Colleges I'm Applying To"; Click on "+", add each college/university, including application information; Click "Add Application"
 - For Common Application, you MUST 'match' your Common App account to your Naviance account; the colleges will be added to Naviance
- ▶ 2. Go to MyPaymentsPlus and fill out the transcript request form and pay \$2 for every college that you want to receive your transcript.

It is your senior's responsibility to complete ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.



You must complete these steps for each transcript that you want sent to a college/university. Transcripts will be sent within 48 hours of receipt of this information.

Ordering a Transcript in MyPaymentsPlus

Opens August 26th

Transcript Release

▶ If only the transcript is required, Ms. Mitchell will release it to the institution within 48-72 hours of receiving the MPP payment

▶ If a letter of recommendation is required, expect a minimum of a three-week delay after the Senior Brag Sheet and MPP payment has been received; it is a package deal

College Campus Visits

- Many college campuses are open for tours and/or offer virtual visits
 - ▶ Fall break is a perfect time to tour college campuses
 - ▶ REMEMBER they are trying to sell you on their school
 - ► Sign up for the college mailing list open your email and read it! Colleges may use email to track demonstrated interest
 - ▶ Email or speak with an admission counselor (many offer virtual meetings)
 - ► Ask about financial aid opportunities
 - Contact the academic advisor/recruiter for an academic program find out if you can virtually sit in on a class of interest
 - ▶ Talk to students and faculty

College Campus Visits

Be aware of the following procedures regarding absences because of these visits:

- ▶ A. For these absences to be considered excused, official documentation from the institution including dates and times of tours, appointments with admissions counselors, etc. (on college or university letterhead) MUST be turned into the Attendance Office when the student returns to school. Brochures, campus maps, or email confirmations of the visit or tour will not qualify as appropriate and sufficient documentation of a college visit.
- ▶ B. There will be a limit of two (2) days per academic year which will be excused for these types of visits for a senior or junior student.

University of Georgia Admissions

"Demonstrated academic achievement" is the primary factor in admission decisions based on:

75% = Core GPA and Rigor of course selection

25% = SAT or ACT (super scored)

Applicants reviewed for discipline and recommendations

Early Action or Regular Decision?--When should students apply?

EA or RD undergo the same holistic review

EA – Apply Oct 15
EA – End of junior year grades
SAT/ACT taken by Oct 15
Either Accepted, Deferred or Denied
Acceptance rate EA = 57%

RD – Apply by Jan 1
RD – Senior fall grades
SAT/ACT taken by Dec 15
Either Accepted, Waitlisted or Denied
Acceptance rate RD = 15%



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

An Academic Powerhouse

CLASS OF 2027 **ADMITTED EARLY ACTION ACADEMIC PROFILE**

1,792

HIGH SCHOOLS

26,001 FIRST YEAR

APPLICATIONS

8,253 **ADMITS**

STATES + DC

ACADEMIC

MIDDLE 50%

4.16-4.38

2 F APPLICANTS NAMED GEORGIA

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ADMISSIONS.UGA.EDU/BLOG

60% GEORGIA RESIDENTS 376 GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOLS 125 COUNTIES

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOLS

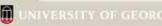
WELCOME CLASS OF 2027 INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS **AVERAGE WEIGHTED** HIGH SCHOOL GPA **AVERAGE AP, IB, OR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES** STATES

GEORGIA COUNTIES



FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

WELCOME.UGA.EDU



Georgia Tech Holistic Application Review

- ► Academic Preparation
- ► Contribution to Community
- ▶ Personal Essays
- ▶ Recommendation Letters
- ▶ Standardized Test Scores

- ►Interview only for non-native English speakers
- ▶ Institutional Fit
- ► Major Selection

Info on the Georgia Tech website about each of these categories.

Georgia Tech Admissions

FIRST YEAR CUMULATIVE GPA

3.4

DEGREES AWARDED TO STUDENTS

23

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Aerospace Engineering

Business Administration

Computer Science

Mechanical Engineering

Neuroscience

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

Total Students

93

FIRST-SECOND YEAR AVERAGE RETENTION RATE

95.0%

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION STATISTICS: Summer 2017 - Fall 2022

	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled	SAT (avg.)*	HS GPA (avg.)*	ACT (avg.)*	Rigor (avg.)*
Institute	240,845	48,650	19,475	1430	4.1	31	10.5
Hillgrove Hig	291	101	69	1437	4.1	31	12.4

*Averages for admitted (enrolled) student populations only

\$75,000

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY OF GEORGIA TECH UNDERGRADUATES 97%

FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATE #1

IN CAREER PLACEMENT

Application Plan	2025 Application Deadline	Document Deadline	Self-Reported Test Score Deadline	Decision Release
Early Action 1 Georgia Students Only	October 15	October 31	November 18	TBD
Early Action 2 Non-Georgia Students Only	November 1	November 18	January 6	TBD
Regular Decision	January 6	January 21*	January 21	Early March for Georgia students

Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia State University Admissions

Freshman profile (Based on the middle 50% of admitted class)

► High School Core GPA: 3.24-3.76

► SAT: 1030-1220

► ACT : 20-26

► Honors College:

▶ 4.05 core HS WGPA

**Students can use the Panther Predictor on the

Georgia State website to

calculate their Freshman Index:

http://admissions.gsu.edu/panther.0-predictor/

Timeline:

- Honors and Scholarship priority consideration deadline Nov. 15th
- Admission Decisions begin release on December 15th
- Final application deadline April 1st

Kennesaw State University Admissions

Requirements:

- ► Minimum 3.2 GPA (test optional); 2.5 GPA (with qualifying test scores) based on the required HS coursework (4 units English, 4 Math, 4 Science, 3 Social Science, 2 united in same World Language)
- ▶ **SAT minimums:** 500 Reading and Writing Score; 490 Math
- ▶ **ACT minimums:** 18 English or 18 Reading and 18 Math

►Timeline:

- Priority deadline November 1st
- HONORS College Application opens after acceptance to KSU
- If you have a 3.5 or above <u>apply</u> for the Honors Program

Financial Assistance

Students who are *eligible* for Free or Reduced Lunch are eligible for fee waivers for the following:

- ► ACT <u>waiver information</u>
- ► SAT <u>waiver information</u>
- Score Sends
- College Application Fees

Financial Aid Planning- FAFSA

- ▶Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ▶Submitted annually to determine eligibility
- ▶Includes sections for parents and students to complete
- ▶FAFSA goes live December 2024
- ► Check the "Net Price Calculator" on the college website to determine the EXPECTED Family Contribution (EFC)—the estimated amount student will have to pay to attend that institution

Need Based Financial Aid

- ▶Types of Student Financial Aid
 - ▶ Grants: Federal/State/College
 - ▶Loans: Federal (in student's name)
 - ▶Loans: Private (in parent's name)
 - ► Work Study Opportunities

Steps to Institutional Aid: CSS Profile

 Many private colleges require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA.

- ► CSS Profile: Available October 1, 2024
 - ▶Fee: \$25 Original Application Fee/One College
 - ▶\$ 16.00 additional college or program

- ▶ Comprehensive list of Schools and for more information:
 - http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile

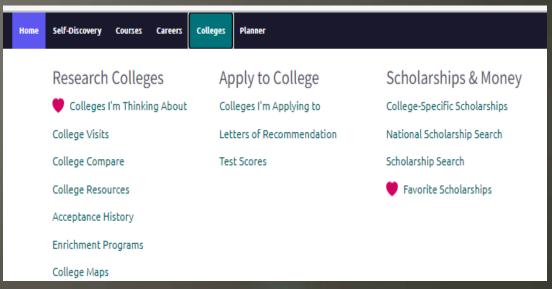
Scholarships

Types of Scholarships:

▶ Merit, Athletic, Organizational, Music, Leadership, etc.

Where to look for Scholarships?

- ▶ Prospective College's Websites
- National Database in Naviance
- ▶School/District list in Naviance
- ►Scholarship Websites



GaFutures.org

- ► HOPE GPA lives here!!! You have a CTLS message if we do not have your Senior's SSN on file.
- Send test scores to GaFutures.org
 - ► Submitting SAT score report
 - Student uploads a copy of the score report to GAFutures through their student account
 - ► When a student lists GSFC, College Board will provide GSFC with files quarterly. Use code 0472
 - ▶ Submitting ACT score report
 - ▶Student may request ACT to electronically send their score report to GAFutures. Use code 2225

- Letters will be sent out by mid October
- The GEORGIA MATCH Dashboard will be available when letters are mailed
- Student signs in or creates a student GAfutures account to access the dashboard
- Students can access the dashboard without receiving a letter as long as:
 - A high school transcript was submitted and calculated by Sept. 10
 - Student has their SSN on their GAfutures account Profile



Georgia Match

NCAA – Visit eligibilitycenter.org



- ▶ Download the following:
 - ► Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete
 - ► Initial-Eligibility Flyer
 - ▶ DI Academic Requirements
 - ▶ DII Academic Requirements

Final Steps and Making a Decision

Try to visit colleges where your child has been accepted before they choose to attend.

Compare financial aid packages.

Send deposit and apply for housing.

Get ready for graduation!

Have student request final transcript before Graduation and complete
BRIDGE Survey

Congratulations, your student is off to college!

In a Nutshell...what do I do first?

- ▶ Get organized: folder, calendar, review timeline...
- ▶ Know your Accounts--- Naviance, Common App, GA Futures.
- ▶ Register to take SAT/ACT this Fall!
- College visits
- ► Choose top 3 colleges & start applications.
- ▶ Make note of application deadlines and requirements!
- Complete Senior Brag Sheet if needed
- Request Transcripts and Recommendations. Allow <u>4 weeks</u> <u>advance notice</u> to process request
- ► KEEP UP YOUR GRADES!!!

Senior Class Dues \$50

Senior Class dues (\$50) pay for senior events and treats throughout the year culminating in Senior Week in May that includes a Senior Picnic and Carnival and a whole week of treats! Senior Class tries to host at least one event or provide at least one treat each month. Seniors who pay their class dues are included in these treats and events. Seniors must have paid their class dues to attend prom in the Spring – which is Saturday, April 19th. Senior Dues include a t-shirt. The deadline to receive a t-shirt by HOCO is Sept 2. Refer all questions to <u>Sylvia.Spruill@cobbk12.org</u> or Annette.Tucker@cobbk12.org.



Questions?